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<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.03pm      Closed at: 7.43pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Sue Verhoek - Senior Coordinator Community Services	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Kathryn Fleming – Civic Services Officer	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Jessica Runge – Community Development Officer - families	
<b>Circulation:</b>	Working Group members and website	

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

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Bailey Linton-Simpkins	Community Representative	
	x	Hannah Young	Community Representative	
x		Armaan Patni	Community Representative	
x		Will Brown	Community Representative	
x		Cameron Last	Community Representative	
x		Jasmine Ye	Community Representative	
x		Raj Thiagarajan	Community Representative	
x		Anju Dhanushkodi	Community Representative	
	x	Sewon Kim	Community Representative	
x		Josh Zuback	Community Representative	
x		Cassidy McKay	Community Representative	
x		Aarzu Patni	Community Representative	
x		Esther Kim	Community Representative	

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x		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Jessica Runge	Community Development Officer – Families	City of Ryde
x		Kathryn Fleming	Civic Services Officer	City of Ryde

**Details****Action**

1.	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> Cameron delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.	Noted
2.	<b>Apologies</b> Councillor Lara-Watson Hannah Young Sewon Kim	Noted

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3.	<p><b>Minutes from the last meeting of the 25 August 2022</b></p> <p>Correction to Minutes – Raj was published in the minutes as being in Year 11 but this needs to be corrected to Year 10.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Jessica to amend previous minutes.</p>
4.	<p><b>Actions from previous minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Strategic Plan (CSP) to be sent to the members</li> <li>• Members invited to attend a Community Strategic Plan workshop</li> </ul> <p>A survey was sent out to the Working Group members to complete on the above topics. An electronic version of the CSP was distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste and Environment Teams invited to meeting</li> </ul> <p>A representative from the Waste and Environment Team could not join the meeting tonight and will be rescheduled for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact schools about volunteer opportunities</li> </ul> <p>This item was discussed later in the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Granny Smith Festival volunteers</li> </ul> <p>A big thank you to Jasmine, Cameron, Ester and Aru for volunteering at the Festival.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social media interest group</li> </ul> <p>The group has developed a Social Media Action Plan. This item was discussed further later in the meeting.</p> <p>Sue suggested that the members email any suggestions for social media to Jess.</p> <p>Review and feedback for the youth space at the Granny Smith Festival is invited.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Email suggestions to Jess</p> <p>The students wrote down suggestions on the day which will be emailed to Jess.</p>
5.	<p><b>Guest Speaker: Paris - One Eighty</b></p> <p>Paris, co-founder of One Eighty, a youth led organisation, which focuses on mental health presented to the working group on mental health training.</p>	<p>Presentation slides to be distributed to the members.</p>
6.	<p><b>Electric Vehicle Charging</b></p> <p>Arzu and Jasmine suggested that the Youth Council promote the use of electric vehicles and the locations of charging stations in the City of Ryde including:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hand out flyers with useful information on charging stations, and using electric vehicles etc.</li> <li>- Display information and handouts in car dealerships and service shops. This would increase sales of electric vehicles.</li> </ul> <p>Arzu offered to design the flyer during the school holidays.</p> <p>Sue informed the working group that any flyers/documentation distributed on behalf of Council needs to be approved and designed by Council’s Communications Team.</p> <p>Josh suggested that this project is bigger than the Youth Council and that the working group needs to focus on projects within the scope of the group that are achievable.</p>	<p>Jess to seek approval for the brochures from Comms and advise the students.</p>
7.	<p><b>Ryde Environmental Education Network (REEN)</b></p> <p>Jess spoke on behalf of Bonnie as she was unable to join the meeting.</p> <p>This Network looks at sustainability issues that can be rolled out into schools, which focus on environmental matters. The working group is interested in supporting some of the initiatives and have requested some ideas on approaching high school students.</p> <p><i>Ideas discussed included:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Edible gardens in schools</li> <li>- Planting</li> <li>- Measure carbon consumption and how it can be reduced</li> <li>- Stream watch – measuring data and pollution in our streams</li> </ul> <p>Members to let Jess know if interested in any of the above programs.</p>	<p>Jess to distribute notes from Bonnie.</p>
8.	<p><b>Environmental Group</b></p> <p>Arzu and Jasmine suggested establishing a formal interest group <i>that will focus on the environment</i> including eco-friendly issues and will have achievable goals.</p> <p>Ideas could be learning how to compost waste and other concepts that can be implemented in the home. Working group members interested are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cameron</li> <li>- Jasmine</li> <li>- Anju</li> <li>- Arzu</li> <li>- Arman</li> <li>- Bailey</li> </ul>	<p>Noted.</p>
9.	<p><b>Social Media Interest Group</b></p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Social Media platforms have been very quiet with not many postings. More effort needs to be made to utilise these platforms.</li> <li>- The rebranding of the Ryde Youth Council was discussed but the changes were never made and updated on the site.</li> <li>- “Ryde Here Right now” is the new branding but has no followers.</li> <li>- The working group asked if the branding could be changed?</li> <li>- Jess said that the branding can’t change but the logo could be redesigned.</li> <li>- Jess will organise a meeting with the Social Media group to discuss options for the members in the future. Previously the members were able to access the platform but the security has now changed and they are no longer able to share and manage posts.</li> <li>- Cameron requested that the working group members have access to the Facebook page. Jess said that all social media posts must be approved by Comms first.</li> <li>- Council’s Social Media Policy will be distributed once approved.</li> </ul> <p>Sue said she would support a member being delegated to update the page; however, the Communications team would need to review content and posts. Jess will speak with Comms to see if this is possible.</p> <p>Cameron informed the group that Councillor Lara-Watson has put in a request to the Helpdesk on this matter.</p>	<p>Jess to have discussions with Communications and the social media team.</p>
10.	<p><b>Ryde Youth Council Logo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Redesign options</li> </ul> <p><u>Logo comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussions around the design of the logo and if it could go out to schools for a competition for students to design. This could double as a marketing strategy.</li> <li>- You can see that the logo was not designed by a young person.</li> <li>- Can we ask Comms to provide options for other logos.</li> <li>- Put our stamp on it</li> <li>- The logo looks sterile</li> <li>- The logo looks like it was designed by a Committee</li> <li>- We could approach the TAFE or Macquarie Uni to be involved in the design</li> </ul>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Jess will provide feedback to the Comms team.</p>
11.	<p><b>Granny Smith Festival</b></p> <p>Jess asked the Working Group for their thoughts on the youth space at this year’s Festival and thoughts in general. Comments provided as follows:</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Council to be more involved next year with the planning</li> <li>- It was not enough involvement having one stall</li> <li>- Would like a different way of involving the Youth Council</li> <li>- Volunteer on the day and be involved</li> <li>- Engage with the public</li> <li>- The Youth Council to host some of the activities</li> <li>- The stall to be replaced by a brochure. Time would be better spent doing other activities at the Festival.</li> </ul> <p>Need a space that will attract the teenagers, as the current site in the primary school attracts the younger children. T</p> <p>This item will be on the agenda for next year prior to the Granny Smith Festival 2023.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overall the festival ran pretty well</li> <li>- More vigilant of cleaning up certain mess, react faster</li> <li>- Putting up posters in other areas to draw people to Eastwood Public School</li> <li>- Activities that engage with teenagers. Age appropriate.</li> <li>- Overall, a great festival</li> </ul> <p>Jess asked the group to start considering the types of activities that would attract more students/teenagers in 2023.</p> <p>Thank you to the volunteers.</p>	
12.	<p>Youth Mental Health Forum</p> <p><u>Update</u></p> <p>The Mental Health Forum was held on 18 October 2022. Jess asked the group for their thoughts on running a forum for the Ryde/Hunters Hill area next year.</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some parts were boring, good intentions.</li> <li>- Effort was good. Would like more activities next year.</li> <li>- Mix it up next year with different school groups.</li> <li>- There are several students who would be interested in attending next year.</li> </ul>	Noted.
13.	<p><b>Youth Council Conference 2023</b></p>	

