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Venue:	Meeting Room – Level 1A Pope Street Ryde		
Date:	7 th December 2016		
Time:	5.00pm	Started at: 5.15 pm	Closed at: 6.45 pm
Chair:	Clr Jane Stott		
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors		

Committee Role:

Advises and makes recommendations to Council on matters relating to access issues, with particular emphasis on issues for people with disabilities as defined by UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Clr Jane Stott	Chairperson	City of Ryde
x		Clr Denise Pendleton	Councillor	City of Ryde
x		Connie Netterfield	Community Representative	
		Diane O' Brien	Community Representative	
x		Doris Carrall	Community Representative	
x		Greg McClure	Community Representative	
x		Barbara Stannard	Community Representative	
x		Hazel Myers	Community Representative	
		Neita Matthews OAM	Community Representative	
	x	Seaja Chang	Community Representative	
		Rebecca Ho	Community Representative	
x		Cecilia Park	Community Representative	

Other Attendees

Name	Position Title
Cemile Yuksel	Community Projects Officer – Social Inclusion
Michael Daly	Senior Coordinator - Events
Anthony Ogle	Manager Asset Systems
Rafael Chemke	Senior Sustainability Coordinator, Transport and Environment
Jon Sobara	Senior Coordinator Buildings

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Details		Action	Responsibility and Date
1.	<p>Welcome:</p> <p>Clr Stott welcomed all present.</p>	The information was noted.	
2.	<p>Attendance and apologies:</p> <p>As above and Gunjan Tripathi, Senior Coordinator Cultural and Social Planning</p>	Noted	

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<p>The contract between Council and the advertising/shelter firm is due for renewal in 2018 and most shelters will be replaced and site updated through this. It is expected shelters will be replaced over a 12 to 18 month period.</p> <p>Council has a program for replacing old seats and adding additional seating.</p> <p>Council currently responds to specific requests for seating or where a need is identified by staff.</p> <p>Of the 170 shelters provided, only 20 are compliant with DDA standards.</p> <p>Five new compliant shelters will be erected this financial year.</p> <p>Provision of tactiles, size of concrete paving, sign and plinth location require updating at many sites.</p> <p><u>Footpaths</u> Council aims to have a footpath on at least one side of each street in the City of Ryde.</p> <p>The COR has 320 km of road with 494 km of footpath constructed to date.</p> <p>Council has a budget of \$600,000 for the repair and replacement of footpaths.</p> <p>Developers are often responsible for constructing new footpaths when sites are developed.</p> <p>Ausgrid is currently undertaking 7km of work to relay cables and will responsible for reinstating any damaged footpaths and roads.</p>	Noted	

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4.2	<p>Audit of Council facilities</p> <p>Jon Sobara advised that buildings constructed prior to 2009 are not subject to the same disability and other standards as apply today.</p> <p>The audit has been undertaken to identify short and long term projects which are necessary to correct access and other issues.</p> <p>Many rooms in buildings – especially disabled toilets, are too small, there are often issues with gaining access to buildings, carpark access into buildings, grades which are too steep, doors which are too narrow etc. Often there is no accessible parking near an accessible toilet. Sometimes there is no carpark at all near an accessible toilet.</p> <p>The lack of disabled parking access at Ryde Park in the vicinity of the café was noted.</p> <p>The difficulty with access to the Shepherd’s Bay Community Centre was noted.</p> <p>The difficulty with parking at this site was also noted.</p> <p>Many future upgrades are planned especially for toilets, additional parking, visibility of entrances, lessening slopes/gradients, removal of steps etc. Clear access is required from car spaces to allow access to ramps leading to toilets.</p> <p>Some works can be undertaken as a matter of maintenance, others need to be placed in a Council program.</p> <p>Meadowbank Park and Banjo Paterson Park will be upgraded early in the program.</p> <p>Meadowbank Park is heavily used and Banjo Paterson Park is a nice riverside area.</p>	The information was noted.	

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4.3	<p>Social Inclusion Week feedback</p> <p>Social Inclusion week was celebrated between 19th and 27th November 2016.</p> <p>Events held included: Business event – attended by 25 people. Unfortunately some large companies were not able to attend at the last minute.</p> <p>Film screening – attended by 20 people. The films shown included one detailing the relocation of residents of Ivanhoe Estate.</p> <p>1000 wishes project – the artwork which resulted from this project depicts sunrise over Ryde and was on display. It will tour various libraries before being permanently housed in the West Ryde Community Hub.</p> <p>Local community members participated in origami horse workshops and written a personal wish inside each one.</p> <p>Seventy people attended the launch of the artwork where the Differently Talented Musical Ensemble from Differently Abled People Association also performed.</p> <p>Afternoon tea for Council staff- a world map was available at this event for staff to note where their parents were born and where they were born to celebrate inclusion and diversity in Ryde. A mariachi band also performed.</p>	The information was noted	

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4.4	<p><u>International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD)</u></p> <p>Seventy people attended the Beach Themed All Abilities Accessible Disco at the Ryde Civic Hall to celebrate the IDPwD. The event was hosted in partnership with Royal Rehab. Many participants were in wheelchairs.</p> <p>Barbara Stannard also advised an event had been held at Brush Farm House to celebrate International Day of People with Disability</p>	The information was noted	
5.	<p>Other Business – update from members</p> <p>Greg McClure updated the group on his recent visit to Switzerland to compete in the bionic Olympics.</p> <p>Greg achieved 7th place and felt that without battery failure he could have placed even better.</p> <p>All present congratulated Greg on his achievement.</p> <p>The winner of the event was from the US and has implanted electrodes.</p> <p>Greg received lots of media attention whilst he was in Switzerland and has appeared on ABC and SBS television.</p> <p>The event had a great atmosphere and is held each four years.</p> <p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 March 5.00pm to 6.30pm, Meeting Room Level 1A</p>	The information was noted	
6.	<p>Pope Street Top Ryde</p>		

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