



NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL

MINUTES

5/10/2022 6 – 8pm @ Newcastle Library Laman Street, Newcastle

Chairperson: Asha McNeil Minute Taker: Nick Grinpukel

Meeting opened at 6:07pm

Notes Actions

1	Acknowledgement of Country	Asha	
2	Introductions and apologies	Present: Asha McNeil, Rochelle Manning, Cr Pull, Simone Soeters(guest), Lisa Davies (guest), Alex Saxby-Milles (guest) Online: Kevin, Imogen, Sam, Cr Richardson Apologies: Cr McCabe, Harine	
3	2018/2019 budget		
4	Approved Minutes of Previous meeting	Moved: Rochelle Seconded: Cr Pull	Amend attendees for Sept. meeting: Cr Richardson attending
5	Business Arising from previous minutes		

6	Local Social Strategy Consultation	The Local Social Strategy & Social Infrastructure Stratgy both align strongly with 'Liveable Newcastle' priority in Community Strategic Plan Local Social Strategy Remove barriers to inclusion & equal opportunity Focus on supporting marginalised communities through equity (support for those who need it most) rather than equality (equal support for everyone) Have conducted extensive community engagement which	All to visit Have Your Say website & provide feedback on the strategy All to share Have Your Say website to networks https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/projects/local-social-strategy
		informed the development of the strategic priorities Strategic Priorities 1. Equitable Communities 2. Inclusive Communities 3. Connected Communities 4. Healthy Communities Have Your Say website is currently live until 26 October	
7	Social Infrastructure	Social Infrastructure	All to visit Have Your Say website & provide
	Strategy	 Strategic approach to managing & planning community facilities (libraries, parks, beaches, playgrounds, public facilities, etc) Council creates equity by offering certain community facilities at a reduced cost Looking at how to maximise the community benefit of social infrastructure Ensuring equitable distribution of facilities – particularly in high growth areas Strategic Priorities Equitable distribution for growth and resilience Quality and adaptive places to play & stay Community capacity building and inclusion Governance, partnerships and collaboration Have Your Say website is currently live until 26 October	All to share Have Your Say website to networks https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/projects/social-infrastructure-strategy

8	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Event	There has been some ongoing work between the meetings to further the discussion about holding an event for 16 Days. Susan Denholm (CN Community Development Facilitator) is available to support the project as well Require input from Youth Council members to deliver the project Members have limited capacity Engaging schools might be a bit difficult – end of term 4 Event ideas: Engage local facilitators to run a DV awareness raising activity (Timberlina, Got Ya Back Sista, etc) Interactive events Pop up shop YC involved in another event (stall, etc)	Nick to refresh email thread with working group: Imogen Asha Alex Rochelle If committee members can develop an event plan over the next week, then we will proceed with the activity. If there is not capacity to develop a project this year, then we will look to running an event next year instead.
9	Youth Week	Nick presented a proposal to change the way Youth Week activities are delivered: - Instead of funding a grant round, engage two young people as contractors to develop and deliver Youth Week activities. - Work with Nick & Louise as mentors to facilitate events - Proposal would require extra funding, which Nick is confirming. - Engage young people as contractors through standard application & interview process - Focus on delivering events in Western corridor suburbs	Nick to confirm funding & update the committee about which direction Youth Week 2023 will go
10	Extended Youth Mock Council civics programming	Nick presented to the group with ideas from how other youth civics programs work. Feedback: - What Matters writing exercise was beneficial in high school – make it multi-modal to increase accessibility (photovoice, videos, etc)	Nick to send powerpoint presentation to committee members Nick to reach out to YMC participants to promote joining NYC

		 Incorporate public speaking Could combine pre-completed submission work (like What Matters?) with Make Change Happen activities Interactive event important (face to face) Write a submission, turn into a project Weekly, rotating facilitators Look for opportunities increase ongoing interactions between participants in civics program and the Youth Council 	Nick send email to the group to get feedback from those who aren't present
11	Schools & Services Expo	Opportunity to promote the Youth Council at the Schools & Services Expo on 23 November 2022, 12pm – 5pm. Question - Will we need to have a stall the whole day? Some committee members are available for different times during the day - can organise shifts to be at the stall	Available: - Asha - Kevin - Imogen - Rochelle - Alex Nick to contact organisers & get details for committee
12	End of year celebration	Ideas - Escape rooms - Bowling (dullboys) - Dinner - Ice Skating Combine with Lake Mac? - Start of year activity?	Nick to post a poll for deciding which activity and which date on Facebook chat
13	General Business	2023 meeting times – 5.30 or 6pm good timing Reclaim the Night event taking place on 28 Oct 5.30pm	Asha to send information about Reclaim the Night event.
14	Social Media	Asha to post YMC photos	

Meeting closed at 8:14pm