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Subject:	Status of Women Advisory Committee – Minutes and Outcomes of Women’s Network Meeting	
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Venue:	Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	4 May 2017	
Time:	Started at: 6.10pm	Closed at: 7.00pm
Chair:	Councillor Roy Maggio	
Meeting Support (MS):	Amanda Janvrin, Senior Coordinator - Governance	
Staff Convenor:	Jonathan Nanlohy, Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development)	
Circulation:	Draft Minutes circulated to Staff Convenor (Jonathan Nanlohy) on 11 May 2017	

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 R Maggio	Chairperson	City of Ryde
x		Councillor D Pendleton	Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Margarita Grunberg	Community Representative	
		Rose Torossian	Community Representative	
	x	Marg Somerville	Community Representative	
x		Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
		Victoria Brookman	Community Representative	
		Nora Alexanian	Community Representative	
		Ivy Pang	Community Representative	
x		Julie Lowes	Guest	
	x	Therese Mackenzie	Guest	
		Dawn Nettheim	Guest	
		Robyn Gaspari	Guest	
		Jynene Helland	Guest	
x		Beth Kosnik	Guest	
	x	Penny Pedersen	Guest	
x		Suzanne Marks	Guest	
x		Angelika Hollo	Guest	
		Belinda Mao	Guest	
		Susan Varnon	Guest	
		Mellessa Raymond	Guest	
	x	Jane Sun	Guest	
	x	Rowena Stulajter	Guest	
x		Angelina Bonifacio	Guest	
x		Ann Paterson	Guest	
x		Roseanna Gallo	Guest	
x		Kery O’Neill	Guest	
x		Julia MacKinnon	Guest	

x	Lyn Tay	Guest	
x	Caroline Beer	Guest	
x	Diane Erickson	Guest	
x	Sue Voegt	Guest	
x	Michelle Robinson	Guest	
x	Suzanne Frugtniet	Guest	
x	Adele Westlake	Guest	
x	Annette Fontana	Guest	
x	Therese Smith	Guest	
x	Edwina Brown	Guest	
x	Therese Fuda	Guest	
x	Odette Brown	Guest	
x	Diana O’Cobhthaigh	Guest	
x	Robert Senior	Guest	
	Lisa Aynajian		
	Amanda Jones		
	Mary Maggio		
	Tennille Southcombe		
	Christina Leutscher		
	Rosanna Ferlito		
x	Jonathan Nanlohy	Social Policy and Planning Coordinator	City of Ryde

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Angela Jones-Blayney	Acting Director - Customer and Community Services	City of Ryde
Gunjan Tripathi	Senior Coordinator - Social Development and Capacity Building	City of Ryde
Amanda Janvrin	Senior Coordinator - Governance	City of Ryde

Details**Action****Responsibility and Date**

1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies:</p> <p>Councillor Roy Maggio welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the meeting and provided a brief update about themselves.</p> <p>The attendees and apologies were noted.</p>	Noted as above.	
2.	<p>Minutes and Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – 2 February 2017</u></p> <p>Mr Nanlohy advised that there was a correction to the previous Minutes from the meeting held on 2 February 2017 to include the attendance of “Suzanne Frugtniet”.</p>	Noted.	

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<p>2.</p> <p><u>Summary of International Women’s Day (IWD)</u></p> <p>Mr Nanlohy advise the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Women’s Day (IWD) was held on 9 March 2017 at Eden Gardens. • Council staff met with Ms Bonifacio from Women’s Network and jointly, a speaker and panellists list for International Women’s Day was developed. • Follow up meetings were held with Ms Bonifacio to develop a partnership for the joint Status of Women’s Advisory Committee Meeting and Women’s Network Guest Speaker Session at tonight’s Meeting, 4 May 2017. <p><u>Minutes from Previous Meeting – 2 February 2017</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2017 were adopted.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>3.</p> <p>International Women’s Day (IWD) follow up</p> <p><u>Summary of IWD Event</u></p> <p>Mr Nanlohy advised that the City of Ryde hosted the Ryde International Women’s Day “Be Bold for Change” Forum on Thursday, 9 March 2017 at Eden Gardens in Macquarie Park.</p> <p>Mr Nanlohy advised that the Forum focussed on how women are being bold for change and tackling common and individual challenges in medicine, business and the community. The Forum created an opportunity for participants to have a say in how to meet challenges facing women in the community and more than 90 people participated in the Forum.</p> <p>The Status of Women Advisory Committee members and guests, Women’s Network and community worked together to come up with an impressive range of guest speakers and panellists from medical, business, community and civic backgrounds who shared their insights and experiences on how they had been bold for change.</p> <p>The Guest Speakers for the Event were Dr Brindha Shivalingham (Neurosurgeon and founder of Brainstorm Charity) and Julia Zaetta (Editor of Better Homes and Gardens).</p> <p>Panellists Included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cate Sinclair – Executive Officer the Northern Centre • Therese McKenzie – Ryde Artisans • Kathleen Synnott – Host Ryde Business Women’s Network • Jessica Mathews – Ryde District Mums • Carla Cassab – 2014 Young Citizen of the Year • Belinda Kelley – Principal of Riverside Girls High 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

