

## Confirmed Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> 3 August 2021	<b>Time:</b> 5.30 – 7.00pm	<b>Venue:</b> Remotely via Teams
<b>Meeting Objective:</b> To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to cultural planning, arts and cultural opportunities, community pride and local identity, and community involvement which encourages a sense of belonging within the LGA.		

### 1 Welcome and Introductions

#### 1.1 Committee Members present:

Cr Carol Duncan	– Chairperson
Cr Andrea Rufo	– Deputy Chairperson
Alissa Jones	– Committee Facilitator
Helen Payne	– Committee Secretary
Dr Ann Hardy	– University of Newcastle (UoN)
Nick Rendell	– Office of Sport

#### 1.2 Apologies

Cr Nuatali Nelmes	– Lord Mayor
Cr Kath Elliott	– Councillor
Katherine McLean	– Community Representative
Jennifer Moody	– Department of Education
Michelle Frazer	– Community Representative

#### 1.3 Attendees

Zephie Cerny	– Octapod
Lauretta Morton	– Director Art Gallery
Delia O'Hara	– Manager Civic Services
Julie Baird	– Director Museum
Lynn Duffy	– Manager Parks & Recreation
Alex Mills	– Community Partnerships & Programs Manager
Tom Smith	- CN Heritage Planner
Kelly Arnott	- CN Corporate Planning & Performance Manager
Rebecca Allen	- CN Corporate Planner
Susan Denholm	- CN Community Development Facilitator

### 2 Acknowledgement of Country

- 2.1 Councillor Duncan acknowledged the Awabakal and Worimi peoples and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

### 3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

- 3.1 There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4 Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions arising**

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held 4 May 2021 confirmed.

4.2 Action updates

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Update	Status
7 July 2020	Cultural Strategy 2016-2019	Seek further advice on programs and objectives and seek more advice to be ascertained for input.	A significant review of objectives and discussions have occurred with Community Strategy and Innovation (CSI) on incorporating the elements on the Cultural Strategy.	Ongoing. The Cultural Strategy will be replaced by the Cultural Precinct Plan once adopted by Council. It is anticipated that this work will be presented to the elected Council when finalised.

**5 Briefing – CN Heritage Strategy 2020-2030**

5.1 A Briefing was provided to the Committee by Tom Smith and Patricia McCarthy. The purpose of the Heritage Strategy is to provide a strategic framework to guide CN's management of heritage matters over the next ten years.

**6 Briefing – Newcastle Art Gallery Expansion – Funding Pathway**

6.1 On 29 June 2021 Council resolved a Lord Mayoral Minute to prepare a report to Council on Newcastle Art Gallery expansion funding options. Council approved a report on 27 July 2021 endorsing the borrowing up to \$22.6 million by way of low-cost loan over 10 years as the preferred funding pathway for the expansion of the Newcastle Art Gallery. Noting that a Loan Borrowing Report will be separately submitted seeking Council approval to borrow funds from NSW Treasury Corporation (T-Corp) incorporating a low-cost loan initiative subsidy in the amount of up to \$22.6 million, including a capital expenditure review in accordance with Office of Local Government guidelines. Federal and State grant funding is continuing to be sought (Building Better Regions to be announced in 4-6 weeks) and a \$10 million ask for regional funding. The Development Application and approvals will be from the Hunter Central Coast Regional Planning Panel (HCCRPP). Following this it is anticipated that a tender for construction will come to Council in 2022.

**7 Briefing – Local Social Strategy Community Engagement**

7.1 A Briefing was provided to the Committee from Susan Denholm on the Local Social Strategy (LSS) which sets out CN's aspirations for a socially just and inclusive city – a place for everyone. The strategy focusses on treating all people with respect, addressing the barriers to inclusion and equal opportunity, encouraging community participation and strengthening community wellbeing. The LSS has been informed by community engagement and consultation and will outline the vision, guiding principles, role of the Council, the community and its partners whilst seeking to guide and drive change.

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## 8 Briefing – Newcastle 2040 – Community Strategic Plan

- 8.1 A Briefing was provided to the Committee from Kelly Arnott and Rebecca Allan on Newcastle 2040 the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) which is the highest level strategic document that sets the vision for the next 10 years. Community and stakeholder engagement has been undertaken with the people of Newcastle about the future of their city during 35 events including 4,800 people engaged. Negative sentiment has only been at 0.3%. The CSP has focussed on four themes being Opportunity, Achieving Together, Liveable and Regenerative. The focus of the Opportunity theme is a place for everyone. The CSP will be reported to the new Council in March 2022.

## 9 General Business

- 9.1 Nick Rendell advised of the Covid effects on sport with volunteers – last year was extremely hard for volunteers and this year is proving challenging also. It's very important to have open spaces for physical and mental health for all ages including ways to maintain air quality.
- 9.2 Newcastle Museum is celebrating the opening of the Museum at Honeysuckle 10 years ago on 4 August 2021. To celebrate the 10 year anniversary a [video](#) is shared on facebook of a frequent visitor Sebastian who is a 10 year old Russian migrant raised through the Museum telling his story and the importance of the Museum in his life.
- 9.3 [The Castanet Club exhibition](#) continues at the Museum until 31 October. The opening had to be cancelled due to Covid with budget redirected to create three variety online shows with local musical acts, heritage footage and fun activities.
- 9.4 Living Labels a joint project with the UoN was launched today with trees planted in Museum Park. A 12 month floral garden has been planted as well as occupying a native bee hive.
- 9.5 Congratulations to the Museum Team for winning the MAGNA National Award for 1x4.
- 9.6 The Museum is investigating hosting the National AMAGA Conference in Newcastle 2023 (500 colleagues). Discussions are currently underway with Tourism and AMAGA.
- 9.7 Alex Mills suggested the Newcastle Toy library details be shared.  
<https://www.mycase.com.au/page/252534/newcastle-toy-library-shelving>
- 9.8 Cr Duncan congratulated the team on the Lambton Library refurbishment which is looking beautiful.

## 10 Closing

- 10.1 The meeting closed at 7.05pm