

Agenda

Date: Tuesday 1 August 2023	Time: 5.30pm	Venue: City Hall Chamber
Meeting Objective: 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		

Invited:

Cr Nuatali Nelmes (Lord Mayor)	Dr Ann Hardy (University of Newcastle) Stakeholder
Cr Carol Duncan (Chair)	Dr Shane Bransdon, Community Member
Cr Margaret Wood (Deputy Chair)	Anna Hombsch, Community Member
Cr Jenny Barrie, Councillor Member	Janice Musumeci, Community Member
Jeremy Bath (CEO)	Jasmine Fletcher, Community Member
Lynn Duffy (Committee Facilitator)	Lauretta Morton OAM (Director Newcastle Art Gallery)
Julie Baird (Director Museum Archive Libraries & Learning)	Helen Payne (Committee Secretary)
Delia O'Hara, Executive Manager Civic Services	Zephie Cerny (Octapod)
Katerina Skoumbas (Big Picture Fest)	Nick Kaiser, Acting Executive Manager Media
Rebecca Fitzgibbons (Newcastle Fringe)	Dr Jamie Mackee (Newcastle Pride)
Petria Jukes, Community Planning & Development Manager (CN)	Judi Nikoleski (Hunter Creative Fibre Hub)
	Adrian Burnett, New Annual Senior Producer & Curator
	Sami Zakhil, Mosaic Multicultural Connections

Item	Topic	Responsibility	Time
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country 1.1 Apologies 1.2 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest	Chair	2 mins
2	Endorse minutes of 4 April 2023 (Attachment A)	Chair	5 mins
3	Count Us In Festival	Petria Jukes	15 mins
4	New Annual update	Adrian Burnett	10 mins
5	Mosaic Multicultural Connections (previously Northern Settlement Services)	Sami Zakhil	20 mins
6	NSW Government - A New Look at Culture: Towards the State's first Arts, Cultural & Creative Industries Policy (email distributed 17 July and details at link)	All	20 mins
7	Growing the Culture – a CCAC check in	Chair	20 mins
8	General Business	Chair	5 mins
9	Closing Next meeting 5.30pm Monday 6 November 2023	Chair	5 mins

Unconfirmed Meeting Minutes

Date: 4 April 2023	Time: 5.30 – 7.00pm	Venue: City Hall Chambers
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1 Welcome

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

1.1 Attendees

Members

Cr Carol Duncan	– Councillor Member (Chair)
Cr Jenny Barrie	– Councillor Member
Dr Ann Hardy	– University of Newcastle, Stakeholder Member
Dr Shane Bransdon	– Community Member

Guests

Lynn Duffy	– Acting Executive Director Creative & Community Services, City of Newcastle (CN), (Committee Facilitator)
Helen Payne	– Executive Assistant (Committee Secretary)
Delia O'Hara	– Executive Manager Civic Services, CN
Julie Baird	– Director Museum Archive Libraries & Learning (CN)
Katerina Skoumbas	– Big Picture Fest
Zephie Cerny	- Octopod
Dr Jamie Mackee	- Newcastle Pride
Fiona Tearne	- Newcastle Pride
Rebecca Fitzgibbons	- Newcastle Fringe Festival
Judi Nikoleski	- Hunter Creative Fibre Hub
Kate Highland	- Hunter Creative Fibre Hub

Apologies

Cr Nuatali Nelmes	– Lord Mayor
Cr Margaret Wood	– Councillor Member
Anna Hombsch	– Community Member
Janice Musumeci	– Community Member
Jasmine Fletcher	– Community Member
Lauretta Morton OAM	– Director Newcastle Art Gallery, CN
Nick Kaiser	- Acting Executive Manager Media Engagement Economy & Corporate Affairs (CN)

1.2 Declaration and Conflicts of Interest

1.2.1 Nil.

2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the meeting held 7 February 2023 were endorsed.

3 Report by Committee Facilitator – Council Code of Meeting Practice - Prayer Component

- 3.1 Report (attached) arose from a Council resolution on 28 June 2022 on the Adoption of Code of Meeting Practice. The report was received and noted.

4 Newcastle Fringe update

Rebecca Fitzgibbons presented to the Committee on the success of [Newcastle Fringe Festival 2023](#) and update including:

- Newcastle Fringe being an Open Access Festival where all genres are invited and anyone who submits an application can perform providing a genuine opportunity for new artists.
- Combined funding provides ability to maximise funding and activate Hamilton by establishing a dedicated performance precinct and festival atmosphere with increased cultural presence.
- Will continue ongoing discussions with CN's Economic Development Facilitator.

5 Hunter Creative Fibre Hub

Judi Nikoleski and Kate Highland briefed the Committee on Hunter Creative Fibre Hub (a new association) including:

- More than 400 Hunter Valley residents linked by the love of creating textiles and fibres.
- Looking for an appropriate space for meetings, workspace and exhibitions with a kitchen, toilet, access and parking facilities.
- Want to develop promote skills in these arts. A hub will be good for wellbeing.
- Benefits – interaction and cross fertilisation of skills, then developing fibre of textile arts, promoting and development skills via workshops and exhibitions.
- With a hub would be able to establish primary and secondary school children holiday workshops.
- Need 20 regular meetings per month.
- Need to provide permanent access and storage for libraries and equipment.
- Would enable smaller textile groups to collectively apply for grants.
- Member associations would retain their own identities and be part of the executive committee of Hunter Fibre Hub.
- Will be great to find a creative space for all to help, share the enriching experience with others and bring disparate groups together.

Action: Cr Duncan to email Janice Musumeci

Lynn Duffy to consider if any of our city intelligence platforms indicate vacant spaces for creatives

7 General Business

7.1 This is Not Art (TiNA)

Zephie Cerny advised TiNA 2022 winners were announced last Friday night with all works still online. The WHIP collective arranged finance and hosted. Workshop is coming up on 1 June on how to create an authentic acknowledgement of country free to members with information on website. Partnering with Creative plus business scheduled for 2 June at Newcastle Art Space to be promoted soon.

7.2 Dinner en Blanc

Dr Bransdon raised concern for CN's sponsorship with Dinner en Blanc which was cancelled on 1 April due to rain. The email from Dinner en Blanc dated 4 April advised refunds will not be offered and included details appearing that CN had sponsored the event.

Following the meeting the following update was confirmed:

City of Newcastle supports Newcastle Food month through SBR funding which does not include Dinner en Blanc. Tourism staff purchased advertising space at Dinner en Blanc for Destination awareness and as part of the advertising costs the City of Newcastle logo was included as an additional benefit.

7.3 Potential guest presenters for CCAC:

Cr Duncan asked members and visitors to consider other individuals and organisations that may appreciate an opportunity to present to the committee. Suggestions included Hunter Multicultural Communities which Katerina Skoumbas will follow up on.

7.4 Newcastle Pride update – Pride festival went extremely well. The Gregson Park fair was brilliant with 11,000 attendees and a youth formal. Newcastle Pride also had a float of 80 at the Sydney Mardi Gras.

8 Closing

Meeting closed at 7.00pm

Next meeting: 5.30pm Tuesday 1 August 2023, City Hall Chamber

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