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| File No: | CLR/07/8/101/1/16 | |
| Document Ref: | D19/187122 | |
| Venue: | Council Chamber, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde | |
| Date: | Wednesday, 20 th November 2019 | |
| Time: | 6.00pm | Started at: 6.10pm Closed at: 8.00 |
| Chair: | Councillor Penny Pedersen | |
| Meeting Support (MS): | Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors | |
| Staff Convenor: | Sue Verhoek | |
| 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 |
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| ✓ | | Councillor Penny Pedersen | Chairperson | City of Ryde |
| | | Councillor Bernard Purcell | Deputy 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 |
| ✓ | | Janice Perrett | Community Representative | |
| | | Jim Towers | Community Representative | |
| | ✓ | Julie Hill | Community Representative | |
| | ✓ | 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 | YourLink |
| ✓ | | Rossella Tisci | Community Representative | |
| | ✓ | Sarah McFayden | Community Representative | |
| ✓ | | Tony Bernauer | Community Representative | |
| | ✓ | Verity Greenwood | Community Representative | |
| | | Wendy Innes | Community Representative | Community Care Northern Beaches |
| ✓ | | Jen Humphrey | Community Representative | |
| | | Yoon Park | Community Representative | Ryde Hospital and Macquarie Hospital |
| | | Gabriel Van-Duinen | | |
| | ✓ | Sean Willenberg | Community Project Officer Social Inclusion | City of Ryde |

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| ✓ | | Linda Smith | EA to Mayor and Councillors | City of Ryde |
| ✓ | | Sue Verhoek | Senior Coordinator Social Development and capacity building | City of Ryde |
| | ✓ | Lindsay Godfrey | Manager – Community and Ranger Services | City of Ryde |
| | ✓ | Angela Jones-Blayney | Director – Customer and Community Services | City of Ryde |
| ✓ | | Carolina Morison | | visitor |

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| 1. | <p>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. |
| 2. | <p>Minutes from the last meeting</p> <p>The Minutes from the last meeting held on 4th September 2019 were confirmed.</p> | Noted. |
| 3. | <p>Widening Participation</p> <p>Carolina Morison from Macquarie University gave a presentation to the group on ways Macquarie University is widening the participation of students at the university:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolina is a planning officer at the University - She designs projects and initiatives to be representative of everyone in society - The aim is to give everyone the same opportunities in the university community - It is recognised that the uni isn't representative of everyone in society – the main hurdle faced by students is often financial. - This issue isn't unique to Australia. All countries face challenges in relation to the people who can access higher education. - Macquarie University is 50 years old. It was established at a time of great social change and has always been modern in its outlook. - Equity in education raises educational outcomes and increases living standards. - Many groups suffer disadvantage such as low income earners, CALD community, rural students etc. - All universities are being encouraged to work with students from areas of disadvantage. - There has been an increase in participation in higher education of between 9 – 13% for students considered to be disadvantaged. - Programs have been developed to build confidence and let people reach their potential. - The programs have achieved improved greater outcomes - The Committee was asked to consider how the community can engage more and provide education support to people who need it. | Noted |
| 4. | <p>Westminster Park Masterplan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Masterplan has been contentious in the local area - The ground is not in great condition but it is used passively by many locals. - The Masterplan suggestion is for a synthetic surface to be installed and some people don't like this. - Monash Park – opposite Westminster Park is also to be redeveloped. - Committee members are asked to provide their comments if they wish - In terms of access, there is a chance to improve the Masterplan | The information was noted. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The existing scout hall will be very expensive to upgrade and renew. | |
| <p>5. Social Inclusion Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This will be held on 23rd November to 1st December 2019 - Council will be undertaking a number of initiatives and activities - All on the Committee are encouraged to take part and to spread the word to others - The fashion parade will be a particularly interesting and rewarding event - Shop owners and centre managers will also receive positive feedback with a good turnout on the day. - Clr Pedersen has interviewed some of the models and they are very excited. - Sat 30th November – All abilities disco will be held at North Ryde Golf Club - People are encouraged to come along even if they are not participants. This allows people to see and encourage others to get involved in future events. | <p>The information was noted.</p> |
| <p>6. No excuse for abuse march</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This will be held on Friday 22nd November and commences at the Engineering faculty at Macquarie University. - The march ends in Elouera Reserve where there will be speeches and lunch and a signing of the pledge. - There has been a big increase in the number of DV presentations. - CALD communities are experiencing a large increase in DV cases - Corporates are being encouraged to consider writing DV leave into their practices. - Next year it was suggested that an approach be made to cultural leaders to take part in the march – it is a good example for CALD communities. | <p>The information was noted.</p> |
| <p>7. LGBTIQA+ in the City of Ryde</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has been commented that City of Ryde is not doing a lot in this area. - A working group could be formed to hold an event to open discussion on this topic in Ryde - There is an equity and diversity team at Macquarie Uni which could provide assistance. - Further discussion to be undertaken at the next meeting | <p>The information was noted.</p> |
| <p>8. Other Business</p> <p>Metro</p> <p>A new campaign has begun to push for more time to allow for people in wheelchairs or with intellectual disabilities to board the new Metro services.</p> <p>Mental Health Week</p> <p>Flags were recently displayed on multifunction poles to celebrate the art exhibition being held for mental health week.</p> <p>Dinner party for teenagers with autism and other intellectual disabilities</p> <p>Clr Pedersen commented on the dinner parties arranged for teenagers in other areas. Contact to be made to have the speaker Clr Pedersen heard at a recent conference attend a future meeting of this committee</p> <p>Child Care at Advisory Committee meetings</p> | <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Speaker to be requested to attend a future meeting of this committee</p> |

