

Subject:	Social Inclusion Advisory Committee – Minutes of Meeting	Page 1 of 7
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Venue:	Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 7 th March 2018	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.30pm
Chair:	Councillor Penny Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Amy Cullinan and Gunjan Tripathi	
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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
✓		Councillor Peter Kim	Delegate	City of Ryde
✓		Cate Sinclair	Community Representative	CEO – Northern Centre
✓		Deb Maio	Community Representative	Side by Side Advocacy
✓		Ebony Appel	Community Representative	
✓		Elizabeth Wilkinson	Community Representative	
✓		Gary Squire	Community Representative	
✓		Gregory McClure	Community Representative	
	✓	Helen Crouch	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
	✓	Martina Fox	Community Representative	Royal Rehabilitation
✓		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
	✓	Yoon Park	Community Representative	Ryde Hospital and Macquarie Hospital

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Amy Cullinan	Community Project Officer	City of Ryde
✓		Gunjan Tripathi	Senior Co-ordinator Social Development and Capacity Building	City of Ryde
	✓	Paul Chidzero	Manager, Community Services	City of Ryde
✓		Angela Jones-Blayney	Acting Director – Customer and Community Services	City of Ryde
✓		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Clr Pedersen acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and welcomed all present.</p> <p>Those present and apologies are as noted above.</p>	As noted.
2.	<p>Vision for the Committee</p> <p>Clr Pederson addressed the group making mention of the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is hoped this Committee will advocate for the rights of all Ryde residents and embrace the diversity of the community - The Committee should identify where people are excluded for any reason - Features such as braille on smart poles typify how small changes can make a significant improvement in the lives of many - In the most recent Census data, 4.6% of the Ryde population or 5,341 people identified as having a disability. - State government funding for advocacy in the area of disability support will soon cease and Council has lobbied against this. - There is a need to identify impediments and advocate to Council, businesses etc where issues are identified. - The removal of state government bus stops was recently raised at Council as this will impact people who have difficulty travelling to stops further away - Council has also called for additional bus services to support areas with currently limited services. - It was noted that Council supports many groups and events which highlight issues to do with access and social inclusion. 	Full statement as provided by Clr Pedersen is available with the minutes.
3.	<p>Welcome from Acting Director – Customer and Community Services</p> <p>Angela Jones-Blayney welcomed all to the meeting and stated that Council was pleased to support this group.</p>	Noted.
4.	<p>Community Member introductions and priorities</p> <p>Committee members formed groups where they discussed their reasons for joining this Committee and their hopes for what the Committee can achieve.</p> <p>Comments made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to consider matters such as the building code and how they impact people especially in relation to disabilities. - Issues such as the taxi rank in Pope Street, sometimes do not achieve the desired result as insufficient consideration is given to the outcome of decisions. - There is a need to examine decisions from the perspective of CALD community - Need to see greater involvement in issues such as isolation, ability to 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>If the accessible taxi rank parking spot can still not be accessed, then measures should be taken to designate the spot in front of the ramp – taxi rank only and the space at the rear of the ramp – disabled parking.</p>

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<p>participate in festivals, performances etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tangible outcomes and practical solutions should be sought - Committee members want to be a voice for the people they represent. - A desire to see advocacy included in Council's future strategies - Need to fill the gap in service provision - Need to activate and create additional community spaces and facilities - Could integrate with Macquarie Park businesses and University to source additional help where it is needed. - Ensure that community participation is encouraged and happens. 	<p>It was noted that smaller working groups may help achieve some of the goals mentioned by committee members</p>
<p>5. Adoption of Terms of Reference</p> <p>Amy outlined the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The Committee endorsed the Terms of Reference as provided.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to raise suggested agenda items with staff or the Chair.</p>	<p>Terms of Reference adopted.</p>
<p>6. Disability Inclusion Action Plan</p> <p>Amy provided background to the preparation of the Plan, the joint Council approach between City of Ryde, Hunters Hill and Lane Cove Councils and Council's plans to progress the Plan.</p> <p>The DIAP is a four year plan running from 2017 – 2021 and will be reviewed each four years.</p> <p>It aims to increase access to mainstream services for people with disability and create a more inclusive community.</p> <p>All Councils were required to formulate a DIAP and after rigorous community consultation, this Council now has measurable actions against four focus areas being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attitudes and behaviours - Liveable communities - Meaningful employment - Better access to services <p>Council is required to report on its progress in these areas in its Annual Report and send a copy to the relevant Minister.</p> <p>Existence of the Plan has heightened awareness in staff and the community of inclusion issues and has started to make a difference.</p> <p>It is the intention of staff to bring the mid year and full year reports of progress on the Plan to this Committee.</p> <p>Some matters where the DIAP has been influential include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new "City of Ryde Social Inclusion" award in the Northern District Business Awards, to recognise inclusive local businesses - Consideration of conducting regional recognition awards which would focus on educating business - Council's decision to endorse social inclusion as a new category in its community grants program - The decision to have two rounds of grant funding each year to assist groups to make timely applications. - An in-house mentoring program at Council to examine employment opportunities for people with disability. - Funding to provide building improvements at Council properties so that access etc is improved. 	<p>A copy of the DIAP was provided to members with the agenda for the meeting.</p> <p>Committee members who are interested in following the implementation of the DIAP are asked to contact Amy Cullinan.</p> <p>It was suggested that sub committees be formed to oversee implementation of the various focus areas of the DIAP.</p> <p>Consideration to be given to inclusion of CALD community.</p> <p>Important to consider all areas of inclusion in decision making.</p>

