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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde			
Date:	16 February 2017			
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.05pm	Closed at: 7.25pm	
Chair:	Jonathan Nanlohy			
Meeting Support (MS):	Amanda Janvrin, Senior Coordinator – Governance			
Staff Convenor:	Jonathan Nanlohy, Coordinator – Community Projects (Sector Development)			
Circulation:	Draft Minutes circulated to Staff Convenor on 17 February 2017			

Committee Role:

The primary role of the Community Harmony Reference Group is to:

• Provide advice to Council to ensure that Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) residents in the City of Ryde are able to participate actively in all aspects of community and civic life and that Council recognizes and values the diversity of the community

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
	х	Councillor Yedelian OAM	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	х	Councillor Pendleton	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Etmekdjian	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Mr Hugh Lee	Community Representative	
		Ms Rose Torossian	Community Representative	
х		Mr Hassib Elias	Community Representative	
х		Mr Jon Soemarjono	Community Representative	
		Ms Ying-fan Yvonne Wang	Community Representative	
		Li Hua Chu	Community Representative	
х		Safar Sarmed	Community Representative	
		Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
		Ivy Pang	Community Representative	
х		Kim Lee	Community Representative	
х		Kevin Pagaddinnimath	Community Representative	
х		Jonathan Nanlohy	Coordinator – Community Projects (Sector Development)	City of Ryde

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Paul Chidzero	Manager – Community Services	City of Ryde
Amanda Janvrin	Senior Coordinator – Governance	City of Ryde
Shu Fang Wei	Guest	Tzu Chi Foundation
Freddy Lu	Guest	Tzu Chi Foundation

Details		Action	Responsibility and Date
1.	Present:	Noted.	
2.	Apologies:	Noted.	

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3.	Confirmation of Minutes		
	The minutes from the meeting of 1 December 2016 were confirmed and endorsed.	Minutes confirmed and endorsed.	
4.	Matters Arising:		
	Community Harmony Week – Community Expo 2017		
	Mr Jonathan Nanlohy advised that the Community Info Expo will be held in Eastwood Plaza on Thursday, 23 March 2017 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.	The information was noted.	
	Mr Nanlohy confirmed that the Committee held a follow up meeting in January 2017 to discuss planning for the event. At that meeting Committee members were asked for their ideas and/or suggestions with regards to performers. Mr Nanlohy confirmed that there were still some more spaces for performers so if Committee members had any further ideas or suggestions to please advise Mr Nanlohy.		Committee members with any ideas or suggestions for performers are to advise Mr Nanlohy.
	Mr Jon Soemarjono advised that his group of between 12 to 15 members would be prepared to sing to music at the Expo, however they would need transport. Mr Nanlohy confirmed that he would need to follow this up with Mr Soemarjono as a quote is required.		Mr Nanlohy to follow up with Mr Soemarjono regarding his group performing at the Expo.
	International Mother Language Day		
	Mr Jonathan Nanlohy advised that Council has advertised International Mother Language Day on Facebook and also in Council's publication 'What's On'. A link has also been created to the event at the State Library.	The information was noted.	
	Mr Nanlohy suggested to the Committee members that Mr Nirmal Paul be invited by the Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC), Community Expo organisers, to attend and speak at the Community Expo.		Mr Nanlohy to contact Expo organiser CMRC regarding inviting Mr Paul to attend and speak at the Community Expo.
5.	General Discussion/other business		
	International Women's Day		
	Mr Jonathan Nanlohy confirmed that International Women's Day is coming up and there will be a forum on 9 March 2017 in which all Committee members will be sent an invitation.	The information was noted.	
	Mr Nanlohy advised that the theme for International Women's Day is 'Bold for Change' and that there will be two guest speakers in attendance. The first guest speaker is Dr Brindha Shivalingam, who is a leading neurosurgeon and other guest speaker is Julia Zaetta, who is the editor for Better Homes and Gardens.		
	Mr Nanlohy confirmed that both guest speakers are		

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from culturally diverse backgrounds, which is great.		
Mr Nanlohy confirmed that he would issue a Program to all Committee members and encouraged all Committee members to attend together with women in the community.	The information was noted.	
Local Government Amalgamations – Update City of Ryde		
Mr Jonathan Nanlohy advised that the mergers will be proceeding with the exception of the ones in Court in rural areas.	The information was noted.	
Mr Nanlohy confirmed that any matters that are currently before the Court (such as Hunters Hill, Lane Cove and Ryde) will continue to be heard until completion and pending the outcome of the Court case, they may be amalgamated.		
South Asian Film Festival		
Mr Jonathan Nanlohy advised that the preparation for the South Asian Film Festival is well underway.	The information was noted.	
Mr Kevin Pagaddinnimath advised the Committee members that the Festival is being held in partnership with Macquarie University and will be held over 3 days being 19, 20 and 21 May 2017 in the Macquarie University Campus.		
Mr Pagaddinnimath confirmed that it is in fact an arts, literature and film festival where they hope to provide a platform for people from the South Asian Region to showcase their talent.		
Mr Pagaddinnimath advised that two short movies will be shown, one from Sri Lanka and the other from India. The director and actors of the Sri Lankan film will be attending the Festival and the director of the Indian film will be undertaking a master class. There will also be a short video competition, a small talent contest, an art exhibition and a typical Afghani fashion show.		
Mr Pagaddinnimath confirmed that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with Macquarie University for a three year period and the University is extremely excited about the event.		
Mr Pagaddinnimath agreed to send all Committee members a copy of the program and advised that the event is for everyone to attend. Mr Pagaddinnimath encouraged interested Committee members to be involved in the event as volunteers are required. Any Committee members interested in participating in the event are to contact Mr Nanlohy.		Mr Pagaddinnimath to provi all Committee members wit copy of the program. Committee members interested in participating in the event are to advise Mr Nanlohy.
The progress of the South Asian Film Festival will be listed as an Agenda Item for discussion at the next meeting.		

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	Planning for 2017Mr Jonathan Nanlohy advised that in order to reinvigorate the Committee and energise the community, he suggested that the Committee hold a large scale event in June 2017 during Refugee Week.Mr Nanlohy will put out an Expression of Interest (EOI) to Committee members to form a working party to build, shape and plan the event. Mr Nanlohy will set up a meeting towards the end of March 2017 to start organising this event.LiabilityThe issue regarding liability during a Council funded community event was raised (with regards to the Community Expo).	The information was noted.	Mr Nanlohy to put out an EOI to form a working party and will arrange a meeting towards the end of March 2017 to start planning the event.
	Mr Paul Chidzero and Mr Jonathan Nanlohy will investigate the issue of liability during a Council funded community event, under the umbrella for Council, specifically with respect to performers and groups who are engaged by Council and will report back to the Committee.		Mr Chidzero and Mr Nanlohy to investigate the issue of liability during a Council funded community event and report back to the Committee.
6.	Date of next meeting Thursday, 25 May 2017	Noted.	