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Date and Venue:	30 th March 2016 Meeting Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre			
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm	Closed at: 7.25pm	
Chair:	Mike Paine – Pro	oject Officer – Young Pe	ople	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors			
Staff Convenor:	Michael Paine - Project Officer – Young People			
Circulation:				

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
	Х	Councillor C Chung	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor R Maggio	Delegate	City of Ryde
Х		Sophie Lara-Watson	Youth Councillor	
	х	Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
	х	Sarah VanDerMeer	Youth Councillor	
	х	Nicolas Kyriazis	Youth Councillor	
		Ben Kyriazis	Youth Councillor	
Х		Rorie Fisher	Youth Councillor	
		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
		Edward Fang	Youth Councillor	
	х	Dinushika Dias	Youth Councillor	
Χ		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
х		Mitchell Stubbs	Youth Councillor	
	Х	James Kim	Youth Councillor	
	Х	Krystle-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.	Noted	

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2.	Follow up From Previous Minutes and adoption of minutes		
	The minutes from the meeting held on 25 th February 2016 were confirmed and endorsed.	The previous minutes were confirmed and adopted.	
	Matters Arising		
	Youth Week		
	It has been necessary to cancel the Block Party event proposed to be held during Youth Week. Council was not able to provide a suitable venue and other sites such as Macquarie University were only available at a charge of approximately \$5,000.00	Cancellation of Youth Week event noted. Further consideration to be given to holding event in July.	Mike
	This event had not been publicised so there is no action required to inform the public.		
	Consideration will be given to running the event in July following trial HSC exams and during the school holiday period.	Mike to provide advice to May meeting	Mike
	Youth Council Training	Mike to provide advice to May meeting	Mike
	This matter is still being investigated by Mike. He is contacting organisations not utilised before. Information will be available at the May meeting.		
3.	Update on Council relocation		
	Meetings will be held at the Civic Centre for the foreseeable future. It is envisaged that when the Civic Centre is no longer available, that meetings will be held at the Pope Street offices.	The information was noted.	



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4. Feedback from National Youth Week Subcommittee

Careers workshop

The collaboration with "2realise" - an employment workshop will be held on 12th April. Two sessions will be held to assist with resume writing, interview skills, etc.

Members of Youth Council are asked to advertise this event via their contacts.

Up to 20 people can be accommodated at each session – vacancies still available.

Shoreshocked

Shoreshocked will be held on 16th April at St Leonards Park in North Sydney and will include skate entertainment, stalls, activities etc

A survey of people on the day will provide information re demographic who attend.

Block party event

This event has been cancelled - see Business arising.

The information was noted

Youth Council members to advertise Youth Week events via their contacts.

5. Future direction of RYC Website

Only Mike and Kavisha attended the last meeting on this matter.

Not enough information is being generated to launch the website this year.

In lieu of the website, members of the Youth Council are to be asked to contribute to social media and other mediums on a more formal basis.

Groups outside the Youth Council are also to be asked to contribute if they wish – ie school groups.

A separate group of interested individuals may be formed to run the social media process. Incentives may be offered to encourage the submission of material.

Youth Council could perhaps edit and upload the social media items submitted by people outside of this group.

A meeting to be held to prepare copy to be sent to schools to attract content.

Incentives to be determined etc.

On line newsletter might be a good alternative to a website.

An approach could be made to the local newspaper to publish the information provided. Sub committee meeting to be held - date to be confirmed via a Doodle poll to ensure best attendance

Strategies to obtain content to be determined.

Ideas for competition to encourage content from schools and other groups.

Members of committee asked to consider the work they can contribute to this project. Kavisha and Mike.

Mike to send out Doodle Poll for completion by 15 April.



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6.	Feedback from 2017 NSW Youth Council Conference Working Party		
	Mike and Mitchell met with reps of Macquarie Uni re using the University facilities for Youth Week Conference including breakout rooms, Atrium, theatre etc.	Future meeting to be arranged with uni to continue discussions.	Mike
	Quote has been received for use of various rooms but not catering yet.	Next meeting to be on site at the university. Mike to contact University and get some possible dates for a meeting.	
	The University would be happy to provide information regarding the technology it employs	Short meeting to be held by Youth Council members prior to the meeting with University representatives.	Mike and Youth Council members
	Given the past, present and future theme the possibility of having guest speakers to talk about past, present and future technology was discussed. May be able to attract John Howard former PM to speak about past technology etc.	Mike to contact the people on his database when appropriate	Mike
	Dates suggested by university are 15 – 17 Sept 22 – 24Sept or 29 th Sept to 1 st Oct.		
	The 22 – 24 Sept falls at the end of school term so would not necessitate students missing school. It is now preferred date.		
	Logo was discussed. It may be necessary to incorporate the name of the new Council entity into any logo.		
	Accommodation options still being considered.		
	Promotion to commence when planning is a bit further advanced.		
7.	Youth Action Peer to Peer Youth Consultation for Federal Election		
	The Peak Body for young people in NSW is seeking a commitment by people running for election in Federal or State election that they will act on issues that affect young people.	Mike to issue information received by Youth Action.	
	The organisation is seeking 10,000 young people to complete a survey to advise of the issues that affect young people from across Australia.		
	Reponses will be anonymous. Results will inform a public event to be held by Youth Action and future discussion with politicians.		
	Youth Council reps are asked to take part in the consultation process, following training, as it is considered that many survey subjects respond best to one on one interaction.		
	Training to be a consultant will be held on 6 th April 2016 via internet.		
	The survey of young people will be carried out from 7 th to 20 th April. Consultants are asked to survey about 50 people and collate the responses.		
	Following collation of the data, a report will be prepared by Youth Action.		

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8.	Standing Item:		
	Future Events and What's been happening		
	Safe Schools Program		
	The above program aims to provide a safe environment for same sex and intersex students.	In the future, Youth Council members will be asked to contribute a topic and forward information to the group prior to	
	Lots of people are against the proposal as they believe it is encouraging people to take up an alternate lifestyle.	the meeting. Kavisha to nominate a topic for	
	Some information is being used in primary schools that is considered inappropriate for young children –ie is a girl who plays soccer being encouraged to be transgender.	discussion at the next meeting.	
	Statistics show that 15% of people identify as LGBQTI. This includes all diversities not just gay and lesbian.		
	This group often has a higher suicide rate, and suffers self harm and mental health issues.		
	The program is aimed at students, teachers, parents and whole community.		
	This sort of public interest story would lend itself to social media comment.		
9.	Standing Item:		
	Media and Communications		
	Interviews have not been held recently but it is hoped that they will recommence soon.	Mike to send Sophie the name of the contact at 2RRR	Sophie Lara Watson
10.	Other Business		
	Change of meeting date from Wednesday to Thursday		
	Meeting will continue to be held on Wednesdays for the foreseeable future.	The information was noted.	
	Reply to meeting invitations		
	Current contact details are to be forwarded to Mike for compilation of a new list.	Contact details to be updated.	
	Texting appears to be a successful means of communication.	Email and texting advice re meetings to be continued.	
	Emails to be sent re meetings but followed up by a text on the day of each meeting.		
	Skate Park Working Party		
	No further action will occur until after a Councillor workshop on this matter.	Mitchell to join working party in absence of Aidan and Venetia.	
	Paperless meeting		
	It was noted that the attempt to hold a paperless meeting had been largely successful.	Noted.	

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1	11. Ne	Next Meeting:			
	TI	ME:	Wednesday 27 th April 2016 6.00 pm Civic Centre Level 5 Room 2		