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<b>Venue:</b>	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
<b>Date:</b>	27 March 2019	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.02pm      Closed at: 7.20pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Youth Councillor	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Andrew Marselos, Community Project Officer – Young People	
<b>Circulation:</b>		

**Committee Role:****The primary roles of the Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee are:**

- To advocate for the needs of young people and provide a mechanism for their participation and involvement in decision making on community issues.
- To act in an advisory and consultative capacity to Council and staff on matters affecting young people in the community.
- To assist young people in developing skills in various areas including, leadership, communication, advocacy, governance and administration.

**Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
X		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Delegate	City of Ryde
	X	Councillor Jordon Lane	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Chris Moujalli	Delegate	City of Ryde
X		Jose Francisco	Youth Councillor (Chair)	
		Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
		Muskaan Sidu	Youth Councillor	
		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
		Emily Simmons	Youth Councillor	
		Sophie Xiao	Youth Councillor	
		Alice Sun	Youth Councillor	
	x	Cosmin Luca	Youth Councillor	
x		Michael Apostolou	Youth Councillor	
x		Tasnia Ahmed	Youth Councillor (Deputy Chair)	
		Lucy Fang	Youth Councillor	
		Yusriya Amin	Youth Councillor	
		Chan-Jin Yun	Youth Councillor	
x		Keates Mackay	Youth Councillor	
x		Gabriel Van Duinen	Youth Councillor	
x		Miffy Song	Youth Councillor	
x		Sam Pheaney	Youth Councillor	
		Emily Yun	Youth Councillor	
		Sarthak	Youth Councillor	
	x	Matthew Choi	Youth Councillor	
x		Cameron Last	Youth Councillor	
		Adelle Thomas	Youth Councillor	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Andrew Marselos	Community Project Officer – Young People	City of Ryde
X		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
	X	Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator – Social Development and Capacity Building	City of Ryde
	X	Lindsay Godfrey	Manager – Community and Ranger Services	City of Ryde

## Details

## Action

1.	<p><b>Apologies and Welcome</b></p> <p>Attendance and apologies were noted as above.</p>	Noted.
2.	<p><b>Acknowledgement of Country</b></p> <p>The Chairperson, Mr Francisco undertook the Acknowledgement of Country as follows:-</p> <p>I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land that we are meeting on, the Darug people of the Eora nation, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures, and to Elders both past and present and acknowledge our youth, the future leaders.</p>	Noted.
3.	<p><b>Introduction and Notices</b></p> <p>Mr Francisco welcomed all Committee members.</p>	Noted.
4.	<p><b>Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p> <p>The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were endorsed.</p>	Noted
5.	<p><b>What's been happening in Ryde</b></p> <p>A round table discussion was held and the following was raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A number of youth council members had volunteered to assist candidates on Election Day and some also voted for the first time. The experience was good and all who took part enjoyed the day and learnt a lot.</li> <li>- Tasnia attended a UN women's breakfast.</li> <li>- Advice was provided regarding a showing of the movie "Incredibles 2" at Chatswood High School on 5<sup>th</sup> April. It is a fund raiser.</li> <li>- It was noted that one of the fields at Morrison Bay has been badly damaged due to people playing on it despite the field being "closed" by staff. Advice was sought as to what people should do who witness people playing on fields when they shouldn't be.</li> </ul>	Noted. Andrew to follow up in regard to contractors employed by Council and the need to report suspected child abuse.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Harmony Day. An expo was held at Eastwood and that evening there was a performance at the Civic Centre featuring the HOPE choir from Uganda. Money raised goes to support Ugandan children.</li> <li>- It was noted that Harmony Day posters had been removed at Macquarie Uni which was a shame.</li> <li>- Miffy advised that she has used the Keoride service and found it good.</li> <li>- Cameron was congratulated on the publicity he has received following his sausage eating feat during election day. He sampled the wares of ten schools.</li> <li>- The train line from Epping to the city will reopen on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019.</li> <li>- Given recent publicity about the possible misconduct of a swimming teacher at Mosman, can Council confirm that its contractors are required to report possible child abuse.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Racism – It stops with me campaign</b></p> <p>This matter was deferred to the next meeting as Jonathan Nanlohy was unable to attend the meeting.</p>	Noted.
7.	<p><b>Update on Youth Week Events</b></p> <p><u>Get That Job Day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be held on 9 April 2019 from 12 noon – 4.00pm at Meadowbank TAFE.</li> <li>• Free Linked In photoshoot will be provided– usually very expensive.</li> <li>• Resume writing, interview skills, dress for success style presentation and lunch. It was noted that many young people do not know how to obtain a tax file number, write a CV etc. The NSW Business Chamber will be present to provide advice on a range of issues.</li> <li>• 100% Free.</li> <li>• Partnering with TAFE NSW Meadowbank Campus.</li> </ul> <p>Only students from Year 10 at Ryde Secondary will be attending the TAFE event due to a clash with the event below on the same day which schools are sending students to.</p> <p>There will also be a number of jobs on offer - casual and part time in the area which you can apply for on the day.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen to write to Principals to remind them of the event.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Clr Pedersen advised she will write to local Principals to remind them of the event and to encourage participation by their students.</p>

