

Subject:	Social Inclusion Advisory Committee – Minutes of Meeting	Page 1 of 5
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Venue:	Council Chamber, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 21 st November 2018	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.10pm Closed at: 8.10pm
Chair:	Councillor Penny Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Sean Willenberg	
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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
	✓	Councillor Simon Zhou	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	
✓		Cecilia Park	Community Representative	
✓		Jim Towers	Community Representative	
✓		Julie Hill	Community Representative	Ryde Rehabilitation
✓		Julie Jones	Community Representative	
		Karen Cowling	Community Representative	Carers NSW
	✓	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
✓		Jen Humphrey	Community Representative	
	✓	Carmen Platt	Community Representative	The Generous and Grateful
✓		Gabriel Van-Duinen		
✓		Sean Willenberg	Community Project Officer Social Inclusion	City of Ryde
✓		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	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> <p>The resignations of Martina Fox and Elizabeth Wilkinson were noted.</p> <p>Gabriel Van Duinen was introduced as a new member of the Committee – Gabriel is studying at Macquarie University and is also on Youth Council.</p> <p>Jennifer Humphrey has transferred from the Arts Advisory Committee to this committee – she is also studying and has an interest in mental health.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>2. Minutes from the last meeting</p> <p>The Minutes from the last meeting held on 5th September 2018 were confirmed.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>3. Viewing of Jeremy the dud</p> <p>The group watched the video Jeremy the Dud which was cause for reflection of the attitudes held by society against people with disability.</p> <p>The video will be shown to all staff over the next few months.</p> <p>An exercise was then conducted with the group including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - writing one word responses to what inclusion means to you - What can we do to make people feel included 	
<p>4. DIAP reporting to LGNSW and NSW Disability Council</p> <p>The above groups have changed the reporting structure on DIAP as the majority of Councils have not completed any action items.</p> <p>This Council has taken action including:</p> <p>Establishing an Inclusion Award as part of the Northern District Business awards</p> <p>Conducting a review of events held for International Day of People with Disability to include more inclusive events.</p> <p>Facilitate the provision of services by providing discounted hire of venues.</p> <p>Expansion of the Community Grants program to include a category to help people provide more accessible businesses and services</p> <p>Provision of a copy of DIAP to all Councillors</p> <p>Training of staff on a number of related matters relating to disability, mental health, disability confidence training.</p> <p>Ensuring all relevant staff know about accessibility features of buildings in Ryde</p> <p>Playing a more active role in providing subsidised parking</p> <p>Reviewing ranger resources so that cars parked on footpaths and accessible parking spaces are fined more regularly.</p> <p>Supporting access to meaningful employment especially within Council</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>It was noted that in respect of hall hire that even though fees may be reduced, the need to provide public liability insurance precludes many people from being able to hire facilities.</p> <p>Council staff to look at tracking the DIAP implementation with a focus on actions achieved, actions in process and actions to be implemented.</p>

