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<b>Venue:</b>	Acacia Room, 1A Pope St	
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	
<b>Time:</b>	Started at: 6.00 pm      Closed at: 7.00pm	
<b>Chair:</b>	Councillor Yedelian OAM	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	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
	x	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	
		Mr Jon Soemarjono	Community Representative	
x		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	
x		Kevin Pagaddinnimath	Community Representative	
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
Kellie Yelds	Events Officer	City of Ryde

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

1.	<b>Present:</b>	Noted.	
2.	<b>Apologies:</b>	Noted.	
3.	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>  The minutes from the meeting of 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 were confirmed and endorsed.	Minutes confirmed and endorsed	

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<p><b>Information re previous Harmony Days from Kellie Yelds</b></p> <p>Kellie outlined the activities conducted for Harmony Day 2015 which involved events at Top Ryde City and sponsorship from various stores and the centre.</p> <p>Ryde Park has hosted events before but the crowds which pass through the shopping centre are much larger 80,000 vs 3,000.</p> <p>For 2016, Council has been advised that whilst space can be provided, there will be no sponsorship or stalls provided.</p> <p>Harmony Day 2016 will fall on 21<sup>st</sup> March.</p> <p>The weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> is best weekend for Council to hold any event.</p> <p>The West Ryde Easter Fair will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> March so Harmony Day should be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>After 4pm the shopping centre likes to have high quality professional entertainment so best to hold earlier.</p> <p>A budget of \$20,000 is available.</p> <p>Kellie advised that the local libraries are keen to participate in Harmony Day and would be prepared to hold an event each day in each library in the lead up to Harmony Day.</p> <p>This could culminate in the Harmony Day events at Ryde to be held from 10 – 4pm with professional entertainment from 4pm on.</p> <p>Exhibition matches of soccer were also discussed along with exhibition matches of games from other cultures.</p>	<p>A sub committee meeting is to be held next year.</p> <p>In the meantime, information re dates etc is to be sent by committee members to their contacts seeking advice as to whether they wish to participate in Harmony Day.</p> <p>Some groups might want to share the undertaking of an activity such as origami, henna or tea ceremony.</p> <p>Following receipt of advice by Committee members from their contacts, a meeting will be held in mid January to finalise arrangements.</p> <p>The Library will need confirmation in January to lock any events to be held into their programming.</p> <p>Ideas for the library include multi cultural book readings,</p>	<p>JNanlohy 21/1/16</p> <p>JNanlohy 18/12/15</p> <p>JNanlohy 21/1/16</p> <p>JNanlohy 14/1/16</p>
<p>4. <b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Racism stops with me world café</b></p> <p>A café was held at Macquarie Uni at the beginning of November.</p> <p>The video exploring racism was screened and well received.</p> <p>The event was attended by people of varied professions and cultural groups.</p> <p>The film is to be placed on social media so that it can be shared.</p>	<p>Jonathan to circulate the outcomes from the information gathered from the groups.</p> <p>The video is to be shown on Harmony Day – possibly on big screen in Top Ryde City.</p>	<p>JNanlohy 18/12/15</p> <p>JNanlohy 21/3/16</p> <p>JNanlohy 21/3/16</p>

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<p>4. <b><u>Racism stops with me BBQ – Ryde Multicultural Centre</u></b></p> <p>A bbq will be held at the Ivanhoe Estate next year to be hosted by Salvation Army</p> <p>Hugh Lee to be approached re event at Eastwood</p> <p><b><u>Social Inclusion and Ryde 2015</u></b></p> <p>An event was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November to launch Social Inclusion Week. It was well attended and the guest speaker – Laura McGinney gave a very informative address.</p> <p><b><u>White Ribbon activities for 2015</u></b></p> <p>Staff raised \$700.00 through a fundraiser, took part in a photo shoot and handed out information at various shopping centres.</p> <p>The Ryde Hunters Hill Domestic Violence Committee members took part in a march and were included in media coverage of the event.</p> <p>Councillors signed the White Ribbon Pledge at a recent Council meeting.</p>	<p>Jonathan to follow up with Nathan Moulds and Hugh Lee.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>JNanlohy 30/6/16</p> <p>JNanlohy 18/12/15</p>
<p>5. <b><u>General Discussion/Other Business</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NDIS Launch</u></b></p> <p>This event will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.</p> <p>This initial information session will be followed by more events next year if required.</p> <p>The session will provide information and then a panel discussion.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>7. <b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <p>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.</p> <p>Subcommittee meeting for Harmony Day to be held prior to this.</p>	<p>Confirmed</p>	