

Agenda

Date: Monday 4 November 2019	Time: 5.30pm - 7pm	Venue: Lord Mayor's Reception Room, Newcastle City Hall
Meeting Objective: To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to built and natural facilities and systems within the LGA.		

Invited

Cr Nuatali Nelmes	Lord Mayor
Cr Jason Dunn	Chairperson
Cr Emma White	Deputy Chairperson
Cr Allan Robinson	Councillor Member
Ms Kim Lenox	Community Representative
Mr Kevin Smith	Customer Manager - Urban Planning, Ausgrid
Mr Mark Dunlop	General Manager, Keolis Downer
Mr Graham Wood	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Hunter Water Corporation
Anna Zycki	Director Hunter, Transport for NSW
Ken Liddell	Director Infrastructure and Property, City of Newcastle (Facilitator)
Rachel Howard	Executive Assistant (Secretary)

Guests

Joanne Rigby	Manager Assets and Projects, City of Newcastle
Troy Uren	Manager Waste Services, City of Newcastle
All Councillors	

Topic	Responsibility	Time
1. Welcome and Apologies	Chairperson	5 mins
2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest	All	
3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Business Arising	All	5 mins
4. Major Projects		
4.1 Presentation of major works and projects	All Stakeholders	20 mins
4.2 Newcastle Ocean Baths	Manager Assets and Projects	10 mins
5. Waste Management Future Opportunities	Manager Waste Services	20 mins
6. Notice of Motion 27/08/19 – Youth Mock Council Environment – Netting on Drains (attached)	Manager Assets and Projects	5 mins
7. General Business		5 mins
8. Closing		

Next meeting: 5.30pm, Tuesday 7 April 2020, City Administration Centre, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West

SUBJECT: NOM 27/08/19 - YOUTH MOCK COUNCIL

**COUNCILLORS: P WINNEY-BAARTZ, D CLAUSEN, M BYRNE, N NELMES,
C DUNCAN, J DUNN AND E WHITE**

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on Thursday 15 August 2018 from the abovenamed Councillors.

MOTION

That Council:

- 1 Notes and congratulates the Newcastle Youth Council on the Youth Mock Council held in May 2019;
- 2 Notes that the Youth Mock Council developed and adopted the following motions:
 - a. Funding for a Youth LGBTIQ Mental Health Program – Attachment A
 - b. Environment – Netting on Drains – Attachment B
 - c. Improved Public Spaces for People with Disabilities – Attachment C;
- 3 Shares these motions with the relevant Strategic Advisory Committees and Government Agencies

BACKGROUND

The Youth Council is a Standing Committee of Council for people aged 15 to 25 years which aims to provide strategic advice on issues relevant to young people to the Council.

The Youth Council hosts an impressive program of events and meetings across the year, including activities during Youth Week.

In 2019, the Youth Council organised and hosted a Youth Mock Council. The Youth Mock Council met to develop and consider public policy proposals, and convened in the Council Chamber to debate their proposals.

The respective motions are attached.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Youth Mock Council motions

THE CITY OF NEWCASTLE

SUBJECT: NOM 08/05/19 Environment - netting on drains

COUNCILLORS: Ella Hall, Grace Turbit, Amelia Samson, Lilly Dougherty, Thusanda Dewamitta, Bailey Stone, Ella Belk, Cooper Ivory

PURPOSE:

The following Notice of Motion was received on 08/05/19 from the abovementioned Councillors.

The purpose of this motion is to provide a solution to the pollution entering our drainage systems then continuing to the ocean.

MOTION:

1. This motion's intention is that a solution be proposed to Newcastle's pollution issue. Rubbish is entering the natural marine environment contributing to climate change. Responding to pollution of water in the drainage system, can be solved with catchment nets, to collect litter before it enters the ocean.
2. Acknowledging that a similar program has previously been implemented in Throsby, we intend to further this approach into other major drain 'hot spots'.
3. Proposes that the City of Newcastle endorse recommended 5 nets:
 - a. This will be implemented over a course of 12 months
 - b. At a cost of approximately \$10 000 per unit
 - c. With the goal of reducing the amount of plastic and other contaminants to 50% or less than the current amount flowing through drainage systems.
 - d. Modeling this program off a similar program carried out in Melbourne and Kwinana councils.
 - e. We endeavour to install nets in the ironbark, cottage, estuary, coast and purgatory catchment areas.
 - f. For the reason of reducing presence of litter, especially plastic in the ocean and other marine habitats.

Our solution to this major issue, is easily achievable. We believe this is an effective starting position. We plan to install high density polyethylene nets which can be installed on drains located in areas identified above.

BACKGROUND

To better manage the waste accumulating in major stormwater drainage systems, across Newcastle we will model attempts on similar programs executed by Melbourne and Kwinana councils. Having a similar system integrated into Newcastle would largely reduce the city's impact on oceanic pollution and will preserve flora and fauna in the numerous wildlife reserves surrounding the Newcastle area.