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<b>Venue:</b>	Council Chamber, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm      Closed at: 8.00pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Councillor Penny Pedersen	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Sean Willenberg	
<b>Circulation:</b>		

**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	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
✓		Lewin Ellis	Uniting Local Area Coordination Program	

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1.	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b></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>Cir Pedersen welcomed Sue Verhoek to the meeting and also mentioned Lindsay Godfrey who has been appointed Manager – Community and Ranger services since the last meeting of this committee.</p>	Noted.
2.	<p><b>Minutes from the last meeting</b></p> <p>The Minutes from the last meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 were confirmed.</p>	Noted.
3.	<p><b>NDIS Local Area Coordinator Presentation</b></p> <p>Lewin Ellis from Uniting Local Area Coordination Program provided the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- He spoke about what is happening in the area of mental health and NDIS.</li> <li>- An independent assessment pilot is being undertaken to make access to services more available</li> <li>- NDIS is providing assessments through the Benevolent Society which will save a great amount of money.</li> <li>- 64,000 people want to access the NDIS scheme in relation to mental health issues.</li> <li>- Support goes to people directly affected, their carers, families etc.</li> <li>- Want to streamline the process to receive support</li> <li>- Three teams work on each case now – pre planning to help people get onto the scheme, a team to support people to work out their budgets, and an implementation team that helps people through their NDIS journey.</li> <li>- The website is a good source of resources and advice re what is on offer.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Ellis then answered numerous questions from the group.</p> <p>He provided handouts regarding the NDIS service for distribution.</p>	The information was noted.
4.	<p><b>Social Plan and Creativity Strategy</b></p> <p>The Social Plan will investigate social needs and the aspirations of people in the Ryde LGA and identify key trends and the social influences that impact on peoples' quality of life. The strategy will incorporate the volunteer strategy and youth strategy.</p> <p>The Creativity Strategy will drive the delivery of an achievable program of initiatives that will contribute to the cultural and creative life of the City.</p> <p>Both documents will be updated regularly and will inform the Community Strategic Plan, Operational Plan and Delivery Program.</p>	The information was noted.

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	<p>A comprehensive community engagement plan has been designed and commenced in late February 2019.</p> <p>Engagement forums will be held with various Council Advisory Committees, faith organisations, creative groups and individuals, service providers and school administrators. A range of tools and techniques will be used including phone and online surveys and interpreter telephone interviews.</p> <p>An online survey will be available for community members and will be promoted at citizenship ceremonies and other Council events.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Seniors Festival – February 2019</b></p> <p>During the 2019 Seniors Festival, 13 events were held in Ryde with a total number of 218 participants from Ryde and the wider area taking part.</p> <p>In conjunction with the Festival, a competition was held to seek ideas for next year’s festival and retirement in general. The average age of participants was between 65 and 70.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Suggestion for next year is “riding without age” where people travel in rickshaw type vehicles with a cyclist behind.</p>
6.	<p><b>Accessible voting places in Bennelong – federal election</b></p> <p>This is part of the DIAP action plan.</p> <p>The Australian Electoral Commission is booking a number of venues and will send information to Sean advising of the facilities available at each site. Pre poll voting has previously been an issue but better accessed sites should be available this year. Details will be placed on Council’s website.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
7.	<p><b>Harmony Day</b></p> <p>Harmony Day will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at Eastwood Plaza in conjunction with the Community Migrant Resource Centre. Approximately 60 stalls will provide information on a range of topics and performances will also be held.</p> <p>On the night of the 21<sup>st</sup> March the hOPE choir will be performing at the Ryde Civic Hall.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
8.	<p><b>International Women’s Day</b></p> <p>Two main events will be held in 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>8<sup>th</sup> March 2019</u> – event being held at CSIRO Lindfield from 10am to 2.00pm– Women in Business</li> <li>- The International Women’s Day Forum highlights the City of Ryde’s commitment to supporting women’s leadership in business. Speakers include Andrea Watson CEO of Sparrows.io and Dr Cathy Foley CSIRO’s Chief Scientist.</li> <li>- <u>9<sup>th</sup> March 2019</u> – event being held at the Ryde Civic Centre. Have chosen this date as the committee wanted to attract a different audience which may have previously been excluded from attending because of the timing of the event. Speakers will include Dee Madigan and Jenna Price.</li> <li>- Emily Dash, Sara Saleh and lots of locals including Julie Crane and Angela Phippen will also speak. The event will be catered and there will be live performances.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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<p>9. <b>Get that job day – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b></p> <p>This event is designed for youth and is being hosted by Council and TAFE. It is an inclusive event.</p> <p>Providers who can offer jobs to young people from a number of backgrounds and with different levels of ability have been selected to take part in the day.</p> <p>Assistance will be provided with resume writing etc.</p>		<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>10. <b>Other Business</b></p> <p><u>Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Council resolved to develop a RAP.</li> <li>- Planning is now underway with the next major step being to establish a working party</li> <li>- The RAP is a strategic document and will set out minimal elements required of organisations to build strong relations within the organisation and community</li> <li>- There will be actionable items set out in the document</li> <li>- The next task for Council is to look at what it currently does, build relationships, consult, prepare a draft RAP then launch and activate a reconciliation action working group.</li> </ul> <p><u>Inclusive Development</u></p> <p>Clr Pedersen reported on the workshop she attended which considered amongst other things urban design and how it can be achieved in a sensitive manner.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen gave as an example a water sensitive urban design that uses design features to achieve a superior development that creates a sense of place in an area that would not normally be considered suitable for development.</p> <p>Committee members asked that Council consider introducing standardised criteria for upgrades of parks and open spaces that will make these areas inclusive and able to be enjoyed by all.</p> <p><u>Have your say – ELS Masterplan and Blenheim Masterplan</u></p> <p>Council is seeking feedback on the draft Masterplans for a number of parks. The Masterplans will identify the current and future sport, recreation and leisure needs of the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Masterplan for Blenheim Park. Closing date for submissions is 3<sup>rd</sup> March.</li> <li>- Draft Masterplan for ELS Hall Park, Greenwood Park and Booth Reserve. Closing date for submissions is Sunday 17 March.</li> </ul> <p><u>Other business</u></p> <p>Sean was asked to provide an update on the training sessions on disability awareness.</p> <p>He advised that training sessions have commenced, that an online training system is being developed and that information will be forwarded with future rates notices.</p> <p>The issue will also be highlighted on Council's website and the Mayor's column in the local press.</p> <p><u>All abilities disco</u></p> <p>A disco will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 4pm at North Ryde Golf Club.</p>		<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>It was noted that this committee place on record its support for RAP and the framework suggested.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Further discussion on actions Council can take to create a standardised checklist for future park and natural area upgrades to take place at the next meeting.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>

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<p><u>Ivanhoe Estate</u></p> <p>The group discussed the proposed development at Ivanhoe Estate and the social implications of the current design. Members are asked to forward their comments on the proposal to the relevant authorities.</p> <p>Council has made a submission which is on its website.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (6.00pm-7.30pm)</p>	<p>Noted.</p>