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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	29 th May 2019	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00 Closed at: 7.11
Chair:	Youth Councillor	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Andrew Marselos, Community Project Officer – Young People	
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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	
	x	Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor	
		Emily Simmons	Youth Councillor	
	x	Sophie Xiao	Youth Councillor	
	x	Alice Sun	Youth Councillor	
x		Cosmin Luca	Youth Councillor	
		Michael Apostolou	Youth Councillor	
x		Tasnia Ahmed	Youth Councillor (Deputy Chair)	
x		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	
		Matthew Choi	Youth Councillor	
x		Cameron Last	Youth Councillor	
		Adelle Thomas	Youth Councillor	

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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
		Vincent Yu		Differently Abled People Association
		Savitha		Differently Abled People Association
		Tristram		Differently Abled People Association

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1.	<p>Apologies and Welcome</p> <p>Attendance and apologies were noted as above.</p>	Noted.
2.	<p>Acknowledgement of Country</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>Introduction and Notices</p> <p>Mr Francisco welcomed all Committee members. The guest speakers were also welcomed.</p>	Noted.
4.	<p>Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting – 24th April 2019</p> <p>The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 24th April 2019 were endorsed.</p> <p>Gabriel Van Duinen moved to accept the minutes. This was seconded by Cosmin Luca.</p>	Noted
5.	<p>What's been happening in Ryde</p> <p>A round table discussion was held and the following matters were raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New concept plans for the Civic Centre have been released today and public consultation will take commence soon. - The new Metro train has opened and has been well received. The new stations created and the revamp to the Macquarie Station are great. - The skate park at Meadowbank has been opened and is proving 	Noted.

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	<p>very popular although there have been some complaints about lighting and the effect on residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Balmoral Burn charity run was held recently. The run raises money for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation. - Council’s volunteer recognition awards were held recently. - Isabella Wilkes was named Young Volunteer of the Year and she is a very worthy recipient. - Riverside Girls High is performing the musical Wicked next week - A fashion show will be held soon at Ryde Secondary College. - SWAP will be held soon – look out for application dates. - Council will hold a Sustainability Festival on 2nd June 2019. - Cllr Pedersen advised that she recently moved at Council that consideration be given to providing a bike and kayak kiosk at Meadowbank. - A proposed inclusive fashion show will be discussed at the next Social Inclusion meeting. - The PACE project at Macquarie Uni was discussed. Council is currently involved in a project to make signage and place making around Macquarie Park - The recent HSC lock in was successful with 43 people attending. - The next lock in will have tutors in attendance. 	
6.	<p>Differently abled people association – mobile app</p> <p>A presentation on the app created by the Association was made. The app features information relevant to the Ryde Council area including:- restaurants, toilet and drinking water facilities, garbage collection information etc.</p> <p>The group wants to build its customer base and get the app out into the community for its use.</p> <p>It is hoped to increase the reach and purpose of the app by setting up a feature for reporting incidents and issues directly to Council staff and also to provide a means of contacting Councillors.</p> <p>One of the benefits of the app is there is minimal need to type. It was suggested that more refined graphics would make the app more appealing and increase uptake in usage.</p> <p>A Youtube channel is available outlining the app and the work of the Association.</p> <p>Ryde Secondary School and Truscott Street School have support units and it was suggested that the group approach them. Vincent advised that contact has been made with these groups.</p> <p>The assisted skills program at TAFE was raised as a possible area to investigate.</p> <p>It was suggested that corporate sponsorship be sought. Ryde has a lot of tech companies that probably include inclusive programs.</p> <p>If people want to provide assistance, they should call Vincent and he will chat with them re volunteering opportunities etc.</p> <p>The group will also present to Council’s Social Inclusion Committee</p>	Noted.

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7.	<p>Update - Emerging Civic Leaders Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasnia and Cosmin provided an update. • The Macquarie portion of the team did the majority of the work • A new group may be invited to take part in a future course. • The interactive component of the course was well received. • Andrew will provide further details on any future courses to the group. 	Noted.
8.	<p>Youth Opportunities Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grant is currently available from the NSW State Government to fund youth led projects • The grant requires groups to put together a project which responds to identified needs. • Youth need to work with Council or an NGO to run the budget and the project. • Guidelines relating to eligibility include:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - community inclusion - Cyber safety - Financial literacy - Domestic violence - Homelessness • Grants in the sum of \$10,000 to \$50,000 are available. • Applications close at the end of July 2019 • Cosmin advised that he would like the Youth Council apply for a grant to conduct a public speaking competition. • It would be necessary to investigate how best to incorporate this suggestion into the eligibility guidelines. • It was suggested that applicants have to speak on one of the topics identified in the grant. • A public speaking competition would give youth a voice and could be extended to people outside the Ryde area. • A working group will be required if the grant application is to be made. 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Andrew will forward eligibility criteria and further details to the group. Suggestions back to Andrew will then be required and a working group will be established if required.</p>
9.	<p>Marketing and Promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A revamp of the Youth Council’s social media is required to make it more engaging. • Cosmin suggested areas for consideration include a name change and a hook to encourage better engagement perhaps through teddy bears and stuffed toys. • He noted that in kindy, people would take home the class teddy and that perhaps the Youth Council could do something similar. • Members of the Youth Council would take it in turns to look after the animal/mascot chosen and would be encouraged to take it on outings and then post the result of facebook. • This procedure could be extended to a circle of friends and facebook followers through a competition or similar. • The mascot could appear at all Council/Youth Council events and appear on the coverpage of the facebook account. 	Andrew to arrange an online meeting of the social media group.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Social Media group will meet on line to discuss the suggestion further. 	
11.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that this week is Reconciliation Week. 	Noted.
	<p>Confirmation of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26th June 2019 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Committee Room at Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Top Ryde</p>	Noted.