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Venue:	Viz MS Teams	
Date:	27 th October 2021	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.05pm
Chair:	Annie Zhu	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Youssef Zumut - Community Development Officer - Youth Generalist	
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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
		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Jordon Lane	Delegate	City of Ryde
		Councillor Chris Moujalli	Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Annie Zhu	Youth Councillor (Chair)	
		Abinaya Krishnaswamy	Youth Councillor	
x		Isabelle Bartlett	Youth Councillor	
x		Salma Alhusban	Youth Councillor	
x		Hannah Young	Youth Councillor	
	x	Jonathan Ma	Youth Councillor	
x		Bowen Ren	Youth Councillor	
		Cosmin Luca	Youth Councillor (Deputy Chair)	
		Dustin Dao	Youth Councillor	
	x	Lia Kwon	Youth Councillor	
		Lucy Fang	Youth Councillor	
x		Joshua Zubak	Youth Councillor	
x		Cameron Last	Youth Councillor	
x		Alessandro Romeo	Youth Councillor	
x		Ava Henderson	Youth Councillor	
	x	Sewon Kim	Youth Councillor	
x		Aarzu Patni	Youth Councillor	
		Andrew Caramanis	Youth Councillor	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Youssef Zumut	Community Development Officer - Youth Generalist	City of Ryde

x		Jonathan Nanlohy	Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development)	
x		Charles Hung		

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<p>1. Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>Annie Zhu gave an Acknowledgement of Country as follows:</p> <p>I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land that we are meeting on, the Wallamadegul 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.
<p>2. Apologies and Welcome</p> <p>Attendance and apologies were noted as above.</p>	Noted.
<p>3. Minutes of meeting of 29th July 2021</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting of 29th July were confirmed.</p>	Noted.
<p>4. Follow up discussion and Q and A - Make a stand against racism and domestic violence</p> <p>Jonathan Nanlohy, Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development) gave the following update on Council's actions in relation to anti-racism and domestic violence campaigns</p> <p><u>Make a stand against racism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jonathan advised that Council will be conducting anti racism training at two workshops to be held on 9th and 16th November 2021. - The workshop on 9th November will include a trivia challenge and has been designed to make people think about the topic in ways they may not have previously. - The later workshop will examine racism in the workplace and ways that people can act against it in a way that they are comfortable with - The training will be held from 9.30am to 1pm so may not be suitable for people studying at university or school but all are welcome to put their names forward to attend if they wish - Further training may be run in the future and a more accessible time could be chosen for that if members of the Youth Council wish to attend - People wanting to attend either of the courses in November 2021 are asked to contact Jonathan. - The anti racism project being conducted by PACE students from Macquarie University is ongoing - Questionnaires were completed in 2019 and 2021 and a review of the change in response statistics has been undertaken. 	The information was noted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To date, it has been noted that there has been an increase in reported cases of racism - The PACE students have developed various resources and have had these translated into 10 languages. - More translations will be provided by the Multicultural Ambassadors over time. - Signage will be placed through the LGA especially in high vis locations such as shopping centres <p>Make a stand against abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This campaign is linked to the 16 days of action that commences on 25th November 2021 - Council has partnered with the Lisa Harnum Foundation to support this cause. - Support from various high profile local identifies has been sought and Sydney FC players will be taking part in the campaign which encourages people to paint a fingernail purple and then promote this show of support through social media - The 40 podcasts which have been created in 6 languages were mentioned. - The podcasts cover a range of domestic violence topics including what can be done, where help can be found, how to identify domestic violence etc - An animation is also being developed and will be translated. - The animation will have a link to the podcasts. - A partnership with the liquor accord has also been developed which will allow for 10,000 drink coasters to be printed with a logo and qr code to highlight the make a stand against abuse campaign. - Banners are going up in shopping precincts - People are encouraged to take selfies and share with their networks - Council is also taking part in an early morning vigil and details of this event can be found on Council's website 	
5..	<p>Outcome of Planning Sessions</p> <p>At previous meetings, the Youth Council has identified the areas it wishes to actively pursue.</p> <p>Updates on two of these areas (mental health and climate change) are detailed below:</p> <p><u>Mental health</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A representative from Headspace and youth workers will attend the February 2022 meeting of this group. - Headspace is the leading provider in its field - It has previously been identified that mental health services, especially for youth, are lacking in the Ryde area - It is hoped that perhaps an office or admin provision can be provided in the local area. - Members of the Youth Council are encouraged to think of things they want to raise so that programming and planning can take place for 2022 	Noted

