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Venue:	Council Chamber, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 4 th September 2019	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.04pm Closed at: 8.00
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	
✓		Jim Towers	Community Representative	
	✓	Julie Hill	Community Representative	Ryde 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	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	
		Carmen Platt	Community Representative	The Generous and Grateful
	✓	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
	✓	Lindsay Godfrey	Manager – Community and Ranger Services	City of Ryde
	✓	Angela Jones-Blayney	Director – Customer and Community Services	City of Ryde
✓		Warren Smith	Riding for Disabled	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 5th June 2019 were confirmed.</p>	Noted.
3.	<p>Riding for the disabled (RDA)</p> <p>Clr Pedersen welcomed Warren Smith who gave a presentation about the work of Riding for the Disabled.</p> <p>Warren advised as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He has been volunteering in a number of organisations for 40 years and was awarded the Ryde Citizen of the Year award in 2017. - RDA is a not for profit organisation located in Culloden Road Marsfield and is the site of the origami horses (previously located in West Ryde plaza) - All of the people who work at RDA are volunteers – there are no paid staff - RDA provides therapy for a range of conditions – it does not provide horse riding lessons. - The centre operates 4 days a week. - The safety and welfare of the volunteers, riders and horses is paramount. - It takes approx. 3 years to train to be a coach. - There are numerous benefits for the riders including improved self-esteem, balance, fitness etc. - The horses seem to have an intuition about how to connect with people. - The volunteers help out for a number of reasons including companionship and learning new skills - There are many roles for volunteers including preparation of feed bags, garden maintenance, admin, social media, fundraising etc. - The drought has had a huge effect on the price of feed which has gone up 89% since 2018. - There are 8 horses on site and the food bill for a year is currently \$40,000 plus \$27,000 in overheads. - There are no wages paid the Association is always looking for fundraising opportunities. - He advised some of the current fundraising methods include people paying for feed, volunteering, making a bequest in a will, helping with mowing etc. - The Association currently has requests in excess of 400 to attend the facility but can only provide 200 places. 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Suggestions for raising funds were made but most have been investigated or are not achievable.</p> <p>One idea that might bring in funds is to sell the opportunity to be a feeder or to work in some other capacity.</p> <p>Sean will provide contacts for providing assistance to write grant applications</p>
4.	<p>Committee Resignations</p> <p>Resignations have been received from the following people:</p>	The information was noted.

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<p>Carmen Platt – has resigned to take up a position on the Status of Women Committee</p> <p>Karen Cowling – has resigned from the Committee due to personal reasons.</p>	
<p>5. Ryde Central</p> <p>Sean advised that a lot of feedback has been received from the community regarding the Ryde Central Project.</p> <p>It was noted that some members of this committee have provided comments about factors to take into account in considering planning for any new centre.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>6. Coxs Road Community Forum</p> <p>An event focussing on mental health will be held on 19th September 2019 at St Johns Church Coxs Road.</p> <p>There will be a Q and A session on how to assist with mental health issues in the local community hosted by workers from Macquarie Hospital. It is hoped this will dispel some of the myths regarding mental health and the residents who are frequenting Coxs Road shopping strip.</p> <p>A designated smoking area has been created in the shopping area which is being well utilised.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen has been working with staff to find a solution to the issues that can arise from patients and residents of Macquarie Hospital frequenting the shopping strip.</p> <p>Some behaviour is anti-social and causing concern amongst shop owners and shoppers.</p> <p>A previous forum involving local businesses, Council staff, the police, shop owners and hospital staff did not resolve the concerns.</p> <p>Representatives of service providers have been invited to the September forum, and it is hoped more useful suggestions will be forthcoming from the event.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>7. Link Housing “no place like home” art exhibition</p> <p>Clr Pedersen is the patron of this event and attended the recent launch.</p> <p>The event was well attended and featured work by artists with disabilities.</p> <p>The exhibition is now on tour.</p> <p>Artists who live in social housing and others were encouraged to produce work with the theme – home.</p> <p>A new hub has recently opened at Link Housing Blaxland Road and will be used for multiple purposes including art exhibitions.</p> <p>The space can be used by any group.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>8. Arts for social change</p> <p>Clr Pedersen advised that a previous visit to the wall of fame at Royal Rehabilitation Ryde led her to think about art as therapy.</p> <p>There are numerous art initiatives in the local community which are connected to</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Groups wishing to seek a grant for an art project are reminded that the</p>

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<p>social change. Some of these are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of digital art rather than conventional art by brain injury patients - A new mural being undertaken by Studio A at UTS - Local Ryde artist who is currently at the Venetian Biennale - The street market being conducted by Afghan women - Eden unearthed which is on display at Eden Gardens - Emerge – a 14 week program - The prize won by Royal Rehab recently for sensory art - The inclusive art class being run at Gladesville Hospital each Tuesday from 10 till 2pm. 	<p>funding round is now open</p>
<p>19. Other Business</p> <p><u>Pedestrian Crossing – Bowden Street Shepherds Bay</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that this crossing is similar to a speed hump and is difficult to use as you need to go down and then back up. It needs to be level - Council should consider all users when designing items such as pedestrian crossings. <p><u>Pedestrian Crossing – East Street and Blaxland Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is another example of a badly graded pedestrian crossing which is very difficult for wheelchair users to access <p><u>Speed hump – Curzon Street and Smith Street Ryde</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This speed hump is being used a pedestrian crossing by many people and is therefore quite dangerous. People are confused about the difference between a crossing and raised speed hump. <p><u>Roundabout – Terry Road and Orchard Street</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is another site that needs investigation <p><u>Site to pack Christmas hampers sought</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Salvation Army is in need of a site for December and January where it can pack and distribute Christmas hampers. <p><u>Accessible and affordable housing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A shortage of affordable and accessible housing in the community is causing difficulties for people in need of accommodation and their carers. <p><u>Stroke Choir Performance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Stroke Choir will perform on 12th September 2019 at Coxs Road Hall from 10am to 2.30pm. - It is noted that singing is an important tool for stroke recovery and aids with memory, socialisation etc. - Six choirs will perform at the free event <p><u>Ticket inspections – local train stations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The attitude of ticket inspectors was noted in a recent blitz against fare evaders. People with passes other than student concessions, were sometimes treated in a demeaning manner. <p><u>LGBTIQ – inclusion in local community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that all groups in the community should be included when Council arranges activities. 	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The use of language is important to provide a sense of inclusion <p><u>Common sense for building design</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that when buildings are being designed or any structure such as a crossing is being planned, common sense and going above the basic design should be encouraged. - It was noted that too often simple measures which would improve the ease of use for all sorts of people are overlooked. - E.g. of a lectern which was on a raised platform and a fixed microphone which could not be lowered at an event run by NSW Health at Parl House was mentioned - E.g. of separate disabled entry at a Human Rights Commission event which had to be accessed via an intercom which was not manned. - Council is urged to place handrails in the auditorium of its new building - Additional toilets should be installed above what the code provides - Builders should be encouraged to go above the specifications of code as this is often woefully less than that required to make the life of a disabled person easy. <p><u>Travel magazine for disabled people</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new travel magazine featuring articles of interest to people travelling domestically and internationally with a disability is available. <p><u>Social Inclusion Week</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sean advised that there will be a travel session during social inclusion week providing advice for disabled travellers. 	
	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20th November 2019 (6.00pm-7.30pm)</p>	Noted.