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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	25 th September 2019	
Time:	6.00pm Started at: 6.00 Closed at: 7.25pm	
Chair:	Youth Councillor	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Andrew Marselos, Community 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
		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Jordon Lane	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Chris Moujalli	Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Jose Francisco	Youth Councillor (Chair)	
		Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
		Muskaan Sidu	Youth Councillor	
		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
		Emily Simmons	Youth Councillor	
		Sophie Xiao	Youth Councillor	
		Alice Sun	Youth Councillor	
x		Cosmin Luca	Youth Councillor	
		Michael Apostolou	Youth Councillor	
		Tasnia Ahmed	Youth Councillor (Deputy Chair)	
x		Lucy Fang	Youth Councillor	
		Yusriya Amin	Youth Councillor	
		Chan-Jin Yun	Youth Councillor	
		Keates Mackay	Youth Councillor	
x		Gabriel Van Duinen	Youth Councillor	
x		Miffy Song	Youth Councillor	
x		Sam Pheaney	Youth Councillor	
		Emily Yun	Youth Councillor	
		Sarthak	Youth Councillor	
		Matthew Choi	Youth Councillor	
x		Cameron Last	Youth Councillor	
		Adelle Thomas	Youth Councillor	

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x		Andrew Marselos	Community Project Officer – Young People	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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1.	<p>Apologies and Welcome</p> <p>Attendance and apologies were noted as above.</p>	Noted.
2.	<p>Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>The Chairperson, Jose Francisco, undertook the Acknowledgement of Country as follows:-</p> <p>I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land that we are meeting on, the Darug people of the Eora nation, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures, and to Elders both past and present and acknowledge our youth, the future leaders.</p>	Noted.
3.	<p>Introduction and Notices</p> <p>All Committee members were welcomed.</p>	Noted.
4.	<p>Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting – 28th August 2019</p> <p>The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 28th August 2019 were endorsed.</p> <p>Cameron moved to accept the minutes. This was seconded by Cosmin Luca.</p>	Noted
5.	<p>What's been happening in Ryde</p> <p>Members of the group raised the following issues:-</p> <p>Gabriel went to recent Council meeting where the Mayoral election was conducted and noted Councillor Laxale has been re-elected as Mayor.</p> <p>Cameron advised that the crossing guard has not been at St Kevins primary school recently which is causing a dangerous situation for students.</p> <p>Sam advised that he attended the abortion bill march and also the climate strike march recently.</p> <p>Miffy advised that she attended the climate strike march and that it gave her hope for the future.</p> <p>Cosmin recently experienced ageism on public transport when an older person forced him away from the seat that he was about to sit on.</p>	Noted.

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	<p>Cosmin further reported that he had recently attended the youth conference and will be providing a report to the November meeting with the other members who attended.</p> <p>Jose recently attended a Council focus group on the Local Strategic Planning Study.</p>	
6.	<p>Social Inclusion Week Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Ryde is hosting 8 events during social inclusion week. - Andrew will be organising two events – one is an LGBTQIA prom event to be organised with other Councils. - He is also arranging an inclusive fashion parade. The Youth Council will be involved with planning and conduct of this event. 	Noted
6.	<p>Review of Youth Participation Model</p> <p>Andrew provided a summary of the main features of the proposed model being:</p> <p>Youth Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership will be capped at 15 participants. - There will be a selection process for applications - Members to be between the ages of 12 - 25 - Meetings will be held quarterly not monthly - There will be opportunities for young people to participate in activities other than youth council meetings if they find attending meetings is difficult. <p>Ryde Youth Program Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be youth led and youth driven from inception to delivery - It will also be capped at 15 participants with ages between 12 and 25. - Monthly meetings of approx. 1 hour per meeting are proposed. - A high level of commitment will be required. <p>Ryde Youth Ambassadors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This program will remain unchanged in the main <p>Ryde Youth events volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This will help young people assist in the delivery of events. Through participation, they will gain valuable skills and experience working as part of a team in the delivery of events <p>To action the above changes, a report will be provided to Council with new terms of reference.</p> <p>Those present, provided their “in principle” support for the amendments outlined above.</p>	Noted

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<p>7. Public Speaking Program</p> <p>Possible ways of implementing this program were discussed as consensus could not be reached as to whether the program should focus on a competition or workshop on public speaking.</p> <p>There was concern that not conducting workshops would limit the participants to those who are competent public speakers.</p> <p>A quote is to be obtained for running a workshop.</p> <p>If the cost of this is prohibitive, there may not be the opportunity to hold a workshop.</p> <p>It was noted that the Premiers Public Speaking competition has a cross section of entrants not all of whom are experienced speakers. It attracts many speakers who have no public speaking skills.</p> <p>It was suggested that if funding is limited, a decision may need to be made as to whether a workshop or competition should be supported.</p> <p>A future meeting is to be arranged at which Andrew will provide further information.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	
<p>8. Granny Smith Festival – Youth Space</p> <p>Andrew advised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The children’s zone will be run by a contractor. - A dance school event will be held - A pop up skate and scooter path will be set up - Three bands will be performing on the day in the Youth Space. - Karaoke will also be held between the bands - A number of Youth Council members committed to helping on the day 	<p>Noted.</p>	
<p>9. Marketing and Promotion</p> <p>Social Media Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is necessary to look for things to post. - Everyone on the working party agreed to find one thing a week to post - The proposal for a Ryde Rhino/ Ryde rabbit has to be sent to Andrew for consideration - Rebranding was discussed. - Social media needs restructuring and rebranding. - Sausage boy will feature on the site. - How do you successfully market on social media – the most successful means is videos, then photos then text to engage with people. - Facebook will always send videos to the top of the feed. - Video ideas include – collaboration with Humans of Eastwood and Sausage Boy to make a wild west showdown. - If you direct people from Humans of Eastwood you will get more 	<p>Noted</p>	

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	<p>viewers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Ryde Rhino was designed to showcase interesting places in Ryde and make videos of these. - Previous PR person was given an ipad to assist in her duties. A request to be made for a similar item to be provided now. - Can canvass networks and interesting people to get voxpop interviews underway. - The closing speaker at youth conference would be interesting to interview - Can look to inspirational speakers, not just Ryde people - Cameron looks for a job – interview series. It would provide tips for what to do and what not to do. - Content must be video focussed, content driven, offer event information and be entertaining. Need more commitment to make this happen. - People are encouraged to photograph posts when they see them for future use. - Jose, Cosmin, Cameron all want to continue in the group - Will start up in preparation of Granny Smith. - Need to start putting things into practice not just talk about things. - Even people who aren't on the committee can send content. - Could shadow a Council staff member for a week and show that on facebook - Council work experience for a day. 	
11.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Nil</p>	Noted.
	<p>Confirmation of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 30th October 2019 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Committee Room at Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Top Ryde</p>	Noted.