

Agenda

Date: Tuesday 7 February 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 Brandson, Community Member
Cr Margaret Wood (Deputy Chair)	Anna Hombsch, Community Member
Cr Jenny Barrie	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 Engagement Economy & Corporate Affairs
Dr Jamie Mackee (Newcastle Pride)	Janie Gibson, Whale Chorus
David Boyce, Omega Ensemble	Matt Endacott
Adrian Burnett, New Annual Senior Producer & Curator	

Item	Topic	Responsibility	Time
1	Welcome	Chair	2 mins
	1.1 Apologies		
	1.2 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest		
2	Acknowledgement of Country - I would like to begin by acknowledging the Awabakal and Worimi people, traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to their elders past and present	Chair	3 mins
3	Endorse minutes of 31 October 2022 (Attachment A)	Chair	5 mins
4	Committee Performance	Chair	10 mins
	4.1 Endorse Annual Performance Report (Attachment B)		
	4.2 Strategic Focus Areas for 2023		
5	Omega Ensemble	David Boyce	15 mins
6	Whale Chorus	Janie Gibson	15 mins
7	New Annual update	Adrian Burnett	10 mins
8	Civic Services update including Come From Away	Delia O'Hara	10 mins
9	Major Events including Newcastle 500	Lynn Duffy	5 mins
10	General Business	Chair	5 mins
	10.1 Creative Industries Economic Development event		
11	Closing	Chair	5 mins
	Next meeting 5.30pm Tuesday 4 April 2023		

Unconfirmed Meeting Minutes

Attachment A

Date: 31 October 2022	Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm	Venue: City Hall Chambers
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1 Welcome

Councillor Duncan welcomed attendees to the meeting.

1.1 Attendees:

Members

Cr Carol Duncan	– Chairperson
Cr Margaret Wood	– Deputy Chairperson
Cr Jenny Barrie	– Councillor
Lynn Duffy	– Committee Facilitator
Dr Ann Hardy	– University of Newcastle, Stakeholder Member
Helen Payne	– Committee Secretary

Guests

Julie Baird	– Director Museum Archive Libraries & Learning
Lauretta Morton OAM	– Director Newcastle Art Gallery
Nick Kaiser	– Acting Manager Media Engagement Economy & Corporate Affairs
Tom Smith	– Heritage Planner
Petria Jukes	– Community Planning & Development Manager
Simone Soeters	– Social Planner
Katerina Skoumbas	– Big Picture Fest, Festival Director
Janine Collins	– J9 Consulting, Connect Create Curate (virtually through Teams)
Dr Jamie Mackee	– Newcastle Pride
Cr Elizabeth Adamczyk	– (part meeting)

Apologies

Cr Nuatali Nelmes	– Lord Mayor
Delia O'Hara	– Manager Civic Services
Matt Endacott	– Wren Street Consulting, Stakeholder Member
Dr Shane Brandson	– Community Member
Anna Hombsch	– Community Member
Janice Musumeci	– Community Member
Jasmine Fletcher	– Community Member
Zephie Cerny	– Octopod

1.2 Introductions

1.2.1 Members and guests introduced themselves to the Committee.

1.3 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

1.3.1 There were no conflicts of interest declared.

1.4 **Cr Duncan declared the meeting informal without the quorum.**

2 Acknowledgement of Country

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

3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions arising

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held 2 August 2022 were confirmed.

3.2 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.	Action Ongoing. The Draft Cultural Precinct Plan has been presented to the CCAC several times for consultation and stakeholder feedback. The Draft Plan will be presented to the Council in 2022.

4 CN Structure Change

4.1 Lynn Duffy presented on the Organisation Structure Change which can be viewed at [link](#). In 2040, Newcastle will be a liveable, sustainable, inclusive global city.

