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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	26 TH September 2018	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.05pm Closed at: 7.30pm
Chair:	Jose Francisco	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Andrew Marselos – Community Project Officer – Young People	
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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		Muskaan Sidhu	Youth Councillor	
x		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
		Tim Zhang	Youth Councillor	
x		Emily Simmons	Youth Councillor	
X		Sophie Xiao	Youth Councillor	
		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	
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	
x		Sam Pheeney	Youth Councillor	
X		Jose Francisco	Youth Councillor (Chair)	
		Sarthak	Youth Councillor	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
X		Andrew Marselos	Community Project Officer – Young People	City of Ryde
X		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Kas Mattes		Northern Sydney Local Health District
x		Sharwani Upadhayay		Northern Sydney Local Health District

Details**Action**

1.	Apologies and Welcome Attendance and apologies were noted as above.	Noted.
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<p>2. Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>The Chairperson, Jose Francisco 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>Each member and guest present gave 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 29th August 2018 were confirmed - moved by Miffy Song and seconded by Tasnia Ahmed.</p>	Noted
<p>5. What's been happening in Ryde</p> <p>A round table discussion was held and the following matters raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The imminent closure of the Epping to Chatswood train line and perceived issues were discussed • Incident where Gabriel was forced to donate to an unauthorised collector near the Macquarie Centre was raised. • It is believed the funds sought were in support of a cult • The recent Max Potential evening was discussed. • The creation of street libraries was discussed. • The SWAP event was discussed and all were encouraged to attend. • The UN girls in politics event was held recently • Gabriel was congratulated for joining the Social Inclusion Advisory Committee • It was noted that womens achievements in physics has been all but deleted from the HSC syllabus. • The difficulty in accessing Top Ryde due to a poor bus service from some areas was noted. • The recent RU OK day at Macquarie Uni was hailed a success. • Comment was made that the use of a synthetic field at ELS Hall by a soccer clinic precludes individuals using the area. • Local schools are undertaking a donation drive to aid the “daily items” fundraiser. • As part of her Max Potential involvement, Emily looked into providing solar lights at every bus stop • Miffy will be an audience member at an upcoming Q and A show. • Blenheim Park is not considered a safe area for people walking at night from the train station – lighting is needed • \$55,000 was raised for drought relief 	Noted.
<p>6. Mental Health presentation by Northern Sydney Local Health District</p> <p>The presenters spoke to the group about the services provided and the two broad categories of mental health being mental disorders and mental illness.</p>	Noted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personality disorders are usually identified in people over 18 but are usually formed during childhood. - They are often caused by neglect or trauma in childhood. - People may cope by performing self-harm or similar. - At this early stage “talking” therapy is often used to assist people. - Psychosis or Schizophrenia is often genetic. - Treatment often involves medication - A low to high level of disability can be caused by this condition - It is difficult for people to know if they are schizophrenic as their minds can’t perform the necessary insight. - Bi polar is often over diagnosed and again is often genetic - Treatment is usually medication to stabilise moods. <p>The Ryde Community Health Service has a number teams being:</p> <p>Acute team deals with crisis cases, after hours events and people between 18 – 65 Assertive Outreach - visits people daily to ensure medication is being taken Older person team – assists those aged over 65 with mental health and other issues Early intervention service – tries to stop people becoming worse and acts in the early stages to stop people progressing in their illness.</p> <p>Evidence shows that people helped early can do very well.</p> <p>The teams work with the affected individuals and their families.</p> <p>Community education aims to demystify mental illness and to provide factual information regarding the signs of mental illness and what the service does to assist people.</p> <p>Mental Health Awareness Day is 10th October 2018</p> <p>The Mental Health phone line is 1800 011 511 This number operates 24/7.</p> <p>All services listed above are free to access with no referral needed.</p>	
7.	<p>Social Media Working Group</p> <p>There have been a lot of competing demands on the time of the youth group members recently and so this group has not found time to meet. The first meeting is expected to be held next week.</p> <p>The group will promote activities and work to expand the list of facebook contacts.</p>	Noted
8.	<p>Youth Ambassador Program</p> <p>The following people have been chosen to fill the role of youth ambassador:-</p> <p>Miffy Song, Lucy Fang, Sophie Xiao and Cosmin Luca.</p> <p>Jose Francisco and Tasnia Ahmed will carry out a similar role as Chair and Deputy Chair of the Youth Council.</p>	The information was noted.

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<p>9. Standing Item – Concession Opal Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A meeting was recently held between members of the Youth Council and the Advocate for young people to discuss the above matter. - The suggestion by the Advocate was that more information be gathered. - It is hard to obtain information regarding the number of people fined etc. - The preliminary findings have been forwarded to the Advocate but there has been no response yet. - The transport forum at Lane Cove will be held on 3rd October. Youth Council members could attend and ask more questions then. - No information has been received yet from Minister or Shadow Minister regarding a meeting with the Mayor and Youth Council representatives. 	Noted.
<p>10. City of Ryde Youth Strategy 2018-2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Frank Team has still not been able to commit to a date to attend a Youth Council meeting • The strategy will go to Council in November. A workshop will be held and the strategy will go on public exhibition. 	Noted
<p>11. Granny Smith – The Core - Feedback from Working Group Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew provided copies of the program which list all events • The Youth Council has a full page spread. • A meeting will be held next week to determine how to spend the remaining budget for the event • Meeting to be held on 29th September at 5.00pm. 	Noted.
<p>12. Street Art Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew met recently with the staff member who will be implementing the project • A report to Council has been drafted and will go to the October Works Committee meeting • Andrew should have an update for this Committee next meeting 	Noted
<p>13. Training and Development</p> <p>The training session on public speaking has been confirmed for 29th September 2018 from 10am to 4.00pm at Level 1A Pope Street Top Ryde.</p> <p>Sixteen positions are available for the training and people interested in attending should advise Andrew asap.</p>	Noted
<p>14. Emerging Civic Leaders Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The above course runs over 6 to 8 weeks and is conducted online. • There are ten spots available for participants from Ryde ie the Youth Council who wish to take part in the trial. • Council will fund the cost of the course. • The project being undertaken as part of the course is to encourage young people to vote/pledge to vote. • Dates need to be set for the course so response to Andrew is necessary if you wish to take part. 	Noted
<p>14. Any Other Business</p>	

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	<p>Miffy spoke of the harassment she had suffered by members of a local private school whilst travelling on a bus.</p> <p>It was suggested she report the matter to the bus company and the school.</p> <p>A mental health event will be held at Coxs Road on 8th October – all welcome</p> <p>The event is being held as a result of issues raised by the Youth Council. Cosmin will address the gathering.</p> <p>SWAP – anyone who can get to this event is encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Meadowbank TAFE will be the venue of an open air theatre during Youth Week.</p> <p>Ryde battle of the bands – people are encouraged to promote this event.</p> <p>Granny Smith Festival – please promote the idea of “bring an empty water bottle” to Granny Smith as plastics are banned.</p>	Noted
18.	<p>Confirmation of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 31st October 2018 in the Committee Room at Level 1A Pope Street, Top Ryde</p>	Noted.