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| Venue: | Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde and online via MS TEAMS | |
| Date: | Monday 28 November 2022 | |
| Time: | 5.00pm | Started at: 5.05pm Closed at: 6.15pm |
| Chair: | Michelle Carter | |
| Meeting Support (MS): | Amanda Janvrin – Civic Services Manager | |
| Staff Convenor: | Michelle Carter | |
| Circulation: | Working Group members and website | |

Committee Role:**Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference**

| Present | Apology | Name | Position Title | Organisation |
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| | X | Penny Pedersen | Councillor | City of Ryde |
| X | | Trenton Brown | Councillor | City of Ryde |
| X | | Sophie Lara-Watson | Councillor | City of Ryde |
| X | | Sarkis Yedelian OAM | Councillor | City of Ryde |
| | | Roseanna Gallo | Community Representative | |
| | | Anthony Ching | Community Representative | |
| | | Phillip Ward | Community Representative | |
| X | | Therese MacKenzie | Community Representative | |
| X | | Lindsay Mar | Community Representative | |
| X | | Nora Etmekdjian | Community Representative | |
| X | | Artin Etmekdjian | Community Representative | |
| | | Justin Li | Community Representative | |
| X | | Leechan Zhang | Community Representative | |
| X | | Gary Patni | Community Representative | |
| X | | Rose Torossian | Community Representative | |
| X | | Sophie Xiao | Community Representative | |
| X | | Jeffery Tse | Community Representative | |
| X | | Ricky Tang | Community Representative | |
| X | | Kedarmath Pagaddinnimath | Community Representative | |
| X | | Bin Lin | Community Representative | |
| | X | Jessica Matthews | Community Representative | |
| | | Kitty Ng | Community Representative | |
| | X | Viola Lo | Community Representative | |
| | | Anthony Pang | Community Representative | |
| X | | Jenifer Eriksson | Community Representative | |
| X | | Narelle Barker | Community Representative | |
| X | | Roseanna Tang | Community Representative | |
| X | | Carol Gulbin | Community Representative | |
| X | | Tony Tang | Community Representative | |

City of Ryde Staff

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| X | | Michelle Carter | Senior Coordinator Events | City of Ryde |
| | X | Laura Carter | Events Coordinator | City of Ryde |
| X | | Lauren Dwyer | Acting Events Coordinator | City of Ryde |
| | X | Youssef Zumut | Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator | City of Ryde |
| X | | Amanda Janvrin | Civic Services Manager | City of Ryde |

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| 1. | <p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Michelle Carter welcomed all present and provided the apologies.</p> | Noted. |
| 2. | <p>Confirmation of previous Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 22 August 2022 were confirmed, subject to the following update to Jennifer Eriksson's introduction from the last meeting as follows:-</p> <p><u>Jennifer Eriksson</u> Lived in the area for 25 years and is a professional musician performing throughout Australia and internationally.</p> | Noted. |
| 3. | <p>Business Arising</p> <p>3.1 Recent Past City of Ryde Events – Macquarie Park Social, Granny Smith Festival, Remembrance Day</p> <p><u>Macquarie Park Social</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter advised that four (4) events were held every Wednesday in September as part of Macquarie Park Social. The purpose of these events was to encourage workers back to Macquarie Park and get them connected again. Michelle advised that Council received a grant from the NSW Government to hold these events for the business area and confirmed that there was good attendance at the events with an average of around 800 people. Michelle confirmed that if funding is available in the future, Council will look at delivering these events again for the business community.</p> <p><u>Granny Smith Festival</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter advised that the Granny Smith Festival was held on 15 October which was a beautiful sunny day. Michelle confirmed it was hard to quantify an exact number of attendees, however, the festival was extremely busy, with the largest attendance we have seen. There was also a huge turnout for Dami Im and the fireworks. Michelle advised that there was over a 90% satisfaction rate from the survey undertaken from the festival.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |

