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<p>As this was the first meeting of the newly appointed working group, each member was asked to introduce themselves to the group.</p> <p><b>Josh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is studying Law and Arts at Macquarie University. He has previously been a member of the Youth Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>Raj</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is in Yr 10 at Epping Boys High School. He has joined this group as he is interested in leadership opportunities and meeting people</li> </ul> <p><b>Bailey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is in Yr 12 at Epping Boys High School. He is involved with youth advocacy, is a climate activist and wants to represent young people.</li> </ul> <p><b>William</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is in Yr 12 at Epping Boys High School where he is a prefect.</li> <li>- He has been a member of the SRC and wants to give back to the community</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p><b>Hannah</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is in Yr 11 at Riverside Girls High School. She was a member of the Youth Council last year and hopes more can be achieved this year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Anju</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is in Yr 10 at Hornsby Girls High School. She is interested in leadership and meeting people</li> </ul> <p><b>Cameron</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has been a member of the Youth Council since 2008. He sees membership of this group as a good opportunity to create change.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cassidy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is in Yr 10 at Epping Boys High School. He wants to encourage young people to take part in activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Armaan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is in Yr 7 at Chastwood High School. He wanted to explore new opportunities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Esther</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is in Yr 7 at Ryde Secondary College. She wanted to explore new opportunities and to meet people.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jasmin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attends Meriden Girls High School and is passionate about politics</li> </ul> <p><b>Sewon</b></p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is in Yr 11 at North Sydney Boys High School. He was a member of the previous Youth Council and wants to follow up the works that were commenced.</li> </ul> <p>Clr Lara Watson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Was previously a member of the Youth Council</li> <li>- During her time on the Youth Council, Ryde hosted the major conference and was involved with lots of campaigning</li> </ul> <p>Clr O'Reilly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has three children and grew up in Ryde.</li> <li>- She believes the Youth Council can make a difference and create a better future.</li> </ul> <p>Jessica Runge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is the City of Ryde Youth Development Officer</li> <li>- She has been in the role for a month and is looking forward to working with the Youth Council members</li> </ul> <p>Sue Verhoek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Will act as interim chair</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b>City of Ryde Code of Conduct</b></p> <p>The information in the Code of Conduct was noted and agreed to by all attendees.</p>	Noted
3.	<p><b>Youth Council Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>The information in the Youth Council Terms of Reference was noted and agreed to by all attendees.</p>	Noted
4.	<p><b>Chairperson – vote and election</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sue (acting as interim chair) asked for nominations for the position of Chairperson.</li> <li>- Cameron Last nominated and was elected unopposed.</li> <li>- Cameron then took over the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting</li> </ul>	Noted
5.	<p><b>Community Strategic Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cameron introduced Claudia Micallef, from Council's Community Engagement Team</li> <li>- Claudia advised that the plan aims to give insight into the way the City of Ryde will look in thirty years.</li> <li>- Various focus groups and workshop groups have been asked for their input into what they would like to see in the City of Ryde of the future.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The group provided support for joining a workshop with details to be provided by Claudia.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- She asked if the Youth Council would be interested in providing its thoughts in a separate meeting with a consultant.</li> <li>- A session of 1.5 to 2 hours is proposed in September to be held in person at Council’s Pope Street offices.</li> </ul>	A link to the current CSP will also be sent to members of the Youth Council.
6.	<p><b>Australian Change Dividend</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At a Youth Council meeting in 2021, Aarzu gave a presentation on this subject</li> <li>- The Youth Council provided its support for the dividend and the matter was submitted to Council in June of this year via a Notice of Motion by Clr Lara Watson.</li> <li>- Council resolved to acknowledge the Climate Change Dividend and wrote to the Federal Govt stating its support and noting the role of the Youth Council.</li> </ul>	The information was noted.
