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Venue:	Pope Street Committee Room and MS Teams	
Date:	Thursday 12 th September 2024	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.05pm Closed at: 7.06pm
Chair:	Cameron Last	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Jess Runge	
Circulation:	Working Group members and website	

Committee Role:

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
		Clr Sophie Lara-Watson	Councillor	City of Ryde
		Clr Jordan Lane	Councillor	City of Ryde
		Bailey Linton-Simpkins	Community Representative	
x		Hannah Young	Community Representative	
x		Armaan Patni	Community Representative	
		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	
		Josh Zuback	Community Representative	
		Cassidy McKay	Community Representative	
		Aarzu Patni	Community Representative	
		Esther Kim	Community Representative	
		Aanya Vashist	Community Representative	
x		Matthew Fu	Community Representative	

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Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Jess Runge	Community Development Officer	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Youssef Zumut	Arts & Cultural Development Coordinator	City of Ryde

Details

Action

1.	Acknowledgment of Country	
	Cameron Last provided the acknowledgement of country	Noted
2.	Attendance and Apologies	
	Attendees and apologies are as above	Noted

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3.	<p>Confirmation of minutes – 30th May 2024</p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting were confirmed.</p>	Noted
4.	<p>Social Media plan for next group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some of the finalised details were provided including that there is now permission for the Chair of the Youth Council to post items, that the logo has been finalised and that the groundwork for the next Youth Council to pursue a social media presence. - It was agreed that social media is a great way to reach young people - An outreach program could be offered through social media. - The group thought it would be great for young people to know that politicians are listening to them. - The follower base needs to be grown. - The platform needs to use humour and the Transport for NSW page was used as a good eg of employing humour to reach a target group. - The next Committee is urged to be as active as possible on social media. <p>Granny Smith Festival – youth zone idea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be a performance stage in the youth zone - An open mic session for local high schools has been arranged - Tic toc dance workshops will be held as well as performances by Battle of the Band acts. - There will be an arts and crafts zone and a photo booth. - There will be fairy floss stalls and others. - Volunteers are welcome on the day, but there are enough people already recruited to allow activities to proceed. <p>Debating contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jasmine advised that this item was completed. - 	Noted
5.	<p>Youth Consultation</p> <p>Mentimeter and public poll/survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jess explained how the linktree page works. - All present then took part in a survey which Jess lead. 	The information was noted

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The results of the survey are provided separately to these minutes. 	
<p>6. Ryde Pride</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a new project which will be held monthly. - It is a local service where people can attend in person, undertake activities, take part in movie nights, food events, arts and crafts. - It is hoped to attract around 10 – 15 people. - It is thought better to start small and grow the group and its activities. - Anju noted that the bookclub she had hoped to form for LGBTQ locals had not been successful. - Suggestions for the new group included providing activities such as screen printing, pottery and firing, attendance of a therapy dog. - Ideal ages of 15 to 25 were canvassed. - Board games could also be encouraged as this type of activity makes people feel connected, makes people learn something new which provides a sense of achievement. - Jess will approach the Comms staff to market the event - The information needs to be easy to find and promoted as people don't go looking on Council's website for activities unless they are looking for something specific. - Suggested that the information be sent to schools and targeted to groups within schools eg prefects group and school leaders. 	<p>Details were noted</p>
<p>7. Feedback on Youth Council term</p> <p>Likes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with people other than your friends Cameron noted that after being a member of the Youth Council since 2018, he enjoyed the role of chair - The opportunity to have input and have your voice heard on issues affecting the local community and the chance to work on events such as the Granny Smith Festival. - Provided an understanding of how Council works and the opportunity to start new activities such as the bookclub - Opportunity to meet people and share interests. It was a platform to achieve things you thought would be good for the local area - Being involved with judging battle of the bands. - Enjoyed having guest speakers such as the American Consul General - Having external engagement - Talking about local and other issues 	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p>Dislikes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication between meetings could be stronger - More frequent meetings would be better. - Some meetings could be on line and some in person. - More meetings would make the group more coherent - More meetings would help get ideas up and running - There was a lack of communication between group members. This wasn't helped by infrequent meetings - Maybe fundraising could be added to the agenda - Greater involvement with Council events would be good and would allow members to be more involved with issues. - Often the lack of communication meant members didn't know what was happening within Council. - Would be good to show that Youth Council can have an impact on what happens at Council. - A get to know you session for the next Youth Council group was suggested. - The use of a whats app group rather than emails would make communication more effective. 	
9.	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that this is the last meeting of the current Youth Council group. - Jess will send out EOI's to existing members when the new Council determines the committees to be created. - Cameron advised that this would be his last meeting. - Youssef advised that Sue had sent a message of thanks to all members of the Youth Council for their input and time. 	The information was noted.
10.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Ryde Youth Council will be held following determination by Council of the committees to be created for the next Council term.</p>	Noted