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**MM20/16 SOCIAL INCLUSION ONE THOUSAND WISHES  
UNVEILING EVENT - The Mayor, Councillor Bill Pickering**  
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On 23 November 2016, I attended the official unveiling of the One Thousand Wishes initiative hosted by the City of Ryde, along with the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jane Stott, as a component of Council's Social Inclusion Week celebrations.

The theme of Social Inclusion Week 2016 was ***Collaborate, Connect and Celebrate!*** During Social Inclusion Week communities everywhere are encouraged to reconnect and be inclusive of all cultures, age groups, nationalities and people who are disadvantaged in any number of ways.

The event was attended by more than 70 community members to celebrate the unveiling of a unique artwork created by Artisans Ryde, made from over one thousand Origami horses, each one containing an individual wish, and each one made by a member of the community.

The City of Ryde collaborated with Ability Links, Artisans Ryde, and the wider community to promote social inclusion through the 1000 Wishes Project.

With the aim to create 1000 origami horses, community members and groups participated by creating origami horses at a series of public workshops, meetings and special events. These activities encouraged and opened conversations about social inclusion.

Participants wrote a personal wish on their paper before folding it into a unique and beautiful origami horse. A total of 1260 horses were created, and are presented in this artwork, created by Artisans Ryde, titled '1260 Wishes'.

I would like to thank and recognise City of Ryde staff for coordinating and implementing this project and also thank external organisations such as Artisans Ryde and Ability Linkers for their involvement and contributions towards the One Thousand Wishes Social Inclusion Community Project. I admire their passion, enthusiasm and drive in making Ryde an inclusive community for all.

I would particularly like to mention the following project team members consisting of Council staff and staff from other organisations, who were responsible for making this initiative come to fruition:

Project Team

Cemile Yuksel - City of Ryde  
Hannah Goodchild - City of Ryde  
Cecilia Jeongmin Park – Ability Links

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Hiroko Kawashima – Ability Links  
Therese MacKenzie – Artisans Ryde

The art work is on display in the Council Chamber this evening for all to admire and enjoy. The artwork will also be displayed in a variety of locations across the Ryde Local Government Area, including our libraries.

The '1260 Wishes' portrays the celebration of a new day depicted by the sun rising over the landscape of Ryde. A tree on the right and buildings on the left represent the connection between the natural surrounds, growth and development to sustain an environment that embraces social inclusion and is one where people feel valued, their differences respected and where their basic needs are met.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, formally congratulate the organisers of the One Thousand Wishes initiative in writing, to recognize them for their outstanding contribution towards Social Inclusion Week 2016.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:



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**The Mayor**