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Venue:	Via MS Teams	
Date:	Monday 8 th February 2021	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.02pm Closed at: 7.05pm
Chair:	Councillor Gordon	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Yasmin Masri, Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator	
Circulation:		

Committee Role:

The primary role of the Arts Advisory Committee is to:

Consider matters and inform Council and Council officers of community views and likely impact regarding:

The progress of arts and cultural sector within the City of Ryde to make Ryde a culturally rich and vibrant community.

The Committee is responsible for providing advice and recommendations to Council and Council officers on the following objectives:

- Developing excellence in arts at both community and professional levels
- Developing policies and strategies that advance arts and culture
- Creating an arts economy by developing creative industries
- Supporting existing and growing emerging artistic talent and creative communities
- Using arts and culture to celebrate community identity through exhibitions and festivals
- Utilising arts and cultural activity to enhance community wellbeing, social inclusion and cohesion
- Supporting the development of arts and cultural infrastructure and the activation of public spaces for arts and cultural activity

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Councillor Gordon	Chairperson	City of Ryde
		Councillor Pedersen	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Zhou	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Antonia Coutelis		
		Rose Torrosian		
	✓	Leonard Fung		
		Margaret Mayger		
✓		Therese MacKenzie		
	✓	Priya Eliezer		
✓		Rita Lapedjian		
	✓	Edna Wilde OAM	Susan Maslin attended on behalf of Edna Wilde OAM	
	✓	Jenny Ericksson		
	✓	Sarah De Jong		resigned
✓		Alison Wall		

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
	✓	Angela Jones-Blayney	Director – Customer and Community Services	City of Ryde

		Lindsay Godfrey	Manager – Community and Ranger Services	City of Ryde
✓		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Social Development & Capacity Building	City of Ryde
✓		Yasmin Masri	Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator	City of Ryde
✓		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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<p>1. Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>Councillor Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgement to Country.</p> <p>All committee members introduced themselves briefly.</p> <p>Present: As detailed above.</p>	Attendees noted above.
<p>2. Apologies: As detailed above.</p>	Apologies noted above.
<p>3. Confirmation of the Minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting dated 10th February 2020 were adopted.</p>	Noted.
<p>4 Agenda Items</p> <p><u>4.1 Briefing on Public Art Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A public art commission has been called for Catherine Hamlin Park - The tender for the park and a short list for the art work are currently being prepared - The short list will be brought to the next meeting of this committee. <p>4.2 Focus and structure of advisory meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All members were asked to be prepared to contribute in areas of their expertise - It was noted that COVID has had an impact on the arts, especially live events such as dance, song, plays etc - It was requested that Council assist in organising more regular events - Mention was made of successful videos by young people who didn't worry too much about professionalism, but just got performances on screen - It was noted that community facilities did close for a while but most of these did not host regular activities so not too much disruption - The symphony orchestra performance at Brush Farm Park was commended <p><u>4.3 Learnings from delivering arts programs in COVID</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2020 gave the opportunity to deliver arts programs remotely - 20 digital, creative and professional development workshops were held - DANCE PLAZA was the largest livestream event held by Council - People enjoyed the flexibility of digital engagement, especially workshops - People did miss in person contact and networking though - A hybrid of online and in person would be ideal in future - Accessibility barriers were considered during 2020, work was carried out with 2SER and 2RRR to develop a radio series targeting emerging musicians. - There was a focus on Ryde acts 	All members are asked to bring their ideas to the next meeting re ways to structure these meetings to provide the best outcome

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People with responsibilities as carers were able to participate more easily - One of the programs offered provided information re understanding copyright, contracts and business planning - Cllr Pedersen advised that she had conducted her radio program from home - She noted that people told her they were being more creative as artists as they could not carry out their usual jobs which gained them money - Art for mental health was recognised as a great project. - It was undertaken through art therapy groups and carried out in a partnership between Macquarie Hospital and Cornucopia Group at Gladesville Hospital - People often took more risks with their artistic pursuits during COVID - It was suggested that Council provide more funding to increase the number of events which could be held. - It was noted that Council has introduced a new grants category of arts and culture in the community grants program. <p><u>4.4 2021 Arts & Cultural Development Programming Highlights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be ongoing monthly professional development for creatives workshops - Professional workshops with APRA will focus on learning your rights, understanding contracts etc. - Ryde Youth Theatre is now working with shopfront youth art - Shopfront has a community ethos and Council will be developing programs with them. - Alison offered her assistance with regard to understanding contracts - A program called Get Gig Ready will feature workshops, radio programs and networking <p><u>4.5 Artist Register and Creative Spotlight</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is important to have artists registered so they can be showcased - Anyone will be able to sign up to the data base to be managed by Council - A creative spotlight series will ask standard questions and then share the responses and work of artists in a monthly newsletter - Over the next six months it is hoped to expand the artists register - 70 people are on the register to date - All committee members are asked to spread the word about the register 	
<p>5. <u>5.1 Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Gordon advised that work on the new Civic Centre would commence soon - There will be a 700 seat auditorium, meeting rooms, art gallery, café etc included on site - The sesquicentenary of Ryde will be celebrated soon with a number of events <p><u>5.2 Around the Table Updates</u></p> <p><u>Penny Pedersen</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is on the Parliamentary Round Table for live music festivals, representing LGNSW - Working with music directors, NSW Health etc to create a handbook for holding events in the future - She mentioned the artwork in Lachlans Line – The Spire, which was created by Matthew Harding <p><u>Suzanne</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All schools will be provided a copy of the book being produced to recognise the 30th anniversary of the Ryde Eisteddfod 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Eisteddfod is being planned with a new category – backgrounds for silent movies, which it is hoped will appeal to students <p><u>Alison</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advised she will not be able to progress her efforts to have Kay Harrison act as a mentor <p><u>Christopher Gordon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reported on a plan by Paul Keating and Lucy Turnbull to make Macquarie Street Sydney an arts precinct <p><u>Therese</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advised the art group is meeting bimonthly - Classes are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month <p><u>Rita</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advised the RHHSO has plans to perform this year, even if performances cannot be attended but must be streamed. - She noted she has had her documentary about Armenia screened on SBS - She has also conducted an art exhibition to raise funds for children affected by the war in Armenia 	
6	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 10th May 2021 – venue to be confirmed.</p>	