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Venue:	Via MS Teams and Council's NRO meeting room	
Date:	Wednesday, 3 rd March 2021	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.35pm
Chair:	Councillor Penny Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Sean Willenberg, Kim Harris	
Circulation:		

Committee Role:

The role of the Social Inclusion Advisory Committee is to provide advice to Council to ensure that all residents and visitors to the City of Ryde are able to participate actively in all aspects of community and civic life, and to ensure that Council recognises and values the diversity of its community.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Chairperson	City of Ryde
		Cate Sinclair	Community Representative	CEO – Northern Centre
✓		Deb Maio	Community Representative	Side by Side Advocacy
	✓	Ebony Appel	Community Representative	
	✓	Gary Squire	Community Representative	
✓		Gregory McClure	Community Representative	
	✓	Zoe Williamson	Community Representative	North Ryde Community Aid
✓		Jim Towers	Community Representative	
✓		Julie Hill	Community Representative	
		Julie Jones	Community Representative	
		Karen Cowling	Community Representative	Carers NSW
✓		Jeongmin Park	Community Representative	
		Kate Hanley	Community Representative	Lifestart
		Nalyn Sirivivatnanon	Community Representative	
		Rebecca Ho	Community Representative	Touched by Olivia
✓		Richard Scenna	Community Representative	YourLink
		Rossella Tisci	Community Representative	
✓		Sarah McFayden	Community Representative	
	✓	Tony Bernauer	Community Representative	
		Verity Greenwood	Community Representative	
		Wendy Innes	Community Representative	Community Care Northern Beaches
		Yoon Park	Community Representative	Ryde Hospital and Macquarie Hospital
		Gabriel Van-Duinen		
✓		Sean Willenberg	Community Project Officer Social Inclusion	City of Ryde
✓		Kim Harris	Community Development Officer – Social Inclusion	City of Ryde
✓		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

✓		Kim Roots	Side by Side Advocacy	Guest speaker
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<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Councillor Pedersen acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and welcomed all present.</p> <p>Those present and apologies are as noted above.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen introduced Kim Harris – Council’s newly appointed Community Development Officer – Social Inclusion</p>	Noted.
<p>2. Minutes from the last meeting</p> <p>The Minutes from the last meeting held on 18th November 2020 were confirmed.</p>	Noted.
<p>3. Guest Presenter – Kim Roots – Side by Side Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kim is a colleague of Deb Maio - Side by Side Advocacy is located in a shop in Herbert Street West Ryde – opposite Anzac Park. - The location was chosen for its ease of access - The organisation wants a world where disability is accepted and nothing out of the ordinary - The organisation provides citizen advocacy which is often life long and where people can act as an advocate for another - This group is the only group still providing citizen advocacy in NSW. - A great boon for people in the local area - Tenancy or home modification, NDIS issues, trustee and legal issues, interactions with government services re health, education, services etc - Want to provide the most opportunities for people to build their skills and connections - Advocacy can take a long time - Support people with intellectual disability - Try to get to people who may not know about advocacy. Want to get their service known by people who would benefit from it. - Encouraging research for people with some level of disability to join Boards and get involved in decision making - A newsletter is sent on a regular basis and can be sent to anyone who is interested. - A new website is being developed - It will include spoken word, have different languages etc - Many of the people supported have lived in institutions all their lives - They have few free relationships – mostly with people in a paid role - Many haven’t experienced choosing things as simple as their own drinks or food –previously they were given items with no choice - People don’t always have the correct information or access to information as it is only available on line and people can’t access this. - Sometimes there are low expectations for some people – people don’t expect them to work so this impacts their belief in themselves. - Sometimes people have very few friends. They may be moved to new areas and lose the friends they have or are asked to live with people they don’t like. - Sometimes people are frustrated which can result in challenging behaviour - Lots of challenges for an organisation like this. - Dept of Social Services provides funding for the group. - Only 1.5 advocates provided - At present, some additional funding available so additional capacity available - Often people who need the service don’t know it exists - Sometimes a lack of day to day support means things aren’t solved in full - NDIS has not removed the need for advocacy 	<p>The information was noted</p> <p>Bernadette to be asked to speak to this committee at the conclusion of her research</p>

