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<b>File No:</b>	COR 2013/207		
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<b>Venue:</b>	Meeting Room – Level 1A Pope Street Ryde		
<b>Date:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2016		
<b>Time:</b>	5.00pm	Started at: 5.00 pm	Closed at: 6.45 pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Clr Jane Stott		
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	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 Jane Stott	Chairperson	City of Ryde
x		Clr Denise Pendleton	Councillor	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	
		Barbara Stannard	Community Representative	
	x	Hazel Myers	Community Representative	
		Neita Matthews OAM	Community Representative	
x		Seaja Chang	Community Representative	
	x	Rebecca Ho	Community Representative	
x		Cecilia Park	Community Representative	

**Other Attendees**

Name	Position Title
Gunjan Tripathi	Senior Coordinator – Cultural and Social Planning – Strategic City
Cemile Yuksel	Community Projects Officer – Social Inclusion
Michael Daly	Senior Coordinator - Events
Vince Galletto	Client Manager - Assessment

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<p>1. <b>Welcome:</b></p> <p>Clr Stott welcomed all present and introduced herself as the newly appointed Chair. She spoke of her interest in the work of the committee and the way in which it relates to her employment working with primary and high school students with a disability and their parents.</p> <p>She thanked Clr Pendleton and acknowledged her great work as Chair over the past four years and also thanked the relevant staff for their time in providing her with background information on the work and role of the committee.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>2. <b>Attendance and apologies:</b></p> <p>As above</p> <p>Cecilia Park was welcomed to the group as a new committee member.</p> <p>Cecilia is employed as an Ability Linker with Settlement Services International and is a volunteer leader of the Korean Cockatoos - Korean Carers Group.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	
<p>3. <b>Confirmation of Minutes 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and matters arising</b></p>	<p>The minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were confirmed.</p>	

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4.	<p><u>City of Ryde DA Assessments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vince provided the following information to the group and then answered specific questions:</li> <li>• There is a specific team of Council Planners which meets with applicants prior to the lodgement of major new developments to discuss issues including disabled access and compliance with Australian standards, safer by design rules etc.</li> <li>• It is more difficult for Council to have any input with redevelopments of existing buildings.</li> <li>• Council’s Strategic Planning section prepares Development Control Plans for public domain sites such as footpaths.</li> <li>• During the redesign process, current standards for items such as pram ramps etc are taken into account.</li> <li>• Council and its staff are conscious of the need to improve access conditions and consider this as part of the assessment of applications.</li> <li>• Council has a CRM system to handle complaints that about access issues such as non-compliant footpaths and pram ramps.</li> <li>• Cllr Pendleton mentioned that often doors in older buildings are too narrow to allow disabled access.</li> <li>• She also noted that in many areas, Australian Standards are inadequate.</li> <li>• The placement of the taxi rank in Pope Street which is not near the cutaway section of the footpath and the ongoing issues with the lifts over Devlin Street continues to be matters of frustration.</li> </ul>	<p>Vince Galletto provided information to the group regarding the process undertaken when considering DAs and in particular disabled access for new developments.</p>	

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<p>5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The height of entrances to basement car parks often precludes vehicles used by disabled people from entering.</li> <li>• Vince advised that this issue is always considered as part of any pre lodgement meetings for new developments as well as the assessment of major developments.</li> <li>• Buildings and developments need to be approved and designed with people with various disabilities in mind.</li> <li>• Many places are not welcoming. In future, thought needs to be given to the need for quiet places, flow through of areas such as the piazza area at Top Ryde and other features that provide better quality developments for members of the public.</li> </ul> <p><u>Access and inclusion at Granny Smith Festival</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael provided details regarding the upcoming Granny Smith Festival – especially with regard to disabled access.</li> <li>• He noted that the size of the area designated for accessible parking has been increased from last year.</li> <li>• This year it will be possible to both drop off passengers and park vehicles.</li> <li>• The parade will include members of the differently abled group who will also perform on stage.</li> <li>• Media coverage will be provided by the ABC and Channel 9</li> <li>• The Youth area will include wheelchair basketball activities.</li> <li>• The Royal Rehabilitation Choir will perform.</li> </ul>	<p>Michael asked members of the committee who attend the Festival to forward him their feedback on any issue they notice on the day which could be improved for next year.</p> <p>He will report back to this committee after the Festival.</p>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of the Social Inclusion Week Celebrations an awareness raising information session targeting the business/corporate sector is planned for 21 November 216 to cover why social inclusion is important in creating inclusive communities and how it's good for businesses.</li> <li>• Currently a PACE Student from Macquarie University is developing a 'Social Inclusion and Diversity Checklist' as part of the internship program. The checklist will be promoted and provided to businesses at the November event after testing and trialling with corporate organisations.</li> <li>• Within Council, Executive Team has approved allocation of funds to cover the cost of various social inclusion training for staff, including the mental health first aid training. The Executive Team also welcomed the idea of incorporating a social inclusion, in the context of mental health, presentation in their October Leadership Forum.</li> <li>• Frontline staff will receive training in how to identify and assist people who exhibit mental health issues. This training is planned as a response to couple of issues being identified by committee members at an earlier meeting.</li> </ul> <p>8. <b>Other Business – update from members</b></p> <p>Doris Carrall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- asked for an update re the attendance of Anthony Ogle at a meeting of this committee</li> <li>- asked for an update on the ShopRyder bus service</li> </ul>	<p>Anthony Ogle is currently on leave but will be in attendance at the next meeting of this committee to discuss a range of issues including bus shelters, concrete blocks at bus stops, etc.</p> <p>An update will be forthcoming on the ShopRyder service.</p>	

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<p>Cecilia Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- provided information regarding the 1000 wishes social inclusion project she is coordinating.</li> <li>- The project involves the creation of origami horses and aligns with the social activation of West Ryde</li> <li>- Various groups including Riding for the Disabled are involved with the project.</li> <li>- At the end of October it is hoped to collect 1000 horses which will then be transformed into an artwork by Artisans Ryde – a local art group.</li> <li>- The work will be unveiled on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at West Ryde.</li> <li>- raised the issue of playgrounds and the need to provide accessibility to children who are hyperactive or suffer autism. These children cannot use playgrounds which are not suitably fenced.</li> <li>- She also raised the issue of mental illness in the CALD community and mentioned that the problem is often hidden. There is a shortage of counsellors who speak languages other than English and interpreters cannot be used for counselling.</li> </ul> <p>Brian Bernard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brian tendered his resignation as he is moving to Gympie.</li> </ul> <p>Seaja Chang:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- She noted the need for this committee to examine issues of accessibility facing people other than those with a physical disability (e.g. ageing population).</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Council has other advisory committees which consider matters related to diversity such as the Community Harmony Reference Group.</p> <p>Brian's resignation was accepted with regret and he was thanked for his input whilst on the committee.</p> <p>Staff advised that a copy of this committee's terms of reference will be forwarded with the minutes. It was noted that the remit of this committee has moved to include social inclusion in addition to matters referring to disability.</p>	

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
5.00pm to 6.30pm, Meeting Room Level 1A Pope Street Top Ryde