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<b>Venue:</b>	Viz MS Teams	
<b>Date:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm      Closed at: 7.20pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Annie Zhu	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Yasmin Masri - Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator	
<b>Circulation:</b>		

**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		Annie Zhu	Youth Councillor (Chair)	
		Abinaya Krishnaswamy	Youth Councillor	
		Isabelle Bartlett	Youth Councillor	
x		Salma Alhusban	Youth Councillor	
x		Hannah Young	Youth Councillor	
		Jonathan Ma	Youth Councillor	
x		Bowen Ren	Youth Councillor	
x		Cosmin Luca	Youth Councillor (Deputy Chair)	
		Dustin Dao	Youth Councillor	
		Lia Kwon	Youth Councillor	
	x	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		Yasmin Masri	Arts and Cultural Development Officer	City of Ryde

Details	Action
<p>1. <b>Acknowledgement of Country</b></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>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>2. <b>Apologies and Welcome</b></p> <p>Attendance and apologies were noted as above.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>3. <b>Minutes of meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b></p> <p>The minutes from the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> April were confirmed with minor corrections to the spelling of the name of some members of the Committee.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>4. <b>Presentation on Council activities including anti racism and domestic violence</b></p> <p>Jonathan Nanlohy, Community Projects Coordinator (Sector Development) gave the following presentation on anti-racism and domestic violence</p> <p><u>Make a stand against racism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For seven years, Council was a member of the “Racism it stops with me” campaign.</li> <li>- Council has undertaken many community activities including a partnership with Macquarie University when it was reported that some students were experiencing racism.</li> <li>- The resultant report from this partnership is now online and has had over 1000 views</li> <li>- Racism was reported on public transport, shopping centres etc and is often targeted at Asian students.</li> <li>- Council is part of the “Racism Not Welcome” campaign and will be installing 40 signs around the local area supporting the campaign</li> <li>- Council initiated a multicultural ambassador program and ambassadors are receiving training.</li> <li>- Often when people witness racism or are a victim of it, they don’t know what to do.</li> <li>- Council will be running courses to train people how to react.</li> <li>- Jonathan asked if members of the Youth Council would be interested in joining the training.</li> <li>- Information will be sent to Yasmin to pass on to interested members and information re the training sessions will be passed on also.</li> </ul> <p><u>Domestic Violence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council has been undertaking a program called “Make a stand against abuse”</li> </ul>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Jonathan’s contact details and project information will be sent by Yasmin to the Committee.</p>



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<p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fair Work Commission representative (or similar) to be invited to address the Youth Council to discuss key employment challenges facing young people.</li> <li>- With current youth unemployment, it would also be good to highlight this on social media.</li> <li>- Resources available to combat youth unemployment could be listed on the new Facebook/Instagram page</li> </ul>	<p>Council staff to coordinate a speaker from Fair Work Commission (or similar) to speak to the group at a future meeting</p>
<p>6. <b>Ryde Here Ryde Now Facebook Page</b></p> <p>Youth Council discussed the use of Council's youth-centred social media accounts – the Ryde Here Ryde Now Facebook page and the Ryde Youth Instagram Account. Youth Council members were keen to use social media to share resources for young people around key areas of interest – mental health, anti-racism / multiculturalism, employment and environment. Youth Council discussed setting up a system to share ideas for content and plan social media posting / workload.</p> <p>Yasmin told the Youth Council about a blog post of lockdown ideas that Council created with the help of local artists. The Youth Council will create a similar post – to introduce the Youth Council to the local community and share their ideas for staying calm, creative, curious and connected in lockdown.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Yasmin to set up shared documents for social media content development and scheduling and share with Youth Council.</p> <p>Yasmin will send out instructions for blog post and coordinate publication.</p>
<p>7. <b>Youth Council Conference</b></p> <p>The Youth Council Conference will be held from 17 to 19 September 2021, people who are members of a local government Youth Council aged 12 to 24 are eligible to attend.</p> <p>Given the current situation with COVID, it is likely that the Youth Council Conference may be postponed. Council staff will keep the Youth Council members up to date.</p> <p>An EOI will be shared with all Youth Council members to see people's interest in attending.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Council staff to update the Youth Council on changes to the Youth Council Conference dates / delivery model due to COVID.</p>
<p>8. <b>General Business</b></p> <p><u>Year 12 during lockdown</u></p> <p>The difficulties faced by Year 12 students was raised. It was suggested that Council could maybe run a session similar to that held last year to support students. Social media could be a good way to share resources and stories of resilience and alternate pathways for young people.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>Confirmation of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Youth Council will be held on Wednesday, 27 Oct 2021 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Committee Room at Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Top Ryde</p>	<p>Noted.</p>