

NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL

MINUTES

3/05/2023

5.30– 7.30pm @ Newcastle Library
Laman Street, Newcastle

Chairperson: Nick Grinpukel

Minute Taker: Asha McNeill

Meeting opened at 5:37pm

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| 1 | Acknowledgement of Country | Nick Grinpukel | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Introductions and apologies | Present: Cr. Pull, Cr. Richardson, Cr. McCabe, Asha McNeill, Rochelle Manning, Dean Selem, Seth Donnelly, Nick Grinpukel (facilitator), Alex Saxby-Milles (community guest), Gary Foster (International Newcastle) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 4 | Approved Minutes of Previous meeting | <p>Moved: Asha</p> <p>Seconded: Dean</p> | |
| 5 | Business Arising from previous minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dean's musical 2nd and 3rd June - YMC planning – Sarah Williams has been approached by Asha | |
| 6 | Newcastles of the World – Gary Foster from International Newcastle Inc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Newcastle Inc aims to promote our city on international stages using networking and social media to encourage tourism and visitation - A large number of other cities and towns are part of the Newcastles of the World collective – many also have Junior Councils. - Newcastle on the global scale: business opportunities, broad tourist appeal, revitalisation progress etc. - Interest in working with NYC to create networks with other Youth Councils to compare and recognise similarities in operation, identify shared issues globally. <p>Suggested projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asian Newcastle's of the world network - Newcastle, AU and NYC may long term be able to host a Junior conference. - Online conference to create global connections for youth - Hybrid conference with local and international youth councils <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With current economic situation (cost of living, etc) there would need to be a good reason to create an international gathering rather than focusing on local issues - NYC could participate in a larger conference facilitated by CN rather than leading one ourselves - University of Newcastle has similar programs we may be able to be a part of - Committee to determine the best way to be a part of something similar without sacrificing our capacity and budget for other events. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nick to share Gary Foster's contact details to interested parties. - NYC to determine interest in further engagement with Newcastle's of the World. - NYC to consider events that may relate to Newcastles of the World |

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| 7 | <p>Youth Week wrap up and congratulations!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change in approach this year. Instead of running the youth week grants as done in previous years, CN hired two youth consultants to create a range of events over Youth Week - Congratulations to Lee and Tevita!! <p>Snak n Rap, Maryland Neighbourhood Centre DJ, huge mural painted saying 'Youth Week', focused on the local Maryland community.</p> <p>Civic Takeover, Wheeler Place and Museum Park Large event including Youth Artisan market, market stage, NAG local collaborative show, Tantrum, Bands, Newcastle Skate Shop involvement.</p> <p><i>Comments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event was very accessible to broader community. - More food options would have been good to keep people there longer. - For future events involving an NGO (i.e. Rotary) to provide a sausage sizzle would be a good option. - suggestion for future events to split into morning and afternoon events. <p>CN Open Day, 12 Stewart Avenue Open day excursion for over 80 students from local high schools</p> <p><i>Comments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interest in joining Youth Council from participants (Seth involved from this day) - Activities felt a little jumbled on the day. An activity after the lunch would have made the day feel more complete <p>Young and Cultured, University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus Night of music, dance and performances from diverse cultural groups including Aboriginal Dance Group, Chinese Dance, Capoeira, African Dance, Pacific Island Choir and many more</p> <p><i>Comments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Great night bringing together around a dozen diverse communities - Involved many multicultural communities that we have not had connections with before | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nick to share photos and videos from events. - Gathering next Monday 6pm at Antojitos for dinner to celebrate Youth Week. |
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| 8 | Youth Mock Council Planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dates of 27th and 28th July locked in. Week 2 of Term 3. - Keynote – Sarah Williams – Asha has reached out and she is interested in speaking. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dates clash with HSC – potentially going to exclude older students - Potential to focus event on younger students, change dates to suit HSC and not clash with Youth Week or create a separate second Civics event for senior students. - Potential to have it in October to get new Year 12s. - If there is not strong interest from Year 12s we should focus on the one event, some schools raise that Year 12s would be interested but the benefit to current students as it is means we shouldn't radically change the program at this stage. - Suggestion to promote Youth Leadership groups as a rolling list for students. - Comment that last keynote speech veered away from advocacy and made a comment that marginalised opposing views - Discussion that the keynote should not be apolitical due to the nature of local council and Newcastle Youth Council - Advocating for a particular position can be done without marginalising those who disagree – this is a skill that the Youth Council can promote - Sarah Williams locked in as keynote speaker via unanimous vote. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invitation to Year 12s to join NYC if they are interested but do not have the capacity for YMC. - Councillor members to send a reminder to other councillors about YMC dates. - Keynote speaker will be briefed that their speech should include no personal attacks against opposition to their stance. Advice to keynote that they should be mindful of a diversity of views in the audience and to not be disrespectful to other views. - Asha to contact Sarah asking for email address, informing her that she is our keynote, the date and that more information is to come. - Schools to be contacted by YMC – Seth to make informal contact with Newcastle High School, Cr McCabe to make informal contact with Callaghan college. Rochelle may be able to reach out to Merewether High School. Rochelle and Seth to help with contacting other schools. |
| 9 | General Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SDG meeting this Thursday 4th May 10am-12pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cr. McCabe will attend in Asha's place. |

Meeting closed at 7:46pm.

Next Meeting
1/08/2021 @ Newcastle Library
Chairperson – Asha McNeill
Minute Taker - TBD