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<p>Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that Emma Tang (a REEN representative) will present at the February 2022 meeting of this group - Aarzu gave the following presentation on the Australian Climate Dividend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global warming is causing extreme issues, especially for small island nations - Aarzu’s interest in the global warming was first raised when she was in Yr 7 - She was keen to do her part and encourage actions such as the banning of drinking straws, using less resources, etc - She began to examine subjects like extreme weather, etc but couldn’t find a plan to reduce greenhouse gases or make other changes. - Aarzu wants the Youth Council to use its power to support the climate dividend - She thanked Council for its steps in reducing the city’s carbon footprint - She quoted Council’s resolution from 28 May 2019, when Council acknowledged the climate emergency, that human-induced climate change represents one of the greatest threats to humanity, civilisation and other species, and that it is still possible to prevent the most catastrophic outcomes if societies, including local councils, take action. - She also noted Council’s actions in Council adopting a 100% Renewable Energy Target for all of the Council’s electricity using assets by 30 June 2030 and its work in building sustainable transport infrastructure such as bike paths and bus shelters, the planting of street trees and installation of electric vehicle recharge stations, and run community education programs providing advice on how to lower your carbon footprint. - Unfortunately, climate change is not small scale and needs more action - Even if all households reduce emissions by 100%, there is hardly a dent in overall emissions - A carbon price is supported by many - The Australian Climate Dividend is a carbon pricing system that imposes a small but steadily-rising fee on carbon emissions at the source of extraction, - These rising prices will change the spending habits of individuals, because businesses will pass the fee onto customers. - Green energy will become the cheaper option - It will not be a tax, but will be a dividend returned to people monthly - Fossil fuel companies would be encouraged to retrain staff into renewable energy fields - Will protect low income families from extra costs - Expected 75% of families will be better off - Aarzu finished up by seeking support from Youth Councillors for the Ryde Youth Council to pass a resolution endorsing the Australian Climate Dividend and recommending the City of Ryde Council do the same. - Further, she asked that Council urge the Australian Parliament to implement the Australian Climate Dividend now. 	<p>The Youth Council unanimously supported Aarzu’s recommendation that the Youth Council support a resolution endorsing the Australian Climate Dividend and that the Youth Council recommend the City of Ryde Council do the same.</p> <p>Further, she asked that Council urge the Australian Parliament to implement the Australian Climate Dividend now.</p> <p>A meeting will be held between staff and Aarzu to develop and forward the above recommendation.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Youth Councillors at the meeting unanimously endorsed the request of Aarzu. - A meeting is to now be arranged between Youssef, Aarzu and Council staff to progress this decision. - Any other Youth Councillors who wish to attend the meeting are welcome. 	
<p>6. Ryde Here Ryde Now Facebook Page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is not a lot happening on the facebook page at present - Youssef will resend the information previously provided by Yasmin regarding the development of content - He will resent the link and shared document which will allow people to put content on the page. - Members are encouraged to provide 2 – 3 ideas each so that there is content which people can talk about. - Blog posts from the past have worked to bring awareness - It was noted that Instagram is a popular means of communication - Short videos could be placed on the Instagram page - If Instagram is used as the main platform, this content can then be shared to Facebook. - Once there is information on line, the account can be sent to schools and they will be able to see what is going on. - Youssef will check the rules regarding sharing of information. - In the meantime, people are encouraged to use the shared/development document to jot ideas down 	Noted
<p>7. Youth Council Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Youth Council Conference was to be held from 17 to 19 September 2021 - Due to COVID the conference was cancelled but may be reinstated in 2022. - Information will be provided when received 	Noted
<p>8. General Business</p> <p>The following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any member of the Youth Council is welcome to make a presentation to the group in future. - Speak with Youssef if you wish to do this. - Youssef is investigating the engagement of a company to run a course on employment out of school, the best way to approach employment opportunities etc - More information will be provided at the February 2022 meeting - Aarzu raised the subject of holding meetings more regularly than every three months - It was noted that in the past, more regular meetings resulted in less people attending 	Noted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was suggested that the working groups could meet more regularly - Salma asked about her role as publicity officer in relation to social media - Youssef advised that if Salma sends him information, he will put it on social media - Any ideas or initiatives from RYC can be put on social media via Youssef - Working groups – it would be good to get these up and running in 2022 - Ideas for working groups should be sent to Youssef - Sometimes, the working group ideas can be implemented in existing Council programs ie mental health - Youth week will be held in early April next year - It would be good for a working party to look at what it wants to see in youth week and then work with Youssef to achieve this. - Youssef to email the group and anyone who wants to join a working party for this can do so. - It is intended to hold a Christmas function for the Youth Council members so they can meet in person. - More details to be provided. 	
	<p>Confirmation of Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of the Youth Council will be held in February 2022 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Committee Room at Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Top Ryde</p>	Noted.