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Venue:	Acacia Room, 1A Pope St	
Date:	Thursday 24 th September 2015	
Time:	Started at: 6.00 pm Closed at: 7.00pm	
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
x		Councillor Yedelian OAM	Chairperson	City of Ryde
		Councillor Pendleton	Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Etmekdjian	Delegate	City of Ryde
	x	Mr Hugh Lee	Community Representative	
		Ms Rose Torossian	Community Representative	
x		Mr Hassib Elias	Community Representative	
x		Mr Jon Soemarjono	Community Representative	
		Ms Ying-fan Yvonne Wang	Community Representative	
		Li Hua Chu	Community Representative	
		Safar Sarmed	Community Representative	
	x	Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
		Ivy Pang	Community Representative	
		Kim Lee	Community Representative	
		Baharak Sahebekhtiari	Manager – Community and Culture	City of Ryde
x		Jonathan Nanlohy	Section Manager – Social Policy and Planning	City of Ryde

Additional Attendees

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

Details**Action****Responsibility and Date**

1.	<p>Present:</p> <p>Kevin Pagaddinnimath has expressed an interest in joining the Community Harmony Reference Group.</p> <p>Upon endorsement by Council of these minutes, the appointment of Mr Pagaddinnimath will be confirmed.</p>	Noted.	
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2. Apologies:	Noted.	
3. Confirmation of Minutes The minutes from the meeting of 25 th June 2015 were confirmed and endorsed. Jonathan to seek advice from members of this committee who have not attended a meeting for some time as to whether they wish to resign their membership. The Committee expressed its best wishes to Hassib Elias following his recent illness.	Minutes confirmed and endorsed	
4. Matters Arising: <u>Racism stops with me BBQ – Ryde Multicultural Centre</u> Approximately 100 people attended the bbq. Clr Yedelian and Clr Etmekdjian attended the event. Ryde Rotary provided a bbq sausage sizzle. There were spontaneous performances by some present including the singing of Auld Lang Syne. The new park upgrade was well received by those present. It is hoped to conduct similar bbqs each 4 months in an effort to raise awareness at a local level regarding racism. Council buildings such as Eastwood, West Ryde and Shepherds Bay should be used for these events to encourage multicultural centres to open their premises to all groups. The next event will be held at Eastwood – contact to be made with Tony Tang or Hugh Lee. Salvation Army is also to be asked to host an event at a site of their choosing. It was suggested that a major event be held each year to involve all local community cultures and groups in a day of music and dance. Suggested venue was the Civic Centre. Sponsorship to be sought to allow the event to be well publicised and of a high quality. The event is to showcase the diversity of Ryde.	<p>The information regarding the bbq held and future bbqs was noted.</p> <p>A large mail out is to be carried out prior to the next meeting of this committee to encourage participation which will allow planning to commence for the proposed major diversity event.</p> <p>Expressions of interest will be sought for the sub committees which will be required to organise the signature event of this committee.</p> <p>Planning, resourcing, sponsorship etc are to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Jonathan will also provide information regarding grant funding.</p>	

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<p><u>Social Inclusion Week – 21st to 29th November 2015</u></p> <p>Information will be forwarded to Committee members regarding this event.</p> <p>Members are asked to forward the information to their networks.</p> <p><u>White Ribbon activities for 2015</u></p> <p>This event will be held on 25th November 2015.</p> <p>Council is taking part in a variety of activities in 2015 including placement of banners in the community, information giveaways at Top Ryde Shopping Centre, selling of ribbons and wristbands at Council venues, training in the Afghan community, visit to Burwood Court to demystify the court process.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>5. Guest speaker – Frank Dobosi – Multicultural Health and accessible health care policy for the Ryde community</p> <p>Mr Dobosi was unable to attend due to ill health.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	
<p>6. General Discussion/Other Business</p> <p><u>Social Inclusion video to be shown at TEDx</u></p> <p>The video made as part of the PACE program was shown to the group.</p> <p>The video will also be shown at the Macquarie University TEDx event. Signatures in support of social inclusion will be sought following the screening of the video</p> <p>A video is also being made about the Ryde Youth Hub at Eastwood and the youth are being trained in the art of film making.</p> <p>This event is a partnership between Council and students at Macquarie University.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>7. Date of next meeting</p> <p>Thursday 26 November</p>	<p>Confirmed and Endorsed</p>	