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<p>- Could Bernadette provide her findings at the end of her research?</p>	
<p>4. What's happening in Ryde</p> <p>Deb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connections being made with some of the people at Norton Ave - Connections between Side by Side and other groups to assist the people at this location - Credit to Council on the work undertaken at Anzac Park and the playground <p>Greg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still waiting for advice re works to be undertaken in Jim Walsh Park - Clr Pedersen advised the concrete slab planned for Jim Walsh will now be constructed at Forrester Park - An issue with leaf litter and small branches that fall onto the paths and build up against the fence. <p>Jeongmin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Works with a peer support group for CALD members which is located in West Ryde - With NDIS, many previously free items now incur a charge eg meetings - NDIS website does not include Korean so this is difficult for people who need assistance - Sean will provide advice regarding some possible translation opportunities. - 25th March there will be a Council webinar in Korean to explain services available for older people <p>Julie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everybody dance now disco is held on zoom and has become a huge hit for people who would not normally be able to attend. - Local people are keen to attend an in person event either at the golf club or maybe a local park - Now working in aged care as lifestyle coordinator for Baptist Care - Cycling without age supports the use of trishaws to give people trips with a driver. - Council is looking to possibly provide one of the bikes through the grants process - Community choir for seniors is ongoing after Julie received a community grant - Wants to target people with dementia <p>Richard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital inclusion is a passion of Richard's. - Seniors who need to use QR codes and people with disabilities that need to use computers are examples of exclusion that can occur - The use of hearing aids also creates a barrier for many people <p>Sarah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Belongs to Mac Uni singers which has been practising by zoom - Would be happy to perform at aged care facilities when they are allowed - Ryde Progress Association wants to support people who live near Shepherd's Bay Centre - There are a number of elderly people in this area who mind their grandchildren but the carers are lonely. - RPA will arrange a morning tea on an informal basis. - It is hoped it might spread to other small shopping centres and provide a sense of inclusion as there are many lonely people - A webinar will be held in Seniors Week which will feature grandparents who mind grandchildren. 	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>5. International Womens Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council will be holding an event at North Ryde School of Arts - Some great speakers who will speak on the theme – “choose to challenge” - There will be entertainment and a Q and A panel as well - Lunch will also be provided by Darcy Street project – a community enterprise - Information will be sent to all Committee members 	The information was noted.
<p>6. Homelessness street count</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The street count was undertaken a couple of weeks ago in conjunction with Link Housing - Went to Eastwood, West Ryde, Mac Park, Top Ryde to count homeless people - Were partnered with Council rangers who have extensive local knowledge - Very little homelessness identified but the rangers mentioned that they are aware of some cars which part in the same spots at night - Was noted that some homeless people sleep in cars, on couches etc, not just on the street 	The information was noted.
<p>7. Seniors Week Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26 activities planned by Council for Seniors Week which will run from 14 – 24th April - Council will extend a week on either side for its activities - Exercise, aqua, bowling etc are all planned - Richard will be facilitating two workshops which will “train the trainer” so people can take the information back to their groups - Also guided walks will be undertaken at Meadowbank Park - Stay safe morning teas and Easy-Care gardening events are also planned - Waste to art activity is also going to be held 	The information was noted
<p>8. Harmony Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be held on line this year – 20th March 2021 - People can join in at any time - Will be performances and other events - Theme is “everybody belongs” - Joint activity by Council, CMRC - CMRC now has an office at Top Ryde Shopping Centre 	The information was noted
<p>9. General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ABC have partnered with Bus Stop films to create inclusive employment opportunities in film and TV - Have your say on Heatley Reserve. Looking to add some equipment which will benefit older people build muscle - Inclusive Recreation Study is being undertaken by Council’s Parks section. Looking to make spaces welcoming to and available for, use by all ages and level of ability - Has been some talk recently about exclusion of some groups in sport – brought to the fore by Mardi Gras discussion - Council has been approached by an elite women’s sport team that is finding it difficult to gain access to an elite field - A kerfuffle re possible discrimination at a Council tennis venue - Neighbour Day last Sunday in March – 28th March 2021. Want to encourage people to get to know their neighbours 	The information was noted.
<p>Next Meeting:</p>	

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	The next meeting of this Committee will be held on Wednesday 2 nd June 2021	Noted.
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