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Date and Venue:	24 th June 2015 Meeting Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.15pm Closed at: 7.20pm
Chair:	Kavisha Shah	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Michael Paine - Project Officer – Young People	
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Committee Role:**The primary roles of the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee are:**

- To advocate for the needs of young people and provide a mechanism for their participation and involvement in decision making on community issues.
- To act in an advisory and consultative capacity to Council and staff on matters affecting young people in the community.
- To assist young people in developing skills in various areas including, leadership, communication, advocacy, governance and administration.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor C Chung	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor R Maggio	Delegate	City of Ryde
	x	Nichola Gregory	Youth Councillor	
		Sophie Lara-Watson	Youth Councillor	
	x	Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
x		Sarah VanDerMeer	Youth Councillor	
x		Venetia Cameron	Youth Councillor	
	x	Nicolas Kyriazis	Youth Councillor	
		Ben Kyriazis	Youth Councillor	
	x	Rorie Fisher	Youth Councillor	
x		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
	x	Aigerim Tulekova	Youth Councillor	
	x	Edward Fang	Youth Councillor	
x		Dinushika Dias	Youth Councillor	
x		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
x		Mitchell Stubbs	Youth Councillor	
x		Krystal-Jayne Ng	Youth Councillor	

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Michael Paine	Community Project Officer – Young People	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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1. Apologies and Welcome		
The attendees and apologies are as noted above.	The information was noted.	
2. Follow up from previous meeting		
Nil	The information was noted.	

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<p>3. Strategic Planning Day - Feedback</p> <p>A planning day was held early in June to confirm the main areas of focus for this term of the Youth Council and to determine activities to be conducted.</p> <p>The main areas of focus are to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment – higher than expected at 14% - especially high at Macquarie Park and Marsfield • Career and study pathways • Life skills <p>Consideration was given to the budget available to the Youth Council and also contacts who are known to members of the Youth Council and maybe able to provide in kind assistance.</p> <p>Contacts are as follows:</p> <p>Krystal - contacts at university who are executives of clubs. She also works at Microsoft North Ryde and may be able to garner assistance from work colleagues also.</p> <p>Anthony – not part of any particular group who could be of assistance.</p> <p>Other members have connections to:</p> <p>archery centre, various schools, Bendigo Bank, KFC, drama connections, Dance Generation, AMF Bowling, Marist Sisters, Ryde Secondary, Arthritis and Osteoperosis, psychologists, Coles, Macquarie Uni, Rural Fire Service, RALC,</p> <p>It should be possible to work with some of the above groups in a variety of ways.</p> <p>It was decided to expand the radio spot made available to the Youth Council on 2RRR.</p> <p>Other items discussed at the Planning Day were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Summit 2016 Workshops will be held at the summit and in schools at times outside the summit to advise students re resources available to them when considering options after school ends • Networking in the community The Youth Council can become involved in activities that are arranged by other groups in the community eg Council arranged career expos and seminars. By attending these events the Youth Council can become involved and pass on information but also learn without the need to run events. 	<p>The Youth Council has decided that rather than create events it will piggy back on events being hosted by other groups eg jobs and skills expo to be held in October, Harmony Day, Community Expo etc.</p> <p>The Youth Council will still undertake the organisation of the Youth Summit and a major role in Granny Smith Festival.</p> <p>The planning day resulted in many ideas but the decision was made to focus on three, after considering the capacity and ability of the group and the commitment required for many projects.</p> <p>An option to become involved in additional items is available if something specific comes up.</p>	
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<p>4. Granny Smith Subcommittee – Feedback from first meeting</p> <p>Council Event Team members Kellie and Christina attended the subcommittee meeting.</p> <p>The 2015 Festival will be the 30th anniversary.</p> <p>The Youth Council has been provided a site at Eastwood Public School.</p> <p>Promotion of the Festival will take place in the week prior and Youth Council members can join this promotional process.</p> <p>Ideas for involvement of the Youth Council on the day include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DJ and local youth bands, acts • Jumping castle • Career pathway – how to make mocktail's • Theatre makeup • Cooking stations <p>A Youth Stage will be provided but it is hoped to have a variety of acts, not just musical.</p> <p>Stage acts will be required to submit applications to perform and quality control will be in place.</p> <p>A gazebo is available on site, but it will be necessary to hire amps etc.</p> <p>Meadowbank and Northern Sydney TAFE will assist with events such as theatre makeup, mocktail, cooking demos, tyre changing etc.</p> <p>Approaches to be made to gain input from minor celebrity such as Masterchef contestant.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	<p>Venetia to speak with a friend who was a contestant on 'Young Masterchef' who may take part in a "Masterchef" type event.</p>
<p>5. NSW Youth Council Conference</p> <p>The conference will be held at Batemans Bay commencing on 11th September.</p> <p>Hayden and Aidan attended the event last year and have stated it is very worthwhile.</p> <p>A maximum of eight Youth Council members are able to attend from COR and those people interested are asked to return their consent forms to Mike by 15th July.</p> <p>Council will pay the registration and accommodation costs of attendees and Mike will drive those people attending to the event.</p> <p>Whilst at the conference, the Youth Council will be able to promote what it has achieved to date and provide detail to support its bid to host the 2017 conference.</p>	<p>The meeting endorsed the suggestion that COR Youth Council make application to host the 2017 NSW Youth Conference.</p> <p>Questions to the panel of the 2015 conference are due to be submitted by 17th July but an extension of time is to be sought as the makeup of the panel has not yet been finalised.</p> <p>People who wish to attend the 2015 conference to return forms to Mike by 15th July 2015.</p>	

