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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Thursday 17 th May 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	
	x	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	
	x	Margaret Mayger	Community Representative	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Jonathan Nanlohy	Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development)	City of Ryde
x		Gunjan Tripathi	Senior Coordinator Social Development & Capacity Building	City of Ryde
x		Paul Chidzero	Manager – Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Maddison		Glue and You
x		Prue Gorman		Glue and You
x		Marley Palin		Glue and You
x		Kena		Glue and You
		Win Kenyon		Friend of Margarita Grunberg

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<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <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 representatives of Glue and You introduced themselves and their relevant areas of expertise.</p> <p>Natalie Hissey did not attend the first meeting and so gave a brief introduction of herself. She has a background in law .</p> <p>Win Kenyon is interested in promoting and supporting the rights of seniors in the community and works actively to lobby the government regarding the views of seniors.</p>	As noted.
<p>3. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting dated 15th February 2018 were confirmed.</p>	The information was noted.
<p>4. Acknowledgement of the passing of Margarita Grunberg</p> <p>The committee was advised that Margarita Grunberg had died on 28th March 2018.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen and Jonathan Nanlohy attended Margarita’s funeral and informed the committee of the things they had learned about her life at the funeral.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen read a Mayoral Minute which noted the work of Margarita on this committee and her interest and support of womens issues.</p> <p>Margarita had been an inaugural member of this committee and was also involved in other community activities which women, especially older women.</p>	The information was noted.
<p>5. Guest speaker and presentation by Glue and You</p> <p>Marley Palin gave a brief background of her connection to City of Ryde and thanked Jan Bouhali Council’s Economic Development Officer for her support and assistance.</p> <p>Marley provided information regarding the web page/app that she and her team have created to provide support for people suffering from and provide information re domestic violence.</p> <p>Marley advised she left a relationship due to domestic violence but did not fit the stereotypical image of a sufferer and found it difficult to know where to go for support.</p> <p>Her background is in “start ups” and she was used to seeing a problem and fixing it with a business.</p> <p>She formed a team to fill the gaps in crisis support which she found did not have an ongoing presence.</p> <p>It is estimated that 1 in 3 – 5 women in Australia face domestic violence so it is a big problem.</p> <p>On average people take 7 instances of abuse to leave a relationship.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Any member who has information or contacts which may be able to be incorporated in the Glue and You platform is encouraged to contact the group to arrange for further discussion.</p>

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<p>Research shows the metropolitan area is well serviced with domestic violence support but that regional areas do not have the same level of support.</p> <p>The aim of the Glue and You website is to support to women after they leave and also to support local services.</p> <p>Physical workshops etc. are difficult for many women to access but the web service can be tailored to the needs of individuals.</p> <p>The platform is on line and web based. It can be accessed via app.</p> <p>It will offer multilingual services and courses.</p> <p>It will provide information regarding court procedures etc.</p> <p>A directory of services will be offered and support groups listed to suit different lifestyles and ages.</p> <p>The purpose of Glue and You is not to create new information but to empower user to access the information and services already on offer.</p> <p>There are a lot of emerging services to help people when they first encounter domestic violence and leave a relationship but ongoing support is harder to find.</p> <p>The platform will be launched in July 2018 and links will be sent to this committee.</p>	
<p>6. Womens Business workshops</p> <p>Clr Pedersen reported on the workshop that was held on 16th May 2018.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen noted that the event featured inspirational speakers and that the workshops were very informative.</p> <p>The day provided assistance to women thinking about starting a business and also to those who want to know what to do next to grow an existing business.</p> <p>The event was made possible through State Government funding and was the last in a series of four workshops. Previous workshops featured STEM careers, financial security, International Women's Day and leadership and women in business.</p> <p>The attendees of the last session have advised they want to continue to meet regularly in order to continue the momentum which was achieved at the event.</p> <p>The work of Jan Bouhali in assisting with arrangements for all four workshops was noted and she was thanked most sincerely for her ongoing support.</p> <p>It was noted that Macquarie University may be interested in providing support for future workshops of a similar nature to the above.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>If possible, the slides pertaining to the marketing talk will be placed on line and sent to committee members.</p> <p>Jan Bouhali to be thanked for her continued support and work to promote business and particularly women.</p>
<p>7. Working Parties:</p> <p><u>Domestic Violence court visit to Burwood Court</u></p> <p>A visit has been arranged for 17th July 2018.</p> <p>The visit is aimed at community workers and people who are involved in referring and assisting people facing domestic violence.</p> <p><u>International Womens Day</u></p> <p>The establishment of a working group to arrange the 2019 IWD event will be listed</p>	<p>The information was noted and a link with details will be sent to committee members</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>

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<p>on the agenda for the August meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the speakers at the 2018 event tended to follow the same pattern and dialogue as the previous year.</p> <p>It was suggested that a variety of speakers from different backgrounds – working and non working women could address the next IWD event.</p> <p>Consideration is also to be given to the timing of the event to allow participation by different sectors of the community.</p>	
<p>8. Agenda Items</p> <p>Events attended by Clr Pedersen</p> <p>Clr Pedersen advised that she had spoken at an IWD event at Riverside Girls High School.</p> <p>She also attended a UN womens breakfast at which students of Riverside Girls High were present.</p> <p>The school also asked her to be on the judging panel for a social enterprise project which involved students from both Riverside and Wee Waa.</p> <p>Comment was made regarding the level of misinformation that circulates on social media regarding legal matters for people who separate.</p> <p>Family Relationships Centre (FRC) is trying to counteract some of this and provide accurate information through sessions held in local libraries.</p> <p>Ryde Library has been contacted as a possible future venue.</p> <p>It was noted that a recent neighbourhood day in Macquarie Park had highlighted the large Indian population in that area and the need within that group for legal advice re family law matters.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Students who were involved in the winning social enterprise project to be asked to present to this committee.</p>
<p>9. Key Dates</p> <p>Key Dates – upcoming events – Refugee Week, NAIDOC Week. Others</p> <p>NAIDOC information Information can be found on Council’s website www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/naidoc</p> <p>Bennelong: Last years at Kissing Point Saturday 2 June, 10am - 2pm Kissing Point, James Squire’s Orchard, Putney</p> <p>Myall Creek Massacre: Its significance told by Graeme & Sallie Cordiner Ryde Library Saturday 23 June, 11am - 12.30pm</p> <p>Because Of Her, We Can Guest Speakers Wednesday 11 July, 6 - 7.30pm Ryde Library</p> <p>Story Time Wednesday 11 July, 11am - 12.30pm Ryde Library,</p> <p>Guided Walk:Glades Bay Saturday 14 July 2018</p>	<p>Ideas from the Committee re groups or events of relevance to this committee to be forwarded to Jonathan.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to “have your say” on Council’s community strategic plan.</p> <p>Aya Mustafa to be approached re future address to this committee.</p>

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	<p>REFUGEE WEEK 16 June Authors talk Boat Smuggler Ryde Library 26 June Future Focussed Ryde Library</p> <p>Aya Mustafa is a passionate advocate and public speaker: giving voice to young people from refugee backgrounds. Having arrived from Iraq with her mother and siblings, Aya is completing her International Relations Degree at the University of Sydney and working on an International Research Study with Syrian- Conflict families</p>	
11.	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of the Status of Women Advisory Committee will be held on 16th August 2018</p>	Noted.