

## Foreword from the Chair

" The Newcastle Youth Council has continued its strong public engagement throughout 2023. Youth Week 2023 was held between the 22nd and the 28th of April. Youth Week was a great success with events held across Newcastle like the Civic Takeover and Young N' Cultured. All events gained high engagement from the youth community. The annual Youth Mock Council (YMC) held in July of 2023 was a great success with local high school students and the program received commendation from councillors at the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 28th of November 2023. Following YMC, committee members participated in various community events and consulted with the council on different projects. 2023 was a successful year for the Newcastle Youth Council and we will continue in 2024."

## Rochelle Manning – Youth Council Advisory Committee Chair

### Membership

\* Membership of the Newcastle Youth Council has fluctuated over the period indicated as members join or leave due to age requirements or other commitments.

Cr Charlotte McCabe  
Cr Callum Pull  
Cr Deahna Richardson  
Rochelle Manning  
Asha McNeill  
Bailey Myers  
Lee Corbett  
Tevita Fotu  
Ellie Wright  
Dean Salem  
Claire Foody-Smith  
Seth Donnelly  
Jen Lowe

### Objective of the committee

As per the Newcastle Youth Council Terms of Reference, the responsibilities of the Committee are as follows:

#### Inclusive Community

- 4.1b Support initiatives and facilities that encourage social inclusion and community connections
- 4.2b Improve access to formal and informal lifelong learning opportunities, facilities and services

### Summary of key business considered and achievements

- Newcastle Youth Council members participated and assisted the organisation of Youth Week, holding events across Newcastle and gaining high engagement from the youth of Newcastle.
- Delivery of Youth Mock Council which engaged students from local high schools over a two day period. The event saw students write three notices of motions to then present to a mock council meeting and were then debated on. Cr Pull, Cr

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Richardson, Cr McCabe, Cr Barrie, Cr Wark and Cr Mackenzie all in attendance and greatly assisted with the delivery of the event.

- Notices of Motions from Youth Mock Council were brought to council during the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 28th of November 2023. Students were commended by the council on their creativity and engagement during the program.

## Summary of performance and governance

Date of Meeting	Quorum achieved	Members in attendance	Agenda circulated to members and published on CN's website	Declaration of conflicts of interest listed as agenda item	Minutes circulated to members, adopted by the committee and published on CN's website
9 February 2023	Inquorate	Asha McNeill (Member), Daisy (New Member), Alex Saxby-Milles (Community Guest), Nick Grinpukel (Facilitator), Louise Reilly (Facilitator), Lee Corbett (Youth Week Consultant), Tevita Fotu (Youth Week Consultant)	Yes	N/A	No (meeting inquorate), minutes circulated and published)
1 March 2023	Inquorate	Cr Richardson, Cr Pull, Alex Saxby-Milles (Community Guest), Kersti Muras (CN Community Engagement), Jacinta Campbell (CN Community Engagement), Nick Grinpukel (Facilitator), Louise Riley (Facilitator)	Yes	N/A	No (meeting inquorate), minutes circulated and published)
5 April 2023	Inquorate	Asha McNeill (Member), Dean Selem (Pending Member), Clare Foody-Smith (Pending Member), Tevita Fotu (Youth Week Consultant), Alex Saxby-Milles (Community Guest), Nick Grinpukel (Facilitator)	Yes	N/A	Yes
3 May 2023	Quorate	Cr. Pull, Cr. Richardson, Cr. McCabe, Asha McNeill (Member), Rochelle Manning (Member), Dean Selem (Member), Seth Donnelly (Member), Nick Grinpukel (Facilitator), Alex Saxby-Milles (Community Guest), Gary Foster (International Newcastle)	Yes	N/A	Yes
7 June 2023	Quorate	Cr Pull, Claire Foody-Smith (Member), Asha McNeill (Member), Rochelle Manning (Member), Dean Salem (Member), Bailey Myers (Member), Jen Lowe (Member), Ellie Wright (Member), Louise Riley (Youth Engagement Facilitator), Nick Grinpukel (Committee Facilitator), Alex Saxby-Milles (Community Guest)	Yes	N/A	Yes
5 July 2023	Quorate	Cr Pull, Asha McNeill (Member), Claire Foody-Smith (Member), Rochelle Manning (Member), Dean Salem (Member), Bailey Myers (Member), Jen Lowe (Member), Ellie Wright (Member), Louise Riley (Youth Engagement Facilitator), Nick	Yes	N/A	Yes

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		Grinpukel (Committee Facilitator), Alex Saxby-Milles (Community Guest)			
2 August 2023	Quorate	Cr McCabe, Cr Pull, Cr Richardson, Asha McNeill (Member), Rochelle Manning (Member), Dean Salem (Member), Lee Corbett (Youth Week Consultant), Tevita Fotu (Youth Week Consultant), Jen Lowe (Member), Claire Foody-Smith (Member) Jonah Scoular (Member), Sasha Stockham (Member), Nick Grinpukel (Facilitator), Louise (Facilitator), Shannon (ACYP), Abbie (ACYP) and Connor (ACYP), Sara Kelly (CN), Calan Cockburn (CN), Alex Saxby-Milles (Community Guest)	Yes	N/A	Yes
6 September 2023	Quorate	Cr McCabe, Cr Richardson, Cr Pull, Asha McNeill (Member), Claire Foody-Smith (Member), Bailey Myers (Member), Jen Lowe (Member), Jonah Scoular (Member), Sasha Stockham (Member),	Yes	N/A	No (meeting inquorate), minutes circulated and published)
4 October 2023	Inquorate	Asha McNeill (Member), Dean Salem (Member), Becky Kiil (Facilitator), Louise Riley (Facilitator), Claire Williams (Anti-Discrimination NSW), Alex Saxby-Mills (Community Guest)	Yes	N/A	Yes