

#### **4 ESTABLISHING A YOUTH PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF RYDE - Councillor Penny Pedersen**

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##### **BACKGROUND:**

The Ryde Youth Ambassador Program (RYAP) provides opportunities for young people to progress their public speaking skills through opportunities to represent the City of Ryde at public events. As a result of the success of the RYAP some of the trial participants who are also members of the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee suggested that such public speaking opportunities should be expanded to accommodate more youth in the local community.

The proposal for youth public speaking opportunities in the City of Ryde was discussed at the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, 29 May 2019 and was supported. A Youth Council working group has been established and recommended elements of a youth public speaking program at the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee meeting of 26 June 2019, which was endorsed.

##### **MOTION:**

- (a) That Council agree to support the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee with developing a public speaking program and, where required, with designing, implementing and promoting the program.
- (b) That Council staff assist the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee with submitting an application for a 2019 Youth Opportunities Grant through the state government to support the program.
- (c) That the costs associated with the youth public speaking program be absorbed in the Community and Ranger Services 2019/20 base budget (Youth Council) in the event that the grant application is unsuccessful.