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Venue:	Meeting Room 1, Level 5, Civic Centre		
Date:	30 th September 2015		
Time:	5.00pm	Started at: 5.00 pm	Closed at: 6.25 pm
Chair:	Gunjan Tripathi		
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	
		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	
		Seaja Chang	Community Representative	
		Rebecca Ho	Community Representative	

Other Attendees

Name	Position Title
Gunjan Tripathi	Section Mgr Community Projects – Community and Culture
Cemile Yuksel	Community Projects Officer – Social Inclusion

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	Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
1.	<p>Welcome:</p> <p>Gunjan introduced Cemile Yuksel who has replaced Carolyn D’Mello.</p> <p>Cemile has come to Council from City of Hume in Melbourne and has much experience in social inclusion.</p>	Noted	
2.	<p>Attendance and apologies:</p> <p>As above</p>	Noted	
3.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes and matters arising – 1st July 2015</p> <p><u>Social Inclusion Update</u></p> <p>Cemile advised that a draft of the Social Inclusion Plan will be presented to this Committee in November for comment.</p> <p>Council’s Plan will include the two round table consultation findings from 2014, internal staff workshop notes held in March 2015 and the National Disability Strategy 2013-2016; which will be reviewed against the new NSW Disability Inclusion Action Planning Guidelines prepared by the Department of Family and Community Services.</p> <p>The Plan will cover all areas of inclusion including mental health, physical disability, aged, multicultural, etc.</p>	The minutes of the meeting of 1 st July 2015 were confirmed.	

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<p>4. <u>Accessible drop off guide for Granny Smith Festival – update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunjan advised that Tzu Chi will provide two groups of volunteers all day to assist disabled people who require assistance. • The accessible drop off zone in Hillview Lane will be staffed by traffic professionals and volunteers all day. • An information stand and welcome stall will also be set up. • Two accessible toilets and tables and chairs will be provided at the drop off zone. • An area will be cordoned off in Rowe Street for use by people in wheelchairs so that they can view the parade. • Wheelchair basketball will be played in the youth area which will be located at Eastwood Primary School. • Letters will be sent to appropriate organisations advising them of provisions for disabled visitors to the Festival. 		

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<p><u>Consultation on City of Ryde Sport and Recreation strategy</u></p> <p>Ian Andrews explained that Council is working with consultants to determine what aspects of Sport and Recreation Council “does well”, what “doesn’t work” and what are the “gaps” in the services and facilities currently provided.</p> <p>Comments by the group included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More cycleways and off road tracks and extensions to existing facilities would be appreciated. - Skate facilities are required - Groups such as Tai Chi which use local parks and public areas often encroach on public spaces to the extent that other users feel they can’t access parks or public spaces when they are present - The group at Eastwood tend to dominate the plaza and it is difficult to cross the plaza whilst they are present. - In public parks, Tai Chi groups use the paths which prevent other users having access. - Walking groups should be encouraged - Poor accessibility of many public areas due to no public transport eg Banjo Patterson Park and Kissing Point . This makes them inaccessible to many people - Events such as Ryde Rivers Festival become impossible to attend due to transport limitations. - RALC is also difficult for access once you alight public transport as there is a steep hill. - Passive park upgrades including seating and lighting required. - Adult change facilities at RALC required. 	<p>Ian thanked the group for its input and advised that he would pass on the information collected to the consultants undertaking the review.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional parking spots at parks for the disabled should be provided. - Community nurseries and gardening could be encouraged in parks. - A review of Council’s website in respect to quality and quantity of information regarding disabled facilities including toilets, parking spots etc should be carried out. <p><u>Social Inclusion Week</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Inclusion Week will be held 21st – 29th November 2015 with the theme: <i>Collaborate, Connect and Celebrate!</i> - It will be recognised in conjunction with the International Day of People with Disability’s with the theme <i>Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities</i> and will be celebrated on 3rd December 2015. - There will not be as many events held this year as last year. - The main focus of this year’s activities will be to raise awareness in the wider community of Social Inclusion goals. - Council is working on a Social Inclusion Campaign, which will include marketing material such as banners and posters. - A soft launch will be held at the West Ryde Community Centre on the 25th of November 2015. - This will coincide with the White Ribbon Day. 	<p>Developing public mapping interface that displays inclusive and accessible Council facilities on the website is already part of the National Disability Strategy actions. This will be followed up with Land Information Systems, Lindsay Mason.</p> <p>Suggestions for speakers or items to be considered for the soft launch program should be sent to Cemile or Gunjan.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One suggestion is “I’m included when people drop their ignorance/fear and prejudice and understand me”. Comment – Will build on the idea that “I am included when.... - Putting the onus on the other side. - A half day ThinkAbility Forum will also be held at Auburn Council on 26th November - Council has organised a bus to take across reps from various local agencies to this forum under the ‘Connect’ theme. - Council is also working collaboratively with local agencies to support their events for Social Inclusion Week. - Side by Side Advocacy, HACC Services and Christian Community Aid - Family Day Care are undertaking various activities during this period. 	<p>Copy of the agenda for the ThinkAbility Forum at Auburn Council to be sent to Committee members.</p> <p>Council will promote local events on the ‘What’s On’ page of the website.</p>	
5	<p>Other Business</p> <p><u>Mental Health in public places</u></p> <p>Hazel outlined a recent experience in Woolworths involving people suffering some type of mental health issue.</p>	<p>Discussion to be held at the next meeting of ways in which people can/should respond to those in community who exhibit signs of mental illness.</p>	

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<p>5. <u>Greg and his trip to Zurich</u></p> <p>Greg provided a recount of his recent trip to Zurich.</p> <p>He was interviewed by the BBC. The event was also covered by a Japanese film crew and a Swiss crew.</p> <p>Greg also provided an interview for the Zibaflon newsletter.</p> <p>He competed in three races on one day and had his best result in the last race.</p> <p>Greg was the only disabled cyclist present.</p> <p>Whilst in Switzerland Greg visited the spinal injury unit near to the race venue.</p> <p>The recent event was a preliminary event for the “real thing” which will be held in October of 2016.</p> <p>Next Meeting: 5pm Wednesday 25th November 2015 5.00 – 6.30pm Civic Centre, Level 5 Committee Rooms</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	