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<b>Venue:</b>	Pope Street Committee Room and MS Teams	
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.10pm      Closed at: 6.40pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Cameron Last	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Sue Verhoek	
<b>Circulation:</b>	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
x		Bailey Linton-Simpkins	Community Representative	
x		Hannah Young	Community Representative	
x		Armaan Patni	Community Representative	
		Will Brown	Community Representative	
x		Cameron Last	Community Representative	
		Jasmine Ye	Community Representative	
		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	

**City of Ryde Staff**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde
		Nicky Hammond	Community Development Officer	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
		Youssef Zumut	Arts & Cultural Development Coordinator	City of Ryde
x		Parisa Kalali	Senior Coordinator Social & Cultural Planning	City of Ryde
x		Gabrielle Wyllie	Programs Librarian	City of Ryde

**Details**

**Action**

1.	<b>Acknowledgment of Country</b>	
	Cameron Last provided the acknowledgement of country	Noted

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	Details	Action
2.	<p><b>Attendance and Apologies</b></p> <p>Attendees and apologies are as above</p>	Noted
3.	<p><b>Confirmation of minutes – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting were confirmed.</p>	Noted
4.	<p><b>Actions arising from the minutes</b></p> <p><u>Social Media Group Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At the last Youth Council meeting there was nobody available to provide an update re the social media group.</li> <li>- Cameron advised that the group has not met yet as it is still waiting for approval from Council re various issues.</li> </ul>	Noted
5.	<p><b>Guest Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Environment Team – new swim site – process for cleaning up the river</b></p> <p><b>This item did not proceed.</b></p> <p><b>Sue provided an update on the development of the Social Plan and Creativity Strategy 2025-2030.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stakeholder engagement with members of the community and service providers is in progress.</li> <li>- Staff want to hear about challenges and opportunities to improve and develop creativity.</li> <li>- Deadline has been extended to 17 March so if anyone has feedback, please be in touch.</li> <li>- Wanting to hear from youth council members or others on topics of relevance to the younger demographic in the area</li> <li>- Link for survey will be sent out.</li> </ul> <p><b>Gabrielle Wylie - Library events and activities for young people</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Library Services has a huge online platform for Ryde residents including eBooks, audio, music etc, which is free to library members.</li> <li>- Membership of one library gives access to Ryde’s 5 libraries and online platforms.</li> <li>- Currently trying to arrange HSC lock ins which take place after library opening hours.</li> <li>- They will have speakers, presentations and primarily let people study individually or as a group in the quiet of the library and use the available resources.</li> </ul>	The information was noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requested feedback from the Youth Council, as to what programs and resources are important to them. Suggestions to be sent to Gabbi.</li> <li>- Suggestion was made to have a 24/7 library, as there is only one in Sydney.</li> <li>- Staff are investigating this option and have visited Forestville Library to see how it operates.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Youth Week events</b></p> <p>Three main events this year being:</p> <p><b>Meadowbank Skate Jam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To be held from 2pm-5pm on 13 April 24</li> </ul> <p><b>Battle of the Bands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To be held from 5.30pm-7.30pm on the 17 April at Lachlan’s Line Auditorium.</li> <li>- Request for three judges from the Youth Council with the three nominees selected.</li> </ul> <p><b>All Abilities Disco</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To be held from 6.30pm-9.00pm on Saturday 20 April at Lachlan’s Line Auditorium.</li> </ul> <p>Event details will be circulated, and everyone is welcome to attend.</p>	Details were noted
7.	<p><b>Indigenous Signage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This matter was deferred from the last meeting as Anju was not present.</li> <li>- Anju addressed the group and advised she has come back from NZ where all signage is in both English and Maori and could aboriginal land name be added to the welcome to Ryde signs?</li> <li>- Sue advised that Council at its July 2023 meeting resolved to develop an Aboriginal sign strategy.</li> <li>- Once the strategy is developed it will be presented to Council.</li> </ul>	Noted
8.	<p><b>Feedback from Youth Strategic Planning Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The event was held on the 07 February 24 and was organised by the Northern District Youth Services, which is a combination of Councils from the Northern Sydney region.</li> <li>- 120 young people attended.</li> </ul>	The information was noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key issues identified were lack of funding for the youth sector, red tape, access to services for CALD groups, collocated spaces for service providers, lack of housing and a perceived stigma for people accessing services.</li> <li>- Staff are compiling information that was gathered on the day and will then send to Youth Council members.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>What’s happening in Ryde</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There will be Clean Up Australia Day event held soon at various locations.</li> <li>- Cam will be at Eastwood.</li> </ul>	The information was noted.
10.	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Ryde Youth Council will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> May and will be held at the Committee Room 1 Pope Street Ryde and on Teams.</p>	Noted