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<b>Venue:</b>	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
<b>Date:</b>	26 April 2018	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm      Closed at: 7.30pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Jonathan Nanlohy in the absence of Michael Paine	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Michael Paine, Community Project Officer - Young People	
<b>Circulation:</b>		

**Committee Role:****The primary roles of the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee are:**

- To advocate for the needs of young people and provide a mechanism for their participation and involvement in decision making on community issues.
- To act in an advisory and consultative capacity to Council and staff on matters affecting young people in the community.
- To assist young people in developing skills in various areas including, leadership, communication, advocacy, governance and administration.

**Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Jordon Lane	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Chris Moujalli	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Peter Kim	Delegate	City of Ryde
X		Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
X		Eric Fan	Youth Councillor (Chair)	
	X	Muskaan Sidu	Youth Councillor	
	X	Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
x		Tim Zhang	Youth Councillor	
x		Emily Simmons	Youth Councillor	
x		Sophie Xiao	Youth Councillor	
X		Alice Sun	Youth Councillor	
X		Cosmin Luca	Youth Councillor	
		Michael Apostolou	Youth Councillor	
X		Tasnia Ahmed	Youth Councillor (Deputy Chair)	
X		Lucy Fang	Youth Councillor	
		Yusriya Amin	Youth Councillor	
		Chan-Jin Yun	Youth Councillor	
	X	Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
		Sarthak	Youth Councillor	
x		Gabriel Van Duinen		



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laid a wreath at the City of Ryde Anzac Day service on 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2018.	
<p>5. <b>What's been happening in Ryde</b></p> <p>Youth Theatre - It was noted that a big crowd had attended the recent Youth Theatre production</p> <p>Oaktree – Information was provided about Oaktree which is a youth-led organisation that aims to pioneer for the end of poverty and educational inequity all over the world. Tasnia advised she is involved with fundraising for the group.</p> <p>Study spaces – Top Ryde library – it was noted that additional spaces for students to study would be welcome.</p> <p>Macquarie Centre – attack on young person – the recent attack at the shopping centre was noted as being of concern.</p> <p>Address to Riverside Girls High – Clr Pedersen thanked the school for asking her to address a recent event.</p> <p>Youth Week Forum – it was noted that the panel session was interesting and that the round table discussion covered topics such as Opal Card use and provision. It was noted that the provision of questions earlier would improve the event. Attendees came from areas as far away as Dubbo</p> <p>Skate Jam – small in number but rewarding to see people relaxing and enjoying themselves together. Similar events should be encouraged.</p> <p>Anzac Day – comment made about the way young people were included and their level of maturity in the roles they undertook.</p> <p>Closure of Macquarie Rail Line – concerns regarding the impact on travellers, especially students was noted.</p> <p>Poppy making workshop – the number of youth and people from a variety of backgrounds was noted. 24 people participated.</p> <p>Resume writing course – details were provided on the course to be run at Ryde Library.</p> <p>EDAC – workshops will be held in May for women looking to start their own businesses.</p>	Noted
<p>6. <b>Library consultation – Gabi Wylie and Liz Wilkinson</b></p> <p>Kathleen Allen provided background regarding the type of programs and events held by the library and aimed at young people in the past.</p> <p>Library staff are keen to hear of the types of activities that would attract</p>	Noted

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	<p>young people to the libraries and be of benefit to them.</p> <p>The following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 – 8pm is peak study time for students. It can be very difficult to secure a study space during this period.</li> <li>• The Youth Theatre previously performed for young children during school holiday periods. Perhaps they could be encouraged to do so again.</li> <li>• Youth movie nights had been held previously but not really popular.</li> <li>• Library staff are currently looking at programming and issues for the library as part of the current library review so now is a good time to mention any issues.</li> <li>• Comments should be sent in writing to library staff or Mike</li> <li>• Faster wifi would be appreciated.</li> <li>• A digital media lab will be installed at West Ryde Library soon. Bigger Pc's, new programs, video music editing software, building webpage, mobile virtual reality will all be offered.</li> <li>• Single seat arrangements rather than group spaces would be welcome</li> <li>• A booking system for seating could be trialled.</li> <li>• It was noted there are 16,000 audio and ebooks, comics etc available.</li> <li>• System to swap library fines for donation to charity could be trialled.</li> <li>• HSC resource section needs upgrading.</li> <li>• A youth based bookclub was suggested – perhaps ebook club</li> <li>• The available bookclub kit was mentioned.</li> <li>• Trivia nights could be trialled with prize incentive perhaps from Top Ryde Shopping Centre</li> <li>• Date with a book was raised</li> <li>• Premier's Reading Challenge equivalent – Ryde reads was mentioned.</li> <li>• The facebook page of Council provides a lot of information about what's on.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Standing Item Concession Opal Cards</b></p> <p>Kavisha Shah was absent so the matter will be further discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Youth Ambassador Program</b></p> <p>The way in which such a program would run was discussed.</p> <p>Consideration needs to be given to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is the function of the program</li> <li>- What events should participants attend</li> <li>- Will people be able to speak on matters of their choice</li> <li>- Will the opportunity to speak be given to people outside the Youth Council</li> <li>- Will there be a rolling list of participants</li> </ul>	Noted

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<p>It was noted that the Youth strategy could be used in the ambassador program The program could raise the profile of the Youth Council and provide a chance for people to speak at events such as Citizenship Ceremonies, Australia Day, Granny Smith, Remembrance Day, Anzac Day, Volunteer Award night.</p> <p>It was suggested that the information regarding a similar program at Blacktown Council be obtained and the matter further discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>9. <b>Ryde Youth Week 2018 – review of events</b></p> <p>Ryde Youth Theatre event - well attended.</p> <p>ATYP program with participation by people from Canada, Britain and Australia. For \$10.00 you get to skype into a playwriting event</p> <p>Skate Jam – was enjoyed by those who attended. Needed more advertising. Lots of young children in attendance. Location change might attract an older audience and more people in general.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>10. <b>City of Ryde Youth Strategy 2018- 2022</b></p> <p>A sheet listing the future pop up events where the survey will be available was provided.</p> <p>The survey will be listed on facebook if possible.</p> <p>The survey will be forwarded to schools for inclusion in their newsletters is possible.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>11. <b>The Amazing Race</b></p> <p>This event has been postponed to the middle of the year.</p> <p>It was decided that the same committee which arranged Youth Week should be reinstated to arrange this event.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>12. <b>Granny Smith</b></p> <p>Granny Smith Festival will be held on Saturday, 20 October 2018.</p> <p>In 2017, a dance event and talent quest were held. It was suggested that these events be repeated with the addition of an interactive event.</p> <p>Wheelchair basketball can be repeated. A replacement for laser tag is required.</p> <p>A movie area or chill out area were listed as options with a foodtruck or similar to be provided.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>This area could have beanbags, a continuous film showing etc.</p> <p>The committee will comprise, Eric, Tasnia, Sophie, Gabriel, Emily, Lucy, Tim.</p>	
11	<p><b>Training and Development</b></p> <p>The recent training provided by the Frank Team was considered worthwhile.</p> <p>It was practical and hands on.</p> <p>Future training session topics to be considered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Advertising/promotional skills</li><li>- Public speaking</li><li>- Speech writing</li><li>- Advocacy</li></ul> <p>It was mentioned that a local toastmasters group could be invited to address the meeting.</p>	Noted

**Confirmation of Next Meeting**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the meeting room Pope Street Top Ryde