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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	25 July 2018	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.05pm Closed at: 7.30pm
Deputy Chair:	Tasnia Ahmad	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Andrew Marselos – Community Project Officer – Young People	
Circulation:	Draft Minutes circulated to Staff Convenor (Andrew Marselos) on 27 July 2018	

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
	X	Councillor Chris Moujalli	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Peter Kim	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Eric Fan	Youth Councillor (Chair)	Resigned due to his move overseas
X		Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
X		Muskaan Sidhu	Youth Councillor	
X		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
X		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
	X	Tim Zhang	Youth Councillor	
X		Emily Simmons	Youth Councillor	
X		Sophie Xiao	Youth Councillor	
		Alice Sun	Youth Councillor	
	X	Cosmin Luca	Youth Councillor	
X		Michael Apostolou	Youth Councillor	
X		Tasnia Ahmed	Youth Councillor (Deputy Chair)	
X		Lucy Fang	Youth Councillor	
X		Yusriya Amin	Youth Councillor	
		Chan-Jin Yun	Youth Councillor	
X		Keats Mackay	Youth Councillor	
X		Gabriel Van Duinen	Youth Councillor	
X		Miffy Song	Youth Councillor	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
X		Sam Pheeny	Youth Councillor	
X		Jose Francisco	Youth Councillor	
		Sarthak	Youth Councillor	
X		Andrew Marselos	Community Project Officer – Young People	City of Ryde
X		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
X		Gunjan Tripathi	Acting Manager – Community and Ranger Services	City of Ryde
X		Hannah Goodchild	Centres Coordinator	City of Ryde

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1.	Apologies and Welcome Apologies were received from Councillor Moujalli, Tim Zhang and Cosmin Luca.	Noted.
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Attendance and apologies were noted as above.	
<p>2. Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>The Deputy Chairperson, Tasnia Ahmad gave an Acknowledgement of Country as follows:-</p> <p>I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land that we are meeting on, the Darug people of the Eora nation, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures, and to Elders both past and present and acknowledge our youth, the future leaders.</p>	Noted.
<p>3. Introduction and Notices</p> <p>Andrew Marselos introduced himself to the group. Each member present then stated their name and provided a very brief statement about themselves.</p>	Noted.
<p>4. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 27 June 2018 were moved by Aidan Fisher and seconded by Kavisha Shah.</p>	Noted
<p>5. Voting for Chairperson</p> <p>The previous Chairperson, Eric Fan has relocated to the United States. The position of Chairperson is therefore vacant.</p> <p>Nominations for the position of Chairperson were called for and received from Miffy Song and Jose Francisco.</p> <p>Both nominees gave a brief outline of the reasons they believe they would be a suitable candidate for this position.</p> <p>Voting then took place and Miffy Song received 7 votes with Jose Francisco receiving 8 votes.</p> <p>Jose was therefore elected Chairperson.</p> <p>Tasnia remained in the role of chairperson for the current meeting.</p> <p>Jose will chair the next meeting to be held in August.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Jose Francisco elected Chairperson.</p>
<p>6. What's been happening in Ryde</p> <p>A round table discussion was held and the following was raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sustainable Waste campaign was commended • Tasnia now has a regular radio spot on 2RRR and encourages others to be involved. • Support for Daffodil Day which raises awareness and funds for cancer research was encouraged • It was noted that Council's Garden Competition does not have a section which highlights work by young people – only children or adults – this should be addressed • No advice has been received re the provision of bins on Herring Road. • Interaction with a homeless man at Macquarie Shopping Centre raised the question, what opportunities and hope are being offered to people – this should be government focus not negative focus on migration 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>A suggestion to be made that Council's Garden Competition be expanded to include a section for youth</p> <p>Youth Council to welcome the African student choir when it performs locally.</p> <p>Possible fundraising activity for purchase of swags for homeless mentioned.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ryde Secondary College fashion day was a great success and showed the range of talents in the area • The open day for homeless connect highlighted this growing problem • An African student choir will be performing in the local area – suggestion that Youth Council welcome them at their performance. • The lights in Anzac Park continue to receive compliments • The use of study drugs in schools was raised • The prevalence of “death jokes” was raised • A recent soccer day was a great success and created a feeling of inclusion. • The number of homeless people in the vicinity of Coxs Road was raised. The possibility of arranging fundraising to provide swags etc when need arises was raised. • Social intervention is also needed around Christie Park and Macquarie Hospital which has a large number of homeless • An incident in Field of Mars where a fire was deliberately lit was mentioned • A possible suicide at a local high school highlighted the need for vigilance with regard to people at risk. • Do Something Day – is looking to promote actions taken by local people • Shoplifting has become more prevalent in local shopping centres. • Max Potential will soon be holding its awards night. Youth Council members are encouraged to consider taking part in this program if they are offered the opportunity. • Social isolation – particularly during school holidays was raised • Anti social behaviour – drinking more prevalent around Eastwood recently – not sure what can be done. • Speeding drivers also an issue in some streets • Heritage or other protection for homes and parks should be a priority. 	<p>Heritage protection for homes and parks an issue of concern for young people.</p>
7.	<p>Graffiti and Street Art Consultation</p> <p>Andrew introduced Council’s Centres Coordinator Hannah Goodchild.</p> <p>Hannah advised that in May 2018, Council resolved to investigate the commission of street art to be undertaken in areas which are commonly the site of graffiti vandalism. The project is designed to both reduce graffiti vandalism and also increase the profile of street art in our City. The activation of street art will promote a positive artistic culture for our City and celebrate our area’s unique places, creativity, arts and vibrant culture.</p> <p>As part of this investigation, Hannah is seeking input from the Youth Council regarding possible themes and subjects for street painting commissions or competitions.</p> <p>It is intended that if the proposal proceeds that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - businesses could apply to have a wall or area painted and - artists could apply to paint a wall. <p>Criteria for the scheme is still to be determined. It may be that various themes are pursued in certain areas ie littering, homelessness.</p> <p>Currently Council is spending approx. \$125,000 per year on graffiti removal. To support the street art project funding of between \$50,000 to \$100,000 over 1 to 2 years is being sought.</p> <p>After discussion, the Youth Council agreed that:</p> <p>It supports the project in principle It suggests that the project be named “street Pryde” The following areas are to be suggested as suitable sites for the project – Shrimptons Creek underpass, back of buildings in Rowe Sreet facing the canal, Walkely Arcade at West Ryde, Coxs Road in the vicinity of various walkways and</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Youth Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supports the project in principle - suggests that the project be named “street pryde” - suggests the following areas as suitable for the project – Shrimptons Creek underpass, back of buildings in Rowe Sreet facing the canal, Walkely Arcade at West Ryde, Coxs Road in the vicinity of various walkways and passages, West Ryde station precinct near the stairs. Macquarie University was also mentioned but this is private property.

