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Venue:	Meeting Room 1, Level 5, Civic Centre		
Date:	5 th March 2015		
Time:	5.00pm	Started at: 5.05 pm	Closed at: 6.30 pm
Chair:	Councillor Denise Pendleton		
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors		

Committee Role:

Advises and makes recommendations to Council on matters relating to access issues, with particular emphasis on issues for people with disabilities as defined by UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Clr Denise Pendleton	Chairperson	City of Ryde
x		Brian Bernard	Community Representative	
x		Connie Netterfield	Community Representative	
		Diane O' Brien	Community Representative	
x		Doris Carrall	Community Representative	
x		Greg McClure	Community Representative	
x		Barbara Stannard	Community Representative	
x		Hazel Myers	Community Representative	
		Neita Matthews OAM	Community Representative	
x		Seaja Chang	Community Representative	
x		Rebecca Ho	Community Representative	

Other Attendees

Name	Position Title
Gunjan Tripathi	Section Mgr Community Projects – Community and Culture
Carolyn D'Mello	Project Manager Inclusion, CoR

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1.	Welcome: Councillor welcomed all present to the first meeting of 2015.	Noted	

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2.	Attendance and apologies: As above	Noted	
3.	Confirmation of Minutes and matters arising – 3rd December 2014 <u>Pope Street Taxi Rank</u> An information sign advising of the intention of the disabled zone (without mention of penalties) has been erected at site since January. Inspection of the area by staff in the Community Services unit would suggest that the disabled zone is being used appropriately. <u>Social Inclusion Project Status</u> The project has been extended from February to June 2015. This will allow consolidation of the work done to date.	The minutes of the meeting of 3 rd December 2014 were confirmed. Noted Noted	

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<p>4. Discussion – Disability Inclusion Act 2014 and Disability Inclusion Regulation 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By 2017, Council is to submit an integrated plan to the State Government which will include the current programs being undertaken and developed by Council. - Community Infrastructure is required to support the disabled by way of transport, access to shops, buildings etc. - Rebecca Ho enquired if this committee would be involved in work on Council's Inclusion Plan - <u>Social Inclusion Project Outcomes Report</u> - Carolyn advised that various stakeholders are now working with COR. - 32 external agencies have been involved with work on this project over the past year. - Much work has been done to create opportunities for social inclusion for children in terms of sport and recreation and also carers, employment and volunteering. - Play has been used to progress work in the area of transition to school and Family Day Care workers are now involved with the social inclusion project. - It is often a matter of finding out from groups what they need on an individual basis. - 	<p>That this Committee adopt a standing item to regularly review work on Council's Inclusion Plan</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eg. A meeting at an adult mental health facility identified a need for information about parks etc to be provided in hard copy format for ease of access by patrons. - At this stage, the outcome of the social inclusion work has been in the area of research and learning what relevant organisations do. - A survey is being undertaken of attitudes, employment opportunities, access etc. - Major multinationals such as those at Macquarie Park are to be targeted in future pushes to engage business in social inclusion. - The need to provide assistance for people caring for adult children should also be included in planning. - It was noted that good progress has been made in establishing a base for measuring social inclusion. - This should place COR in a good position with regard to carrying out the work required in the Government Inclusion plan. - A good range of partner organisations already exists. 	<p>When survey results are available, they are to be emailed to committee members.</p> <p>Businesses at Macquarie Park should be targeted and strategies for parents are also required as part of the plan.</p> <p>A short list of ten projects to be delivered next year is to be provided to the next meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Social Inclusion film screening</u></p> <p>A film highlighting comments from attendees at various events held at Top Ryde, West Ryde and Eastwood over the past year was screened.</p>	<p>The film was well received by all present</p>	

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<p>5. Other Business:</p> <p>Bennelong Gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A report on this project being championed by Federal Member for Bennelong – John Alexander OAM MP is to be brought to the next meeting. <p>Greg McClure – Trip overseas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greg advised he hopes to travel to Zurich in July of this year to attend a training event for a Sports Day to be held in Zurich in 2016. <p>Touched By Olivia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bec Ho advised that TBO has won a National Disability Award. - TBO was also the only non government agency used as a case study in the National Disability Plan. - Work is still underway by TBO to gain DA approval through Council for a social inclusion café at Livvis Place. <p>Argyle Centre – Community Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brian McClure encouraged everyone present to submit their comments regarding future use of the Argyle Centre site and Ryde Bowling Club site. <p>Heartmoves Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hazel Myers commented on the Council run “heartmoves” program and the benefits she has gained from this well run program. 	<p>Report regarding Bennelong Gardens project and sites under consideration to be brought to the next meeting</p> <p>Greg and Bec Ho to liaise re details of the trip with a view to gaining financial assistance/sponsorship.</p> <p>Greg was also advised Northcott may be able to offer financial assistance.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	

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<p>Discussion on meeting dates for 2015</p> <p>The Committee agreed on the following meeting dates for 2015:</p> <p>Wed 1/7/2015 Wed 30/9/2015 Wed 25/11/2015</p> <p>Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st July 2015 5.00 – 6.30pm Civic Centre, Level 5 Committee Rooms</p>		