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Date and Venue:	28 th October 2015 Meeting Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.30pm
Chair:	Aidan Fisher	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Michael Paine - 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
		Councillor C Chung	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor R Maggio	Delegate	City of Ryde
	x	Nichola Gregory	Youth Councillor	
x		Sophie Lara-Watson	Youth Councillor	
x		Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
		Sarah VanDerMeer	Youth Councillor	
	x	Venetia Cameron	Youth Councillor	
		Nicolas Kyriazis	Youth Councillor	
		Ben Kyriazis	Youth Councillor	
x		Rorie Fisher	Youth Councillor	
x		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
		Aigerim Tulekova	Youth Councillor	
		Edward Fang	Youth Councillor	
x		Dinushika Dias	Youth Councillor	
x		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
x		Mitchell Stubbs	Youth Councillor	
x		Krystle-Jayne Ng	Youth Councillor	
	x	James Kim	Youth Councillor	

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Michael Paine	Community Project Officer – Young People	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
Liz Berger	Section Manager – Communications	City of Ryde
Carol Mikaelian	Coordinator – Web Services	City of Ryde
Paul Graham	Senior Planner – Community and Culture	City of Ryde

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<p>1. Apologies and Welcome</p> <p>The attendees and apologies are as noted above.</p> <p>The Mayor – Cllr Laxale had hoped to attend the meeting but unfortunately had to provide an apology at the last minute.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>2. Follow up from previous meeting</p> <p>The Minutes from the meeting dated 23rd September 2015 were confirmed.</p> <p>Letter from Eurobodalla Council following NSW Youth Council Conference</p> <p>Aidan read a letter from Eurobodalla Council following the recent conference and presented certificates to the members of the Youth Council who had attended the conference.</p> <p>Terms of Reference re members who have not provided apologies for non attendance at meetings</p> <p>It was noted that Edward, Ben and Nick have not provided apologies for their non attendance at meetings as per the terms of reference for this Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Training sessions</p> <p>Mike is still waiting on quotes for a networking/first impression course. Information will be sent to the Committee to gauge the preference of members re provider.</p> <p>Training should occur at the end of November.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Contact to be made with Edward, Ben and Nick advising that under the terms of reference of the Youth Council, they are required to provide suitable advice of their non attendance at meetings. If this does not occur their membership of the Youth Council will be terminated.</p>	

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<p>3. Ryde Youth Council Website</p> <p>Liz Berger and Carol Mikaelian addressed the group.</p> <p>They set out various issues the Committee needs to consider prior to the establishment of a website:</p> <p>Eg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there a need for a website - What is it hoped the website will achieve - What type of content is required - How regular will updates be - Who will source the content - <p>It was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Youth Council wishes to maintain the website but not build it. - A Facebook page already exists <p>The group agreed that the purpose of the website is to support its stated aims of providing information about life skills, youth unemployment and careers</p> <p>Information is to be provided on skills such as how to fill in a tax form, how to change a tyre etc.</p> <p>It was noted that it is difficult to find information on the net regarding age appropriate youth events which are happening.</p> <p>It would be good to address this issue although difficult.</p> <p>Could create a link directory that provides information and videos with regard to life skills.</p> <p>Could also use a widget to link sites like Seek to the webpage to provide information on employment.</p> <p>Web sites exist where you can download information to build the website. You would then engage a web developer to build the site then get training about how to administer the site.</p> <p>Themeforest is a firm that builds websites.</p> <p>Templates are available and can be used to get a feel of what could be built,</p> <p>Build a menu with items that should be included and bring back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Need to set parameters of what content will be included.</p> <p>Could create a map of Ryde with wifi hotspots. Young persons guide to Ryde</p> <p>Need a mobile responsive template to ensure you get found on a google search.</p> <p>Wordpress has free widgets available.</p>	<p>Kavisha and Sophie would like to assist with the building of the site and investigating the matter further.</p> <p>It was agreed a working group would meet on Wed 18th November prior to the Youth Council meeting.</p> <p>Prior to that meeting members will investigate various sites.</p> <p>Wix – Anthony</p> <p>Workpress – Rorie</p> <p>Suarespace – Michell</p> <p>Liz Berger to send list of questions to think about</p>	

