

NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 14 June 2018
5 – 7pm @ Newcastle Library
Laman Street, Newcastle



1. Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country
2. Introductions & Apologies

Present:

Amber Stewart – NYC Facilitator

Jacob Gamble – NYC Chairperson

Celine St George – NYC Member

Monique Aganovic – NYC Member

Ashley Harrison – NYC Member

Rizina Yadav – NYC Member

Sophie MacDonald – NYC Guest

Lavendel Sequin – NYC Guest

Olivia Stein - Newcastle City Library Rep

Kirk Ellis – Interim Library Youth

Engagement Officer

Madeline Hunt – Youth Frontiers, Hunter
Coordinator

Apologies: Cr Carol Duncan, Cr Declan Clausen, Christy Mullen, Gwen Devoy, Isobel Carr, Jack Hayden, Riordan Davies, Anakha Hari

3. Current budget: Youth Council **\$2,813.86**

Total budget 2017/2018 = \$5,040

Expenditure June 2017 - June 2018

- o **\$940** on mural for Mental Health Olympics
- o **\$250** for Youth Frontiers support (art supplies)
- o **\$23** printing for Midnight Sounds
- o **\$32** catering for Committee Meetings
- o **\$396.14** on NYC T-shirts
- o **\$187.27** on Youth Week flyers
- o **\$156.00** on name badges
- o **\$149.23** on YAIR Morning Tea
- o **\$92.50** on YAIR Craft Supplies

4. Approve Minutes from **May 16** meeting

Moved: Jacob Gamble

Seconded: Monique Aganovic

5. Business arising from previous Minutes

Action: NYC members to complete the Live Music Strategy Survey if they can (Amber posted the link in the NYC Facebook group)

6. General Business

Youth Arts in Recovery

- Monday 18th June from 10 am – 2 pm at Newcastle Museum. NYC members should get there at 9:30 a.m. to help set-up.
- Aim to spend around \$100 on arts supplies, such as journals, pin boards, cardboard, and decorative paper.

We Don't Dance

- David Graham from Hunter Writer's Centre would like NYC funding (\$1674) to hold a launch event (a mini-festival) in partnership with the Y Project on the 21st July at the Dungeon. It will be an all ages event with workshops (zines, environmental activism and electronic music) followed by a set of poetry readings and a silent auction. The proceeds will act as seed funding for future WDD (We Don't Dance) activities as they develop into a co-presenter at the festival *This is Not Art*.
- NYC approved the expenditure, with five members supporting, namely Jacob, Monique, Celine, Ashley, and Rizina. However, NYC would like to get more information about the \$124 venue hire, as to our knowledge, the Y Project (co-collaborator) has an arrangement that allows them to use the Dungeon for free. **Action: Jacob to email David Graham regarding this.**

Youth Frontiers

- Madeline Hunt, the Hunter Coordinator for Youth Frontiers spoke at the meeting regarding the program and also gained an insight into NYC and what we do.
- Youth Frontiers pairs up young people (aged 12 – 16) with older mentors who assist them in developing and implementing a project that impacts their community in a positive way. It reaches 1200 young people throughout NSW.
- **Action: NYC members to consider getting involved in the program as mentors in 2019, and/or attending the 2018 project showcase.**

7. Project Work

Youth Mock Council (YMC)

- Venue: Museum appropriate for the first 2 days, Council Chambers on the last day. The Museum has been tentatively booked.
- Time: 10 am – 2 pm to facilitate students easily getting to and from school.
- Numbers: 4 kids per school – 48 in total, 6 groups of 8, hear 6 proposals.
- Day 1 Structure: 10:00 – 10:30 am: Morning Tea, 10:30 – 12:00: Session 1 (inspiring speaker, ice breaker activities), 12:00 – 12:30: Lunch, 12:30 – 2:00 pm: Session 2 (discussion and planning in committees). Day 2: Develop ideas, exact structure TBD. Day 3: Half-day. One person from each committee (the spokesperson) will present their idea (approximately 5 minutes), after which there will be a discussion/ &A (approximately 10 minutes), Councillors to be invited to be present.
- Committee Ideas: Health, Welfare and Social Justice, Women's Affairs, Transport, Environment, Arts and Culture. 21st June.
- NYC can't select schools to involve in the program, as this is exclusionary. Decided to specify Newcastle local government area to limit scope.
- NYC members will act as facilitators within the committees. Committee allocation will be determined randomly (pull name from hat).
- Incentive for participation: a printed certificate presented by the Lord Mayor/Deputy Lord Mayor Declan Clausen, perhaps a small token/gift, and the opportunity to voice your ideas in front of Councillors.
- **Action: NYC members to attend a Council meeting (Tuesday 26th June at 5:00 p.m.) to develop an understanding of how Council operates.**

- **Action: NYC to develop issue/bill suggestions for each committee to facilitate brainstorming on the day.**
 - **Action: NYC to develop a bill template so participants understand what to do.**
 - **Action: Schools to be divided between NYC members, who will contact schools to speak at their assemblies/talk to SRCs.**
 - **Action: NYC to brainstorm and organise fun activities for the 3 days, such as an egg and spoon race.**
8. Social Media (what's coming up?)
- Monique to meet the Newcastle City Council Communications Manager.
 - **Action: Amber and Monique to organise this.**
9. Proud & Thankfuls

Meeting Closed: 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

18 July 2018 @ Newcastle Library

Chairperson - Jacob Gamble

Minute Taker - Rizina Yadav

Next meetings:

Meeting 6: Wednesday 18 July - Project Work

Meeting 7: Thursday 16 August - Project Work

Meeting 8: Thursday 13 September (moved from Wednesday 19th September) - Celebrate our year

Action: Plan NYC end of year celebration at 18th July meeting e.g. pizza (Napoli), bowling, laser tag etc.