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Date and Venue:	25 th March 2015 Meeting Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.05pm Closed at: 7.45pm
Chair:	Mike Paine – Project Officer – Young People	
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
	x	Councillor R Maggio	Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Nichola Gregory	Youth Councillor	
x		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		Rory 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	

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
Lisa Pears	Community Project Officer – Road and Community Safety	City of Ryde
Suzanne Hauser	Ryde Youth Theatre	
Diana Morgan	Ryde Youth Theatre	
Damian Zanatta	Ryde Youth Theatre	

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1.	Apologies and Welcome The attendees and apologies are as noted above.	Noted	
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<p>2. Confirmation of Minutes and Matters arising from meeting held 5th February 2015</p> <p><u>Confirmation of Minutes – 5th February 2015</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting on 5th February 2015 were confirmed.</p> <p><u>Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>The changes made to the Terms of Reference were ratified.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	

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<p>3. Guest Speaker Lisa Pears - Community Project Officer – Road and Community Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa advised that there has been a spike in the number of injuries to motorbike riders and pedestrians in the local area. • A joint project targeting young people and warning of the dangers from distractions such as mobile phones, radios etc will be launched. • Lisa sought ideas from the group as to items which could be provided at upcoming events for use as giveaways eg key rings etc. • Lisa also sought advice regarding any contacts committee members may have with motor bike riders as she would like to speak with bike riders about promotions and ideas to target this group. • Responsible drinking by patrons and support of this initiative by venue owners was outlined by Lisa. • A mobile educational resource trailer is being created. Lisa sought feedback as to items which could be placed in the trailer ie interactive games, apps etc that would be beneficial or a definite no go. • Macquarie Uni campus security and Council are working together to create a safety app for use on and off campus. The app could provide information such as when the after hours shuttle bus is approaching to avoid the need to wait at bus stops. • Advice is sought as to other good ideas which could be subject to an app. Ideas that are considered a waste of time are also sought so they are not included. • Lisa outlined an urban art project which is being targeted for areas that are currently subject to repeated graffiti. 	<p>Mike and Lisa to further discuss the urban art project.</p> <p>If committee members know any “Urban artists” Lisa would like to contact them.</p> <p>Committee members gave examples of current “art sites” which are constantly changing because artworks are constantly placed on top of each other.</p> <p>The art competition could be promoted in local schools.</p> <p>Lisa to send a questionnaire to Youth Council members. Members are asked to respond with their thoughts.</p>	

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<p>4. Guest Speaker Representative of Ryde Youth Theatre</p> <p>Diana Morgan and Damian Zanatta addressed the Committee. Suzanne Hauser was also in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryde Youth Theatre commenced in 2009. • It performs two plays per year. • Both productions are written and directed by members of the Youth Theatre. • Writing, set production, costuming, backstage tasks etc are all carried out by Youth Theatre members. • The Ryde Youth Theatre is unique as all material performed is written by the group • The group mentors young students in years 5 – 7 and last year also performed a puppet show for a young audience. • The group is currently working on a play with a parallel universe theme. • Script meetings are underway and costuming and sets will be created by members of the Youth Theatre. • Major issue for the group is that they have no performance home. • Rehearsals and performance venue availability is never assured. • Cox’s Road is a good venue when available for performing but often other groups have the hall booked for the same time as the Youth Theatre would like. • Rehearsals take place in the break out area of the Civic Centre and this is a good venue for rehearsals. • Trying to find performance spaces for the play to be performed for the public is difficult. • Ideally the performance space should be big, empty, have a high ceiling height, 3 phase power, no carpet and no windows. • The Youth Theatre would eventually like to be an independent company working with Council. • The group would like to have somewhere to store its costumes to allow them to be rented out. • Membership of the Ryde Youth Theatre is substantially less than the amount charged by similar groups in other areas. • The group is grateful for Council’s financial assistance and the grants it receives. • Funding is available until June 2016 • The group has approx. 25 regular attendees • Performances usually attract 90 plus audience members • No advertising of events is carried out – only word of mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Council to advocate on behalf of the Ryde Youth Theatre • It is considered that the Youth Theatre provides a valuable service to young people and provides them with valuable experience • Youth Council members would be pleased to speak at an appropriate Council meeting to seek accommodation for the Youth Theatre. • The Youth Council would also be prepared to seek a change to the current policy adopted with regard to booking halls and public spaces. • Further consideration of this matter is to be listed on the next agenda 	

