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Venue:	Via MS Teams meeting	
Date:	Thursday 5 th August 2021	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.03pm Closed at: 7.00pm
Chair:	Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Jonathan Nanlohy, Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development)	
Circulation:		

Committee Role:

The primary role of the Multicultural Advisory Committee is to:

- Provide advice to Council to ensure that Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) residents in the City of Ryde are able to participate actively in all aspects of community and civic life and that Council recognises and values the diversity of the community

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM	Chairperson	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Trenton Brown	Councillor representative	City of Ryde
		Councillor Peter Kim	Councillor representative	City of Ryde
		Councillor Roy Maggio	Councillor representative	City of Ryde
		Dr Felix Lo	Community Representative	
x		Hugh Lee	Community Representative	
		Adele Garnier	Community Representative	
x		Hassib Elias	Community Representative	
		Jaewoo Kim	Community Representative	
		Rossella Tisci	Community Representative	
		Molly Smith	Community Representative	
		Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
		William Seung	Community Representative	
x		Kevin Pagaddinnimath	Community Representative	
		Aurelia Rolman	Community Representative	
		Kate Snailham	Community Representative	
x		Anthony Ching	Community Representative	
		Jane Ho	Community Representative	
x		Peter Zangari	Community Representative	
		Ana Borba	Community Representative	
x		Alice Chik	Community Representative	
		Elvis Wu	Community Representative	
x		Gurnam Singh	Community Representative	
		Tony Tang	Community Representative	
		William Ho	Community Representative	
x		Dr Lin Bin	Community Representative	
		Safar Samad	Community Representative	

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x		Jonathan Nanlohy	Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development)	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde

Details	Action
<p>1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions</p> <p>Clr Yedelian welcomed those in attendance.</p> <p>Those in attendance and apologies are as above.</p> <p>Jonathan provided a welcome to Country.</p>	Noted.
<p>2. Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th May 2021 were confirmed.</p>	Noted.
<p>3. Impact of COVID</p> <p>The following information was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The local government election has been postponed from 4th September to 4th December 2021. - Council facilities are closed in line with public health orders. - Hire applications can still be made on the website. - Bookings for 2022 will open in August 2021. - It is likely that the number of people at each venue will be reduced in line with COVID rules. The number of people who can be accommodated at each venue will be listed on the website. - Council's libraries, RALC and Customer Service are closed at present. - Information in a range of languages is being distributed to the community via the channels that Council has access to including the ambassador program. - Council's website also has information in a range of languages. - Many community groups are also sharing information through telephone and facebook messages. - Radio advice on local community stations is also being provided on both COVID and the upcoming Census. - Council's Comms Team will be asked to assist with the dissemination of information on both COVID and the Census. 	The information was noted.
<p>4. Council Initiatives with the CALD Community</p> <p><u>Multicultural Ambassador Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CMRC and Council are working together and approx. 40 ambassadors have now been recruited. - A presentation to ambassadors was held recently regarding COVID vaccines which will allow ambassadors to provide this information to their communities. 	The information was noted.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from the various communities will also be returned via a survey to the organisers - Video messages are being made to be distributed to various language groups. - Initiatives have been arranged whereby the ambassadors can provide assistance to people via art therapy, zumba and yoga. - It was further suggested that Council create an advert from information sent by the various members of this committee - This information/video to be headed by the members of each multicultural community <p><u>Make a stand against racism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council and Macquarie Uni have been working together. - 192 responses to a survey on racism were collected from students - An information pamphlet has been created and has been translated into a number of languages - The pamphlet will be distributed in November 2021 - The ABC has asked for messages in both English and a language of choice and information re this will be sent to Jonathan - Alice stated that Council's support in the area of anti racism has been very helpful <p><u>Racism not welcome signage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council resolved to take part in the "Racism not welcome" campaign and signs will be erected in over 40 locations - Council is also looking at providing anti racism training 	
<p>5. <u>Local Government elections – postponed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to COVID, the local government elections have been postponed until 4th December 2021. - A future meeting of this committee will be held prior to that by either Teams or in person. 	The information was noted
<p>6. <u>Citizenship Ceremonies – update and demographics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the period 1st August 2020 to 1st August 2021, there were 1010 people who became citizens at City of Ryde ceremonies - The most common nationalities for new citizens were China, India, Phillipines, Iran, Pakistan, South Korea, UK, Indonesia and Russia - Ceremonies will be held in August via zoom to permit more residents to become citizens during lockdown - Information regarding the upcoming ceremonies to be sent to Councillors 	The information was noted
<p>7. <u>Other business</u></p> <p><u>City of Ryde Community Grants Round Opens</u></p>	The information was noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Community Grants round has been postponed till 25th August but there are workshops being held in a number of languages to assist people apply for grants <p><u>Support for people requiring food assistance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gurnam advised that his group is providing assistance to people who are struggling to put food on the table. <p><u>Mens Cave</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be an on line meeting this Sunday from 10am to 1pm for men to check in with their mental health <p><u>Mens Table Event</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Mens’ Table is holding an event on 16th August - Details to be circulated - It was also mentioned that it is important to support small businesses at this time. 	
7.	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The Multicultural Advisory Committee will be advised of the next meeting date.</p>	Noted.