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<b>File No:</b>	CLR/22/60/7	
<b>Document Ref:</b>	D23/131853	
<b>Venue:</b>	Pope Street Committee Room and MS Teams	
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.05pm      Closed at: 7.09 pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Cameron Last	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Nicky Hammond – Community Development Officer	
<b>Circulation:</b>	Working Group members and website	

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

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
		Clr Sophie Lara-Watson	Councillor	City of Ryde
		Clr Jordan Lane	Councillor	City of Ryde
x		Bailey Linton-Simpkins	Community Representative	
		Hannah Young	Community Representative	
		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	Sewan Kim	Community Representative	
x		Josh Zuback	Community Representative	
	x	Cassidy McKay	Community Representative	
		Aarzu Patni	Community Representative	
		Esther Kim	Community Representative	
		Aanya Vashist		
x		Matthew Fu	Community Representative	

**City of Ryde Staff**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Nicky Hammond	Community Development Officer	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
		Youssef Zumut		

**Details****Action**

1.	<b>Acknowledgment of Country</b> Cameron Last provided the acknowledgement of country	Noted
2.	<b>Attendance and Apologies</b> Attendees and apologies are as above	Noted

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3.	<p><b>Confirmation of minutes – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting were confirmed.</p>	Noted
4.	<p><b>Actions arising from the minutes</b></p> <p>Environmental group to consider clothing swap event opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was not sufficient interest in this matter to proceed.</li> </ul> <p>Suggestions for Granny Smith Festival “youth space”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed later in the meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Social media guidelines and code of conduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed later in the meeting.</li> </ul>	Noted
5.	<p><b>Guest Speakers –</b></p> <p><b><u>Ryde Live Music Plan</u></b> - Sue Verhoek - Senior Coordinator Community Services</p> <p>Sue provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community consultation with regard to the Live Music Plan is currently underway.</li> <li>- Youth consultation for the plan has been scheduled. Request that members of the Youth Council attend.</li> <li>- A draft of the plan will be ready by October 2023</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Batyr – OurHerd App</u></b> - Corina Vargas - Community Business Development Manager for Batyr</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The group Batyr, is a major presence in schools and universities.</li> <li>- The group has developed an app known as OurHerd</li> <li>- Batyr is a preventative mental health organisation for young people which run workshops where young people can share their experiences.</li> <li>- Batyr also takes story tellers to schools to share stories.</li> <li>- The group has now launched an app which also shares stories.</li> <li>- People can share their stories in a safe place through the platform which has been designed with input from over 600 people and over 70 experts.</li> <li>- Anxiety and depression are the main mental health issues facing young people.</li> <li>- Informal supports are very helpful in assisting with the above.</li> </ul>	Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The app can be accessed via the app store or google.</li> <li>- There are mechanisms in the app to make sure people are in the right head space before going online to share their stories.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Library events and activities for young people</u></b> - Gabrielle Wyllie – Programs Librarian Children and Young Adult</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gabrielle was unable to attend the meeting, so this item was deferred to a future meeting.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Granny Smith Festival</b></p> <p><b>Youth zone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Feedback after the 2022 Festival identified that the location of the youth zone was not successful. This year, the zone will be near the train station</li> <li>- The Granny Smith Festival Youth Zone will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023, from 11am to 6pm.</li> <li>- Ages 12 – 24 are welcome in the Youth Zone.</li> <li>- A DJ will be performing, art workshops and a chillout zone.</li> <li>- Youth service providers will be in attendance.</li> <li>- Suggestions were sought for activities to be incorporated and the following suggestions were made:</li> <li>- A treasure scavenger hunt could be conducted with a prize.</li> <li>- Various kinds of music could be incorporated.</li> <li>- Promote the Youth Creative competition.</li> <li>- Use photos and apps rather than collecting physical things.</li> <li>- Use icons and brand Granny Smith and Youth Council</li> <li>- Make people upload QR scans to compete.</li> <li>- Could integrate a TikTok/Instagram challenge. Teach a dance and then record.</li> <li>- Showcase young emerging talent.</li> <li>- A sketch class.</li> <li>- Bubble tea and hotdog stall in close proximity.</li> <li>- An art therapist from Headspace.</li> <li>- Looking for volunteers on the day and also need an MC.</li> <li>- Could approach schools for assistance with the above</li> <li>- The Instagram page could be used for promotion of the Youth Council and future activities.</li> </ul>	Noted
7.	<p><b>Mental Health Month</b></p> <p><u>Mental Health Month forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schools are being invited to this event, but not individuals.</li> <li>- Mental Health Month is October 2023</li> <li>- Young people are knowledgeable about mental health so this year will be viewing the topic through culture.</li> <li>- Have partnered with Hornsby Council and other areas.</li> </ul>	Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10 – 12 reps from invited schools will attend to learn how to help themselves, others at their school and the greater community.</li> <li>- Six mental wellbeing workshops were previously arranged re self-care and lots of other topics.</li> <li>- Not a big take-up, so approached Top Ryde Shopping Centre and have obtained a space.</li> <li>- Could promote through sports groups given the topics to be addressed.</li> <li>- Batyr would like to be involved.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Social Media Group</b></p> <p><u>Social Media Guidelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guidelines have still not been received from staff.</li> <li>- A password has been provided, but as there are no guidelines, the group cannot post content.</li> <li>- A meeting is to be arranged with Comms to progress this.</li> <li>- The group note they are lacking “brand awareness” and they also need to build a culture.</li> <li>- Need a centralised platform.</li> <li>- All information is currently disjointed which means the good things taking place are not known in the community.</li> <li>- Good events like environmental issues and clean-ups are not known or advertised.</li> <li>- Need to raise awareness. This could be achieved by giving an award for people who help out.</li> <li>- This would promote the Youth Council and would get recognition for the people who help.</li> <li>- Sue suggested inviting a representative from the Comms Team to attend a Youth Council meeting to provide advice about ways to increase the profile of the group.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Meeting to be arranged with Comms staff of Council to progress social media for Youth Council.</p> <p>Noted</p>
9.	<p><b>Youth events and programming updates</b></p> <p><u>Active Inclusion Day at RALC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Was held on 15<sup>th</sup> August and was a great success.</li> <li>- It would be good to have the Youth Council more involved in things like this in future.</li> <li>- Volunteers would be great for this sort of event.</li> </ul> <p><u>Youth Creative competition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Still time to apply.</li> <li>- Those present were encouraged to take part and also to spread the word about the competition and prizes.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p>



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10.	<b>Next meeting</b>  The next meeting is scheduled for 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 6:00pm - 7.30pm in the Committee Room – Level 1A Pope St, Ryde and via TEAMS	Noted