

MINUTES

1/07/2021

**5 – 7pm @ Newcastle Library
Laman Street, Newcastle**

Chairperson: Alex Saxby-Milles

Minute Taker: Asha McNeill

Meeting opened at 5:03pm

		Notes	Actions
1	Acknowledgement of Country	Acknowledgement of Country done by Alex.	
2	Introductions and apologies	Present: Nick Grinpukel (facilitator), Lauren Proctor, Asha McNeill, Kepei Tan, Samuel Jenkins, Olivia Stewart, Zoe Pegler, Alexis Bell-Herring, Amelia Sampson, Rebecca Allan (CN), Kelly Arnott (CN) Online: Kelsey Gray, Hunter Blunden, Harine Kevasan Apologies: Kevin Hill	

3	2019/2020 budget	TOTAL	\$5,400	TOTAL	\$9,900
		REMAINDER	\$0	REMAINDER	\$0
		Expense Items		Expense Items	
		End of Year Party	\$278	Grant- JNC Art Express	\$935
		Catering (meetings)	\$56	Grant- AeroSoul Activism	\$1,000
		Youth Mock Council	\$229	Youth Week Out West	\$4,017
		Youth Week Shortfall	\$1,697	Tidda's In Moulonbinba	\$1,600
				Youth Week Shortfall	\$1,348
				Grant- Youth Artisan Marketplace	\$1,000
Overview of last financial year's budget. New budget to be released soon.					
4	Approved Minutes of Previous meeting	Moved: Alex			
		Seconded: Amelia			
5	Business Arising from previous minutes.	N/A			
6	Consultation for Newcastle 2040 Strategic Plan – Presentation by Bec and Kelly	<p>Presentation notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valuing authentic community engagement to receive more valuable feedback based on the demographics to reach all age demographics etc. represented in Newcastle. Had previously been missing the younger demographic with just surveys being handed out. - Topics important to community: transport, climate action, deliberate planning, events and activation, parks and playgrounds, trees and natural spaces, affordable housing & cycleways, and footpaths. - Importance on restorative relationship with natural and social environments – regenerative, liveable city. This includes a welcoming and inclusive community and supporting culture and arts. <p>Feedback from Youth Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed quizzes on menti.com which showed the aspects of the plan which the Youth Council voted to be most important. 			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amelia and Sam brought up a lack of tertiary arts education available in Newcastle which means that by 2040 it will not be a strong part of Newcastle's identity anymore. - Zoe brought up a lack of nightlife. - Unskilled employment, homelessness, cultural diversity, arts, public transport, socioeconomic diversity in engagement and queer engagement all brought up on menti.com as issues important to the Youth Council. - Lauren expanded on how difficult it is to find employment as a young person and that if you do have work, it is often insecure and unfair. - Newcastle as a city which is inaccessible to disabled people – brought up by Amelia. 	
7	Review – Live at the Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amelia gave a rundown of the event which she was a part of. - 85 people attended the event, and it was very successful according to attendees. - Nick encouraged the youth council to think of events they would like to run 	
8	LMYC meetings review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amelia gave feedback that it was not the most efficient use of time as it was not as productive as it could have been. This included spending some of the budget on a venue for the meeting in this council which could have gone to other things. However, it was also reflected that great conversations came out of the meetings though they were not on topic. - Alex believes the joint meetings could be beneficial, and that there was a good connection between the two councils. However, he also acknowledges that there were some non-beneficial aspects. The most collaborative aspect was the joint social event. - Lauren suggests setting up collaboration with the Lake Macquarie Youth Council as an aside to our monthly meetings to create a shared space to explore shared ideas separate to each council's own group. - Sam suggested combined workshops such as writing proposals to foster more collaboration between the two councils. - Kaipei noticed there was some tension between the two groups which may have been due to being within the other group's spaces. - Nick brought up an idea which was discussed at the previous meeting to have a social gathering at Dullboys in Warners Bay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dullboys social event agreed upon by everyone however perhaps given the option for another less expensive event at a public space such as a park in the meantime. - Councillor Winney-Bartz proposes using a council venue such as the Digital Library or Lord Mayor's Reception Room to reduce costs for the Youth Council and have the costs come directly from Council. Gives more opportunity for mingling between the two groups. - Possibility of two social events within the separate localities.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflections that the Lake Mac Youth Council was more structured and official than the Newcastle Youth Council which is more relaxed in structure. - Alex mentioned that their demographic is more High School students in the Lake Macquarie council. - Hunter noted that it felt very valuable to see different styles of running the meeting however it is more formal and due to the nature of their meetings it is very different to the Newcastle committee 	
9	Volunteer Induction	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer Induction postponed to another meeting on a TBD date before next meeting due to time constraints.
10	Youth Mock Council Community Pantry NOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Mock Council notice of motion to put community pantries in local libraries as a distributed community centres wherein people can freely access them with low social stigma. - Strong need for food security, would be tangentially useful in library spaces. - Important not to put something that there is not a demonstrable need for, but so far investigation indicates a strong need. - Cr Winney-Bartz notes how important such initiatives are to the community and that all the available food relief in Newcastle is stretched very thin. She notes how important this issue is to her and that she is in full support of implementing a food relief project in the library particularly for the dignity of being able to access something such as this in a library as a neutral space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asha, Lauren, Olivia, Kelsey and Hunter are interested in being further involved in this project. - Councillor Winney-Bartz notes she is interested in being involved in this project.
11	Pride Week Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nick showed schedule for Pride Week running from 12/8 – 4/9 including many free events run by the library such as film screenings, a fair day stall, board games and more. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lauren, Sam, Alex and Asha offered to help with the Fair Day Stall (8am-6pm on the 4th of September).
12	Social Event		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed that Newcastle YC will look into hosting an event for both LMYC and NYC in September school holidays

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If LMYC wish to organise an event at Dullboys and invite NYC members can attend as they desire
13	General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No comments made in General Business 	
14	Social Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lauren mentioned reviving the Instagram 'Youth Council Members' bios on social media. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lauren has requested a small bio from any member who wants to be shown on the Youth Council.

Meeting closed at 7:20pm.

Next Meeting

4/08/2021 @ Newcastle Library
Chairperson – Alex Saxby-Milles
Minute Taker – Asha McNeill