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Venue:	TEAMS and Top Ryde Councillors Meeting Room	
Date:	Thursday 15 th February 2024	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.05 pm Closed at: 6.50 pm
Chair:	Sue Verhoek - Senior Coordinator Community Services	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Jennie Dang - Community Development Officer – Cultural Diversity	
Circulation:	Working Group members and website	

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

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
	x	Sarkis Yedelian OAM	Mayor and Councillor	City of Ryde
		Trenton Brown	Councillor	City of Ryde
		Daniel Han	Councillor	City of Ryde
	x	Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
xx		Anthony Ching	Community Representative	
x		Hassib Elias OAM	Community Representative	
x		Gary Patni	Community Representative	
		Angelina Bonifacio	Community Representative	
x		Roseanna Gallo	Community Representative	
x		Chavalin Svetanant	Community Representative	
x		Leechan Zhang	Community Representative	
		Lydia Scuglia	Community Representative	
		Rose Torrosian	Community Representative	
x		Kevin Pagaddinnimath	Community Representative	
		Geeta Rani	Community Representative	
		Leon Li	Community Representative	
x		Alberto Machionne	Community Representative	
	x	Tony Tang	Community Representative	
x		Raj Raman	Community Representative	
	x	Bin Lin	Community Representative	
x		Harvey Ng	Community Representative	
		Kitty Ng	Community Representative	
		Viola Lo	Community Representative	

x		Balu Moothedath	Community Representative	
		Neda Jovasevic	Community Representative	
		George Wu	Community Representative	

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x		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Jennie Dang	Community Development Officer Seniors and Disability Inclusion	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Antonio Serbati	Community Development Officer – Cultural Diversity	City of Ryde
x		Kathy Yang	Programs Librarian Multicultural & Volunteers	City of Ryde

Details**Action**

1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p><u>Acknowledgment of Country</u></p> <p>Sue Verhoek provided the Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all present.</p> <p>Sue also introduced Antonio Serbati who has joined Council as Community Development Officer – Cultural Diversity.</p> <p>The attendees and apologies are as per the details above.</p>	Noted
2.	<p>Adoption of minutes – 9th November 2023</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held on 9th November 2023 were adopted.</p>	Noted
3.	<p>Actions from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jennie to share Water Safety program and Ying Fan's contact details – completed/ - "Racism not welcome" street sign – there has been a delay with this item, but an update will be provided at the May meeting. - Information session on how to start a business for CALD women and others. Antonio will be taking overseeing this 	Noted

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	project and will be in touch with members re details.	
4.	<p>Guest Speaker: Multicultural NSW</p> <p>Meherunnessa Rahman - Assistant Project Officer and Shabnam Tavakol – Community Engagement Officer attended the meeting on line and provided the following detail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both speakers are from the Community Engagement Team at Multicultural NSW - As people know, NSW is a diverse community and Ryde in particular has a diverse community from a multicultural view point. - 49% of Ryde LGA residents are born overseas. - Nearly 50% of Ryde LGA residents speak a language other than English at home. - Multicultural NSW is part of the NSW Government and aims to create a stronger NSW to achieve cultural and economic prosperity. - The group runs a lot of events through the year and also assists across the community with other items such as grants. - Multicultural NSW offers a number of grant programs – some on going and some that are one off grants. - It was noted that there are no grants open at present. - Grants are also provided to assist with programs for young people, help with safety in faith communities and help with events and festivals. - Events and Festival grants go from \$5,000 .00– \$15,000.00 - You can join an email list and receive advice each time a new grant opens up. - The link to be kept up to date with grants will be sent to Jennie. - Festival grants are held each six months approx. - There is also a regional engagement program that offers support in all sorts of areas ie, listening tour to hear points of view, regional community meetings, capacity building tours, digital summit etc. - There are currently positions available to join a number of bodies which are part of Multicultural NSW. - The listening tours held regionally have identified that people want to live in an inclusive and welcoming community. - This bears out what most people would say if asked that question. - Regional areas have difficulty accessing government services and knowing what is available. - Mental health and wellbeing were also identified as an issue and exist across all communities. 	<p>The information was noted</p>
5.	<p>Korean Culture Talk</p>	

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	This item was deferred to a future meeting.	
6.	<p>Council event updates</p> <p><u>Diversity Talk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Held a diversity talk this morning. - In March a Korean talk will be held. - Future talks in Armenian, Thai, Italian and maybe Turkish are also planned. <p><u>International Women’s Day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This will be recognised with an event on 9th March to be held at the Coxs Road Hall in North Ryde. - There will be guest speakers and Armenian food served - Details have been sent separately. <p><u>Seniors Festival</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This will be held in March and flyers have been sent which provide further detail. - Members of this group are encouraged to pass on to people or groups in their network. - Tours of historic houses and a musical morning tea will be highlights. <p><u>Harmony Day</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be celebrated at Coxs Road Hall North Ryde on 22nd March. - Four band workshops will be held as part of the day. - Craft activities for children will also be offered. <p><u>Community Grants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications close on 23rd February. - All groups are encouraged to apply prior to that date. - Contact David Harris if you any questions re criteria or how to apply. <p><u>Youth Week</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be held between 11th and 21st April which is in the April school holidays. - Council will host: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Skate Jam down at Meadowbank Skate park on Saturday 13th April • Battle of the Bands at Lachlan’s Line Auditorium on Wednesday 17th April • All abilities Karaoke Jam on Saturday 20th April 	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will also be partnering with youth related service providers to put on activities for LGBTQIA+ young people and young carers. • will also be running events through the libraries and active recreation teams throughout the school holidays. <p><u>Lunar New Year – Council events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cathy mentioned activities that the library service has planned to celebrate Lunar New Year. - Mention was also made of the major event being held at Eastwood on 17th February 2024. - There will be activities in Eastwood Library on the day of the Lunar New Year celebrations and also there will be a diverse dialogue talk held at COR library on We 21st Feb from 7pm to 8.30pm. - In March, a computer class for seniors will be held in Korean. It will run over 5 weeks. 	
6.	<p>Other upcoming Events/Projects</p> <p><u>Lunar New Year event at West Ryde</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tony Tang advised that the above event will be held on 23rd February and all are welcome. 	The information was noted.
7.	<p>General Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nil 	The information was noted.
8.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for 9th May 2024 6:00pm - 7.30pm in the Committee Room – Level 1A Pope St, Ryde and via TEAMS</p>	Noted