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<p>3. The West Ryde Story Tellers also moved the audience with their short and powerful stories about women both young and old who had made an impact in their lives.</p> <p>Following the Guest Speakers and Panellists, a workshop activity was undertaken where people discussed and filled out bold action plans. Participants voted on the top 3 actions they wanted Council to undertake in 2017, which were as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop women who run boards and business • Status of Women Advisory Committee Open Day • Tackling family violence <p>The votes for the top 3 actions were ranked and Council staff are using those rankings to plan for a series of activities, workshops and information sessions for 2017 and 2018.</p> <p><u>Planning 2017/2018 – Where to Next</u></p> <p>Mr Nanlohy advised that based on the International Women’s Day workshop outcomes and ranked actions, Council staff are exploring a number of options to deliver activities that address the ranked actions including a series of activities , workshops and information sessions for 2017 and 2018. These activities include workshops for women: in small business, re-entering the workforce, financial security, women in leadership roles, women experiencing domestic and family violence.</p> <p>Mr Nanlohy advised that Council is also looking at funding to help resource these activities and Council is making partnerships with community and government services (Women’s Network, CMRC, Northern Centre and Centrelink).</p> <p>On behalf of the Status of Women Advisory Committee members, Councillor Maggio thanked Council staff for their involvement in International Women’s Day and also thanked Oliveri’s Florist for donating 100 gerberas on the day, it was greatly appreciated.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Thank you to Council staff and Oliveri’s Florist was noted.</p>	
<p>4. Status of Women’s Advisory Committee</p> <p><u>Membership and Expression of Interest (EOI) Process</u></p> <p>Mr Nanlohy explained the membership and Expression of Interest (EOI) process for the Status of Women Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

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<p>4. Mr Nanlohy advised that the Status of Women Advisory Committee has been operating with a mixture of a small number of official committee members and a large number of guests all of who have made a significant contribution to the work and direction of the Committee.</p> <p>Due to the delays and uncertainty with the amalgamation process, Council hasn't gone through the formal Council Committee membership process that follows a Council election.</p> <p>Mr Nanlohy confirmed that there is only one (1) more Committee meeting prior to the September 2017 Local Government Election, however, if any guests present at the Committee meeting this evening are interested in becoming members of the Status of Women Advisory Committee, it would be appreciated if they would kindly complete the Expression of Interest Form and Councillor Maggio will put forward a Notice of Motion to Council.</p> <p>Mr Nanlohy confirmed that interested guests don't need to make a decision tonight, they can take the Expression of Interest Form home and have a think about it and return the completed Form back to Mr Nanlohy if they are interested in joining the Committee.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Any guest interested in joining the Status of Women Advisory Committee is requested to complete the Expression of Interest Form and return to Mr Nanlohy.</p>	
<p>5. Next Meeting:</p> <p>Thursday, 17 August 2017 Council Chambers Meeting Room Pope Street 6.00pm - 7.30pm</p> <p>Meeting closed 7.00pm</p>	<p>Next Meeting Date to be confirmed.</p>	
<p>6. Women's Network Guest Speakers</p> <p>Councillor Maggio advised the meeting that since its beginning in 2009 the Status of Women's Advisory Committee has played a lead role in planning, supporting and initiating a number of events, workshops and activities that <i>promotes the status of women and encourages a 'sense of place' for women in the Ryde Local Government Area.</i></p> <p>Councillor Maggio confirmed that tonight's Women's Network Guest Speakers and Networking Session builds on that history as the Status of Women Advisory Committee and the Women's Network have partnered together to bring tonight's guest speakers and networking session.</p> <p>Councillor Maggio made a special thank you to Angelina Bonifacio from the Women's Network for making this session possible.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

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<p>6. Councillor Maggio advised that tonight's guest speakers are two (2) women who highlight the diversity of leadership, skills and experience of women in our community and their journey towards empowering and supporting women. They will speak of their experiences as women, who in the spirit of this Year's International Women's Day theme, have been "bold for change". Councillor Maggio advised that the guest speakers are diverse in their chosen career paths but alike in their passion to make bold changes for the community and the women they work with and serve.</p> <p>Councillor Maggio provided the following information regarding the guest speakers:-</p> <p><u>Karen Laing – Lady Anne Funerals</u></p> <p>Ms Laing runs Lady Anne Funerals, a fully female run funeral home, dedicated to the compassionate service and assistance of families in the Sydney area. Ms Laing has a passion for the industry that she has kept since 2006 when Lady Anne Funerals first opened for business in West Ryde.</p> <p><u>Captain Cheryl Kistan – Salvation Army</u></p> <p>Captain Kistan has been a Salvation Army Officer and Minister for 13 years and has come to Ryde from Auburn where she spent 10 years serving one of Sydney's most multicultural communities. Captain Kistan is based in Macquarie Park and is now responsible for the Salvation Army in Ryde and the surrounding suburbs including Epping and Gladesville. Captain Kistan has a heart for social justice and has a great deal of experience working with refugees.</p> <p>Councillor Maggio welcomed the guest speakers and also thanked all in attendance and hoped they enjoyed making the connections with other women during the Network Session.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	