

Subject:	Status of Women Advisory Committee – Minutes of Meeting	Page 1 of 7
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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Thursday 12 th September 2019 – reconvened from 15 th August 2019	
Time:	6.30pm	Started at: 6.30pm Closed at: 8.20 pm
Chair:	Councillor Pedersen	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
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 Pedersen	Chairperson	City of Ryde
		Councillor Clifton	Councillor	City of Ryde
		Rose Torrosian	Community Representative	
		Lydia Scuglia	Community Representative	RESIGNED
		Brigid Meney	Community Representative	
		Belinda Taranto	Community Representative	
x		Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
		Angelika Hollo	Community Representative	
		Suzanne Marks	Community Representative	
		Maria Kovaleva	Community Representative	
	x	Roseanna Gallo	Community Representative	
		Candace Lang	Community Representative	RESIGNED
		Rebecca Shin	Community Representative	
x		Akhila Nagarajan	Community Representative	
		Natalie Hissey	Community Representative	
	x	Margaret Mayger	Community Representative	
	x	Karen Nisbet Moulds	Community Representative	
		Lisa Smaljov	Community Representative	
x		Fiona Lamborn		Visitor
x		Jessica Matthews		Visitor
x		Wendy Evans		Visitor
x		Carmen Platt		Visitor
	x	Jonathan Nanlohy	Community Projects Coordinator	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Aileen Mountford		Lisa Hahn Foundation
	x	Angela Jones-Blayney	Director Customer and Community Services	City of Ryde
	x	Lindsay Godfrey	Manager	City of Ryde
	x	Sue Verhoek		City of Ryde

x		Sean Willenberg	Community Project Officer – Social Inclusion	City of Ryde
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Details	Action
<p>1. Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Clr Pedersen welcomed all present.</p> <p>Those present and apologies are as above.</p> <p>Note: Sean Willenberg attended the meeting on behalf of Jonathan Nanlohy.</p>	As noted.
<p>2. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting dated 16th May 2019 were noted. The minutes could not be confirmed as there were insufficient members present who had been at the May meeting.</p>	The information was noted.
<p>3. White Ribbon March – 22nd November 2019</p> <p>History:</p> <p>At the 2018 White Ribbon event held at Epping Boys High, a representative of the local police made an approach to Clr Pedersen to hold an event in 2019.</p> <p>As a result, a collaborative White Ribbon march will be held in Macquarie Park with the support of the police and Council. The march will commence at the Engineering faculty of Macquarie University and proceed to Elouera Reserve which is opposite Macquarie Centre.</p> <p>Representatives from local corporate organisations, CALD groups, schools, RSL's etc. will all be invited to take part.</p> <p>The event will start prior to lunch and run through lunch with a BBQ lunch to be provided.</p> <p>There will be information booths and people who can provide assistance on the day to anyone who attends and seeks help with domestic violence issues.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the march, there will be speeches by both men and women about different aspects of domestic violence. The speakers will include a representative of the corporate sector, a woman who has suffered domestic violence and a man who works with perpetrators of domestic violence.</p> <p>It was noted that it is important that all speakers target different areas in their speeches and are aware of the group who are expected to attend.</p> <p>It was also noted that the use of social media is important. Men will be encouraged to put out a hashtag showing they were present at the event. It was suggested the MC have everyone do a hashtag moment at the same time.</p>	The information was noted.
<p>4. White Ribbon Workplace Accreditation – update</p> <p>Deborah Ferry has been appointed as the COR Council accreditation officer. She has helped undertake accreditation at Campbelltown Council previously.</p> <p>Accreditation will allow Council to fly the White Ribbon Flag and ensure that Council reaches the necessary benchmarks.</p>	The information was noted.

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<p>5. International Women’s Day 8th March 2020</p> <p>The 2020 slogan is “Better the balance – better the world”.</p> <p>The following comments regarding the 2020 event were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions will commence soon regarding the 2020 event. - School groups should be encouraged to attend. - A male speaker (if they are very good) could be invited to address the group. - It is important to achieve “visibility” for the next event - It would be good to have people going past wonder what is going on - Staff advised that banners will be erected prior to the event with the possibility of having a large banner on the Civic Centre building - It may be possible to put tints in the lights prior to the event - Need to specifically invite youth and young women to the event so that a diverse age group attend. - Holding the event at a time outside normal work hours is important. - Invite netball, soccer and other sport groups and also the local high schools - Invite the parents of the primary school students also. <p>Those present were asked to suggest speakers for the event. Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Someone who had a normal childhood and who finds themselves in an unusual situation – e.g. ISIS wives - Afghan playwright who went back to high school - Someone like Jacinda Ardern who shows softness as a leader. Mums for refugees – you can have strength and power by being soft and quiet - Sarah Saleh - The poet who attended Venture Café - Paralympian or someone who has come through adversity - Sam Bloom - Women from areas that are predominantly male dominated such as construction - Someone who builds resilience and shows how to do it - Skills for resilience - Gail Connolly - Brianna the CEO of foodbank - Have someone from cultural diverse group speak. Someone who has come to Australia and been successful - Generation women – perhaps a trans speaker Raewyn Connell - Someone young who has positive things to say <p>Other ideas for the day included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider doing an interactive session eg build a solar light for someone in Africa while you listen to the speakers - Days for girls – make feminine hygiene packs - Podcasting – ask a guest two questions what is a general question that can be asked of each speaker - People to think of a couple of questions that can be asked of each speaker - Give people questions when they arrive and people then vote on the questions to raise 	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>6. Working Parties</p> <p>Women’s Community of Practice – report back</p> <p>Sean provided the following information:</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group was formed in 2018 - About 70 people are in the group with approx. 30 meeting each month. - Meetings are held at CSIRO in West Lindfield. - Meetings often comprise a talk by a guest speaker followed by activities. - Topics discussed included Sales, marketing, media and women are meeting up outside the group too - There are lots of testimonials about the work that is being done and how much people are getting from it 	
<p>7. Key Dates:</p> <p>8th October – Emily Dash will be one of the speakers at the Human Rights conference</p> <p>22nd November – White Ribbon Day March</p> <p>23rd November – 1st December 2019 – Social Inclusion Week. About 8 events will be arranged including: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zumba in West Ryde - Inclusive sports day for primary school children - silent disco - all abilities disco - inclusive fashion parade at Top Ryde which will have involvement by the Youth Council <p>It was noted the hearing hub at Macquarie Uni would like to be involved in future events so they can engage with the broad community</p>	<p>The information was noted</p>
<p>8. General Business</p> <p>The night time safety walk is still to be arranged</p> <p>Front and Centre is a program to help women with any disability gain positions in a range of fields such as artistic directors.</p> <p>Beecroft House has been converted to provide 20 places for over 55 women for two years. Will help women at risk of homelessness. Link housing is involved and will help people find accommodation at the end of their period at the house.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>11. Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of the Status of Women Advisory Committee will be held on 21st November 2019</p>	<p>Noted.</p>