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Venue:	Meeting Room – Pope Street Ryde	
Date:	2 nd February 2017	
Time:	Started at: 6.00pm	Closed at: 7.30pm
Chair:	Councillor Roy Maggio	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith	
Staff Convenor:	Jonathan Nanlohy	
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Committee Role:**The primary role of the Status of Women Advisory Committee is to:**

- Provide advice to Council on improving the ways in which women in the City of Ryde are able to participate and engage actively in all aspects of community and civic life.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor R Maggio	Chairperson	City of Ryde
x		Councillor D Pendleton	Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Ms Margarita Grunberg	Community Representative	
		Ms Rose Torossian	Community Representative	
x		Ms Marg Somerville	Community Representative	
	x	Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
		Ms Victoria Brookman	Community Representative	
		Ms Nora Alexanian	Community Representative	
		Ivy Pang	Community Representative	
x		Ms Julie Lowes	Guest	
	x	Therese Mackenzie	Guest	
		Dawn Nettheim	Guest	
x		Robyn Gaspari	Guest	
		Jynene Helland	Guest	
		Cheryl Kistan	Guest	
x		Beth Kosnik	Guest	
x		Penny Pedersen	Guest	
x		Suzanne Marks	Guest	
x		Angelika Hollo	Guest	
		Belinda Mao	Guest	
		Susan Varnon	Guest	
		Mellessa Raymond	Guest	
		Jessica Erickson	Guest Speaker	Ryde Business Women's Network
x		Gunjan Tripathi	Acting SUM – Community and Culture	City of Ryde
x		Jonathan Nanlohy	Social Policy and Planning Coordinator	City of Ryde

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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<p>1. Introductions and Apologies:</p> <p>The attendees and apologies were noted.</p>	Noted as above	
<p>2. Minutes and matters arising</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2016 were adopted.</p>	The information was noted.	
<p>3. Women's Network – Jessica Erickson (guest speaker)</p> <p>Jessica introduced herself and provided information regarding the Women's Network which is run by Angelina Bonafacio.</p> <p>Meetings are held bimonthly with approx. 40 women in attendance at each meeting although the data base of members is much larger.</p> <p>Meetings are held over breakfast or lunch.</p> <p>The main purpose of the meeting is networking but guest speakers talk on a range of topics.</p> <p>Jessica is addressing tonight's meeting in the hope that it will be possible for the Women's Network and this committee to work together.</p> <p>The network could assist this group by publicising its work and vice versa.</p> <p>The main aim is to bring women's issues to the attention of people in the community.</p> <p>It is hoped to develop potential collaboration opportunities and to examine issues facing women such as domestic violence, child care needs etc.</p> <p>There is a cost to attend networking events but this is designed to cover the cost of the meal, meal of the guest speaker and venue only.</p> <p>Mentors and women who have experience in particular areas or who are retired but still want to mix socially are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Events are advertised through word of mouth.</p> <p>The events are mainly a way of networking and meeting like minded people so records of attendees are not kept</p>	<p>It was decided that the initiative discussed would be further explored.</p> <p>Individuals are welcome to attend the Women's Network events.</p> <p>Further discussions will be held to explore ways in which this committee and the women's network can work together to achieve non-political outcomes.</p>	Jonathan to organise before May meeting

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<p>4. International Women's Day Event</p> <p>The draft program and logistics of the event were discussed.</p> <p>International Women's Day will be held on 8th March 2017. Council will be holding its event on 9th March 2017.</p> <p>The proposed guest speakers and program were reviewed by the Committee.</p> <p>It may be necessary to reduce the number of speakers given the length of time available for the event.</p> <p>The following additional speakers were suggested: - -Belinda Kelly – Principal Riverside Girls High School - the two women who started 'Ryde District Mums', - a representative of the mentor mothers who take part in the BUMP program for young school girls who return to school.</p> <p>In addition to the guest speakers and panel session on the day, it was suggested that a table for donations be made available. This could include sponsorships, volunteering opportunities, mentoring opportunities etc.</p> <p>The theme of the event is 'Being bold'</p> <p>Emails will be forwarded to potential speakers to ascertain their availability to speak on the day.</p> <p>The comments made following the event at Eden Gardens will be reviewed in case they contain relevant information for this year's event.</p> <p>Information from a variety of services and networks should be available on the day.</p> <p>The card system as was used at Eden Gardens should be employed so that questions can be followed up.</p> <p>More time should be allocated to audience questions directed at the panel.</p> <p>A working party will be established comprising all members of this committee.</p> <p>Working party meetings will be held electronically.</p>	<p>The first meeting of the subcommittee will be held via email in the following weeks.</p>	<p>Jonathan to follow up with committee members</p>

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<p>5. Confirmation of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 4th May 2017 Meeting Room Pope Street 6.00pm - 7.30pm</p> <p>Meeting closed 7.00pm</p>		
<p>6. Networking and discussion</p> <p>After the meeting formally closed, committee and guests remained for a networking session and discussion on the below themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence and cultural and linguistically diverse communities - current initiatives in Ryde area • “Our Space” Youth Hub at Eastwood - activities and partnerships and support for young people • Before School Care – availability and impact on working families. • Serious illness and disability - difficulties faced by people who fall ill with a serious illness and require services from a range of providers to assist them. 		