

**MINUTES**

8/02/2022

5 – 7pm @ Newcastle Library  
Laman Street, Newcastle

Chairperson: Nick Grinpukel

Minute Taker: Nick Grinpukel

Meeting opened at 5.04pm

		Notes	Actions																
1	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Acknowledgement of country given by Cr Richardson																	
2	<b>Introductions and apologies</b>	Present: Cr Richardson, Cr Pull, Alex S-M., Isabella M., Harine P., Nick G  Apologies: Asha A., Ashley H., Kevin W-H., Olivia S.																	
3	<b>2018/2019 budget</b>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Youth Council</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>Youth Week</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$5,400</td> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$12,278</td> </tr> <tr> <td>REMAINDER</td> <td>\$5,400</td> <td>REMAINDER</td> <td>\$12,278</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Expense Items</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>Expense Items</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>There is more money available for Youth Week than previous years due to an increased contribution from NSW Department of Communities &amp; Justice (DCJ)</p>	<b>Youth Council</b>		<b>Youth Week</b>		TOTAL	\$5,400	TOTAL	\$12,278	REMAINDER	\$5,400	REMAINDER	\$12,278	<b>Expense Items</b>		<b>Expense Items</b>		
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4	<b>Business Arising from previous minutes</b>	Committee must discuss 2022 meeting schedule as set at October 2021 meeting	
5	<b>Youth Week Grant Assessment</b>	<p>The committee reviewed and assessed 4 applications for the Youth Week Grants. All were approved unanimously and funded in full. The committee offered the following comments;</p> <p>Art Express</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appreciates the way the activity engages young people in art and highlight the difference between graffiti art &amp; vandalism.</li> <li>- <b>Application was approved unanimously</b></li> </ul> <p>Capture My Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appreciates the way the activity will connect newly arrived young people to Newcastle</li> <li>- Raised a concern about the activity being limited to a narrow cohort of young people</li> <li>- Raised the suggestion that opening the activity to a number of young people from the local community might provide increased opportunities for participants to make social connections with Newcastle locals</li> <li>- <b>Application was approved unanimously</b></li> </ul> <p>Express Yourself while you Bop till you Drop and Bowl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commend the applicants on developing strong partnerships across the sector</li> <li>- Appreciate that the event supports local musicians who have been hard hit by covid restrictions</li> <li>- Appreciate that the event will target marginalised and lower socio-economic status (SES) communities</li> <li>- <b>Application was approved unanimously</b></li> <li>- <b>Agreed to fund the application in full (over the designated limit)</b></li> </ul> <p>Skateboarding to Youth Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appreciate that promoting skateboarding increases pro-social behaviours and is highly accessible to broad sections of the community</li> <li>- <b>Application was approved unanimously</b></li> </ul>	Nick to complete approvals process and notify grant applicants of successful outcomes.

6	<b>2022 Meeting Schedule</b>	<p>During the October 2021 meeting, the committee suggested changing meeting dates to the second week of the month. This was done to bring meetings in line with Lake Macquarie Youth Council, in the interest of facilitating greater collaboration between the committees. However, this meeting schedule now conflicts with CN Council meetings, meaning that councillor members will be unable to attend meetings held on Tuesday evenings.</p> <p>The committee discussed alternative meeting schedules for 2022 including meeting Wednesday &amp; Thursday of the second week of the month, or Tuesday &amp; Wednesday of the first week of the month.</p>	<p>Committee voted to adopt a new meeting schedule of the first Tuesday and Wednesday (alternating) of each month.</p> <p>Nick to update Youth Council website and notify attendees.</p>
7	<b>NSW Youth Advisory Council</b>	<p>Applications are now open for the NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC).</p> <p>The NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC) plays an important role in advising the NSW State Government on issues that are relevant to young people across the state. Membership of the YAC is open to all children and young people between 12 and 24 years of age residing in NSW. Applications are particularly sought from diverse locations, backgrounds and life experiences.</p> <p>For more information please follow this link: <a href="https://www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/engage/youth-advisory-council-yac">https://www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/engage/youth-advisory-council-yac</a></p>	<p>Nick to include registration details in minutes</p>
8	<b>NSW Committee for the Hunter Survey</b>	<p>Former Newcastle Youth Council member Kelsey Gray is a member of the Committee for the Hunter and is conducting a survey of young people in our region. The survey will collect the perspectives, aspirations and ideas of young people in the Hunter and use these to inform advocacy to decision makers.</p> <p>Participants go into the draw to win a \$500 cash prize.</p> <p><u>Survey link:</u> <a href="https://jmb717si5mt.typeform.com/to/APyuoaOt">https://jmb717si5mt.typeform.com/to/APyuoaOt</a></p> <p><u>Survey hashtag</u> #youthvoicehunter</p> <p><u>Committee hashtags</u> #YC4H #C4H #hunterregion</p>	<p>Nick to include survey link in minutes</p>

		<p><u>Questions?</u>  Contact Kelsey Gray  Email: <a href="mailto:Kelsey.Gray@uon.edu.au">Kelsey.Gray@uon.edu.au</a></p>	
9	<b>2022 Planning</b>	<p>The committee discussed upcoming Youth Council projects for 2022 including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Week (4 – 14 April)</li> <li>- Youth Mock Council (likely 5 – 6 May)</li> </ul> <p>The committee discussed ideas for activities to run during Youth Week including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Young Adult Book Club events</li> <li>- Brittany part of Vinnies Youth group – suggested collaboration</li> <li>- Cooee Singers programming for Aboriginal young people</li> <li>- Engaging young artists</li> </ul>	<p>All committee members to bring ideas for youth week activities to March meeting.</p> <p>Nick to post in Facebook chat to inform members who were not present</p>
10	<b>Upcoming projects &amp; events</b>	<p>The committee discussed upcoming external projects &amp; events that committee members could be involved with including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Entrepreneurs Hub</li> <li>- Community Pantry</li> <li>- Mental Health Foundation of Australia Youth Ambassadors and Youth Advisory Council</li> </ul> <p>The committee discussed the upcoming Community Pantry project and suggested the following elements be included in the design brief;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accessibility for people living with disability</li> <li>- Transparent front to see stock</li> <li>- Staff should monitor usage &amp; determine if they need to restrict the amount people can take</li> </ul>	
11	<b>General Business</b>	Nil	
12	<b>Social Media</b>	Nil	

Meeting closed at 6.57pm

**Next Meeting**  
2/03/2022 @ TBC  
Chairperson – TBC  
Minute Taker - TBC