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Venue:	TEAMS	
Date:	Thursday 25 th August 2022	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.04pm Closed at: 7.23pm
Chair:	Sue Verhoek - Senior Coordinator Community Services	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Jessica Runge – Community Development Officer - families	
Circulation:	Working Group members and website	

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

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Clr Sophie Lara-Watson	Councillor	City of Ryde
x		Clr Katie O'Reilly	Councillor	City of Ryde
x		Bailey Linton-Simpkins	Community Representative	
x		Hannah Young	Community Representative	
x		Armaan Patni	Community Representative	
x		Will Brown	Community Representative	
x		Cameron Last	Community Representative	
x		Jasmine Ye	Community Representative	
x		Raj Thiagarajan	Community Representative	
x		Anju Dhanushkodi	Community Representative	
x		Sewan Kim	Community Representative	
x		Josh Zuback	Community Representative	
x		Cassidy McKay	Community Representative	
x		Aarzu Patni	Community Representative	
x		Esther Kim	Community Representative	

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x		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Jessica Runge	Community Development Officer – Families	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Claudia Micallef	Senior Coordinator – Community Engagement	City of Ryde

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1.	Welcome and Apologies <u>Acknowledgment of Country</u> Sue Verhoek provided the acknowledgement of country.	 Noted
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<p>As this was the first meeting of the newly appointed working group, each member was asked to introduce themselves to the group.</p> <p>Josh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is studying Law and Arts at Macquarie University. He has previously been a member of the Youth Council. <p>Raj</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is in Yr 11 at Epping Boys High School. He has joined this group as he is interested in leadership opportunities and meeting people <p>Bailey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is in Yr 12 at Epping Boys High School. He is involved with youth advocacy, is a climate activist and wants to represent young people. <p>William</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is in Yr 12 at Epping Boys High School where he is a prefect. - He has been a member of the SRC and wants to give back to the community - <p>Hannah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is in Yr 11 at Riverside Girls High School. She was a member of the Youth Council last year and hopes more can be achieved this year. <p>Anju</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is in Yr 10 at Hornsby Girls High School. She is interested in leadership and meeting people <p>Cameron</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has been a member of the Youth Council since 2008. He sees membership of this group as a good opportunity to create change. <p>Cassidy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is in Yr 10 at Epping Boys High School. He wants to encourage young people to take part in activities. <p>Aarnon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is in Yr 7 at Chastwood High School. She wanted to explore new opportunities. <p>Esther</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is in Yr 7 at Ryde Secondary College. She wanted to explore new opportunities and to meet people. <p>Jasmin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attends Meriden Girls High School and is passionate about politics <p>Sewan</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is in Yr 11 at North Sydney Boys High School. He was a member of the previous Youth Council and wants to follow up the works that were commenced. <p>Clr Lara Watson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was previously a member of the Youth Council - During her time on the Youth Council, Ryde hosted the major conference and was involved with lots of campaigning <p>Clr O'Reilly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has three children and grew up in Ryde. - She believes the Youth Council can make a difference and create a better future. <p>Jessica Runge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the City of Ryde Youth Development Officer - She has been in the role for a month and is looking forward to working with the Youth Council members <p>Sue Verhoek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will act as interim chair 	
2.	<p>City of Ryde Code of Conduct</p> <p>The information in the Code of Conduct was noted and agreed to by all attendees.</p>	Noted
3.	<p>Youth Council Terms of Reference</p> <p>The information in the Youth Council Terms of Reference was noted and agreed to by all attendees.</p>	Noted
4.	<p>Chairperson – vote and election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sue (acting as interim chair) asked for nominations for the position of Chairperson. - Cameron Last nominated and was elected unopposed. - Cameron then took over the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting 	Noted
5.	<p>Community Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Claudia Micallef, from Council’s Community Engagement Team attended the meeting and spoke about the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). - Claudia advised that the plan aims to give insight into the way the City of Ryde will look in thirty years. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>A link to the current CSP will also be sent to members of the Youth Council.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community consultation has included focus groups and workshop to obtain the community’s input into what they would like to see in the City of Ryde in the future. - Claudia asked if the Youth Council would be interested in providing their thoughts in a separate meeting with a consultant. - A session of 1.5 to 2 hours is proposed in September 22 to be held in person at Council’s Pope Street offices. 	The group agreed to attend a workshop with further details to be provided by Claudia.