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<p>6. Ryde Business Forum</p> <p>To increase its exposure in the local community, the Youth Council will be represented at the next RBF after hours social meeting on 6th July. The meeting will be held at Brush Farm House and is celebrating 50 years of Christian Community Aid.</p> <p>Four Youth Council reps have been asked to attend the event and speak for a couple of minutes</p> <p>Attendees will be Aidan and Sophie and Krystal.</p> <p>Aiden to give presentation.</p> <p>It is considered that attendance at this event is a way to raise the profile of the Youth Council and tell members of the business community what plans the Youth Council has for the next twelve months.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>7. Skate Working Party</p> <p>A working party is to be formed with members of Hunters Hill Council, Sport and Rec committee from COR, Clr Maggio and Aidan and Venetia of Youth Council.</p> <p>No date for the first meeting has been set.</p>	<p>Aidan and Venetia to join working party.</p> <p>Any other Youth Councillors who wish to take part to contact Mike.</p>	
<p>8. Ryde Youth Council – Youth Councillor Training Ideas</p> <p>A marketing training day will be held on 8th July 2015 from 2 – 4pm .</p> <p>All invited to attend. Please advise if you can't be there.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>9. Standing Item</p> <p>Future Events/interests/what's been happening</p> <p>Sara mentioned a foundation which assists in helping people to stay in school. Aiden may have details.</p> <p>It was suggested that this groups could be invited to meet with the Youth Council with a view to doing something together.</p>	<p>Sara to provide clarification regarding the name and contact details for the group she mentioned.</p>	
<p>10. Standing Item –</p> <p>Media and Communications Volunteers required for 2RRR interview</p> <p>Sara to take part in the 2RRR interview for August.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	

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<p>11. Ryde Youth Council website – Workshop ideas</p> <p>Various ideas which came out of the workshop were discussed. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who are the members of the Youth Council - What is the Youth Council's purpose - What should the website target and include - Links to be provided to useful sites such as life skills, how to get help with a variety of issues, tutorials on basic skills such as tyre changing etc, other community services. - Practical videos such as how to change a tyre could be placed on website and facebook page. - Articles by youth on youth issues and of concern to youth could be placed on web - Regular articles could be uploaded. - The site could promote events, projects, give people a chance to publish their work, <p>Questions to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the website really needed, what will it do, is it justified. - Content will need to be managed - Content guidelines are required. - Someone will need to be responsible for the site, especially when the new Youth Council term starts. <p>Council's Communications team has said numerous templates are available which would be suitable.</p> <p>All members of the Youth Council will need to contribute content and can approach schools, counsellors etc for ideas and input.</p> <p>Prior to establishment of the website it will be necessary to have a firm commitment that suitable material will be available.</p> <p>It was noted that Mosman Youth Council has its own website.</p>	<p>Carol Mikaelian of Council to address a future Youth Council meeting and provide information on websites.</p> <p>A working group to be set up to further investigate the possibility of establishing a website.</p> <p>Venetia and Anthony to take part on working group.</p> <p>Due to the number of projects currently being considered by the Youth Council, Mike advised that if any young people have a particular interest in any project being considered, they are welcome to take part even if they are not on the Youth Council.</p>	

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<p>12. Other Business</p> <p>RHHYI Youth Survey Report</p> <p>Ryde Homeless Youth Initiative.</p> <p>Mike advised that last October a Youth Survey was launched with nearly 400 responses received.</p> <p>Due to staff issues, the data is only now being collated into report format.</p> <p>The results of the survey will be made available at the August meeting.</p> <p>Survey results are being prepared in great detail</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>13. Next Meeting:</p> <p>DATE: Wednesday 29th July 2015 TIME: 6.00 pm VENUE: Civic Centre Level 5 Room 2</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	