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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	27 June 2018	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.07pm Closed at: 7.40pm
Chair:	Youth Councillor	
Meeting Support (MS):	Amanda Janvrin, Senior Coordinator - Governance	
Staff Convenor:	Michael Paine, Community and Cultural Planner	
Circulation:	Draft Minutes circulated to Staff Convenor (Michael Paine) on 3 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
	X	Councillor Peter Kim	Delegate	City of Ryde
X		Eric Fan	Youth Councillor (Chair)	
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	
		Sophie Xiao	Youth Councillor	
X		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		Anthony Kim	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 Pheeneey	Youth Councillor	
X		Jose Francisco	Youth Councillor	
		Sarthak	Youth Councillor	
X		Michael Paine	Community and Culture Planner	City of Ryde
X		Amanda Janvrin	Senior Coordinator – Governance	City of Ryde
X		Sean Willenberg	Social Inclusion Officer	City of Ryde

Details	Action
<p>1. Apologies and Welcome</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Lane, Muskaan Sidhu and Tim Zhang</p> <p>Attendance and apologies were noted as above.</p>	Noted.
<p>2. Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>The Chairperson, Mr Fan undertook 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>Mr Paine welcomed the new Committee members and then went around the table and each of the Committee members introduced themselves.</p>	Noted.
<p>4. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 30 May 2018 were moved by Aidan Fisher and seconded by Cosmin Luca.</p>	Noted
<p>5. Committee News</p> <p><u>Chairperson</u></p> <p>The Chairperson, Mr Fan advised the Committee that this would be the final meeting he will be attending and his final meeting as Chairperson as he is going to University in the United States.</p> <p>Mr Paine wished Mr Fan all the best and thanked him for the great job he has been doing in the Chairperson role and advised that he will be a real loss to the Youth Council. Mr Paine confirmed that anyone who wants to nominate for Chairperson can do so at the next meeting.</p>	Noted

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	<p>Mr Paine congratulated all new nominees who were approved as Committee members at last night's Council Meeting.</p> <p><u>Council</u></p> <p>Mr Paine advised that unfortunately he will be stepping away from the Youth Council as he has taken a new role at Council as the Community and Culture Planner, however confirmed that he will be involved with all of Council's Advisory Committees in the future. Mr Paine advised that a new person has been appointed to the role. His name is Andrew Marselos and he was previously at Mosman Council and has always been in a youth role.</p> <p>Mr Paine confirmed that he would not be in attendance at the next Youth Council Meeting and advised that his supervisor, Gunjan Tripathi (Senior Coordinator – Social Development and Capacity Building) and Andrew Marselos will be in attendance at the meeting.</p>	Noted.
6.	<p>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"> • Ryde had the live site World Cup Event at ELS Hall Park. It was a great success, well organised, well attended and Council should be congratulated. • Cancer Council Daffodil Day is coming up and the Youth Council should get involved. • Local Schools are placing a greater importance on mental health with some schools holding a Wellbeing Day. • Council placement of amenities – Council has placed the smoking bin next to the bus stop on Herring Road which is actually an offence. • There is an increase of sexually transmitted diseases. Family Planning NSW have a condom credit card and the Ryde LGA is the only one not to have that program. • Council has endorsed a Motion regarding community safety which includes undertaking a community safety audit. If anything comes out of the audit that pertains to youth, then the Youth Council will be consulted. • Ryde Secondary College has a fashion parade on Friday. • There is an increase of youth aged between 10 to 13 years of age who are coming into hospital with suicidal tendencies and who self-harm – maybe the Youth Council can look at assisting in some way. • There are people around the Macquarie Hospital area who are either on something or intoxicated and people walking around that area are feeling uncomfortable. • Epping Boys High School are planting native trees. 	Noted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempting to get a school bus for the F52 route to Parramatta from Ryde Secondary and a couple of other schools. • Moratorium on new residential planning proposals in the City of Ryde – Council is trying to prevent excessive development in Ryde which is a great initiative. • Bins – Council should think about having a biodegradable and a non-biodegradable bin so that the waste can be separated. • We are approximately half way through the sporting season and the natural fields are holding up really well and the synthetic fields are great. 	
7.	<p>Mental Health in the Community</p> <p>Mr Paine introduced Council’s new Social Inclusion Officer, Mr Sean Willenberg.</p> <p><u>What are people experiencing in the community and how would Youth Council like to be more informed</u></p> <p>The following points were raised during a group discussion regarding Mental Health in the Community:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was an incident at a Church in Marsfield, where a lady came into the Church and was clearly irate and came in demanding to be baptised. They calmed her down initially but then she continued to scream in the Church. She eventually left, but when leaving she stood at the door and called Mother Mary in. • A response has been received to the letter written to the Minister for Health by Gabriel Von Duinen and the response was very underwhelming – there is limited assistance available in the community. • Youth Council members shared some other experiences of mental health encounters in the community such as people next Cox’s Road asking for money and/or making sexual remarks and people from Macquarie Hospital door knocking. • A suggestion was to issue some guidelines or distribution some information sent out to the residents who live near places like Macquarie Hospital as to how to deal with and what to say to people with mental health issues - Neighbourhood Watch would be a good platform. • A suggestion was that Council should consider having a genderless toilet (unisex) so that people don’t feel intimidated. • Mr Paine confirmed that certain things like door knocking, approaching people for money, making sexual remarks need to be reported back to Macquarie Hospital. Council does have a couple of key contacts from Macquarie Hospital which we can get in touch with to see if these issues can be reported. 	Noted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to work on perceptions and the stigmatism of mental health as well as the facilities. • Headspace is an organisation that will come to schools and speak to a year group or undertake a workshop. Mr Paine will provide the contact details for Headspace to anyone who wants them. • More education on how to support your peers with mental health issues. <p><u>What can Youth Council do</u></p> <p>Youth Council member suggested holding a workshop or engaging someone to educate them. Also being aware of the demographics and where this is happening is helpful.</p> <p>Mr Paine and Mr Willenberg will have a discussion about some of the things the Youth Council may be able to do and Mr Willenberg will come back to next meeting with some suggestions and ideas.</p>	<p>Mr Willenberg to come back to next meeting with some suggestions and ideas.</p>
8.	<p>Racist Posters</p> <p><u>Feedback on ways the City of Ryde can further promote multiculturalism and inclusiveness – discussion</u></p> <p>Mr Paine referred to the Council Resolution regarding Racist Posters from the Council Meeting held on 22 May 2018 and confirmed that the Resolution included consulting the Ryde Youth Council.</p> <p>The Council Resolution was as follows:-</p> <p>(a) <i>That the City of Ryde condemn those responsible for the distribution of racist material in our community.</i></p> <p>(b) <i>That Council acknowledge that our City is made richer by the many peoples and cultures who choose to live, work and learn in our community.</i></p> <p>(c) <i>That the City of Ryde reaffirm its commitment to the “Racism! It stops with me” campaign and continue to promote this initiative through city-wide communications and normal media channels.</i></p> <p>(d) <i>That the General Manager write to the Community Harmony Reference Group, Festivals and Events Advisory Committee and the Ryde Youth Council seeking feedback on ways the City of Ryde can further promote multiculturalism and inclusiveness.</i></p> <p>The Committee agreed that they needed more time to discuss this issue and agreed that the Committee members would meet from 10.00am to midday on Wednesday, 11 July 2018 (which is during the school holidays) to discuss this issue and provide their feedback. Note, subsequent to the Youth Council meeting, the date was changed to Thursday 12 July at the same time.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Committee to meet from 10.00am and midday on Thursday 12 July 2018</p>

