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Venue:	TEAMS and Top Ryde Councillors Meeting Room	
Date:	Thursday 4 th May 2023	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.09 pm Closed at: 7.15 pm
Chair:	Sue Verhoek - Senior Coordinator Community Services	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Jennie Dang - Community Development Officer – Cultural Diversity	
Circulation:	Working Group members and website	

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

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
	x	Sarkis Yedelian OAM	Mayor and Councillor	City of Ryde
x		Trenton Brown	Councillor	City of Ryde
x		Daniel Han	Councillor	City of Ryde
	x	Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
x		Anthony Ching	Community Representative	
x		Hassib Elias OAM	Community Representative	
x		Gary Patni	Community Representative	
x		Angelina Bonifacio	Community Representative	
x		Roseanna Gallo	Community Representative	
x		Chavalin Svetanant	Community Representative	
	x	Leechan Zhang	Community Representative	
		Lydia Scuglia	Community Representative	
		Rose Torrosian	Community Representative	
		Kevin Pagaddinnimath	Community Representative	
		Geeta Rani	Community Representative	
		Leon Li	Community Representative	
	x	Alberto Machionne	Community Representative	
		Tony Tang	Community Representative	
x		Raj Raman	Community Representative	
	x	Bin Lin	Community Representative	
x		Harvey Ng	Community Representative	
		Kitty Ng	Community Representative	
		Viola Lo	Community Representative	

x		Balu Moothedath	Community Representative	
		Neda Jovasevic	Community Representative	
		George Wu	Community Representative	

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x		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Jennie Dang	Community Development Officer – Cultural Diversity	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Matilda Wong	Programs Librarian – Volunteers and Multicultural	City of Ryde

Details**Action**

1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p><u>Acknowledgment of Country</u></p> <p>Sue Verhoek provided the Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all present.</p> <p>Sue also acknowledged the attendance of Councillor Brown.</p> <p>The attendees and apologies are, as per the details above.</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Adoption of minutes – 9th February 2023</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held on 9th February 2023 were adopted.</p>	Noted
3.	<p>Actions from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jennie to send out MyAus App flyer and upcoming events (February-March) to the group members – completed - Updates from Council regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Piazza Bietola sign and the memory post for Santa Rosa Park is currently being manufactured and should be received within the month • Council's Parks team is currently reviewing the best location for the memory post. • Macquarie University is considering the development of a Conservation Management plan for the 	Noted

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	<p>restoration/conservation of the Ruins. Angelina can provide information on the history of the Ruins if required and is happy to provide assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racism not Welcome Street Signs. There is a Councillors Workshop in June 23 when the working group’s suggestion to change the messaging on the street signs will be considered. • Community Harmony- The matter will again be deferred until Dr Bin is present at a meeting, hopefully in August 23. 	
4.	<p>Guest Speaker: Nasrin Azizi – Director of Resolution Community Services</p> <p>Nasrin Azizi from Resolution Community Services gave a presentation on characteristics of life in Afghanistan including language, religion, ethnic and racial identity, cultural history, and traditions.</p> <p>The presentation also provided information on the challenges Afghan people face when moving to Australia.</p>	<p>Jennie will share the presentation and video link with the group.</p>
5.	<p>Council’s Upcoming Events</p> <p><u>Biggest Morning Tea</u> will be held on 08 May 23. Guitar Shed will be attending.</p> <p><u>National Families Week</u> will be held in May 23 including information sessions by Centrelink on family payments, talks hosted by Relationships Australia on health relationships in English, Korean and Mandarin.</p> <p><u>Sustainability Festival</u> will be held on the 04 June 23 in Ryde Park. Details available on Council’s website.</p> <p><u>Neighbour Day</u> will be held on the 17 June 23 at Lachlan’s Line. This is an annual celebration of community and aims to build better relationships with the people who live around us.</p> <p><u>Refugee Week</u> will be held from the 20 June to the 28 June 2023. There will be several events including a community expo, health talks, Zumba, Service NSW, visa talk with the Department of Home Affairs.</p> <p><u>Reconciliation Week:</u> Will be held from the 27 May to 03 June 23 and will include Aboriginal history talks in English, Mandarin and Korean, traditional aboriginal games and guided walking tours. king</p>	<p>Jennie will send an email with all details.</p> <p>Working Group members are encouraged to attend these events and share the flyers with their networks</p>

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<p>The actual date of <u>Moon Festival</u> is the 29 September 2023. More information will be available at the next meeting.</p> <p>The events will be promoted through social media, Council's webpage, flyers, and third-party publications.</p>	
<p>6. Other upcoming Events/Projects</p>	<p>The event has been promoted through Council's website and social media via Facebook and Instagram.</p>
<p>7. General Business: Nil</p>	
<p>8. Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 10 August 2023 6:00pm - 7.30pm in the Committee Room – Level 1A Pope St, Ryde and via TEAMS</p>	<p>Noted</p>