

**MINUTES****5/04/2023****5.30 – 7.30pm @ Newcastle Library  
Laman Street, Newcastle**

Chairperson: Asha McNeill

Minute Taker: Nick Grinpukel

**Meeting opened at 5:30pm**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Asha	
<b>Introductions and apologies</b>	Present: Asha McNeill, Tevita Fotu,  Pending members: Dean Selem, Clare Foody-Smith,  <b>*Meeting inquorate</b>  Community Guests: Alex Saxby-Milles  Welcome to new members Clare and Dean!	

<b>2022/2023 budget</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>REMAINDER</td> <td>\$154</td> <td>REMAINDER</td> <td>\$12,278</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Expense Items</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>Expense Items</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>YMC Venue Hire</td> <td>\$1,956</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>YMC Catering</td> <td>\$2,128</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>YMC Keynote</td> <td>\$200</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>O Week Stall</td> <td>\$72</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tshirts</td> <td>\$490</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>New budget line – purchasing extra T-shirts to make up for sizes that we are lacking</p>	REMAINDER	\$154	REMAINDER	\$12,278					<b>Expense Items</b>		<b>Expense Items</b>		YMC Venue Hire	\$1,956			YMC Catering	\$2,128			YMC Keynote	\$200			O Week Stall	\$72			Tshirts	\$490			
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<b>Approved Minutes of Previous meeting</b>	Meeting inquorate																																	
<b>Annual Report</b>	<p>As the last meeting which reviewed the Annual Report was inquorate, the committee attempted again to review the Youth Council annual report. Also, the previous report presented was in the incorrect template so the report has been reformatted and presented again to the Youth Council.</p> <p>Meeting was inquorate so members were unable to endorse the annual report</p>	Nick to send out annual report to all committee members to seek endorsement via email.																																
<b>Youth Week</b>	<p>Discussed the program of events for Youth Week 2023.</p> <p>Newcastle Youth Council members are invited to attend all Youth Week events.</p> <p>In particular, it would be great to have NYC members at the CN Open Day as it will be a good opportunity to promote the Youth Council to high school students and build membership.</p> <p>Friday 21 April, 10am - 12.30pm Maryland Neighbourhood Centre <b>Snak N' Rap</b> <i>Maryland Neighbourhood Centre presents Snak N Rap. Combining music, art, food, community and connection as a way to inspire young people to connect with their communities. Graffiti</i></p>	<p>Alex can support at Civic Takeover</p> <p>Asha may be able to attend CN Open Day – needs to check her commitments</p> <p>Asha can attend Young N' Cultured</p>																																

*workshops, live DJ & DJ workshops, free food! Presented in partnership with UP&UP and City of Newcastle*

<https://whatson.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/event/youth-week-snak-n-rap>

Saturday 22 April, 2pm - 6pm

Wheeler Place and Museum Park

**Civic Takeover**

Join us for an afternoon of live music from emerging Newy performers, market stalls, a youth art exhibition, an artist-led sculptural workshop and pop-up skate ramps to show off your skills.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/128471513519439>

<https://whatson.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/event/newcastle-youth-week-civic-takeover>

Friday 28 April, 9am – 1pm

City of Newcastle Council Building, 12 Stewart Avenue

**CN Open Day**

City of Newcastle has invited students from several local high schools to come to Council's offices on Friday 28 April and participate in workshops, talks and other activities. The event will reduce barriers to young people engaging with local government and teach them about the different things council does that support young people.

Friday 28 April, 4pm - 6pm

University of Newcastle - Callaghan Campus, Maths Lawn

**Young N' Cultured**

An evening enriched by the sounds, colours, and spirit of cultural songs, dance and storytelling. Come join in the sharing of cultures and knowledges both across diasporas and generations through performing arts! These performances will showcase both traditional and contemporary talents embodied across Newcastle's multicultural communities and the richness our city hosts from every corner of the world. Celebrate diversity this Youth Week and the vibrancy that our emerging generations bring to our community

<https://www.facebook.com/events/965310924482603>

<p><b>Youth Mock Council</b></p>	<p>Discussed Youth Mock Council (YMC) in detail for new members.</p> <p>YMC is an annual event run by the Newcastle Youth Council that engages high school students in local government. It invites students to participate in workshops with local councillors about how decisions are made and how local government impacts its community.</p> <p>Students work in groups to formulate Notice of Motions, which they present at a mock council session on day 2.</p> <p>Students also hear from a keynote speaker on day 2. The keynote speaker is an inspirational young person who has made a strong impact in their community.</p> <p>Asha has reached out to Sarah Williams from <i>What Were You Wearing</i> to see if she is available for the keynote speaker. Other suggestions for keynote speakers are welcomed</p> <p>YMC dates have been set for 27 &amp; 28 July 2023. Nick has invited councillors to participate and has started to get responses.</p> <p>Suggestion to run YMC for uni students, or for younger students. Committee discussed ideas about expanding the YMC program. Decided that, considering membership numbers are quite low, it was better to focus on delivering a strong YMC program based on previous years and will look to expanding programming next year when membership numbers are greater.</p>	<p>All are invited to nominate suggestions for keynote speakers.</p>

<p><b>Membership</b></p>	<p>Membership of the Youth Council continues to be low. Two new members tonight are strongly welcomed and the committee hopes this is the beginning of a resurgence in membership.</p> <p>Discussed opportunities to promote Youth Council membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth Week events (CN Open Day in particular)</li> <li>- Youth Mock Council</li> <li>- Personal Networks of committee members</li> <li>- Will organise a media campaign to drive membership after Youth Week</li> </ul> <p>Considering low membership, the committee discussed whether we should run committee elections for official roles. Decided that until membership numbers increase there was little capacity to induct new office bearers or fill other positions. Asha is happy to continue as chair until membership numbers increase and elections can be held.</p>	<p>All are asked to spread the word about Youth Council and invite people who are interested to sign up.</p> <p>Nick to send out the link to membership form with the minutes.</p> <p>Asha to continue as chair until membership numbers increase and elections can be held.</p> <p>Nick to send out role position descriptions with minutes.</p>
<p><b>General Business</b></p>	<p>Dean is involved in a musical at the Conservatorium – Ordinary Days, 2 &amp; 3 June.</p> <p>Lake Macquarie Youth Council is starting their own Youth Mock Council inspired by the Newcastle program – congratulations to the Newcastle Youth Council for developing a highly valuable program that has been adopted by other LGAs!</p>	

**Meeting closed at 6:43pm**

***Next Meeting***  
3/05/2023  
5.30 – 7.30 pm  
Newcastle Library