4.2 Nick Kaiser briefed the Committee on Media Engagement Economy & Corporate Affairs (MEECA) which includes:

- Community engagement
- Corporate communications and media management
- Marketing strategy and creative services
- Economic development and capacity building
- Destination marketing
- Event development and licensing

4.3 Julie Baird briefed the Committee on Museum Archives Libraries & Learning (MALL) which includes:

- Newcastle Museum
- Archive
- Libraries/Child Care Centre
- Fort Scratchley Historic Site

Working on joint conferences and Newcastle will be hosting the National AMAGA Conference in Newcastle 2023.

5 Draft Newcastle Heritage Policy

- 5.1 Tom Smith presented the draft Newcastle Heritage Policy for review which was on public exhibition for 28 days and is consistent with CN's adopted Heritage Strategy. Overall feedback was supportive and no changes were suggested.

Cr Duncan thanked Dr Ann Hardy for her invaluable work with the National Trust.

6 Newcastle Art Gallery update

- 6.1 Laretta Morton OAM provided an update on the Newcastle Art Gallery including the relocation of the collection while the Gallery is closed, the outreach programming and the expansion project progress.

7 Draft Social Infrastructure Strategy and Draft Local Social Strategy

- 7.1 The Committee were provided with an overview of the two strategies which have been developed by the CN Community Planning & Development team after extensive community engagement. Both documents are considered as informing strategies to the CN [Newcastle 2040](#) Community Strategic Plan (CSP).

Local Social Strategy vision:

- remove barriers to **inclusion and equal opportunity**
- encourage community **connection and participation**
- celebrate our rich **social and cultural diversity**
- strengthen **community health and wellbeing**

Four strategic priorities:

- Priority 1 Equitable communities
- Priority 2 Inclusive communities
- Priority 3 Connected communities
- Priority 4 Healthy communities

Social Infrastructure Strategy vision:

- **strategic approach** to delivery of infrastructure independently or in partnership
- evidence base for **coordinated infrastructure improvement**
- position for **collaborative funding and partnership** opportunities
- governance for **access and use** by community

Four strategic priorities:

- Equitable distribution for growth and resilience
- Quality and adaptive places to play and stay
- Community capacity building and inclusion
- Governance, partnerships and collaboration

Creating an equitably distributed, sustainability managed and inclusive network of public places and spaces, services and programs, contributing to a liveable, sustainable and inclusive global Newcastle.

Both strategies are on public exhibition until 25 November with details at [link](#)

Cr Adamczyk thanked staff for the extensive community engagement and for the most engagement in history of CN in the social justice and inclusion space.

8 Music in the Regions

- 8.1 Janine Collins presented on Music in the Regions being an initiative of the NSW Government seed funded by Create NSW with the objectives being:
- Tour classic music to regions of NSW not currently served by touring companies
 - Build new audiences and build capacity of regional communities to present concerts
 - To develop and grow regional classical music artists
 - To build partnerships with community conservatoriums and RADO's.

9 Newcastle Cultural Precinct Concept Masterplan

- 9.2 Cr Duncan briefed the Committee on the draft Newcastle Cultural Precinct Concept Masterplan being reported to Council for adoption on 22 November.

10 Newcastle Pride

- 10.1 Dr Jamie Mackee briefed the Committee on Newcastle Pride being a local LGBTQI plus charity driven by volunteers, very much about advocacy and providing safe events for the community. led by Lee-Anne McDougall (President) and Hellen Richards (Vice President). The Youth Pride formal was a free event at the Museum the current Pride Festival and future events were discussed.

11 Big Picture Fest

- 11.1 Katerina Skoumbas presented on the Big Picture Fest 2022. The recap video can be viewed with sound at [the BPF 2022 recap video link](#).
QR codes on murals can be scanned to watch a one minute video of the mural and artist.

12 General Business

- 12.1 Cr Duncan advised the Jersey Boys sold out – a broken record
12.2 Come from Away next year tickets on sale

13 2023 Meeting Schedule

- 13.1 7 February, 4 April, 1 August and 6 November 2023

8 Closing

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

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Foreword from the Chair



In 2023, we enter the fourth year of the Covid-19 pandemic and if we look back at the immense challenges that have faced our community since 2020, it gives us even more reason to celebrate the strength and resilience of Novocastrians, none more so than in our arts and cultural sectors.