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	<p>passages, West Ryde station precinct near the stairs. Macquarie University was also mentioned but this is private property.</p> <p>Hannah thanked the group for its suggestions and advised that the matter will now go to the Arts Advisory Committee for comment then to Council in September/October 2018. If support is received a funding bid will be lodged for funding in 2019/20.</p>	
8.	<p>Mental Health in the Community</p> <p>It was noted that the community continues to be impacted by the results of mental health issues.</p> <p>A meeting was held recently regarding the issues around Coxs Road particularly in relation to Macquarie Hospital.</p> <p>A flyer has been produced by the hospital for distribution in the local community.</p> <p>October is mental health month.</p> <p>New Horizons has become the new lead agent for headspace Chatswood and headspace Brookvale and this is seen to be a positive move.</p> <p>The “Bedlam At the Bay Community Event” has received grant funding and will take place on Saturday 21 October 2018, 11.00am – 5.00pm. Its aim is to highlight inclusion and mental health.</p>	Noted.
9.	<p>Racist Posters</p> <p>The recent workshop on racism highlighted the issues caused through stereotypes.</p> <p>It was noted that shopkeepers who cannot speak English suffer racism and that greater support for cultural diversity is needed.</p> <p>The Workshop identified that Harmony Day needs to be revamped with an emphasis on achieving greater engagement in the community.</p> <p>It was considered that actions to lessen racism could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increasing the number of languages used on Council’s website - gaining involvement with multi faith groups, targeting involvement with the police and sporting groups - undertaking more activities in schools. 	Noted.
10.	<p>Alcohol Availability – Eastwood</p> <p>The following points were raised during discussion:-</p> <p>Drinking and associated anti-social behaviour continue to be an issue in the Eastwood area.</p> <p>Speed racing in some areas may be associated with drinking by the participants.</p> <p>The NSW Government does not target young drinkers/drivers in any of its campaigns – this should be addressed.</p>	<p>Noted – Licensing officer from Gladesville LACto be invited to the next meeting to discuss the issue of Alcohol Availability in Eastwood. (this is an outstanding recommendation from meeting on 27th June)</p> <p>A check to be made if letter sent to Police.</p> <p>Contact NSW Government to conduct a campaign against young people and drink driving.</p>

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<p>11. Youth Ambassador Program</p> <p>The Youth Ambassador Program has been approved by Council on a six month trial.</p> <p>Council' s Communications and Events Teams are currently working on the introduction and implementation of the program.</p> <p>An update will be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Youth Ambassador welcome the African Choir next year.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Update to be provided at the next meeting.</p>
<p>12. Standing Item – Concession Opal Cards</p> <p>A meeting with the Advocate's office is still to take place.</p> <p>It was noted that often transport officers seem to be overly zealous and aggressive in the interactions with young people.</p> <p>It is difficult to have a fine reversed or cancelled once it has been issued.</p> <p>Not all OPAL readers are disability friendly and this should be addressed.</p> <p>A meeting with the Shadow Minister for Transport is to be arranged by the Mayor. Youth Council members will be invited to attend.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Meetings to be arranged</p>
<p>13. City of Ryde Youth Strategy 2018-2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation period has closed. • The Frank Team has presented to Council's Executive Team. • The Frank Team will present its findings to the Youth Council at its next meeting 	<p>Noted – Update to be provided following the meeting with the Consultants.</p>
<p>14. <u>Feedback from Working Group Meeting</u></p> <p>The meeting was advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wheelchair basketball has been confirmed - The sound system available will allow for bands to perform - A block party and disco will be held 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Suggestions for bands to be engaged for the day were provided to Andrew for follow up</p>
<p>15. Training and Development</p> <p>The training session has been confirmed for 29th September 2018 from 10am to noon.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>17. Any Other Business</p> <p>Tasnia advised that Tim Zhang has forwarded his letter of resignation from the Youth Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that the resignation be accepted.</p>	<p>The resignation of Tim Zhang was accepted.</p>
<p>18. Confirmation of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29 August 2018 in the Committee Room at Level 1A Pope Street, Top Ryde</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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