

Subject:	Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee – Minutes of Meeting	Page 1 of 5
File No:	COR2012/672	
Document Ref:	D15/42289	
Date and Venue:	29 th April 2015 Meeting Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.10pm Closed at: 7.30pm
Chair:	Mike Paine – Project Officer – Young People	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Michael Paine - Project Officer – Young People	
Circulation:		

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 C Chung	Delegate	City of Ryde
	x	Councillor R Maggio	Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Nichola Gregory	Youth Councillor	
x		Sophie Lara-Watson	Youth Councillor	
x		Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
	x	Sarah VanDerMeer	Youth Councillor	
x		Venetia Cameron	Youth Councillor	
		Nicolas Kyriazis	Youth Councillor	
		Ben Kyriazis	Youth Councillor	
x		Rory Fisher	Youth Councillor	
x		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
	x	Aigerim Tulekova	Youth Councillor	
	x	Edward Fang	Youth Councillor	
X		Dinushika Dias	Youth Councillor	
x		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
X		Mitchell Stubbs	Youth Councillor	

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Michael Paine	Community Project Officer – Young People	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
Penelope Evans	Ryde Library	City of Ryde

Details**Action****Responsibility and Date**

1. Apologies and Welcome		
The attendees and apologies are as noted above.	Noted	
2. Follow up from previous meeting		
Nil	The information was noted.	

Subject:	Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee – Draft Minutes of Meeting Date: 29 th April 2015	Page 2 of 5
-----------------	---	-------------

Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
---------	--------	-------------------------

<p>3. Guest speaker – Penelope Evans from Ryde Library</p> <p>NaNoWriMo - (National Novel Writing Month) is an event which is held all around the world.</p> <p>Penny spoke to the group about the event which encourages children and adults to write a novel of 50,000 words in November. As part of this a “write in” could be held at Ryde Library where people gather to work on their novels.</p> <p>The library could provide, refreshments, staff to assist etc.</p> <p>The involvement of the Youth Council is sought because of its links and access to the target market (youth) and its ability to promote and generate interest in the event. The target audience is mid teens to thirty year olds.</p> <p>Due to high use of the library during and leading up to the HSC, the NaNoWriMo event would be held at the conclusion of the HSC.</p> <p>More than one “write-ins” could be held to allow novels to be completed in the second session if not completed at the first session.</p> <p>A guest speaker/workshop on how to write a novel could be arranged for the preceding school holidays.</p> <p>If the Youth Council gets involved, Penny would assist with planning meetings.</p> <p>Other suggestions regarding the write in event included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a showcase displaying what people accomplished at the sessions. This would encourage people to attend this event at the library rather than elsewhere ie cafes • Judge the novels written at the library. • The winning local entry could be published and a copy made available for borrowing from Ryde Library. • Encourage participation by younger children through contact with primary schools. • Prizes could be given for students in years 4 – 6. <p>Penny also advised about the availability of the library for hosting events of all kinds.</p> <p>Refreshments and technology are available in this community space.</p> <p>Bookings can be made through the library.</p> <p>There was unanimous support for the Youth Council to support the NaNoWriMo event.</p>	<p>Mike and Penny to hold further discussions regarding how the Youth Council can be involved in promoting and assisting with this event.</p> <p>A working group will be formed following the next Youth Council meeting.</p>	
---	---	--

Subject:	Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee – Draft Minutes of Meeting Date: 29 th April 2015	Page 3 of 5
-----------------	---	-------------

Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
<p>4. National Youth Week 2015</p> <p>National Youth Week was held from 10th – 18th April 2015. A summary of the events held is below.</p> <p>Launch Party - summary by Kavisha Shah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street art was popular. • In future earlier promotion is required. • Promotion through schools, uni etc required. • Good contacts have been made and those who did attend have commenced using the Our Space services. • The volunteers who attended were thanked <p>Model UN – summary by Mike Paine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A slow start to the event and numbers were not high • The discussion (ISIS) was very interesting. • Innovative ideas were expressed and well thought out comments were provided • A need to do more preparatory work was identified for this event to attract greater numbers • Also need to be specific about the age range as a very young attendee felt out of her depth with the mainly university age attendees. <p>Gaming and Cosplay – summary by Aidan Fisher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event went well despite early hiccups. • It was an ambitious event • Lots of consoles and games provided • Special guest/celebrity – Rae Johnson was a big hit and also said it was a great event which she thoroughly enjoyed. • For future events - promote earlier and through schools, TAFE and Unis. <p>Shorefest – summary by Mike Paine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event went well • lots of volunteers in attendance • 2,000 people in attendance over the day. • No incidents • Looking at changing genre of music to boost attendance figures. <p>General Comment –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on fewer events but better organised. • No advice yet re Film Comp. It was advertised through schools, youth agencies, Council website etc. • Closing date 11th May 2015. 	<p>To attract greater attendance at future events, the following ideas are suggested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to make a media strategy for future events. • Have deadlines and hit the targets • Arrange training about marketing for interested youth council members • keep track of numbers of attendees • Choice of venue is important. • Need to take your event to the market sometimes eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - could have held UN debate in a more public area such as uni or shopping area. - Hold the gaming event at a skate park. • Don't outsource events in future as this allows the group to direct where events are held etc. • Remember that sometimes it is good to challenge the status quo. <p>Action – ask someone from marketing to come and address the Youth Council re ways of promoting events.</p>	

Subject:	Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee – Draft Minutes of Meeting Date: 29 th April 2015	Page 4 of 5
-----------------	---	-------------

Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
---------	--------	-------------------------

<p>5. Future Direction for the Youth Council</p> <p>Role of Youth Council –</p> <p>A day will be set aside to consider the issues that the Youth Council wishes to focus on during this term.</p> <p>Mike advised that the Youth Council could consider a specific issue or item that requires advocacy such as the push for a skate park.</p> <p>A workshop will be held in June to determine how to achieve the aims which the group decides to pursue.</p> <p>Suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Social inclusion and drug and alcohol</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Under this heading a hobby fair or similar could be arranged. o Ryde drama group, dance group etc could attend an expo of hobby ideas o Format similar to job expo but for hobbies. - <u>Create a website</u> which provides a range of general and specific information targeted at the needs of young people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Such a website would provide information about events o Details schools don't provide such as how to obtain scholarships, o How to fill in various forms such as a tax form/rental application o Life skill coaching o Details of the university job seeker sites offered at all unis. o How to change a tyre and other life skills o Video examples for some tasks o Quiet places to study at unis o Blogs about cooking etc. - If the site is good, it is considered that people will share its existence - Should target information relevant to Ryde eg transport to Ryde - Integrate the information to schools, TAFE's etc. - <u>Youth Summit 2016</u> - Make the focus of the youth summit the focus of the Youth Council perhaps lifeskills and careers - Help people set a direction for themselves, get motivated and find a passion. Show people can be inspired by their hobbies and passions. - Summit could give hands on cooking and mocktail demonstrations - Give life lessons about finding balance between all study or all time wasting 	<p>It was agreed that the Youth Council is good at putting on events but not so good at promoting them</p> <p>Need to focus on promoting the Youth Council, what it does and how to contact the group during this term.</p> <p>Future workshop will flesh out suggestions as to areas the Youth Council should focus on this term.</p> <p>Currently main areas of interest are</p> <p>Website creation, life skills and youth unemployment/careers.</p> <p>Suggested date for the workshop is 6th June</p> <p>At that meeting look at three areas and scope out projects around those subjects</p> <p>Following the workshop arrange for a web designer to assist the group.</p>	
--	---	--

Subject:	Ryde Youth Council Advisory Committee – Draft Minutes of Meeting Date: 29 th April 2015	Page 5 of 5
-----------------	---	-------------

Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
<p>6. Standing Item –</p> <p>Media and Communications Volunteers required for 2RRR interview</p> <p>Interviews can be completed over the phone or at a location that suits people. No need to attend radio station.</p> <p>Aiden will do next interview.</p>	Mike to find out how to obtain past recordings	
<p>7. Other Business</p> <p>Nil</p>		
<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>DATE: Wednesday 27th May 2015 TIME: 6.00 pm VENUE: Civic Centre Level 5 Room 2</p>	The information was noted.	