7.	<p><b>Reducing Carbon Emissions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clr Lara-Watson advised that Council has adopted a net zero emission target at it meeting of August 2022 of 2035.</li> <li>- Council further resolved to approve the public exhibition of the Net Zero Emissions Plan for a period of 28 days and members of the Youth Council are encourage to make a submission.</li> <li>- It was also noted Ryde needs more electric car charging stations</li> <li>- There was discussion about advocacy that Youth Council could undertake in relation to emission targets but it was decided that the Youth Council should continue to work at a grass roots level, perhaps encouraging youth clean-ups, compost lessons, recycling etc rather than national lobbying.</li> </ul>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Members are encouraged to make a submission on Council’s net zero emissions plan – details on Cls website.</p>
8.	<p><b>Guest Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The following suggestions were received with regard to speakers to address future Youth Council meetings:</li> <li>- Members of Council’s Waste and Environment teams – could provide advice on what campaigns the Youth Council could be involved in</li> <li>- Contact from local primary schools to explore ways the Youth council could work with schools to run events about net zero, green energy etc – perhaps at Ryde Park.</li> <li>- Involvement with primary schools when students are studying “how Councils work”</li> <li>- Mental health, road safety and climate change might also be subjects where the Youth Council could be involved</li> </ul>	<p>Guest speakers from Council’s Waste and Environment Teams to be invited to attend a Youth Council meeting</p> <p>Contact to be made with schools or other groups to liaise with primary schools about ways the Youth Council can be involved in supporting study in areas of common interest.</p>
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	<p><b>Granny Smith Festival</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Festival will be held in Eastwood on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The Youth Space at Eastwood Primary School will be open from 10 – 3.30pm.</li> <li>- Events on offer will include: dance, skate activities, video game tournament, live music, buskers, live graffiti piece, chill out areas, giant chess, checkers, basketball shootout, photobooth.</li> </ul>	<p>Jessica will sent members links to the youtube videos of the performers. She will also send an email seeking volunteers to assist on the day and will provide ads with a request that they be included in school newsletters.</p>
10.	<p><b>Mental health month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council is partnering with Hornsby-Kuringgai to conduct a forum at Macquarie University on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022.</li> <li>- There will be lots of organisations such as Headspace giving talks on the day.</li> <li>- There will also be a Q and A panel</li> <li>- Jess asked if anyone was interested in being a “lived experience” speaker at the event.</li> <li>- Suggestions for topics to be discussed were provided as follows:</li> <li>- How can you support friends with anxiety/depression</li> <li>- Eating disorders and not eating properly</li> </ul>	<p>Anyone interested in taking part should contact Jess</p>
11.	<p><b>Ryde Youth Theatre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Theatre is open to membership for people 8 – 18 and is currently seeking new members</li> <li>- The Youth Council is asked to reach out to people with interests in the creative arts to advise them of the opportunities.</li> <li>- It was suggested contact could be made with school drama group, dance studios, companies that run drama classes etc, Ryde Eisteddfod, after and before school activities might be able to be arranged.</li> </ul>	<p>Jess to send information to Youth Council members for distribution to organisations mentioned.</p>
12.	<p><b>LGBTIAQ+</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sydney is hosting a world pride Olympics from 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023.</li> <li>- It was noted that Ryde does not have many support groups for the LGBTIAQ community but an activity such as a colour run could be organised which would be open to anyone to attend.</li> <li>- Perhaps group meetings in the library could also be arranged to reach out to this group in the local community</li> <li>- A social media site or page advertising activities run or supported by the Youth Council would be a great initiative.</li> <li>- Council’s Comms team to be approached to assist with establishing a social media presence for the Youth Council</li> </ul>	<p>Jess to speak with Comms about social media presence for the Youth Council and how to provide support for events such as colour run if to be held</p> <p>Jess to arrange a meeting of a social media team via email</p>

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13.	<p><b>HSC Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the past Council supported “lock ins” in the library for HSC students</li> <li>- Youth Council members are encouraged to seek advice from their contacts as to how Council can support HSC students</li> <li>- Perhaps split days at the libraries into subjects to allow people to study together</li> <li>- Invite volunteer tutors to assist students at libraries</li> <li>- Make West Ryde Library more suitable for group learning by removing walls and adding a door</li> <li>- Perhaps work with adjoining Councils to provide assistance</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	Further ideas to be sought and brought back to the next meeting
14.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NIL</li> </ul>	Noted
15.	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> November 6:00pm - 7.30pm in the Committee Room – Level 1A Pope St, Ryde and via TEAMS</p>	Noted