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Venue:	Via zoom	
Date:	Wednesday, 18 th November 2020	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.30pm
Chair:	Councillor Penny Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Sean Willenberg	
Circulation:		

Committee Role:

The role of the Social Inclusion Advisory Committee is to provide advice to Council to ensure that all residents and visitors to the City of Ryde are able to participate actively in all aspects of community and civic life, and to ensure that Council recognises and values the diversity of its community.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	✓	Cate Sinclair	Community Representative	CEO – Northern Centre
✓		Deb Maio	Community Representative	Side by Side Advocacy
		Ebony Appel	Community Representative	
	✓	Gary Squire	Community Representative	
✓		Gregory McClure	Community Representative	
		Zoe Williamson	Community Representative	North Ryde Community Aid
	✓	Jim Towers	Community Representative	
		Julie Hill	Community Representative	Royal Rehabilitation
		Julie Jones	Community Representative	
		Karen Cowling	Community Representative	Carers NSW
✓		Jeongmin Park	Community Representative	
		Kate Hanley	Community Representative	Lifestart
		Nalyn Sirivivatnanon	Community Representative	
	✓	Rebecca Ho	Community Representative	Touched by Olivia
✓		Richard Scenna	Community Representative	YourLnk
		Rossella Tisci	Community Representative	
		Sarah McFayden	Community Representative	
✓		Tony Bernauer	Community Representative	
		Verity Greenwood	Community Representative	
		Wendy Innes	Community Representative	Community Care Northern Beaches
		Yoon Park	Community Representative	Ryde Hospital and Macquarie Hospital
	✓	Gabriel Van-Duinen		
✓		Sean Willenberg	Community Project Officer Social Inclusion	City of Ryde
✓		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
	✓	Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Social Development and capacity building	City of Ryde

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<p>1. Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Councillor Pedersen acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and welcomed all present.</p> <p>Those present and apologies are as noted above.</p>	Noted.
<p>2. Minutes from the last meeting</p> <p>The Minutes from the last meeting held on 4th March 2020 were confirmed.</p>	Noted.
<p>3. Committee Resignations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submission of resignation from Jan Perrett - Submission of resignation from Jen Humphrey 	The resignations of Jan Perrett and Jen Humphrey were noted.
<p>4. What's happening in Ryde and what's happened since last meeting</p> <p>Endorsement of RAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The RAP has been adopted by Council and endorsed by Reconciliation Australia. - People to become working group members are now being sought - Cllr Pedersen was very happy with the result of the RAP and the support by Council and staff <p>NAIDOC Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Had previously been postponed but was held last week - Council hosted events such as Dreaming stories – 15 preschools attended online and there were 1500 online views - Two x Live Lounge sessions were held with 1800 views to date and still ongoing - An online Aboriginal cooking class was held which was attended by families – recipes are still on line. - two guided walks along Glades Bay to view Aboriginal paintings were held - The walks were well attended and gave people a great insight into the art <p>COVID 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Pedersen sought advice as to where people saw particular issues during COVID - One eg was a lack of access to shops for some people. They may have been scared to go out for some reason or other - Staff and Councillors helped to distribute hampers donated by Harris Farm - Cllr Pedersen met one lady in social housing who had not seen anyone in four weeks - What could be done better next time is something similar happens again. - Greg said it was difficult for him on his own. Had to attend the shops very early - A neighbour offered to help but he was able to manage on his own. - Deb mentioned that phone contact was important and that she made sure she was in contact with people when she could be. - The all abilities disco was cancelled but was held via zoom. - The DJ was in a field and the event was extremely well attended. – far more than a normal disco which they may not be able to usually attend. - The event was covered by The Project - Richard – worked with aged care providers to upskill them with digital skills. 	Noted

