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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Thursday 16 th August 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
		Rose Torrosian	Community Representative	
	x	Lydia Scuglia	Community Representative	
		Brigid Menev	Community Representative	
	x	Belinda Taranto	Community Representative	
		Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
x		Angelika Hollo	Community Representative	
x		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	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Jonathan Nanlohy	Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development)	City of Ryde
x		Gunjan Tripathi	Acting Manager – Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Jan Bouhali	Economic Development Officer	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Angela Jones Blayney	Director Customer and Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Win Kenyon		Friend of Margarita Grunberg

Details**Action**

1.	Welcome and Apologies	
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<p>Clr Pedersen as Chair, welcomed all present.</p> <p>Those present and apologies are as above.</p>	As noted.
<p>2. Committee member introductions</p> <p>The Committee members briefly introduced themselves.</p>	As noted.
<p>3. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting dated 17th May 2018 were confirmed.</p>	The information was noted.
<p>4. Clr Pedersen –Notice of Motion - Community safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clr Pedersen raised this matter in response to recent crime statistics which did not show Ryde in a good light. - The NOM covers not just women but also the elderly, disabled, LGBTI community and all minority groups. - Ryde ranks 106/132 for sexual assault crimes with an increase from 42 to 72 for sexual assaults in the last year, but many of the assaults were historic – being related to assaults investigated as part of the Royal Commission into Institutions. - Council needs to work with the police to let the community know the local area is safe. - More information about the services on offer and workshops being held etc needs to be conveyed to the community. - Areas that need to be made safer should be identified: - perhaps through on line mapping, a walk to highlight particular locations or a change in Council policy to ensure that big trees are not planted in certain locations and that lighting is provided at bus stops. - A survey could also be undertaken to gauge people's opinion. - Suggestions for changes which could be made included: lighting an area such as the new dog park at Ryde to give people somewhere to run or jog at night; extending the period that sports fields are lit after practise finishes of an evening to allow people to jog/run; partnering with sports groups to allow people to run/jog during training sessions. - The pedestrian bridge over Devlin Street was noted as an area where people do not feel safe. 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>It was recommended that:</p> <p>A survey be carried out to gauge peoples opinion about safety in the local area, places of particular concern, suggestions for improving the situation.</p> <p>A hot spot be created on Council's website to report areas and incidents when people feel unsafe.</p> <p>These results to be shared with Monash University.</p> <p>Ryde District mums to be asked to support the survey.</p> <p>Seek the support of sporting clubs to encourage people to use their training fields at night for exercise.</p> <p>Perhaps trial a joint program with sporting clubs.</p> <p>The above to be undertaken prior to the next meeting.</p>
<p>5. Report on visit to Burwood Court – domestic violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over the past three years a number of visits have taken place to Burwood Court to show those who work or have an interest in domestic violence how the court system operates. - Case workers and others have learnt about court process, avo's, charging system, support services etc. - The visits are designed to demystify the process and to assist with setting up referral services etc. - To date members of the Korean, Chinese and Farsi communities have attended the sessions and can now act as advocates for people in their communities. - On 17th July, 23 people, including Clr Pedersen attended the most recent session. - The session covered: - talk by domestic violence worker, session on tracking devices, use of videolinks and safe rooms at the court. - Link Housing spoken about leases and how they are structured 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>It was noted the focus on domestic violence needs to include children as well as adults.</p> <p>The sessions offered and information provided will be promoted through sports associations and high schools</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two more sessions will be held in 2018 being Mandarin in Sept – this will have a focus on elder abuse and Farsi in November. 	
<p>6. Working Parties:</p> <p><u>Womens Community of Practice in Business</u></p> <p>Jan Bouhali provided the following information regarding the four workshops which have been held with funding as part of the Women’s Bootcamp program.</p> <p>The workshops covered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance - STEM careers - International Womens Day - Women in business <p>Survey results show that the information provided is well received and that the events are enjoyed by those who attend.</p> <p>Jan advised that ABN data shows that women are running more businesses, more often than in the past and that 2 in 5 of the women running a business are 40 – 54 with 47 being the median age.</p> <p>Nearly 1/3 of the women in business are born overseas.</p> <p>The small biz bus was located at West Ryde recently. This facility provides information for those wanting to start a business and who need information.</p> <p>The Community of Practice is a group of 20 women who meet regularly at the Macquarie University Incubator. It is intended that this group will become self-sufficient and assist others in the future.</p> <p>The new Venture Café is also starting soon in Waterloo Road and is designed to attract start-ups and support entrepreneurs. It is designed for business people to meet on an irregular basis and to help spread innovation. This program operates successfully overseas.</p> <p>The café will also lift the profile of Macquarie Park.</p> <p><u>International Women’s Day</u></p> <p>A working party needs to be established to organise 2 – 4 activities for this event.</p> <p>It is hoped to attract a more diverse audience with different interests to previous years.</p> <p>A series of events to be held both day and night with different themes is sought.</p> <p>It was noted that speakers like Eva Cox are successful because they make people think.</p> <p>It was also suggested that working with sector partners such as the Northern Centre and Korean community might get a different demographic involved.</p> <p>A financial empowerment focus was also suggested.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>This Committee supports the Community of Practice and the work that it is doing.</p> <p>It was suggested that further grant funding to allow continuation of the program be sought.</p> <p>Zara Crichton to be invited to speak to the group about the Venture Café.</p> <p>An email to be sent to all committee members seeking their interest in joining the working party</p> <p>The working party is to be arranged for a Thursday evening through email invitation.</p>
<p>8. Other Business</p> <p><u>Anzac Park – consultation</u></p> <p>Committee members are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed upgrade to the playground at Anzac Park West Ryde.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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<p>Council supports the playgroup which often visits this site.</p> <p>Comments can include reference to making the area safer as per discussion earlier in the meeting.</p> <p>A lack of footpath access was also noted forcing people to use the road.</p> <p><u>Domestic Violence Talk – Christ Church Gladesville</u></p> <p>A talk will be held at 7pm on 20th August re the above.</p> <p><u>Ability Links – Community Migrant Group</u></p> <p>An event will be held between 10am and 4.30pm on 5th September at Coxs Road Hall.</p> <p><u>Soccer for refugee women</u></p> <p>A soccer club being run for refugee women and being supported by men in social aspects is operating from Marsden High School. With the closure of the school imminent, another club house is being sought.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>10. Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of the Status of Women Advisory Committee will be held on 15th November 2018</p>	<p>Noted.</p>