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<p>9. Graffiti and Street Art Consultation</p> <p>Mr Paine advised that Council's City Activation Team has been talking to Council's Operations Department to come up with a list of where graffiti is a hot spot in the City of Ryde. The final list of hot spots will be brought back to the Committee for discussion and to seek the Committees ideas and input about appropriate street art for those places.</p>	Noted.
<p>10. Alcohol Availability – Eastwood</p> <p>The following points were raised during discussion:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an issue for Police and NSW Health. • The Committee needs to identify which specific areas this is happening and then can make the Police aware. • Karaoke in Eastwood – don't ask for ID. • Korean BBQs in Eastwood – never ask for ID. • In Asia they don't have a drinking age so it could be a misunderstanding and they are just carrying through what they know. • If there are known examples they should be reported to the Liquor and Gaming Authority as it is an offence and a serious issue. <p>Mr Paine confirmed that he will get in touch with the Local Licencing Officer from the Local Area Command (LAC), invite them to a future meeting</p>	Noted – Licensing officer from Gladesville LACto be invited to the next meeting to discuss the issue of Alcohol Availability in Eastwood.
<p>11. Youth Ambassador Program</p> <p>Ms Ahmed provided the Committee with an update regarding the Youth Ambassador Program which was supported by Council at its meeting held last night, 26 June 2018.</p> <p>The Council Resolution was as follows:-</p> <p>(a) <i>That Council approve a six month trial of the program, recruiting Youth Ambassadors from within Ryde Youth Council. Following the trial, if successful, Council will advertise the posts with local high schools, TAFE and Universities and in the local newspapers to recruit young people independently of the Youth Council. The post will also be advertised on Council platforms including Social Media and Website.</i></p> <p>(b) <i>That Council staff develop a selection process for Youth Ambassadors.</i></p> <p>(c) <i>That the Youth Ambassadors are supported in the following ways:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) <i>Mentoring by a Councillor or member of Council staff</i> (ii) <i>Training in Public Speaking and Speechwriting</i> (iii) <i>Reimbursement of any reasonable out of pocket expenses</i> (iv) <i>Formal acknowledgement from the Mayor and Councillors as the end of the Youth Ambassador's term</i> (v) <i>That the Council staff approve and edit the young people's speeches prior to any public event</i> 	Noted.