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<p><u>Youth Mental Health Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held on 9 April 2019 at Macquarie University from 8.30am – 3.00pm.</li> <li>• All the schools in Ryde and lots from northern Sydney are attending this event which has been held for the last ten years.</li> <li>• Highlights of the day include:-                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 lived experience stories from local young people with a mental health issue.</li> <li>○ Q&amp;A panel giving students an opportunity to ask questions related to mental health.</li> <li>○ Take It Back project for students and school staff to ensure the messages delivered throughout the day are actioned within the school community.</li> <li>○ Entertaining activities throughout the day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Open Air Cinema at Meadowbank TAFE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date confirmed for Thursday, 11 April 2019 at Meadowbank TAFE</li> <li>• Will be promoted as a youth event in preference to families</li> <li>• Movie will be Crazy Rich Asians</li> </ul> <p><u>ShoreShocked</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ShoreShocked 2019 – held on 13 April 2019 from 11.00am – 5.00pm at St Leonards Park, North Sydney. This is a free all age’s music festival and is a drug and alcohol free event.</li> <li>• If anyone is interested in volunteering at the event, the link can be found at: <a href="http://www.shoreshocked.com">www.shoreshocked.com</a></li> <li>• Line-up: Japanese Wallpaper, Waax, Tyne-James Organ, Kota Banks, Erthlings, Sports Bra + 2 x Battle of the Bands winners.</li> <li>• Auslan interpretation.</li> <li>• Nearly 2000 tickets sold – hope to sell 3000</li> </ul> <p><u>Ryde Youth Theatre Short Plays</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved from Youth Week to May 2019.</li> <li>• Performances being held on:-                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Friday, 10 May 2019</li> <li>○ Saturday, 11 May 2019</li> <li>○ Sunday, 12 May 2019</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Venue to be confirmed – most likely the Ryde Park Rotunda</li> </ul>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p><u>Emerging Civic Leaders Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be run in the lead up to Youth Week with campaign launching during Youth Week – in time for May Federal Election.</li> <li>• Will start on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Sophie, Tasnia, Cosmin and Jose maybe will be taking part.</li> <li>• Will be weekly meetings until 17<sup>th</sup> May except for Easter.</li> <li>• The course is online and is designed to plan a youth vote campaign which will then be put into action prior to the Federal election.</li> <li>• 3 or 4 spaces still available.</li> </ul>	Noted
8.	<p><b>Open Air Cinema</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See above for information regarding this event.</li> </ul>	Noted.
9.	<p><b>Social Inclusion Week</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As Sean will be on his honeymoon (ohhh) Andrew will be coordinating this event and has asked for assistance from members of the Youth Council.</li> <li>- Sean will meet with the Youth Working Group to provide information and guidance.</li> <li>- A suggestion was made that the event could include a fashion parade at Macquarie Shopping Centre – Clr Pedersen has a contact of a student at TAFE who could assist with hair and makeup.</li> <li>- People interested in joining the working party are – Jose, Sophie and maybe Gabriel, Cameron, Tasnia and Miffy.</li> </ul>	Noted
10.	<p><b>Social Media Review</b></p> <p>Cosmin was absent so this matter was not discussed.</p>	Deferred to the next meeting
11.	<p><b>Promoting events and programs</b></p> <p>In a similar vein to the above item, the group considered ways in which Council/Youth Council can better engage with young people to inform them of the activities etc taking place.</p> <p>Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Making greater use of school newsletters to forward information</li> <li>- Placing information in public libraries</li> <li>- It was noted that information is sent to schools and uni but that often it is not disseminated when it is received.</li> <li>- Using social media/facebook more</li> <li>- Advertising in partnership with unis/schools</li> <li>- Send correspondence to schools via youth council members rather</li> </ul>	<p>The suggestions made were noted.</p> <p>Any additional ideas should be sent to Andrew</p>

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	<p>than Council staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Council members could speak at their schools, hand out flyers, etc.</li> <li>- Advertising on the big screen at Top Ryde was dismissed due to cost.</li> <li>- Clr Zhou and Humans of Eastwood could be encouraged to promote details of events.</li> <li>- Perhaps use “sausage boy” as the face of the Youth Council – marketing and media would love something like this.</li> <li>- Using an online platform – eg bluejeans</li> <li>- Perhaps engage with a marketing or media intern – possibly a volunteer to being with</li> <li>- Perhaps tap into HR programs regarding the above.</li> <li>- It was noted it is difficult to get people together – maybe skype etc could be used for workshops etc involving the youth council members.</li> <li>- It was agreed this was worth trying and that a time after 7.00pm would probably work best.</li> </ul>	
12.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>The following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emily and Yusriya will be resigning from the Youth Council due to the work load of school</li> <li>- A question was raised through Ryde District Mums regarding ways to assist a 16 year old male make friends at a new school.</li> <li>- Suggestions included - join a sporting group, join a club, join the youth council, join the youth theatre. It was noted that the buddy system operates at a number of schools but that buddies aren’t always a good match.</li> </ul>	Noted.
11.	<p><b>Confirmation of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Committee Room at Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Top Ryde</p>	Noted.