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<b>Venue:</b>	Pope Street meeting room and via TEAMS	
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm                      Started at: 6.07pm                      Closed at: 6.40 pm	
<b>Chair:</b>	Sue Verhoek - Senior Coordinator Community Service	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Orit Mirkin – Project Support Officer	
<b>Circulation:</b>	Working Group members and website	

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

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
		Councillor Sarkis Yedelian OAM	Councillor	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Penny Pedersen	Councillor	City of Ryde
		Jessica Matthews	Community Representative	
		Cate Sinclair	Community Representative	
x		Brenda Gaddi	Community Representative	
x		Agnes Shim	Community Representative	
		Kitty Ng	Community Representative	
		Rose Torossian	Community Representative	
	x	Chavalin Svetanant	Community Representative	
	x	Akhila Nagarajan	Community Representative	

**City of Ryde Staff**

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x		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Service	City of Ryde
x		Orit Mirkin	Project Support Officer	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

**Details****Action**

1.	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p><u>Acknowledgment of Country</u></p> <p>Sue Verhoek provided the Acknowledgement of Country.</p>	Noted
2.	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 were received and noted.</p> <p><b>Action Item from previous meeting</b></p> <p>nil</p>	Noted

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<p>3. <b>16 Days of Activism Community Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A number of events will be held this month.</li> <li>- Healthy relationship workshops have been held in a number of languages.</li> <li>- Floor decals have been installed in various locations eg RALC, Council buildings, library and soon parks.</li> <li>- The decals give statistics of violence against women and other related information.</li> <li>- Residential bin stickers are also being distributed with information about domestic violence.</li> <li>- 25 trucks and utes belonging to Council have also had stickers placed on them providing information re domestic abuse.</li> <li>- On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November a walk will be held at Macquarie Uni to highlight the issue of domestic violence.</li> <li>- Clr Pedersen raised the fact that Council is holding an event only two days away from the one being arranged by Cate Sinclair and her team.</li> <li>- She asked that this duplication be considered so it can be avoided next year.</li> <li>- The walk tomorrow commences at 11am and will conclude at Eloura Reserve</li> <li>- Margo Ward will speak as will Shannon Harvey from Relationships Australia</li> <li>- The event will conclude by 1pm.</li> </ul>		<p>The information provided was noted.</p>
<p>4. <b>City of Ryde White Ribbon Initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council commenced a campaign with staff members earlier this month as part of its white ribbon initiative.</li> <li>- Emails from Council currently display the white ribbon logo and messaging.</li> <li>- Lunches for staff were arranged and staff were asked to wear white in support of the event.</li> <li>- A breakfast bbq for staff was held at the Ops Centre and was well attended.</li> </ul>		<p>Noted</p>
<p>5. <b>International Women’s Day 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggestions for this event should be sent through to staff.</li> <li>- A question was raised as to whether Council would be supporting the UN or corporate theme,</li> <li>- They have different focuses.</li> <li>- The group decided to support the UN event.</li> </ul>		<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. <b>General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brenda noted she had been trying to secure an appointment with Minister Jodie Harrison and was able to arrange this as a result of assistance from Clr Pedersen.</li> </ul>		<p>Noted</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brenda thanked Clr Pedersen for her assistance in facilitating the meeting.</li> <li>- Clr Pedersen then provided advice about other meetings which have been arranged with SEG.</li> <li>- Clr Pedersen to send details to staff regarding other events she has been involved with and which are relevant to Council.</li> <li>- Clr Pedersen noted a report she heard on media today re women sharing the cost of the purchase of homes.</li> <li>- This might be a good topic for discussion at IWD next year.</li> <li>- Agnes has a couple of ideas for performers who could take part in IWD event.</li> </ul>	
8	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting date will be confirmed. The time is expected to be 6:00pm - 7.30pm in the Committee Room – Level 1A Pope St, Ryde and via TEAMS</p>	