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Venue:	Room 2 Level 5 Civic Centre Ryde	
Date:	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2016	
Time:	Started at: 6.00 pm Closed at: 7.15pm	
Chair:	Councillor Yedelian OAM	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith	
Staff Convenor:	Jonathan Nanlohy	

## **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
		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	
		Safar Sarmed	Community Representative	
		Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
		Ivy Pang	Community Representative	
		Kim Lee	Community Representative	
Х		Kevin Pagaddinnimath	Community Representative	
х		Jonathan Nanlohy	Community Project Coordinator – Sector Development	City of Ryde

## **Additional Attendees**

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

Details		Action	Responsibility and Date
1.	Present:	Noted.	
2.	Apologies:	Noted.	
3.	Confirmation of Minutes		
	The minutes from the meeting of 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 were confirmed and endorsed.	Minutes confirmed and endorsed	



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The talks to be held during the

day.

available beforehand so that leaflets in various

languages could be printed.

## **MEETING RECORD**



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Details		Action	Responsibility and Date
	<ul> <li>Sessions should be held during the day, preferably between 10am and 2pm.</li> <li>It is suggested an event be planned for September</li> <li>Jon, Ophelia from Armenian Senior Citizens and Hassib to assist with translation of material.</li> </ul>	Translation of material to be arranged prior to the event and translators to be available on the day of the event.	
	- Kevin would like to see a cultural event planned in conjunction with Harmony Day 2017 – Cultural Diversity Evening - The event could be held in the Civic Centre or Cox's Road hall Kevin to be prime organiser and to set up a subcommittee Council can support such an event but the organisation must be carried out by the committee It may be possible to secure a grant from the multicultural council for the event - Kevin and Jon to apply for grant It was noted that a member of the Lebanese Maronite Church may be asked to join the committee.	The Community Harmony Reference Group provides its support for the Cultural Diversity Evening.  Jonathan to provide details re food handling requirements  Kevin and Jon to make grant application	
7.	Date of next meeting  Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2016  Venue to be confirmed	Confirmed	