6.	<p>Australian Change Dividend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At a Youth Council meeting in 2021, Aarzu gave a presentation on this subject - The Youth Council provided its support for the dividend and the matter was submitted to Council in June of this year via a Notice of Motion by Councillor Lara Watson. - Council resolved to acknowledge the Climate Change Dividend and wrote to the Federal Govt stating its support and noting the role of the Youth Council. 	The information was noted.
7.	<p>Reducing Carbon Emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Lara-Watson advised that Council has adopted a net zero emission target at its meeting of August 2022. - Council further resolved to approve the public exhibition of the Net Zero Emissions Plan for a period of 28 days and members of the Youth Council are encouraged to make a submission. - Arzu provided the group with a presentation including suggestions on how the Youth Council can promote strategies to reduce carbon emissions including electric car charging stations, energy reducing light bulbs for all residents. - It was agreed that the Youth Council needs to continue to work at a grass roots level as some of the suggestions are not achievable by the Youth Council. Suggestions included encouraging youth clean-ups, compost lessons, recycling etc rather than national lobbying. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Members are encouraged to make a submission on Council’s Net Zero Emissions Plan via Council’s website.</p>
8.	<p>Guest Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The following suggestions were received with regard to speakers to address future Youth Council meetings: - Members of Council’s Waste and Environment teams – could provide advice on what campaigns the Youth Council could be involved in. - Contact from local primary schools to explore ways the Youth council could work with schools to run events about net zero, green energy etc – perhaps at Ryde Park. - Involvement with primary schools when students are studying “how Council’s work”. 	<p>Guest speakers from Council’s Waste and Environment Teams to be invited to attend a Youth Council meeting.</p> <p>Contact to be made with schools or other groups to liaise with primary schools about ways the Youth Council can be involved in</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health, road safety and climate change might also be subjects where the Youth Council could be involved 	<p>supporting study in areas of common interest.</p>
<p>9. Granny Smith Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Festival will be held in Eastwood on 15th October 2022. The Youth Space will be at Eastwood Primary School from 10am to 3.30pm. - Activities will include, dance, skate activities, video game tournament, live music, buskers, live graffiti piece, chill out areas, giant chess, checkers, basketball shootout, photobooth. 	<p>Jessica will send members links to the YouTube videos of the performers.</p> <p>She will also send an email seeking volunteers to assist on the day and will provide ads with a request that they be included in school newsletters.</p>
<p>10. Mental health month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council is partnering with Hornsby and Ku-Ring-Gai to conduct a forum at Macquarie University on 18th October 2022. - There will be lots of organisations such as Headspace giving talks on the day and a Q & A panel. - Jess asked if anyone was interested in being a “lived experience” speaker at the event. - Suggestions for forum topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can you support friends with anxiety/depression? • Eating disorders and not eating properly 	<p>Anyone interested in taking part should contact Jess</p>
<p>11. Ryde Youth Theatre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Theatre is open to membership for people 8 – 18 and is currently seeking new members - The Youth Council was asked to reach out to people with interests in performing arts to advise them of the opportunities. - It was suggested contact could be made with school drama group, dance studios, companies that run drama classes etc, Ryde Eisteddfod and before and after school centres. 	<p>Jess to send information to Youth Council members for distribution to their networks.</p>
<p>12. LGBTIAQ+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sydney is hosting a World Pride Olympics from 17th Feb to 5th March 2023. - It was noted that Ryde does not have many support groups for the LGBTQIA+ community but an activity such as a colour run could be organised which would be open to anyone to attend. - Perhaps group meetings in the library could also be arranged to reach out to this group in the local community - A social media site or page advertising activities run or supported by the Youth Council would be a great initiative. 	<p>Jess to speak with Comms about social media presence for the Youth Council and how to provide support for events such as colour run if to be held</p> <p>Jess to arrange a meeting with interested Youth Council members to speak about social media presence.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council’s Comms team to be approached to assist with establishing a social media presence for the Youth Council 	
13.	<p>HSC Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the past Council supported “lock ins” in the library for HSC students - Youth Council members are encouraged to seek advice from their contacts as to how Council can support HSC students - Perhaps split days at the libraries into subjects to allow people to study together - Invite volunteer tutors to assist students at libraries - Make West Ryde Library more suitable for group learning. 	Further ideas to be sought and brought back to the next meeting
14.	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NIL 	Noted
15.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 24th November 6:00pm - 7.30pm in the Committee Room – Level 1A Pope St, Ryde and via TEAMS</p>	Noted