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Venue:	Pope Street Committee Room and MS Teams	
Date:	Thursday 30 th May 2024	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.03pm Closed at: 6.58pm
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	
	x	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
		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde
x		Jess Runge	Community Development Officer	City of Ryde
x		Janine Carr	Acting EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
		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 – 29th February 2024</p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting were confirmed.</p>	Noted
4.	<p>Actions arising from the minutes</p> <p>Social Media access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cam admitted this was an error on his behalf and the group did have access and he totally forgot. Cam proposed that at the next meeting the group gather in person to hash out a plan for the next Council term group. <p>Link for survey will be sent out (environment team)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email was received. <p>Gabbi's email sent out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email was sent out by Gabbi, Senior Coordinator Library Programs and Marketing and all received. <p>Aboriginal sign strategy update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sean updated the group that this Notice of Motion through council and is still being actioned. 	Noted
5.	<p>Guest Speaker</p> <p>Alexandra Shi who is the Child, Youth and Family Service Coordinator at Christian Community Aid (CCA)</p> <p>Alexandra provided a presentation to the group on the CCA LGBTQIA+ Youth Group with some interesting points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCA focus on needs of community regardless of background or beliefs. • CYF Services (child, youth, family) program 18-24 year olds. • Limited research accessible that is published, however a report from NSW health showcased the below stats – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2/3 people exp mental health. ○ 60% feel unsafe in secondary education. ○ 40% in 2018 experienced verbal abuse. ○ Verbal abuse still exists today even though we are open minded and educated these days. 	The information was noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Challenge for community – shortage of services to help LGBTQI people, not just youth but all ages. ○ Only 1 youth group in Ryde. ● CCA have been supporting the Arc-Hive group which was established in 2018 for 18-24 year olds and funded by Parramatta Council with the aim to build inclusivity in our society. ● Video presentation was shown which was co designed by the Arc-Hive members for the community to see what they do and the different activities they provide. ● The group which is for 18-24 year olds meet weekly on Fridays from 3.30pm – 6pm at 2 Dickson Ave, West Ryde. ● CCA offer a counselling service to the Queer community in the Ryde LGA which is confidential and free for up to 10 sessions. 	
6.	<p>Youth Week 2024 Update</p> <p>Battle of the Bands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Battle of the Bands was very successful in Youth Week this year. There were 150 attendees at Lachlan’s Line in North Ryde and the venue was awesome. ● The winners were from Ryde Secondary College. <p>Skate Jam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Skate Jam was well attended however not as good as previous years due to another new skate park holding an opening event. <p>Karaoke Jam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An all-abilities Karaoke Jam was also very successful with over 50 attendees and requests to hold again next year. Taylor Swift was the most popular artist request. <p>These events will run again next year during Youth Week and also looking to add an employment opportunities expo next year.</p>	Details were noted
7.	<p>Mental Health Month</p> <p>Proposed activities for this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth Mental Health Forum - looking to partner with only one school this year. ● Need a Lift Photography competition runs across Northern Sydney and has grown every year. Last year there were over 300 entries with 68 being from Ryde and the winner was from Ryde. 	Noted

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<p>Activity suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forum is good every year. • This year the whole day will be activity based. • Participants to be in school groups and the groups come up with an initiative to take back to their school to implement. • It is hard for Multicultural backgrounds to access mental health when English is 2nd language, could look at other options. • Use school leadership teams. <p>Granny Smith Festival – Youth Space Proposed activities for this year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting to plan ahead now as October is not too far away. • New location this year for the Youth Space which will be moved from the school to opposite Eastwood Station, in the carpark. Closing time will be later this year as the location is close to the Oval with nighttime activities. <p>Activity suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite participants from the Battle of the Bands to perform. • Alexandra from CCA • Photo booth • Fairy floss station – fill in survey for free fairy floss. • Funky outdoor furniture • Max the DJ <p>Ryde Youth Council Stall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign jobs to the group – taking care of the fairy floss and talking to young people to let them know that this forum exists. <p>Youth Performing Arts Program Proposed for school holidays starting July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the closure of the Ryde Youth Theatre, we are looking at new programs for the School Holidays. • Marion Street Theatre for young people, NIDA workshops, drama, acting, musical theatre, public speaking, Shakespeare, comedy and improv workshops. • July School Holidays will be drama, screen acting and musical theatre for 3 or 5 day workshops for all abilities. • Location TBA within City of Ryde. <p>Suggestions</p>	<p>Bring ideas to the next meeting for the Granny Smith Festival Youth Space.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include public speaking and debating. This would help different cultural background to be more articulate and confident. • Can advertise through high school drama teachers. 	Jasmine to provide Jess with a contact for public speaking and debating.
9.	<p>General Business</p> <p>What’s happening in Ryde</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the future of meetings, proposing that all meetings be in person rather than online for the purpose of collaborating. Meetings are more productive in person. • Recommendation that as the next meeting will be the last meeting for this Youth Council, all members attend in person however there will still be an online option. • Jess raised that as they are looking at new programs for the School Holidays, and EOI (Expression of Interest) will be available for a youth volunteering group. More details to come. 	The information was noted.
10.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Ryde Youth Council will be held on 29th August 2024 and will be held at the Committee Room 1 Pope Street Ryde and on Teams.</p>	Noted