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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	29 th August 2018	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.10pm Closed at: 7.45pm
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
	X	Councillor Chris Moujalli	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Peter Kim	Delegate	City of Ryde
	X	Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
		Muskaan Sidhu	Youth Councillor	
		Anthony Kim	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	
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	
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		Senior Constable Meegan Perigo		
x		Senior Constable Deb Chrystal		

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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 25th July 2018 were confirmed - moved by Gabriel Van-Duinen and seconded by Miffy Song.</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 bins provided for smokers on Herring Road will soon be removed. • A stormwater drain on Talavera Road near the Meriton complex is blocked and needs attention. • A man has been seen collecting recyclable bottles near Macquarie Train station. This led to a discussion re homelessness. • There has been an increase in noise suffered by residents of the colleges near the university due to roadworks. • There is an ongoing issue with cars screeching near Waterloo Road of an evening. • The GHFA grand final was a good event to attend. • The recent tree planting day at Laurel Park was a good event and the placement of trees should discourage littering. • The Westmead Childrens Hospital "write a book in a day" challenge was taken up by many schools with good results. • The closure of the rail line between Epping and Chatswood, continues to cause concern • The issue of people going through recycle bins – some on private property, looking for bottles to recycle was raised as an issue. 	Noted.
<p>6. Alcohol availability - Eastwood</p> <p>Andrew introduced Senior Constable Meegan Perigo and Senior Constable Deb Chrystal.</p> <p>He advised that at previous meetings the impact of people wandering around Eastwood in an intoxicated state had been raised.</p> <p>It was noted that some shops are selling alcohol to minors.</p> <p>The police advised that they carry out covert operations to detect people/businesses not acting correctly.</p> <p>The police can ask those buying alcohol for appropriate ID and if none is provided will talk to the store owner.</p>	Noted.

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<p>Secondary supply via parents and others is a major concern to police.</p> <p>Members of the Youth Council were keen to know what they could do to help.</p> <p>The police advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pass on information to the police if certain premises are thought to be selling alcohol to minors - Talk about the issue in peer groups – especially the damage that can be caused when you in effect, poison yourself - Make sure you look after your friends if they do drink. 	
<p>7. 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 will be held at St Johns Church – Coxs Road North Ryde on 8th October 2018 about mental illness.</p> <p>There will be a speaker from Macquarie Hospital to specifically address youth issues.</p> <p>The format will be Q and A.</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>	<p>Noted and information to be sent by Andrew to Committee members by 20/09/18.</p>
<p>8. Establishing a social media working group</p> <p>Test posts were recently made and a data base is being created</p> <p>It is now necessary to create the strategy to build the platform.</p> <p>Andrew has experience in building follower numbers and created 2,500 followers for a similar venture at Pittwater Council.</p> <p>A meeting to be held with the working group to comprise Jose, Gabi, Cosmin, Sophie and Tasnia.</p>	<p>Noted. Andrew to send an email re meeting dates for the group by 17/09/18.</p>
<p>9. Youth Ambassador Program</p> <p>Two possible events where the Youth Ambassador could speak were raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 27th November – You’re Included (Social Inclusion Week) - 8th October – Mental Health Community Forum <p>The nominees for the role of Youth Ambassador recorded speeches outlining their qualifications for the role.</p> <p>These recordings will be considered in conjunction with written details provided by the applicants in the selection process to choose the Youth Ambassador/s.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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<p>10. Standing Item – Concession Opal Cards</p> <p>A meeting with the Advocate’s office will be held on 5th September 2018.</p> <p>Letters have been sent to the Minister and Shadow Minister by the Mayor seeking a meeting on the matter.</p> <p>It was agreed that the matters to be raised should be listed in priority order and that all issues should not be raised at once. It is a matter of opening the discussion.</p> <p>Additional matters raised include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the different rules which apply to post grad students and international post grad students - The logistics of the current system are failing and creating financial difficulty for people - Easy changes could be made to the id required by combing information onto the front and back of one card. - The card could be blocked when people leave university. 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Advice to be provided by Andrew when a response to politicians received.</p>
<p>11. City of Ryde Youth Strategy 2018-2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft Priority Action Plan has been received from the Frank Team and is being reviewed by staff. • The Frank Team will attend a meeting with the Ryde Youth Council to update. • Council will consider the review at its November meeting • Priorities for the Plan include empowerment for future education and employment, consideration of Council internships etc, encourage volunteering, encourage training, develop partnerships with schools, encourage means to develop healthy, active and positive lives and much more • The plan would be implemented over the next four years. 	<p>Noted</p>
<p>12. <u>Granny Smith – The Core - Feedback from Working Group Meeting</u></p> <p>Planning continues and different performers are still being sought.</p> <p>A talent show and performances by Dancekool students is being considered along with a “chill space”.</p> <p>Lucy, Jose and Yusria will continue to develop ideas.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>13. Street Art Project</p> <p>Andrew advised that the name coined by the Youth Council for the above project “Street Pryde” has been very popular with other advisory committee groups.</p> <p>Andrew will be meeting with Council staff to further discuss the project tomorrow and will provide an update to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Noted, Andrew will report to the next meeting.</p>
<p>14. Training and Development</p> <p>The training session on public speaking has been confirmed for 29th September 2018 from 10am to noon.</p> <p>Sixteen positions are available for the training and people interested in attending should advise Andrew asap.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>15. Any Other Business</p> <p>The purpose and workings of the Max Potential program were explained to the group and all present were encouraged to take part if offered the opportunity.</p> <p>Andrew handed out photo release forms and contact detail forms.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>18. Confirmation of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26th September 2018 in the Committee Room at Level 1A Pope Street, Top Ryde</p>	<p>Noted.</p>