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training sessions focussed in Melbourne during its lockdown but is now being done on the central coast. - People loved the YouTube channel for music and chatting to people - In person training was held in Ryde during Seniors Week but nothing since then. - Would like to do in future – apply for community grant for future activity. - Often access to services etc depends on technology understanding that people just don't have. - Reconnect – organisation - will recondition any device and pass on to people who need them - NDIS provided technology to many people especially in CALD communities. This helped people keep up their exercise regimes from home. - Koreans with a disability now get together via zoom which has opened up the accessibility possibly for the better. <p>Issues in Ryde</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was an issue with wheelchairs on Blaxland Road. One gentleman was thrown from his wheelchair into traffic due to a poor footpath. - Greg lives at the back of Jim Walsh Park where Council proposed a concrete pad. - Still no information about additional paths that might be planned for the park. - There has been a lot of community and resident opposition to the concrete pad - A path from the park – near the carpark to Balaclava Road would be appreciated. - The area near the carpark is level and would be well suited to additional paths. - Currently people use the paths for Tai Chi and this blocks the path to other users. - People can feel intimidated by the Tai Chi users when they are on the path. - The disabled only parking spot in Pope Street has been endorsed. - 30 – 32 Herbert Street – recently access to the building was blocked due to rubbish piled waiting for Council cleanup. - Rubbish piled up well in advance of the day it should be put out. - Is there anything that can be done. It happens everytime there is a cleanup. - State of the footpaths in Ryde makes travel for disabled people extremely difficult. - Main roads and secondary roads have terrible footpaths. Tony is forced to use the road as the footpaths are in such poor condition. - Councillor Pedersen will alert staff if she is told about particular footpaths that are dangerous. - One of the worst strips is Devlin Street from Medicare up to Blaxland Road. - The area is not level, the whole thing is bad. - Outside 14 Graham Ave, the footpath was fixed but they break down again 	
<p>5. DIAP update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to Covid the period to renew DIAP has been extended to July 1 2022 – a 12 month extension. - Some Councils have started their new DIAP, but no issue for the ones which haven't. - Council will use the extra time to carry out more discussion with the community and let people provide more input into the final DIAP. 	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council has over 60% of action items completed. - It shares its action items with Lane Cove and Hunters Hill and is happy with progress, 	
<p>6. Make a stand campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Pedersen reported on the march last year regarding no excuse for abuse. - This year it was not possible to hold the march. - One project being undertaken by Council with CMRC is to produce 16 podcasts in a number of languages to talk about domestic violence. - Some amazing stories have been told and it is a very worthwhile project. - It is intended to turn TRIM Place purple to mark an International event on domestic violence. - People will be asked to hold up a banner to make a stand against family and domestic violence on line. - This is in lieu of the march. - Will be having a vigil – post a picture of yourself at dusk with the hashtag. - Venture Café will also be holding an event for corps in Mac Park about how they can make a stand. - Events will be held from 25th Nov to 10th December - Great partnership with shopping centres ie Top Ryde and Mac Park. - The Northern Centre is also working on a program to help people escape domestic violence. - The program is helping them navigate life after they leave refuges ie how to find schools, legal advice etc. - Now sourcing funds to allow this program to be rolled out. 	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>7. Social Inclusion Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be held next week - Two digital writing sessions planned – writing for wellbeing. - Don't have to be a writer – just to help you express your inner writer. - Two digital webinars in connection with diversity alliance. - Will hear from people with a disability and how inclusiveness has helped them and taken place. - Also Inclusive story time which is being delivered by local writers. – details on Council's website. - Library team will be carrying out inclusive Storytime in Korean and Mandarin. - All abilities disco will be held as part of the week also. - Will be screened via zoom and is a wonderful event which is encouraging people from so many communities including regional communities where they can build connections with people they would not normally be in contact with. 	<p>The information was noted</p>
<p>8. International Day of people with disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID has changed this event too. - Want to focus on celebrating people with disability. - An art competition will be held with the theme – not all disabilities are visible. - Entries close soon. - Panel will judge the winner. - Winner will have their artwork on display in local galleries and prominent public areas. - Art for Mental Health – flags are still flying in the city - All artists are women which is rare. - On display until 4th December. 	<p>The information was noted</p>

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<p>9.</p>	<p>General Business</p> <p>Arts opportunities for people with a disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Painting competition – see above - Film/video competition being run by NOVA - All films – some international are on NOVA’s website. <p>Side by Side Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertaking a study on governance. - Including people with disabilities on boards being looked at. - Clr Pedersen wants to see people encouraged to run for CI and take part in forums such as this. - Study will go for 12 months and updates will be provided on findings. <p>All abilities sport strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A couple of people have approached Clr Pedersen re clubs they want to start and hope to have Council support for. - Wheelchair basketball and football could be supported. - Suggestions re other sports maybe pickleball would be welcome. - Any other ideas send to Clr Pedersen <p>Art for mental health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trying to do something fun and lighthearted as we head into holidays. - Looking for best air guitarist – good prize offered - Tune In – is the message for mental health month, <p>NSROC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clr Pedersen is now on this committee and has been elected Vice President - The committee often discusses sports grounds and buildings not so much on social inclusion etc. - Clr Pedersen would like to change this and increase solution seeking for social isolation issues and access issues on a regional basis <p>Greg – Anniversary of Live Aid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teddy Pendergast who had been in a car accident appeared on stage in an electric wheelchair and sang - It was very uplifting. <p>MTO – Islamic Group in Drummoyne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - couldn’t celebrate as they would normally so they gave the money they would usually use to celebrate they gave to buy food parcels and distributed these in social housing. - Did it all in a COVID safe manner – very generous and greatly appreciated. - Red Frogs, CCA, Relationships Australia, CRMC, Rangers, staff from RALC. All helped deliver and pack food packages. - The library still undertook deliveries to people’s homes – some deliveries in electric car. 	<p>The information was noted.</p>
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<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Not finalised yet. But will be in March 2021</p>	<p>Noted.</p>