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<b>Venue:</b>	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
<b>Date:</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.06 pm      Closed at: 7.10pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Councillor Simon Zhou	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Michelle Carter	
<b>Circulation:</b>		

**Committee Role:**

The primary role of the festivals and events advisory committee is to consider matters and inform council and council officers of community views and likely impact regarding the delivery and development of festivals and events in the City of Ryde.

**Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Councillor Simon Zhou	Chairperson	City of Ryde
✓		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Councillor	City of Ryde
		Councillor Edwina Clifton	Councillor	City of Ryde
✓		Anita Bird	Community Representative	
✓		Roseanna Gallo	Community Representative	
		Rose Torossian	Community Representative	
✓		Anthony Ching	Community Representative	
✓		Nora Etmekdjian	Community Representative	
	✓	Hugh Lee	Community Representative	
		Michael Park	Community Representative	
✓		Kim Lee	Community Representative	
✓		Joseph Yu	Community Representative	
✓		Jeffery Tse	Community Representative	
		Kee Sun Lee	Community Representative	
	✓	Phillip Ward	Community Representative	
		Daniel Han	Community Representative	
	✓	Joe Bechara	Community Representative	
	✓	Emma Paxton	Community Representative	
	✓	Shelly Slone-Zhen	Community Representative	
		Austin Kim	Community Representative	
		Maria Zappia	Community Representative	Resignation tendered
	✓	Jacqui Owens	Community Representative	
✓		Jessica Matthews	Community Representative	
	✓	Corina Seeto	Community Representative	

**City of Ryde Staff**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Michelle Carter	Senior Coordinator Events	City of Ryde
✓		Liz Berger	Senior Coordinator Communications	City of Ryde

✓		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
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## Additional Attendees

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Jaewoo Kim	Potential committee member	
✓		Maggie Wang		
✓		Steve Lin		

## Details

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	<b>Present</b>	As noted.
1.	<p><b>Welcome by Chair and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed all present to the first meeting for 2019</p> <p>Attendees and apologies are as above</p> <p>Those present introduced themselves to the group.</p>	Noted.
1.2	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were adopted.</p>	Noted
2.	<p><b>Business Arising</b></p> <p><b>2.1 <u>Past events from the City of Ryde Events Team</u></b></p> <p><u>Community Christmas Event – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018</u></p> <p>The event was held in great weather with approx. 5,000 people in attendance. There were no issues on the day. The money raised at the event through sales at the bbq went to “Buy a Bale” to help farmers.</p> <p><u>Australia Day and Battle of the Bands competition – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019</u></p> <p>For the second time, the Battle of the Bands event was held at the Australia Day concert. The competition was of a high standard with lots of people in attendance. Satin V (from St Patricks School) won first prize.</p> <p>All three bands that competed on the day were excellent and have been interviewed by Clr Pedersen on her radio show.</p> <p><u>Citizen of the Year Awards – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019</u></p> <p>The Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year were announced on Australia Day. The Citizen of the Year is Elias Hassib with the Young Citizen of the Year Tasnia Ahmed.</p> <p>Carmen Platt received a highly commended award for Citizen of the Year.</p> <p><b><u>Other events</u></b></p> <p><u>Rotary Carols on the Common – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018</u></p> <p>Rain on the night meant numbers were down a bit on previous years with attendance close to 5,000 rather than usual 8,000.</p> <p>The night was a success but the rain did have an effect.</p> <p>The fireworks were a success and food vendors were happy with the level of sales</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>