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<p>4. Ryde Youth Theatre – Business Planning Consultation</p> <p>Paul Graham addressed the Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ryde Youth Theatre operates with minimal financial assistance from Council. • The benefits to the community and young people from the Youth Council however are substantial • At present, it is not possible to seek corporate funding due to the structure of the Youth Theatre • If however the Theatre is incorporated, it could seek sponsorship and also take up a commercial venture which would produce funds. • Stage 1 of the incorporation process is to find an auspice partner – a group to oversee insurance, payroll etc. • A report is to go to Council recommending that Council act in the role of auspice partner and provide substantial funding. • An additional staff member – Artistic Director and GM would be required should incorporation take place. • The programs offered by the Youth Theatre are considered important as they are affordable and build skills in participants • The Youth Council is asked to provide its support for the retention and financial assistance to the Youth Theatre. • A Youth Council member asked if corporate sponsorship has been considered to date. • Paul advised that some corporates have approached Council with regard to support but there is a need to be able to show what is being achieved to further this sponsorship • Need to be able to show shareholders what is achieved for them • Need to develop an evaluation process • It was noted that City of Ryde is the only group in Australia conducting social impact measurement • People remain committed to supporting the theatre even after they leave it. • The courses offered build a lot of confidence and helps people overcome numerous issues in their lives. • Volunteering is also a major part of the group and builds good skills 	<p>Youth Council voted unanimously to support the Ryde Youth Theatre</p> <p>A written submission will be made by the Youth Council</p> <p>The matter will go before Council and Youth Council members are encouraged to speak at the meeting.</p>	

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<p>5. Granny Smith Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike advised that the 2015 event had the largest youth area in the Festival’s history. • Wheelchair basketball was a very successful feature of this year’s program • Fairy floss and inflatables were also popular • Performances were well attended • Food areas were popular • Cooking demonstration not quite as popular • Because things were free it attracted parents and their children so youth looked, saw the young children and moved on. • Clr Chung was very impressed and said it was the best youth area yet at a GS Festival • Clr Laxale was also impressed. • Signage needs to improve to impress that the area is for YOUTH • Need to be organised a bit earlier to put information into the brochure esp re stage performances • Inflatables drew a non target crowd – mainly young children • Perhaps think about something other than inflatables for next year. 	<p>Letters of thanks to be sent to contributors:</p> <p>Lots of people provided their assistance either free of charge or very cheaply.</p> <p>Wheelchair basketball was very cheap Cooking demo free</p> <p>Aiden to draft letters of thanks. Mike to provide details</p>	
<p>5. NaNoWriMo Working Group – Feedback from meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date finalised for write ins. • Event will be held at Ryde Library on the following dates: • 7th November 12 – 5pm • 12th November 2 – 9 • 19th November 2 – 9 • 28th November noon till midnight • Youth Council members are encouraged to promote the event amongst friends • Registration is necessary for the 12 to 12 event • Information to be placed on facebook • Prizes will be awarded for door prizes – memory cards/usb with Youth Council logo to be provided • Volunteers are encouraged to attend any session they can 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>6. Skate Working Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eight parks have been identified as possible sites for a new skate park • Following a working party meeting and assessment of each site a short list of four is now being considered. • Olympic Park behind the RALC, land adjacent to Next Generation, lower oval at Eastwood, Meadowbank Park – near tennis courts • Request is also being made to the State Government seeking rebuilding of skate park at Ivanhoe Estate in any redevelopment of the site. 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

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<p>7. Youth Council Conference NSW 2017 – working group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those people who attended Eurobodalla are automatically on the working group All members present agreed to be on working party 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Meeting to be held at beginning of December</p>	
<p>9. Ryde Youth Council – Youth Councillor Training Ideas</p> <p>This item was discussed in Matters Arising from the Minutes.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>10. Standing Item</p> <p>Future Events/interests/what's been happening</p> <p>Nil</p>		
<p>11. Standing Item –</p> <p>Media and Communications</p> <p>Volunteers required for 2RRR interview</p> <p>A report on the Granny Smith Festival should be provided on the radio</p> <p>Krystle, Aiden and Sophie are now admin operators on facebook page</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Mike to chase up recordings of previous interviews conducted at 2RRR.</p>	
<p>12. Any other issues</p> <p>Nil</p>		
<p>13. Next Meeting:</p> <p>DATE: Wednesday 18th November 2015</p> <p>TIME: 6.00 pm</p> <p>VENUE: Civic Centre Level 5 Room 2</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	