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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	30 May 2018	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.09pm Closed at: 7.38pm
Chair:	Michael Paine	
Meeting Support (MS):	Kathryn Fleming – Administration Officer Councillor Support - Governance	
Staff Convenor:	Michael Paine, 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
	X	Councillor Chris Moujalli	Delegate	City of Ryde
	X	Councillor Peter Kim	Delegate	City of Ryde
X		Eric Fan	Youth Councillor (Chair)	
X		Aidan Fisher	Youth Councillor	
X		Muskaan Sidu	Youth Councillor	
X		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
X		Kavisha Shah	Youth Councillor (Deputy Chair)	
X		Tim Zhang	Youth Councillor	
X		Emily Simmons	Youth Councillor	
	X	Sophie Xiao	Youth Councillor	
X		Alice Sun	Youth Councillor	
X		Cosmin Luca	Youth Councillor	
	X	Michael Apostolou	Youth Councillor	
X		Tasnia Ahmed	Youth Councillor (Deputy Chair)	
X		Lucy Fang	Youth Councillor	
X		Yusriya Amin	Youth Councillor	
		Chan-Jin Yun	Youth Councillor	
X		Anthony Kim	Youth Councillor	
		Sarthak	Youth Councillor	

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X		Michael Paine	Community Project Officer - Young People	City of Ryde
X		Kathryn Fleming	Administration Officer – Councillor Support	City of Ryde
X		Pedersen	Councillor Pedersen’s son	
X		Keats Mackay	Nominee	
X		Miffy Song	Nominee	
X		Sam Pheeneey	Nominee	
X		Gabriel Van Duinen		Blacktown City Council
		Jose Francisco		Blacktown City Council
x		Jesica Varela		Blacktown City Council
x		Emily Potloka		Blacktown City Council
x		Jessica Szakacs		BCC Youth Ambassadors
x		Emily Potloka		BCC Youth Ambassadors

Details

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1.	<p>Apologies and Welcome</p> <p>Apologies from Councillor Lane, Sophie Xiao and Michael Apostolou</p> <p>Attendance and apologies were noted as above.</p>	Noted.
2.	<p>Acknowledgement of Country</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>The Ryde Youth Committee participants introduced themselves to each other.</p> <p>Mike advised that a report will go to Council on 26 June 2018 and council will recommend that the current nominees become official members of the Ryde Youth Council. Once the Council resolution is received the members will officially be allowed to vote.</p>	Noted.
4.	<p>Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>The Minutes were moved by Aiden Fisher and seconded by Lucy Fang.</p> <p>Cosmin Luca was not present at previous meeting – 26 April 2018</p>	Noted Noted. Will amend Minutes
5.	<p>What’s been happening in Ryde</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tasnia recently attended the UN Summit 	Noted