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| <p>Child care is now available for committee members wishing to use it during Advisory Committee meetings. Two weeks' notice is required.</p> <p>Sports outcomes for athletes with disabilities</p> <p>Ryde Sports Foundation has done great work in bringing the public's attention to the fantastic achievements of athletes, particularly those with disabilities.</p> <p>Two recently recognised athletes are Madison de Rozario and Nick Beveridge (triathlete). Eric Horie (a finalist in NSW Sports Awards 2019) and Louise Savage have also been recognised by Ryde Sports Foundation.</p> <p>A cohort of athletes with disabilities has been representing Ryde with great credit.</p> <p>TWT has given a write up to all athletes including Evan O'Hanlon (local who set world record for 100m)</p> <p>Julie Crane – Inclusive Football club</p> <p>A great event was held recently at Meadowbank with teams from a number of countries.</p> <p>Granny Smith Festival</p> <p>There was an issue at this year's festival with the lack of wheelchair access at Eastwood Public School.</p> <p>Two wheelchair students could not access the site. A letter to be sent to the education department regarding this.</p> <p>Christmas Carols in Anzac Park</p> <p>It is difficult to obtain power for this site. It is potentially dangerous to run power from the toilets. This is currently the only solution.</p> <p>Diwali Festival</p> <p>Was held recently and was a success. It is expected that the event will grow over time.</p> <p>Social Plan and Creativity Strategy</p> <p>Was launched recently at Brush Farm House. There was widespread community consultation to develop the strategy which will give good information for future planning.</p> <p>Church leaders meeting</p> <p>Clr Pedersen attended the event called "Together for Ryde" which was held by local churches. The event was well attended and a great success.</p> <p>Pedestrian Crossing at Bowden Street</p> <p>To be followed up with staff and a response provided.</p> <p>Also the ramp near the Goodman building at Macquarie Park is an issue. There is a ramp down and another going up which makes accessibility very difficult.</p> <p>Details to be sent to staff and a follow up letter sent to Goodmans.</p> | <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Consideration to be given to these athletes being recognised by Council for the great work they are doing and the role they will play on the international stage</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Letter to be sent to the Dept of Education</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>To be followed up.</p> |
| <p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th March 2020 (6.00pm-7.30pm)</p> | <p>Noted.</p> |