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Venue:	Viz MS Teams			
Date:	29 th July 2021			
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm	Closed at: 7.20pm	
Chair:	Annie Zhu			
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors			
Staff Convenor:	Yasmin Masri - Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator			
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

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
Х		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Delegate	City of Ryde
Х		Councillor Jordon Lane	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Chris Moujalli	Delegate	City of Ryde
Х		Annie Zhu	Youth Councillor (Chair)	
		Abinaya Krishnaswamy	Youth Councillor	
		Isabelle Bartlett	Youth Councillor	
Х		Salma Alhusban	Youth Councillor	
Х		Hannah Young	Youth Councillor	
		Jonathan Ma	Youth Councillor	
Х		Bowen Ren	Youth Councillor	
Х		Cosmin Luca	Youth Councillor (Deputy Chair)	
		Dustin Dao	Youth Councillor	
		Lia Kwon	Youth Councillor	
	Х	Lucy Fang	Youth Councillor	
Х		Joshua Zubak	Youth Councillor	
Х		Cameron Last	Youth Councillor	
Х		Alessandro Romeo	Youth Councillor	
Х		Ava Henderson	Youth Councillor	
Х		Sewon Kim	Youth Councillor	
Х		Aarzu Patni	Youth Councillor	
		Andrew Caramanis	Youth Councillor	

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Х	x Sue Verhoek Senior Coordinator Community Services		•	City of Ryde
Х	Linda Smith EA to the Mayor and Councillors City of R		City of Ryde	
Х	Yasmin Masri Arts and Cultural Developmen		Arts and Cultural Development Officer	City of Ryde



Detai	ls	Action	
1.	Acknowledgement of Country		
	Annie Zhu gave an Acknowledgement of Country as follows:	Noted.	
	I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land that we are meeting on, the Wallamadegul 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.		
2.	Apologies and Welcome		
	Attendance and apologies were noted as above.	Noted.	
3.	Minutes of meeting of 28 th April 2021		
	The minutes from the meeting of 28 th April were confirmed with minor corrections to the spelling of the name of some members of the Committee.	Noted.	
	domestic violence Jonathan Nanlohy, Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development) gave the following presentation on anti-racism and domestic violence Make a stand against racism	Noted.	
	 For seven years, Council was a member of the "Racism it stops with me" campaign. Council has undertaken many community activities including a partnership with Macquarie University when it was reported that some students were experiencing racism. The resultant report from this partnership is now online and has had over 1000 views Racism was reported on public transport, shopping centres etc and is often targeted at Asian students. Council is part of the "Racism Not Welcome" campaign and will be installing 40 signs around the local area supporting the campaign Council initiated a multicultural ambassador program and ambassadors are receiving training. Often when people witness racism or are a victim of it, they don't know what to do. Council will be running courses to train people how to react. Jonathan asked if members of the Youth Council would be interested in joining the training. Information will be sent to Yasmin to pass on to interested members and information re the training sessions will be passed on also. 	Jonathan's contact details and project information will be sent by Yasmin to the Committee.	
	Domestic Violence		
	Council has been undertaking a program called "Make a stand against abuse"		



Looking for people to be trained in this program also. Also seeking ideas from people re innovative approaches such as social media, pop up events etc.	Action
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Jonathan would welcome input from this group Council made a series of podcasts in a number of languages on the subject of domestic violence which have been well received To date the campaigns have lacked input by young people	
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ng sessions were arranged following the initial discussion with e Collier. The following issues – employment, climate change, I health and wellbeing and multiculturalism and anti-racism were ed.	Noted
People can reach out and work with Jonathan on some of the activities already being planned Once the "Racism not welcome" signs are erected, perhaps a social media campaign could be conducted to raise awareness amongst groups known to members of the Committee and the wider community Could make use of the Ryde Here, Ryde Now Facebook page Use social media and short film or other media to counteract racism	
I Health group	
Use social media accounts to share resources and material with local community members Discussed the need to raise awareness of local mental health providers working the Ryde LGA A primary mental health service provider could be asked to address the next meeting of this committee and provide information about how the Youth Council could become involved.	Council staff to coordinate a mental health service provider to speak to the group at a futur meeting.
e Change Group	
Aarzu mentioned Australian Climate Dividend Presentation which she would be happy to present about at the next meeting Vote Earth Now was also mentioned and a presentation by this group could be provided It was suggested that environmental and sustainability tips for people to try at home could be posted on social media Recycling/composting tips would also be appreciated Council's waste team currently sends lots of tips and so those links could be added to the new Facebook page REEN group could be asked to present to the Youth Council	Council staff to coordinate a REEN representative to speak to the group at a future meeting
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	 Fair Work Commission representative (or similar) to be invited to address the Youth Council to discuss key employment challenges facing young people. With current youth unemployment, it would also be good to highlight this on social media. Resources available to combat youth unemployment could be listed on the new Facebook/Instagram page 	Council staff to coordinate a speaker from Fair Work Commission (or similar) to speak to the group at a future meeting			
6.	Ryde Here Ryde Now Facebook Page				
	Youth Council discussed the use of Council's youth-centred social media	Noted			
	accounts – the Ryde Here Ryde Now Facebook page and the Ryde Youth Instagram Account. Youth Council members were keen to use social media to share resources for young people around key areas of interest – mental health, anti-racism / multiculturalism, employment and environment. Youth Council discussed setting up a system to share ideas for content and plan social media posting / workload.	Yasmin to set up shared documents for social media content development and scheduling and share with Youth Council.			
	Yasmin told the Youth Council about a blog post of lockdown ideas that Council created with the help of local artists. The Youth Council will create a similar post – to introduce the Youth Council to the local community and share their ideas for staying calm, creative, curious and connected in lockdown.	Yasmin will send out instructions for blog post and coordinate publication.			
7.	Youth Council Conference				
	The Youth Council Conference will be held from 17 to 19 September 2021, people who are members of a local government Youth Council aged 12 to 24 are eligible to attend.	Noted Council staff to update the Youth Council on changes to			
	Given the current situation with COVID, it is likely that the Youth Council Conference may be postponed. Council staff will keep the Youth Council members up to date.	the Youth Council Conference dates / delivery model due to COVID.			
	An EOI will be shared with all Youth Council members to see people's interest in attending.				
8.	General Business	Noted			
	Year 12 during lockdown	Noted.			
	The difficulties faced by Year 12 students was raised. It was suggested that Council could maybe run a session similar to that held last year to support students. Social media could be a good way to share resources and stories of resilience and alternate pathways for young people.				
	Confirmation of Next Meeting:				
	The next meeting of the Youth Council will be held on Wednesday, 27 Oct 2021 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Committee Room at Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Top Ryde	Noted.			