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<p>Support of Council’s EEO policy and promotion of this through Council’s intranet facility</p> <p>Support to retain people with disabilities in the workforce at City of Ryde</p> <p>Review of position descriptions to encourage people to apply and offer support to people with a disability.</p> <p>Promotion of a diversity program through Chambers of Commerce and other organisations.</p> <p>Review of Council’s website to make sure it is compliant with relevant requirements</p> <p>Provision of a services directory on Council’s website</p> <p>Training of staff so they can help people with disability and also help them find where extra information is available.</p>	
<p>5. Social Inclusion Week and IDPWD activities</p> <p>Social Inclusion Week will be celebrated on 27th November 2018.</p> <p>Friday 23rd November – screening of film “Wonder” at Yamble Reserve and also screening of film by Emily Dash called I’m not a piece of art.</p> <p>Monday 26th November Truscott Street story time and sing a long at North Ryde Library</p> <p>Tuesday 27th November – UR Included event at Civic Hall – Achieve will be displaying art, community groups will be performing, photo booth and interview booth will be available, food will be provided by Oz Harvest and Salvation Army will supply coffee van.</p> <p>Friday 30th November – Mad Pride event. Is being supported by a community grant. Comedians, arts, music etc. will be used to celebrate mental health in the community</p> <p>28th, 29th and 30th November – Council staff will view Jeremy the Dud.</p> <p>Sport NSW will run activate inclusion. This day is to encourage students with a disability to take part in sports that they haven’t had access to before.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>All events are on Council’s website.</p>
<p>6. Reconciliation Action Plan</p> <p>Clr Pedersen provided background to this matter.</p> <p>When it was brought to her attention that Council did not have a RAP, she raised the matter as a Notice of Motion. When completed, Council will be the 6th Council in NSW to have a RAP.</p> <p>430 people in Ryde identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.</p> <p>The recent purchase of the site of Bennelong’s grave was brought to the committee’s attention along with Council’s role in this matter.</p> <p>A committee will be formed to create the RAP. 50% of the Committee to be Aboriginal or Torres Strait islander.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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<p>7. DIAP actions update</p> <p>See item 4 above.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>8. Plans of Management – Survey for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park</p> <p>After the last meeting of this committee, members were provided a link to “have your say” survey.</p> <p>The consultation for these parks was completed on the 4th November.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>9. Ideas arising from Coxs Road Cares event</p> <p>Speakers from Macquarie Hospital and others including a Youth Ambassador from Council spoke. Some business owners in Coxs Road were present.</p> <p>The “with one voice choir” sang and a lot of ideas were discussed.</p> <p>The focus was on inclusion, especially in Coxs Road.</p> <p>The initial impetus for the meeting was the reduction of services at Macquarie Hospital and the resultant increase in the number of patients using the Coxs Road Shopping Centre as a source of recreation.</p> <p>The majority of users of the centre are not homeless but are suffering because of a gap in services.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Anyone interested in joining a working group to further discuss possible solutions should contact Sean.</p>
<p>10. Consultation process between traffic and works and people with disability</p> <p>Following a previous proposal to move disabled parking spots in Putney, residents raised the difficulties that this decision would have for disabled people due to the slope of the site.</p> <p>This shows how important it is to ensure that decisions are made based on a full examination of circumstances.</p>	<p>Prior to future disabled parking spaces being approved by Council, the committee would like them to be trialled by a person in a wheelchair to ensure they are useable.</p>
<p>11. Other Business</p> <p><u>Link Housing art exhibition</u></p> <p>This was held at West Ryde and was excellent</p> <p><u>Ryde Art Society</u></p> <p>The Society has included an inclusive section in its award sponsored by Achieve.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen purchased a piece by Les Marasesky which will be put on display at Council.</p> <p><u>Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2019</u></p> <p>The dates for 2019 have been selected and will be</p> <p>Wednesday 6th March 2019 Wednesday 5th June 2019 Wednesday 4th September 2019 Wednesday 20th November 2019</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>

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	<p><u>Death of Quentin Kenihan on 7th October 2018</u></p> <p>The death of Quentin was recognised.</p> <p><u>Demolition of Hectorville Primary School attended by Greg McClure</u></p> <p>Greg has written to a number of government bodies requesting that a memorial be erected to recognise the demolition of his former school.</p> <p><u>Salvation Army Food and Toy Drive for Christmas</u></p> <p>If people know of anyone in need of support this Christmas names should be forwarded to the Salvation Army.</p> <p><u>Assistance Dogs Australia</u></p> <p>This group has a demand for dogs for people with disability – often wheelchair users.</p> <p>Puppy raisers are required.</p> <p><u>Research subjects sought</u></p> <p>Flyers were distributed by Sean on behalf of Rosella.</p> <p><u>Bus Service – East Ryde Service</u></p> <p>This area has been poorly serviced causing social isolation to students, elderly, disabled and workers.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen has been collecting signatures and the Shadow Minister has pledged a bus service should Labor win the State election.</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>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>
8.	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6th March 2019 (6.00pm-7.30pm)</p>	<p>Noted.</p>