As Newcastle continues to gain renown as a city in which arts and cultural events, tourism and the visitor economy, along with education, health and research, become even more significant economic drivers, the pandemic is also a powerful reminder of how critical arts and culture are to us as humans. The desire to feel included, to be creative, to share experiences and foster opportunities run deep.

The Committee is proud to have successfully presented a new cultural framework - the [Newcastle Cultural Precinct Masterplan](#) which was developed following consultation with many cultural institutions, community groups and local businesses. It identifies the importance of key cultural projects such as the expansion of the Newcastle Art Gallery and the refurbishment of the Victoria Theatre, which, along with increased collaboration across institutions, will help unlock more than \$16 million in direct and indirect benefits to the local economy each year, including almost 35,000 additional visitor nights.

Collaboration between the Committee and other Newcastle cultural and community bodies continues to grow important links between local government and organisations that strive to improve the lives and experiences of all Novocastrians and visitors to our city. We are delighted that World Pride, in 2023 hosted by the City of Sydney, has chosen Newcastle as its only official regional event hub. We're grateful for the generosity of knowledge and experience shared with us by invited guests, including Janine Collins - the Director of Music In The Regions, and Lisa Colley - the City of Sydney Manager of Cultural Strategy. We not only learn from these links, but it creates even more opportunities for connection, inclusion and creativity.

I want to extend my thanks to each member of the Committee for their support and enthusiasm, each guest who has joined us, and the City of Newcastle staff who help make this work possible.

It's a privilege and a joy.

Membership

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Objective of the committee

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Summary of key items of business considered

Date of Meeting	Business Item
Thursday 17 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • 2021 Annual Report • Draft Social Infrastructure Strategy and Draft Local Social Strategy • Draft Cultural Precinct Plan • Priorities for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Annual, cultural events and CONDA - Implementation of Cultural Precinct Plan - Illuminating Cities - Library Strategy • Consideration of Working Parties for 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cultural Precinct - Cultural Events
Tuesday 5 April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcastle Museum Visitation Strategy • Libraries and Learning Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Library Management System - Lambton Library and OPEN+ • Big Picture Fest Newcastle • Curious Legends • OzTheatrics • Community Members EOI • Operating Procedures for Working Parties – Cultural Precinct and Cultural Events
Tuesday 2 August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt Committee Terms of Reference • City of Sydney Cultural Strategist • New Annual • Our Sustainable Waste Strategy
Monday 31 October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CN Structure Change • Newcastle Art Gallery update • Draft Social Infrastructure Strategy and Draft Local Social Strategy • Music in the Regions • Newcastle Cultural Precinct Concept Masterplan • Newcastle Pride involvement • Big Picture Fest

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Summary of key achievements

Newcastle Museum Visitation Strategy (Dr Lynda Kelly)
City of Sydney Cultural Strategist (Dr Lisa Colley)
Newcastle Cultural Precinct Concept Masterplan
Music in the Regions (Janine Collins)

Summary of performance and governance

Date of Meeting	Quorum achieved	Members in attendance	Agenda circulated to members and published on CN's website	Declaration of conflicts of interest listed as agenda item	Minutes circulated to members, adopted by the committee and published on CN's website
Thursday 17 February 2022	Quorate	Cr Carol Duncan, Chair Cr Margaret Wood, Deputy Chair Cr Jenny Barrie, Councillor Member Dr Ann Hardy, University of Newcastle Matt Endacott (guest) Dr Shane Brandson (guest)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tuesday 5 April 2022	Quorate	Cr Carol Duncan, Chair Cr Margaret Wood, Deputy Chair Cr Jenny Barrie, Councillor Member Dr Ann Hardy, University of Newcastle Matt Endacott Dr Shane Brandson, Community Member	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Tibetan Community Festival



Lowlands Bowling Club 130th Anniversary



City Hall Event



Live music (Les Poetes Pop)