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<p>they obtained.</p> <p><u>West Ryde Carols – Anzac Park – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018</u></p> <p>Anita Bird and Nora Etmedkjian were both involved in running this event.</p> <p>Approximately 2.000 people attended the event which was great given the new location in 2018 – Anzac Park rather than West Ryde Plaza.</p> <p>Pony rides, face painting etc helped attract a young audience and Santa made an appearance as well.</p> <p>Community groups helped with coffee and the bbq was also a success.</p> <p>It was noted that members of the Church of the Good Shepherd provided significant help on the day.</p> <p><u>Light up East Ryde</u></p> <p>This event started a few years ago but has not been held every year.</p> <p>In 2018 Ryde Rotary ran the event and it was a great success. There was a stage with music, community performers, food stalls, petting zoo, facepainting etc.</p> <p>Attendance was down slightly on last year but the event was still well attended. The street was closed off and locals seemed happy.</p> <p>No adverse reports have been received about traffic or any other issues.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>
<p><b>2.2</b> <u>Past Event - Lunar New Year – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019</u></p> <p>Clr Zhou provided a report on the 2019 Lunar New Year event.</p> <p>He noted the strong team which had assisted in arranging the day and the great job they did organising the event.</p> <p>Clr Zhou advised of his intention to move a Notice of Motion at Council to thank the staff who assisted with the event and sought the support of the committee to do so.</p> <p>This year's event was more family friendly and was held at Eastwood Oval instead of Eastwood Plaza. The response by stall holders, sponsors and the public to this change in venue has been positive.</p> <p>Roseanna and Jaewoo were thanked for their help on the day.</p> <p>Perhaps more food stalls should be provided next year as the food sold out quickly.</p> <p>Over 20,000 people were in attendance which was in excess of the number expected.</p> <p>Fireworks, dragon etc were all well received.</p> <p>The event was considered a great example of a sub committee and Council working together. 90% of local Eastwood businesses were happy to be involved in the event.</p>	<p>The Committee endorsed the decision of Clr Zhou to move a notice of motion to thank staff for their efforts in relation to the Lunar New Year event.</p>
<p><b>2.3</b> <u>Upcoming Event – West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019</u></p> <p>This event is still in the planning stage.</p> <p>The closing date for stalls and parade participation is nearing with 70 applications received to date.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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<p>It was noted that more West Ryde local businesses are requesting a stall which is very encouraging. The committee is still looking for sponsors.</p> <p>Volunteers are also sought to help with parade marshalling, taking surveys, distribution of prizes, providing information/directions etc. Volunteers are asked to contact Nora Etmekdjian</p> <p><u>IWD – event in Ryde – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019</u></p> <p>Clr Pedersen provided an update on the event which is planned for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019.</p> <p>This year, there has been an attempt to time the event to allow for the attendance of working women – hence the choice of Saturday.</p> <p>Edgy speakers have been chosen - including Dee Madigan and Jenna Price.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is hoped to encourage a younger audience of working women who have been excluded by the timing of events in previous years.</p> <p><u>Beat the Bottle</u></p> <p>Beat the Bottle was a Sydney Water event held at Kissing Point to draw attention to the need to keep plastics out of the Parramatta River.</p> <p>A music group performed and people were encouraged to clean up the river of bottles and plastic.</p> <p>Austin Kim's group assisted with the clean up as did an assisted employment group.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>
<p><b>2.4 <u>Upcoming Events from City of Ryde</u></b></p> <p><u>Community Information Expo – 21<sup>st</sup> March – Eastwood Plaza</u></p> <p>The Expo will be held on Community Harmony Day by Council in conjunction with Migrant Resource Centre. It will run from 9am to midday and will feature performances by multicultural groups. Service information will be provided on the day.</p> <p><u>Park Series – (previously cinema in the park)</u></p> <p>The new name reflects a move to hold events which more closely reflect what the community wants.</p> <p>Upcoming events include:</p> <p>Movie at Yamble Reserve - 9<sup>th</sup> March          Movie at North Ryde Oval – new location – 23<sup>rd</sup> March</p> <p>New event – Orchestra in the Park – featuring Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra - 16<sup>th</sup> March at Brush Farm House</p> <p>Tours of the house will be held on the night and a licenced bar and cheese boxes will be available.</p> <p><u>Cork and Fork by the Riverside – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019</u></p> <p>Michelle provided an update. The event will be held at Kissing Point Park in May rather than August to capitalise on predicted better weather.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>

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<p>Registrations will soon be sought for people wanting to join the sub committee which will arrange this event. Clr Pedersen would like to take part on the sub committee. Jessica would like to take part on the sub committee. Sponsor packages will be available again this year.</p> <p><u>Hope Choir - 21<sup>st</sup> March at Civic Hall</u></p> <p>This event will be a great night and all are encouraged to attend.</p> <p><u>Volunteer Recognition Awards</u></p> <p>This event is held every year and has the following categories: individual, group and young volunteer of the year. Nominations are now live for this year.</p> <p>Committee members are asked to nominate any people in the community they believe should be recognised</p> <p><u>Sustainability Festival – 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Memorial Park as part of Environment Day</u></p> <p>This is a new event being run by the Waste and Sustainability teams at Council and it is hoped that the event will be held annually. The festival will include workshops, entertainment, food trucks etc but not sure of all details yet.</p>	<p>Clr Pedersen and Jessica Matthews wish to join the sub committee</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>
<p><b>2.5 Update on Community Grants</b></p> <p>Applications for the current round have recently closed and are now being reviewed and assessed. A report to Council is expected in April/May 2019.</p> <p>It was noted that more grants for events have been sought in the current funding round which is encouraging.</p> <p>A further round of funding will be available later in the year.</p> <p>In between the major funding cycles, there are small grants available up to \$2,000.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p><b>3.0 General Business</b></p> <p><b>Grant events and external community events</b></p> <p><u>West Ryde Plaza</u></p> <p>It was noted that many groups would like to make use of this space for events when work at the plaza is complete. Hopefully it will not be too far off.</p> <p>The Events team is looking forward to activating the space.</p> <p>There will be a fee for commercial groups which want to use the space.</p> <p><u>Tzu Chi – comment on Lunar New Year.</u></p> <p>Kim Lee advised that she has obtained small bins with red, yellow and green lids and uses these to promote recycling at different events. She advised Council had also provided her with a large supply of small green compost bags.</p> <p>She noted that at the Lunar New Year event that the children who took part in her activities were more aware of recycling and the correct way to do it than the adults in attendance.</p> <p>Kim passed on her thanks to Council for its assistance on the day.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>
<p><b>4. Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