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<p>4. National Youth Week 2015</p> <p>National Youth Week will be held from 10th – 18th April 2015.</p> <p>Theme is “it starts with us”.</p> <p>It also has a focus on multiculturalism.</p> <p>Event to be celebrated in all local council areas in the state.</p> <p>Social media will be used to promote the various events.</p> <p>Events to be held during this time include:</p> <p><u>The Launch Party</u> 10th April 2015 Volunteers are: Adrienne, Maureen, Nicki, Kavisha, Venetia, Danishika,</p> <p><u>A model UN debate day</u> 14th April 2015 Volunteers are: Kavisha, Venetia, Sophie will assist</p> <p><u>Shorefest</u> – Volunteers are: Adreinne, Anthony Rorie, Nicki, Venetia</p> <p><u>Gaming and Cosplay</u> 16th April 2015 Volunteers are: Anthony, Maureen, Sophie, Venetia, Aidan, Sarah</p> <p><u>Film competition</u> The prize for the film competition is a go pro camera.</p>	<p>Mike to check with Derek regarding the possibility of using the Piazza area of the Top Ryde Shopping Centre to stage an activity.</p>	
<p>6. The core at Granny Smith Festival</p>	<p>Held over to the next meeting</p>	

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<p>7. Review of Training held</p> <p>The group recently undertook training in the area of advocacy with an emphasis on strategies which can be used.</p> <p>The training emphasised that “creativity sells” and that it is important to set out goals which are manageable.</p> <p>It is important to stretch yourself and the importance of teamwork was emphasised.</p> <p>Some interesting ideas such as guerrilla marketing were explained.</p> <p>The idea of starting with an idea and then setting three steps to complete it was explored.</p> <p><u>Future goals</u></p> <p>Goals should be set for the end of term and the end of the year.</p> <p>What is the purpose of the Youth Council and what do people want to take from their time on the Council</p> <p>Should promote good community and making strong bonds in the community</p> <p>The group needs to be promoted in the wider community as it is not well known.</p> <p>There needs to be a way to measure any improvement in rapport between various groups in Ryde</p>	<p>Possible areas where the Youth Council can exercise advocacy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to body image • The Core • Obtaining a spot in the local paper to voice youth issues • Supporting the Ryde Youth Theatre advocate for a permanent home and performance space. <p>A workshop day for members of the Youth Council where they examine the stats recently obtained in the Youth Survey could be held.</p> <p>The group could consider what it can do once various results of the survey are known.</p> <p>It would be good to be able to measure the accomplishments of the group and what it has achieved at the end of two years.</p> <p>The workshop should be used to set goals which can then be measured over time.</p> <p>Important to set goals and objectives so that plans can be made and actioned.</p> <p>The Youth Council should perhaps just look at two major issues and go for it.</p> <p>At the next committee meeting, the issues to be canvassed will be determined.</p> <p>Then set up a workshop day to establish goals and how to meet them.</p> <p>Next meeting may run longer than usual</p>	
<p>8. Future Events – Interests and what’s been happening</p>	<p>Held over to next meeting</p>	

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<p>9. Media and Communications</p> <p>It was noted that the opportunity exists for the group to host its own radio show.</p> <p>Aigerim, Rorie and Nikki to discuss further.</p> <p>Sarah and Aiden will take part in the next discussion with Ash Turner – topic to be Youth Week</p> <p>Sophie asked anyone interested to provide her with information which could be placed in the local paper regarding youth issues or an item they are passionate about.</p> <p>Suggested topics include: youth unemployment, transport, what Youth Council is doing, empowerment.</p> <p>Once the ball is rolling then members of the public can write in with their comments.</p>	<p>Mike to provide detail re Youth Week to Sarah and Aiden for Ash Turner interview</p> <p>Mike to check Council’s policy prior to articles being written for the local paper.</p>	
<p>10. Council Update Geelong Project</p> <p>Mike outlined the aim of this project which is to prevent homelessness.</p> <p>University researchers are working with schools – Marsden, Hunters Hill, Riverside Girls, and Ryde Secondary College, to survey students about whether they feel safe at home. The answers to the questionnaire will provide indicators for those people who may be at risk of homelessness, criminal activity, mental health issues etc.</p> <p>The results of the survey will go to the university in Victoria running it. Schools will not see the responses.</p> <p>People will be ranked into four tiers which should allow for early intervention where necessary.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>7. Other Business</p> <p><u>West Ryde Easter Parade</u></p> <p>No volunteers were available to assist with this event.</p>	<p>Aidan to advise organisers of the Parade.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>DATE: Wednesday 29th April 2015 TIME: 6.00 pm VENUE: Civic Centre Level 5 Room 2</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	