

**NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**7/06/2023**

**5.30 – 7.30pm @ Newcastle Library  
Laman Street, Newcastle**

Chairperson: Rochelle Manning  
Minute Taker: Nick Grinpukel

Meeting opened at 5.33pm

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<b>Introductions and apologies</b>	<p>Present: Clare Foody-Smith, Dean Salem, Bailey Myers, Tevita Fotu, Nick Grinpukel (Committee Facilitator), Lynn Kilby (Great Lifestyles of Wickham), Alex Saxby-Milles (Community Guest)</p> <p>Apologies: Asha McNeill, Cr Richardson, Cr McCabe, Cr Pull</p>																																									
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<b>Approved Minutes of Previous meeting</b>	Moved: Dean  Seconded: Rochelle	Note to ask Cr McCabe about SDG meeting  Note to change 'next meeting date' to correct date before publishing
<b>Great Lifestyles of Wickham (GLOW)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GLOW is an incorporated network that supports community action in Wickham</li> <li>- Wickham is the emerging CBD and hosts many important events that attract large numbers of people to the area.</li> <li>- Wickham hosts several key assets for our region that have a particularly strong appeal for young people. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Lass O'Gowrie</li> <li>- Wickham Park (music festivals)</li> <li>- Masa Madre pizza</li> <li>- Newcastle Interchange</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Railway street is an areas of high pedestrian activity as people access The Lass O'Gowrie, Masa Madre and the Newcastle Interchange. Railway lane area is becoming derelict and encouraging anti-social behaviour including rubbish dumping, bicycle thefts, etc.</li> <li>- GLOW is connecting with local businesses, developers, local &amp; state government, etc to address the issue.</li> </ul> <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rubbish dumping</li> <li>- Grass high</li> <li>- Dark</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NYC can communicate to CN councillors about the issue</li> <li>- Could be part of Youth Mock Council working group topic</li> <li>- NYC could lead a placemaking activity</li> <li>- Could do a clean up on the day that young people are present</li> <li>- Collect data &amp; survey local young people – social media and in person (the Lass, etc)</li> </ul>	The Youth Council agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communicate with CN concillors about the issue</li> <li>- Investigate the potential for developing a placemaking project to activate and clean up Railway Lane</li> </ul> <p>Timeline: Will revisit after Youth Mock Council (27/28 July) at August meeting.</p> <p>Working group: Dean, Bailey, Rochelle, Clare, Tevita.</p>

<p><b>Youth Mock Council</b></p>	<p>Rochelle has started contacting schools and received confirmation from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Callaghan Waratah</li> <li>- Hunter Sports HS</li> <li>- Big Picture</li> <li>- Mereweather</li> <li>- Lambton HS</li> </ul> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirm schools &amp; participant numbers</li> <li>- Send student enrolment form to schools</li> <li>- Finalise agenda</li> <li>- Confirm agenda with Councillors</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last year program ran ahead of time on day 2. Could build in extra workshops or activities</li> <li>- Day 2 Q&amp;A panel was great</li> <li>- Printing was a major delay last year – need to get access to printers in City Hall</li> <li>- Cr/heritage officer/museum could present to participants about the history of the council chambers</li> <li>- How to encourage debate on NOMs during Mock Council session? NYC members can ask questions</li> <li>- High expense of YMC catering – need to explore ways to make it cheaper</li> <li>- Discussion about food – make sure that the food served is full meals rather than just sandwiches</li> </ul>	<p>Nick &amp; Rochelle to update schools contact list</p> <p>Rochelle to continue liaising with schools</p> <p>Working Group: Dean, Rochelle, Alex, Bailey</p> <p>Planning meeting Thursday 15, 5.30pm @ Newcastle Library - invite all NYC members</p>
<p><b>CN Community Engagement Strategy</b></p>	<p>Draft CN Community Engagement Strategy is currently out for public comment. Youth Council members are encouraged to visit the Have Your Say page and provide feedback.</p>	

<p><b>General Business</b></p>	<p>Committee is overdue for role re-elections as these were put on hold until membership numbers increased. Membership has reached a sustainable level, and so re-elections will be held at next meeting.</p> <p>Volunteer induction scheduled for August meeting</p>	<p>Nick to send out NYC committee roles to all members.</p> <p>Members can nominate themselves or another committee member for any role. Members are also invited to discuss creating a new role with Nick if there is a particular area of interest not covered by existing roles.</p>
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**Meeting closed at 7.42pm**

***Next Meeting***  
5/07/2023  
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