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	<p>(d) <i>That a short report detailing the successes and suggested improvements to the program be presented to Council on completion of the six month trial.</i></p> <p>(e) <i>That Council notes the cost of training and reimbursements for the program would be absorbed in the current Youth Council budget.</i></p> <p>Mr Paine advised that he and Mr Marselos will be working to put the program together which also includes working with Council’s Events Team. Mr Paine confirmed that once the program is finalised, an Expression of Interest (EOI) will be undertaken for any interested members of the Youth Council to be a Youth Ambassador.</p> <p>Mr Paine anticipates that the program will commence in late August / early September 2018 and confirmed that following the six month trial, a report will be presented to Council outlining how the program is running together with any suggested improvements.</p>	
12.	<p>Standing Item – Concession Opal Cards</p> <p>Mr Paine advised that a meeting has been organised with the Advocate for Children and Young People for 2.30pm on Thursday, 12 July 2018 and anyone wanting to attend the meeting or submit some information are welcome to do so.</p>	Noted.
13.	<p>City of Ryde Youth Strategy 2018-2022</p> <p>Mr Paine advised that the community consultation on the Youth Strategy has been completed and he will be meeting with the consultants next Tuesday and will provide an update to the Committee regarding findings after the meeting has taken place.</p> <p><u>CALD Forum - Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for more cultural space in the area • More informal sporting facilities such as BMX tracks etc. • Better off road cycle paths • More work experience offerings/opportunities in the area • Arts and culture • Cultural infrastructure • Lack of volunteering opportunities for young people (under the age of 18) <p><u>Parents and Carers Forum – Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement for more school holiday programs for older young people • Call for a Social Justice Group • More non-sports activities such as debating etc. • Waste around Macquarie University • Council supported gyms • Health checks, careers advisers • More facilities for your people • More gym equipment in parks for your people 	Noted – Update to be provided following the meeting with the Consultants.

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<p>14. Suicide Prevention Program</p> <p><u>Ryde Hunters Hill Youth Interagency – feedback from Interagency meeting on a possible response</u></p> <p>Mr Paine advised that a Ryde Hunters Hill Youth Interagency Meeting was held on 12 June 2018. At the meeting they discussed the issue of youth suicide and particularly the increase of youth suicide on the northern beaches.</p> <p>Mr Paine confirmed that there are other Interagency Meeting happening and what we have done will feed into the bigger picture.</p> <p>Ideas from the meeting included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult young people on help seeking activities; • Promoting youth centres/local services; • More education (parents, carers, services); • Community awareness in sports/faith/cultural groups; • Youth wellbeing festivals; • Celebrity sportspeople/famous positive role models; • Every child to have mentoring; • Early intervention programs in primary schools; • Local YAC, PCYC in Ryde <p>Mr Paine outlined that anyone who wants to review the Minutes taken at the Ryde Hunters Hill Youth Interagency Meeting held on 12 June 2018 are welcome to contact him and he will provide them with a copy.</p> <p>Mr Paine confirmed that he will keep the Youth Council up to date with any other ideas that come out of future meetings.</p>		Noted.
<p>15. Granny Smith – The Core</p> <p><u>Feedback from Working Group Meeting</u></p> <p>The following update was provided by the Working Group:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastwood Public School space will be utilised again this year • Activities to target the youth more including wheelchair basketball • Beauty Workshops were suggested • Dance Group again this year, to start off in front of Eastwood Public School to attract more people • Photo group because young people love taking photos <p>Mr Paine confirmed that we cannot have a drone demonstration; maybe we can get the remote control car group to come and give a demonstration.</p> <p>Mr Paine advised that the Talent Quest will be advertised very soon, with the only stipulation being that someone in the group needs to be aged between 12 and 24 years of age.</p> <p>Mr Paine advised that we are looking to pay Battle of the Bands to come along and also looking at approaching other local bands to attend the festival.</p>		Noted.

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16.	<p>Training and Development</p> <p>Mr Paine advised that he has been in touch with the Sydney Speaking School regarding holding a public speaking skills training session. They have come back with two dates for the training as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday, 22 September 2018; or • 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday, 29 September 2018. <p>The consensus of the Committee was to undertake the training on Saturday, 29 September 2018.</p>	Noted – Training to be booked for Saturday, 29 September 2018.
17.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business was raised at the meeting.</p>	Noted.
18.	<p>Confirmation of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25 July 2018 in the Committee Room at Level 1A Pope Street, Top Ryde</p>	Noted.