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Venue:	Council Chamber, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 5 th June 2019	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.40pm
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
	✓	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	
	✓	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	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	Community Representative	
✓		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
✓		Mishele Cavanagh-Downs		The Summer Foundation
✓		Vincent Yu		DAPA
✓		Sam Lolacono		DAPA
✓		Yeoman Yu		DAPA
✓		Savitha		DAPA
✓		Narda Campbell		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 6th March 2019 were confirmed.</p>	Noted.
3.	<p>Differently Abled People Association presentation</p> <p>The representatives of DAPA provided a presentation outlining the work of DAPA and the creation of a phone app for which they are seeking support.</p> <p>Sean advised that Council has a volunteer referral service and that DAPA can provide information on positions available for volunteers.</p> <p>He also mentioned the possibility of DAPA entering a hackathon to increase programming possibilities.</p> <p>The PACE program may be able to provide assistance to DAPA.</p>	The information was noted.
4.	<p>Homelessness Forum</p> <p>The Forum was chaired by Cllr Gordon and attended by groups such as Link Housing. There was a good cross section of attendees.</p> <p>The forum considered the current gaps in service provision.</p> <p>The emergency section at Ryde Hospital needs to be upgraded to allow people with mental health issues to be admitted.</p> <p>The lack of a service directory and coordination of services needs attention.</p> <p>Affordable housing is required – the period provided by temporary accommodation is not long enough.</p> <p>There is an app with information relevant to homelessness and domestic violence.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation is to be forwarded to committee members</p>

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<p>This should be promoted as the information provided is very good.</p> <p>Weekend support is required for children.</p> <p>What can be done?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide more forums on homelessness - Create more links to allow contact between relevant groups - Engage with schools and use libraries and community centres to do this - Develop professional relationships – use local gp’s, dentists etc - Put more details of links on Council’s website - Create a local services directory and issue it to relevant assistance groups in the community - Create an app for multicultural use - Perhaps examine the possibility of providing crisis accommodation on school grounds - Provide employment opportunities and food banks <p>It was agreed that more data is required and over a greater geographic area</p> <p>Perhaps real estate agents, other councils and more organisations could be invited to future meetings</p> <p>Council could examine allowing churches to erect small houses on church property</p>	
<p>5. Child care for committee members</p> <p>A Notice of Motion by Cllr Pedersen was recently supported by Council which will result in child care being provided for people attending advisory committee meetings.</p> <p>Staff are now looking at how to implement the proposal.</p> <p>Further advice will be provided as details are finalised.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>6. Summer Foundation/The housing hub</p> <p>Mishele Cavanagh-Downs from The Summer Foundation provided advice regarding the work of the foundation which aims to provide accommodation to allow people to achieve independent living.</p> <p>The Foundation was established by the founders of MYOB accounting.</p> <p>The Foundation works with developers to create units which are purpose built to suit the need of disabled residents.</p> <p>11 units are purchased in developments deemed suitable with ten used to provide accommodation and the 11th used by a full time on site contact person.</p> <p>Developments must have accessible common areas and be near transport etc to be considered for purchase by the Foundation.</p> <p>The Foundation aims to assist any person with a disability but especially targets young people who would otherwise be required to live in a nursing home.</p> <p>It is possible for residents to purchase their units outright which creates a further layer of independence.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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7.	<p>NAIDOC Week</p> <p>Council is arranging a number of events in the week of and lead up to NAIDOC Week.</p> <p>A ceremony will be held at West Ryde on 8th July at West Ryde Plaza to celebrate NAIDOC Week and opening of the plaza.</p> <p>A smoking ceremony and flag raising will take place.</p> <p>Health sessions for indigenous people will take place during the week.</p> <p>A recent Venture Café session addressed reconciliation and was very well received.</p> <p>Progress on the Reconciliation Action Plan and what will be achieved when the Plan is complete was provided.</p>	The information was noted.
8.	<p>New Social inclusion Initiatives</p> <p>An update on new initiatives was provided as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New walking football – run previously at RALC during seniors week. - Gladesville Hornsby Football Association is now running this on Friday night. Older people can play and socialise by taking part. - Cycling and kayaking opportunities at Meadowbank have been explored and a bike/cycling kiosk will be installed. - Councillor Pedersen is also hoping to eventually have Council purchase a riding without age trishaws for community use. - Meadowbank Skate Park has now opened and is providing opportunities for people of all ages. 	The information was noted.
19.	<p>Other Business</p> <p><u>Inclusive fashion parade.</u></p> <p>A fashion parade will be held using models with and without disability, assistants etc. The possibility of holding the event at Top Ryde during Social Inclusion Week is being canvassed.</p> <p>The aim of the event is to increase awareness within the community perhaps through the use of window displays, participation of stores etc.</p> <p>Looking for ideas and input from this committee with the event.</p> <p>A suggestion was made regarding possible outreach to the events staff at UTS which runs a fashion show each year.</p>	The information was noted.
	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th September 2019 (6.00pm-7.30pm)</p>	Noted.