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	<p><u>Expressions of Interest (bi-annual)</u></p> <p>This is where all Youth Councils across the region come together to discuss many topics and meet other members of Youth Councils. Cameron recollects his previous experience at the Conference when he was 15.</p> <p>Sue said that a chaperone might be necessary depending on the age of the attendees. Not all members of the working group will be able to attend. Those that do attend will need to provide feedback at a working group meeting. Any members interested in attending need to let Jess know.</p> <p>Jess advised that the conference is supposed to be next year but is unsure if this is going ahead at this stage.</p> <p>Jess to promote the Ryde Youth Council, as there are still 2 vacancies on the working group. Suggestion to promote the vacancies to see what applicants are received.</p> <p>The website currently states that applications are 'closed'.</p>	<p>Jess to contact Communications to update the website and advertise that there are 2 vacancies on the Ryde Youth Council.</p>
14.	<p><b>World Pride 2023</b></p> <p><u>Event Planning</u></p> <p>Sydney WorldPride will take place from 17 February to 5 March 2023.</p> <p>The City of Ryde will be hosting some events to support the festival, in conjunction with Macquarie University. If anyone has a particular interest in planning an event or getting involved let Jess know and we can work on a small program.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
15.	<p><b>Youth Week 2023</b></p> <p><u>Event Planning</u></p> <p><i>Skate Jam</i> This is an annual event for young people which is fun and informative. The events include; Skate Jam, Battle of the bands, music, skating and food. It is a fun and light day. If there are any ideas or volunteers, advise Jess.</p> <p><i>Film Festival</i> Any suggestions on hosting a film festival, maybe short films? Outdoor cinema vibe? Ideas for a venue could be Meadowbank TAFE, Eastwood Park or Eastwood Plaza.</p> <p>Other ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Battle of the beats</li> <li>- Disability disco</li> </ul> <p>Open to suggestions?</p>	<p>Any ideas – pass onto Jess. On the agenda for next year.</p>

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	<p>Josh said that he volunteers for people with a disability. He could organise getting some kids involved with aged care.</p> <p>Jess advised that this Item will be placed on the agenda for next year to get some ideas.</p>	
16	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What’s happening in Ryde</li> <li>- Elderly Asians doing Thai Chi in the Park.</li> <li>- Granny Smith Festival – great success and the West Ward Bi-Election.</li> <li>- Formal Congratulations to Justin Li.</li> <li>- Eastwood Library – aura of stress amongst high school students</li> </ul>	
	Next meeting: Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	