

**MINUTES**

**7/09/2022**

**6 – 8pm @ Newcastle Library  
Laman Street, Newcastle**

Chairperson: Alex Saxby-Milles

Minute taker: Nick Grinpukel

**Meeting opened at 6:06**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Alex	
<b>Introductions and apologies</b>	Present: Alex Saxby-Milles, Rochelle Manning, Cr McCabe, Cr Pull, Kevin Hill, Asha McNeil  Online- Isabella Moretti, Harine Kesavan, Alissa Jones (guest), Elissa Mead (guest), Pat Arnold (guest), Heather Stevens (guest)  Apologies: Sam	
<b>2018/2019 budget</b>		
<b>Approved Minutes of Previous meeting</b>	Moved: Cr McCabe  Seconded: Alex	

<b>Business Arising from previous minutes</b>	16 Days event working group still to be formed Still to check with schools regarding timing of Youth Mock Council	
<b>Sustainable Waste</b>	<p>Presentation from Alissa, Elissa &amp; Pat about the CN Sustainable Waste Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CN is developing the Sustainable Waste Strategy to look at how we manage waste</li> <li>- Developing Summerhill facility to include organics recycling facility, resource reuse centre, connection to major motorways</li> <li>- Increasing focus on transitioning to a circular economy</li> </ul> <p>3 Pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People (Valuing our workforce)</li> <li>- Planet (Valuing our community &amp; resources)</li> <li>- Prosperity (Creating value for our community)</li> </ul> <p>High School art competition currently running. Winner will have their artwork displayed on public bins/garbage trucks. Entries close 23 Sept. 2022.</p> <p>Feedback from the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Behaviour change education is really important</li> </ul>	All members requested to share the art competition with networks
<b>Environment Strategy</b>	<p>Presentation from Heather about the renewal of the CN Environment Strategy</p> <p>Strategy based on environmental needs, community priorities, strategic alignment, council priorities</p> <p>CN to meet challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Population growth</li> <li>- Climate Change</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Urban heat island effect</li> </ul> <p>CN to embrace opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transition from coal to clean energy/manufacturing</li> <li>- Early disaster preparedness</li> <li>- Partnerships</li> </ul> <p>3 priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action on Climate Change</li> <li>- Nature Based Solutions</li> <li>- Circular Economy</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Hunter Homeless Connect Day Review</b></p>	<p>Positive feedback from members</p> <p>Badges, jewellery &amp; rock painting were great activities</p> <p>Youth Hub was a bit out of the way – need to look at ways to attract more people to the stall.</p> <p>Move youth hub to be more visible, (live) music, more colour</p>	
<p><b>Youth Mock Council (YMC) NOM</b></p>	<p>Congratulations to committee members</p> <p>Cr Richardson proposed that YMC is resourced better</p> <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- View to get more schools involved</li> <li>- Work closer with schools &amp; engage with civics education in curriculum.</li> <li>- Suggestion to extend the program &amp; host a week of activities</li> <li>- Include more programming to teach students about what Council does – could invite staff from each of the CN units to present about what council does</li> <li>- Suggestion to create video resources about what council does – students can look at later (i.e. with their school class)</li> <li>- From previous years' experience – the event in it's current format has a maximum capacity of 30 (10 students per committee)</li> </ul>	<p>Nick to write a proposal for extended civics education program</p> <p>Nick to follow up with YMC participants</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Challenges for Youth Council members to commit to running a longer event</li> <li>- Suggestion to run several civics-related events – one per semester</li> <li>- Suggestion to take the event to schools – rotate around schools</li> <li>- Invite CN staff from departments relevant to committee focus issues to attend &amp; work with tables during committee work</li> <li>- How to use digital technologies (Menti, Kahoot, etc)?</li> <li>- Priority to encourage student-led work</li> <li>- Discussion about changing venue to new chambers – decided to stay with old chambers due to historical importance</li> <li>- Event has a high cost – venue hire &amp; catering. Currently the Youth Council only has budget for 1 event per year, will need to look for extra funding to enable multiple events</li> </ul> <p>Include additional workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How to write a submission to government</li> <li>- How to organise an effective meeting with an elected representative</li> </ul>	
<b>16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence Event</b>	<p>Reduced capacity of Youth Council to organise an event</p> <p>Suggestion to partner with UNSA to do a project about domestic violence on university campus</p> <p>Suggestion to run a schools art project – invite students to create crepe paper flowers on bamboo stakes - arrange on the lawn at Museum Park</p>	<p>Cr Richardson to contact UNSA to ask what they are doing for 16 Days</p> <p>Cr McCabe to propose event to Julie Baird Cr McCabe &amp; Nick to develop project plan and reach out to schools</p>
<b>Newcastle Pride</b>	<p>Queer Youth Formal is being held on Saturday 8 October 2022</p> <p>Open to anyone 12 – 19 years old</p>	<p>All members asked to share the poster via their networks</p>
	<p>Cr Richardson gave an update on Reclaim the Night:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Event date: 28 Oct. 2022</li> <li>- Route confirmed, Gregson Park down Beaumont St</li> <li>- Hunter Workers Women's Committee has raised enough funds to purchase a sound system for the event</li> <li>- Only women-identifying and non-binary people marching</li> <li>- Men are welcome to attend from the sidelines</li> </ul>	<p>Nick to ask Jono Wood if can extend invite to Cr Richardson</p>

	<p>National Young Writers Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 29 Sept – 2 Oct</li></ul> <p>Walk a Mile Koori Style</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Event planning progressing</li><li>- Still fundraising towards goal</li></ul> <p>Alex &amp; Rochelle attended an Amnesty conference at Waratah Callaghan College – talked to students about Newcastle Youth Council</p> <p>Hunter SDG Taskforce meeting coming up – Asha, Rochelle and Nick to attend</p> <p>Farewell and thank you to Alex for your time on the Newcastle Youth Council! Invitation to continue attending meetings as a community guest</p>	
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**Meeting closed at 8.42pm**

***Next Meeting***

5/10/2022