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| 3.2 | <p><u>Remembrance Day</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter confirmed that the Remembrance Day service was held on 11 November at Memorial Park, Meadowbank. Michelle advised that given it was a weekday, there was good attendance at the service. Michelle confirmed that there was great participation from local schools and that there was also a coffee van and a post service BBQ put on by the Scouts.</p> | Noted. |
| | <p><u>Citizenship Ceremonies</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter advised that two (2) Citizenship Ceremonies were held recently, the first on 24 November and the second on 25 November with over 500 people becoming new citizens of Ryde. Michelle confirmed that there are lots of people moving into the area and wanting to become new citizens, so staff held two large ceremonies to ensure that as many people became new citizens before the end of the year. Michelle advised that City of Ryde currently does not have a venue large enough to cater for those ceremonies so engaged Marist College, Eastwood and utilised their hall for the two Citizenship Ceremonies. Michelle noted that for the first time, a cultural performance from a local group was added to the ceremony on the evening of 25 November. Michelle encouraged members to let her know if there were any local groups they were aware of that would be interested in participating in future Citizenship Ceremonies. Michelle also confirmed that there will be an Expression of Interest form created in the near future which will be included on the website and Michelle advised she would send the link around to all committee members</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Once Expression of Interest form created and on website, Michelle to send link to all committee members.</p> |
| | <p><u>Live FIFA Site</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter advised that last Saturday evening, 26 November, City of Ryde held a live FIFA site at ELS Hall Park to broadcast the 9.00pm Australia -v- Tunisia game. Michelle confirmed that there was great attendance at the event of around 800 people. Michelle advised that there is a Council resolution to consider broadcasting the 2023 Women’s FIFA World Cup which is being held from 20 July to 20 August next year. The Women’s FIFA World Cup is being hosted in Australia and New Zealand so staff need to look at live sites and bring a report back to Council in March next year.</p> | Noted. |
| | <p>Recent Past Community Grant Events</p> <p><u>Safal Fest</u></p> <p>Lauren Dwyer advised that Safal Fest commenced on Saturday, 20 September at Brush Farm House and ran for two (2) weeks.</p> | Noted. |

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| <p><u>Literature Panel Discussion and Art Exhibition</u></p> <p>Lauren Dwyer confirmed that a literature panel discussion and art exhibition was held on Sunday, 28 August at Brush Farm House. Kedarmath Pagaddinnimath advised that a larger venue was required and confirmed that North Ryde School of Arts has been booked for next year.</p> | Noted. |
| <p><u>Diwali Festival</u></p> <p>Lauren Dwyer advised that the Diwali Festival was held on Sunday, 30 October at North Ryde Common, with good attendance at the event. Kedarmath Pagaddinnimath advised that some of the highlights of the event included amusement games and a magic show for children, fireworks and he thanked the events team for their support.</p> | Noted. |
| <p><u>Street Award Cup Festival</u></p> <p>Lauren Dwyer confirmed that the Street Award Cup Festival was held on Sunday, 20 November at Meadowbank Park. Lauren confirmed that the football competition comprised of all different cultures across the whole day, with good attendance of approximately 700 to 800 people.</p> | Noted. |
| <p><u>Ryde Rotary Midway Markets</u></p> <p>Lauren Dwyer advised that the Ryde Rotary Midway Markets were held on Sunday, 27 November at Santa Rosa Park with some of the highlights being a petting zoo, face painting and different food vendors.</p> | Noted. |
| <p>3.3 Upcoming City of Ryde Events – Community Christmas Celebration, New Years Eve, Citizen of the Year, Australia Day, Lunar New Year</p> | |
| <p><u>Community Christmas Celebration</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter confirmed that the Community Christmas Celebration was being held this Sunday, 3 December.</p> | Noted. |
| <p><u>New Years Eve</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter advised that for the first time, as a result of a Council resolution, a fireworks display was being held at Meadowbank Park on New Years Eve. Michelle confirmed that the fireworks display will be at the family friendly time of 9.00pm and that staff are looking to partner with neighbouring Councils and build on this event in future years.</p> | Noted. |