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugee Week – coming up soon • Biggest Morning Tea – coming up soon • Biggest Morning Tea – coming up soon • Gabriel mentioned the lack of Mental Health support in the community in regards to acceptance and awareness. • Youth ambassador program • Draft Community Strategy • Debating and Leadership opportunities • Schools are starting anti-bullying and anti-littering campaigns • Councillor Pedersen had a Notice of Motion that was passed in relation to the banning of plastic straws and the phasing out of single use plastic bags and cups at all Council events. • Councillor Pedersen is also exploring a new recycling venture that turns soft plastics into pieces of furniture. • Councillor Pedersen attended Riverside Girls to judge the Young Change Agents which is a social entrepreneurship program for 10 – 18 year olds. • Epping Boys High is starting a sustainability group called LEAF • Calling for volunteers for the Salvation Army • Michael advised that the Volunteer Recognition Awards were fantastic. 5 for Ryde won the Volunteer Group of the Year and Tasnia received an individual nomination. • A Social Inclusion Officer has just been recruited • Alcohol and Young People - on the Agenda for the next meeting. • Mental Health - on the Agenda for the next meeting. <p>Racist signs have been found around the area – Michael advised that this matter was discussed at the Council Meeting on 22 May 2018 and that the City of Ryde are campaigning against racism and also promoting multiculturalism and inclusiveness. Michael asked the group to consider this item to discuss at next meeting. It was also suggested that maybe the Racism Campaign could be presented to schools in the area.</p> <p>Michael advised the committee that he would be happy to put any social media content that is relevant on the Ryde Youth web page. Councillor Pedersen mentioned that she would also put it on her Facebook page.</p>	<p>To be put on Agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>To be put on Agenda for next meeting</p>
<p>6. Youth Ambassador Program</p> <p><u>Presentation with Blacktown City Council Youth Ambassadors – Jessica, Emily and Maddy.</u></p> <p><i>They spoke about the program and advised:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a Council based initiative • Been running for over a decade • Annual Election – automatically get appointed into the Youth Advisory Committee • Quite Ceremonial – exposing the youths to the community and giving them the opportunities to understand the inner-workings of Council • Elections – they nominate themselves • Youth Ambassador Program is linked to the Sister Cities which allowed the Ambassador’s to fly to New Zealand last year. • Believe the best factor they personally got out of the program was advancement in skills improvement eg; organisation, public speaking, improving your leadership, managing yourself. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No training was involved • 85 Applications were received to be a Youth Ambassador. 20 people were chosen for an interview by the Mayor and Councillors. Then the chosen applicants were required to give an impromptu speech from which 2 people were chosen to be Ambassadors. • It can be any combination of male or female with age range from 15 to 18 years of ages. <p><i>The functions of the Youth Ambassadors are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote major events run by Blacktown Council. • Speeches for the Citizenship Ceremony • They are involved in two Committees • Annual Events like Search for Young Performing Artists • Ambassadors do a speech at every Citizenship Ceremony <p><i>What advice if you were to rotate to the Ambassador role:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure everyone gets the same opportunity but it would depend on the amount of activities you wanted to do each year. <p>Blacktown Council offered public speaking, media and social media training which was very helpful. The students learnt how to properly address the Mayor and Councillors. They were advised to get their speeches checked by Council first and their opinions had to mirror the Mayors, especially on political matters. The Ambassadors also had a mentor alongside them the whole time who gave briefing and support before the major events.</p> <p>The students will help put together alongside Councillor Pedersen a draft Notice of Motion on the Youth Ambassador Program.</p>	
<p>7. Standing Item – Concessional Opal Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the process of organising a meeting with the Advocate for Children and Young People which hopefully will be at the beginning of July. • Michael advised that he has been in touch with Andrew Johnston's office who works for the State Government but is not affiliated with any particular party. He is hoping that Andrew will take this campaign on as they have the mechanisms to consult across many divisions. • Councillor Pedersen stated she will send an email to the Shadow Minister on this subject. 	<p>Kavisha advised she is currently in the process of organising the meeting with Andrew.</p>
<p>8. City of Ryde Youth Strategy 2018 - 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in the process of developing a youth strategy for the City of Ryde • Completed four pop up schools around Ryde being: Macquarie, Eastwood, Meadowbank and Skate Jam. • Four Forums have been done as well-being – Sector Consultation, Young People with Disability, Parents & Carers. • 18 June 2018 – Young people with a Cultural and Diverse Background – looking for 20 people to come along for the Forum 	<p>Advised the group that we need</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 June 2018 – Parents & Carers Forum – Station Street, West Ryde Currently, we have 100 surveys completed. This closes at 9am Monday, 4 June 2018. The data is telling us that you are really happy with living in Ryde – very positive feedback. No-one mentioned about overdevelopment & construction in the area but did mention improving transport & services. On the whole the surveys are very positive. 	more people to attend the Forum
9.	<p>The Amazing Race</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canterbury/Bankstown put on an Amazing Race Event over Youth Week. Feedback was positive in terms of participation but in terms of Work Health Safety, it was much harder The locations were across the LGA and the young people were give OPAL cards to get around. It was difficult to monitor and some young people did get lost (although made it back safely) The event was very resource heavy with volunteers at each location supervising the challenges and giving out clues. Canterbury/Bankstown worked with the PCYC to deliver the event Challenges included goal kicking, drumming, roller skating, climbing, table football etc Young people competed in teams of four. Young people had to be 15+ to participate. Currently looking at a date after the HSC – maybe January school holidays. Reconvene the group that were working on the Amazing Race to come up with a suitable date. 	Noted. Michael to organise
10	<p>Suicide Prevention Program</p> <p>Mike convened the Ryde Hunters Hill Youth Interagency and gave an update to the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very diverse group Organisations working with mental health, employment etc Recently there has been an alarming spate of young people across Northern Sydney trying to successfully and unsuccessfully trying to commit suicide especially around the Northern Beaches. Looking doing some kind of community project to tackle this issue. Not sure at this stage what the project will entail. Mike asked if anyone wants to be involved. If so, it will be during the work week and during office hours. Mental Health Forum Potentially repeating this in October for Years 8 & 9. We may look at doing a Young Mental Health Forum targeting young males 	Noted

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<p>11 Granny Smith – The Core</p> <p>The group discussed the dates for the first meeting. It was agreed the meeting would be held on Wednesday, 13 June 2018 from 6pm – 7.30pm.</p> <p>At the last meeting it was decided that the dance block party would continue at the Granny Smith Festival.</p> <p>Mike advised the group he had contacted Dancekool to organise this. A few other ideas for the festival were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle of the Bands • Silent Disco • Talent Quest – 12 to 25 yr • Interactive Dance Moves • Free lessons for the community in Hip Hop • Wheelchair Basketball <p>We are unable to do Laser Tag this year due to complaints from residents.</p>	Noted
<p>12 Training and Development</p> <p>Michael's update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially we will have a Youth Ambassador so Mike has been speaking with a Sydney Speaking School regarding public speaking skills. • Requested for the school to come to Top Ryde to do a program but this will depend on the costing and will most likely be on a Saturday from 10am to 5pm. • Suggested that we have two tutors – one for more advanced speakers but will depend on the cost. • Nothing has been done on Advocacy • Advertising and Promotional skills training could possibly be done in-house. • Other training or workshops requested – pending the above 	Noted
<p>13 Any other Business</p> <p>Michael asked the Committee to think of ideas on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti • Promoting Multicultural in Ryde • Alcohol in the area 	All on Agenda for next meeting
<p>10. Confirmation of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27 June 2018 in the Committee Room at Level 1A Pope Street, Top Ryde</p>	Noted.

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Councillor Pedersen notified the group that a Notice of Motion was passed at the previous Council Meeting in relation to graffiti in the area. The NOM called for promoting street art and to find where the hotspots are. She asked the group to consider this Motion to discuss at the next meeting.

Michael thanked Blacktown City Council for attending the Meeting

Meeting closed at 7.38pm