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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Thursday 15 th November 2018	
Time:	6.30pm	Started at: 6.30pm Closed at: 8.10pm
Chair:	Councillor Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Jonathan Nanlohy	
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Committee Role:**The primary role of the Status of Women Advisory Committee is to:**

- Provide advice to Council on improving the ways in which women in the City of Ryde are able to participate and engage actively in all aspects of community and civic life.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor Pedersen	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	x	Councillor Clifton	Councillor	City of Ryde
		Rose Torrosian	Community Representative	
	x	Lydia Scuglia	Community Representative	
	x	Brigid Menev	Community Representative	
x		Belinda Taranto	Community Representative	
	x	Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
		Angelika Hollo	Community Representative	
		Suzanne Marks	Community Representative	
		Maria Kovaleva	Community Representative	
	x	Roseanna Gallo	Community Representative	
	x	Candace Lang	Community Representative	
		Rebecca Shin	Community Representative	
x		Akhila Nagarajan	Community Representative	
x		Natalie Hissey	Community Representative	
		Margaret Mayger	Community Representative	

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x		Jonathan Nanlohy	Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development)	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Win Kenyon		Friend of Margarita Grunberg
x		Haley Tolmie		Visitor
x		Karen Nisbet Moulds		Visitor
x		Aileen Mountford		Lisa Hahn Foundation
x		Katie Little		Visitor

Details**Action**

1.	Welcome and Apologies	
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	<p>Clr Pedersen as Chair, welcomed all present and provided an acknowledgement of country.</p> <p>Those present and apologies are as above.</p>
<p>2. Committee member introductions</p>	<p>The visitors to the meeting were welcomed.</p> <p>As noted.</p>
<p>3. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes</p>	<p>The minutes from the meeting dated 16th August 2018 were confirmed.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>4. Clr Pedersen –Notice of Motion - Community safety</p>	<p>An update was provided by Councillor Pedersen on previous actions taken in relation to the above matter.</p> <p>It is now suggested in February 2019, that various groups undertake walking tours of local areas at differing times of the day and using online mapping to determine areas that are safe and not safe.</p> <p>The feedback received to be included into the social plan so that budget funding can be provided to address the issues identified.</p> <p>A working party is required to arrange the actions above.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Working party to meet on 13th December 2018.</p>
<p>5. Clr Lane – Notice of Motion – Sanitary bins and hand soap dispensers</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natalie Hissey provided an update on the Notice of Motion moved by Clr Lane following identification of the fact that 70 % of local Council toilets had no sanitary bins and 80% had no handsoap. - Members of this committee also identified that often locks on doors are broken and that some toilets are clogged and don't flush. - The lighting provided in the toilet block often doesn't reach to the last cubicle in the row providing poor or no lighting in this location. - Ryde Park is noted as often needing attention. This is an issue for groups such as Ryde Youth Theatre which rely on using the facilities when putting on their shows.
<p>6. Domestic Violence</p> <p><u>White Ribbon event at Epping Boys High School</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ryde Hunters Hill DV group recently presented a talk by Angela xxx to students of Epping Boys High and other schools. - Angela suffered brain damage as a teenager of 16 years of age from domestic violence by her then boyfriend. - She is now 33 and speaks regularly to groups of students and others. - The talk was extremely well received by all present and very worthwhile. <p>Hunters Hill Ryde Vigil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clr Pedersen and a Hunters Hill Councillor arranged a vigil at Buffalo Reserve recently following the discovery of a woman's body. - Katie Little spoke at the vigil and a pastor also attended. - In addition, an aboriginal smoking ceremony was held. - A condolence book was offered for signing and will be provided to the parents.

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<p><u>Multicultural partnerships translation – Domestic Violence</u></p> <p>Jonathan advised that train the trainer training will continue to be provided. A spike in the level of domestic violence being reported in the Indian community was noted.</p> <p>A recent sausage sizzle held by Relationships Australia identified a large need for contact with the Indian community.</p> <p>In Ryde there is a need for assistance in Korean and a number of other languages.</p> <p>Recent train the trainer training was undertaken at Cumberland specifically targeting the Indian community.</p> <p><u>Training course for men</u></p> <p>Clr Pedersen made a pledge three years ago as part of an International Women’s Day event that she would seek to have training for men provided in relation to domestic violence issues and how to prevent them occurring.</p> <p>Council is looking into the sort of training that can be provided.</p> <p>It is accepted that education is the key and that fathers must be encouraged to be good role models for their sons.</p> <p>Mothers of sons also have an influence and should be encouraged to provide strong role model examples.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen hopes that sporting clubs will assist with the training to be implemented.</p> <p>Relationship Australia provides training courses as part of court order procedures and this can maybe be modified or used as a basis of the training.</p>	<p>Train the trainer training especially in languages other than English is to be encouraged in the local area.</p>
<p>7. Safe Room Project – Lisa Harnum Foundation – Executive Officer Aileen Mountfield</p> <p>Aileen provided background to the foundation which was established 4 years ago in the Hills District to provide domestic violence services. It does not receive any government funding and relies on donations.</p> <p>It was established when a previous refuge operated by the Sisters Of Mercy closed. Lisa Harnum was a Canadian who died when her boyfriend threw her from a balcony.</p> <p>The foundation provides transitional housing and other services.</p> <p>One important service is a “safe room” which operates at Castle Towers Shopping Centre and where women can receive advice and assistance in a non-threatening environment.</p> <p>A recent donation by the Memento Group will allow the foundation to open another safe room at the Macquarie Shopping Centre.</p> <p>It is hoped the new room will be operational by February 2019.</p> <p>The foundation also offers a Youth Ambassador program and details on this will be passed to Council’s Youth Council.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Youth Council to be advised of the Youth Ambassador program of the Lisa Harman Foundation.</p>
<p>8. Working Parties</p> <p><u>Women’s Community of Practice</u></p>	

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	Further planning and action on this matter is deferred to January 2019.
<p>9. International Womens Day 2019</p> <p>It was noted that this year International Womens Day events will be held on the weekend, rather than weekdays in City of Ryde.</p> <p>Numerous events have been held during 2018 with women as the target audience including a STEM event at CSIRO, a talk on economic security, an event for small business owners detailing how to set up a small business etc.</p> <p>The Committee was then asked to nominate the person who would be their dream speaker for this year's IWD event. Nominations included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sally McManus - Clementine Ford - Elise Perry or Michelle Obama - Louise Savage - David Hurley – the Governor General - A P and C mum - Gillian Triggs - Denise Love - Elizabeth Broderick - Jennifer Byrne. 	Noted
<p>10. Verbal History of Women in Ryde</p>	<p>Clr Pedersen advised that she is keen to chat with and have recorded the stories of women in Ryde, especially the older members of the community. She noted there are great stories to tell and that it would be good to formally capture some of them.</p>
<p>11. Key Dates</p> <p>19th November – Community Grants open</p> <p>23rd November – morning tea for white ribbon being hosted by Relationships Australia</p> <p>27th November – Social inclusion event to be held</p> <p>23rd December – Screening of the movie Wonder.</p> <p>Ryde Youth Theatre will be performing two plays before the end of the year – one has been written by Hayley who is attending the meeting tonight. It is called Dusk and is about people trying to survive a genocide.</p>	The information was noted.
<p>10. Next Meeting:</p>	<p>The next meeting of the Status of Women Advisory Committee will be held on 21st February 2019.</p>