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| <p><u>Citizen of the Year Awards</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter confirmed that the Citizen of the Year Awards will be held on 19 January 2023 at North Ryde School of Arts Hall.</p> | Noted. |
| <p><u>Australia Day</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter advised that the Australia Day event will be held on 26 January 2023 and confirmed that the Ryde Youth Council have taken over the Battle of the Band Competition and linked it with Shoreshocked. Michelle advised that a Citizenship Ceremony will still be taking place in the morning of 26 January at North Ryde School of Arts and that this year Ryde’s Backyard BBQ will be held in the day/evening and will consist of games, stage entertainment and fireworks.</p> | Noted. |
| <p><u>Lunar New Year</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter confirmed that the Lunar New Year event will be taking place on 4 February 2023 in the afternoon and staff are looking at closing West Parade and the oval to allow more space. Tony Tang advised that not much is happening at the moment, however at the next Lunar New Year Committee meeting, the program, funding etc will be determined. Mr Tang advised that so far there is at least one sponsor (SBS Radio) who will be donating \$20,000 and there will be another sponsor who will donate over \$7,000 in-kind sponsorship. Michelle Carter confirmed that City of Ryde still contributes funding, but the event heavily relies on sponsorship. Michelle confirmed that applications are open on the City of Ryde website and need to apply by 6 December so programming team can commence programming for the event.</p> | Noted. |
| <p><u>Calendar of Upcoming Events</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter displayed on screen a spreadsheet with upcoming events which she will send through to all committee members.</p> <p>Michelle went through some of the events in the calendar and confirmed that the ones highlighted in the pink colour are City of Ryde events, Citizenship Ceremonies are highlighted yellow, the orange coloured ones are community grant events which Council staff assist with. Michelle advised that there are two (2) tentative events in March, however these are not yet confirmed. Michelle advised that there is a Persian event booked for 18 March which is the same day City of Ryde will be hosting a Harmony Day event in West Ryde Plaza (which will be run by the Community Services team).</p> <p>Michelle advised that the events calendar is very busy until the end of June and then July, August and September are planning months for the summer calendar of events.</p> | Noted – Michelle to send calendar of upcoming events to committee members. |
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| <p><u>Ryde Eisteddfod</u></p> <p>Carol Gulbin advised that the Ryde Eisteddfod runs over a few months and requested if it was possible to get some advertising out about the event. Michelle Carter advised that if the organisers could share their marketing plan of how City of Ryde could assist with Michelle via email, then she could put something together in writing as to how Council can assist.</p> <p>3.4. Upcoming City of Ryde Grant Events</p> <p><u>Rotary Carols</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter advised that the Rotary Carols event is taking place on Sunday, 18 December at North Ryde Common and Rosanna Tang and the team are working hard on bringing the event back to the Ryde community.</p> <p><u>West Ryde Carols</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter advised that the West Ryde Carols event is being run with the assistance of Nora and Artin Etmekdjian and will be held on Saturday, 17 December in Anzac Park. Nora Etmekdjian confirmed that the event is being run by Together for Ryde and is progressing really well.</p> <p><u>Persian Association Event</u></p> <p>Michelle Carter advised that the Persian Association has received a City of Ryde grant and is looking to run an event in Church Street, Ryde. Michelle confirmed that they are looking at a road closure to hold the event and City of Ryde staff are currently navigating the process with the Persian Association to deliver that event.</p> <p>3.5. Extension of Granny Smith Festival to Rowe Street East Resolution</p> <p>Michelle Carter confirmed that there was a recent Council resolution as a result of a Notice of Motion to undertake a consultation process and feasibility study regarding the expansion and inclusion of businesses in Rowe Street East for the Granny Smith Festival from 2023. Michelle advised that the feasibility study will be brought back to the committee in February next year as part of the consultation process, after which the feasibility study will be presented back to Council.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted – consultation to occur with the committee in February 2023.</p> | |
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| <p>3.6 Community Grants Approved through Council and Next Round of Grants to open</p> <p>Michelle Carter advised that at the recent Council meeting, the community grants recipients went through. Michelle confirmed that there was a major level category grant of \$15,000 received by the Persian Association to deliver their event. Michelle confirmed that major level category grants require an acquittal process and also need to be co-funded by the event organisers.</p> <p>Michelle advised the following grants were also approved at the last Council meeting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armenian Film Festival - \$7,500 • Moring College - \$4,000 for a Community Spring Fair in Macquarie Park • Australian Yellow River Chorus - \$7,500 • North Ryde Christian Church - \$2,500 for a Family Fun Day • Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society - \$1,600 for a music concert at the Field of Mars <p>Michelle confirmed that the next round for grants is opening up on 9 January 2023 and closes on 17 February 2023, with the grants expected to be announced in May 2023 meaning projects can then commence after June 2023. Michelle advised that the acquittal process for the current round of grants needs to be completed before the next round of grants can be applied for.</p> <p>Michelle confirmed that she would arrange for Tania Gamble to attend the next committee meeting to discuss grants process in more detail.</p> | <p>Noted – Michelle to arrange for Tania Gamble to attend the next committee meeting to discuss the grant process in more detail.</p> |
| <p>4. General Business</p> <p><u>New Ryde Arts and Performance Centre</u></p> <p>Jennifer Eriksson requested an update regarding the new Ryde Arts and Performance Centre. Michelle Carter confirmed that she would provide an update at the next committee meeting.</p> | <p>Noted – Michelle to provide an update at next meeting.</p> |
| <p>5. Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 27 February 2023 from 5:00pm - 6.30pm in the Committee Room, Level 1A Pope Street, Ryde and via MS TEAMS.</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |