

NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL

MINUTES

4/08/2021

5 – 7pm @ Newcastle Library
Laman Street, Newcastle

Chairperson: Alex Saxby-Milles
Minute Taker: Asha McNeill

Meeting opened at 5.04pm

		Notes			Actions																																			
1	Acknowledgement of Country	By Alex Saxby-Milles																																						
2	Introductions and apologies	Present: Olivia Stewart, Hunter Blunden, Samuel Jenkins, Keipei Tani, Natasha (Cooks Hill Advisor), Aoife, Jasmine Preston (Cooks Hill), Jacob (Cooks Hill), Kelsey Gray, Nick Grinpukel, Alex Saxby-Milles, Kevin Werris Hill, Lauren Proctor, Simone Soeters (NCC)																																						
		Apologies: N/A																																						
3	2021/2022 budget	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Youth Council</th> <th colspan="2">Youth Week</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$5,400</td> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>\$9,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>REMAINDER</td> <td>\$5,400</td> <td>REMAINDER</td> <td>\$9,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expense Items</td> <td></td> <td>Expense Items</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Youth Council		Youth Week		TOTAL	\$5,400	TOTAL	\$9,000	REMAINDER	\$5,400	REMAINDER	\$9,000					Expense Items		Expense Items																			
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4	Approved Minutes of Previous meeting	<p>Moved: Kelsey</p> <p>Seconded: Hunter</p>	
5	Business Arising from previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pride week events postponed due to Covid outbreaks – Newcastle Libraries planning when to run events either aligning with Pride week or outside of it. - Social event with Lake Macquarie to be followed up by Nick - Youth Mock Council Community Pantry to be followed up by Nick 	
6	Cooks Hill Campus Coastal Management Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation given by Natasha and students from Cooks Hill Campus. - Cooks Hill Campus involved with council surrounding waste – creating social action project which connects with community and takes part in actions such as Take 3 for the Sea. - Social Action Project not yet a public website but in the process of creating YouTube videos to capture progress for education - Cooks Hill students sent to Take 3 for the Sea Youth Forum with support from NCC. They spent time interacting with Indigenous elders, professionals in the field of sustainability and waste management and the zoo itself. Spoke at the Summit to share their action plan for Cooks Hill Campus. - Action Plan: Act, Communicate, Educate. - Many plans for future projects including a book. - Request from Cooks Hill for trolley or moveable bin to make collecting rubbish easier. - Request for cigarette bins in designated areas they have noticed many discarded cigarettes – idea to make them fun with voting system such as ‘Jets or Knights’. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooks Hill Campus to put together a proposal for required items to go through both Council and Youth Council to be actioned. - Website for Social Action Project to be made available to the Youth Council in future by Natasha.
7	Local Social Strategy	<p>Overview of presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gives Council the platform to address key social issues in their LGA to be approved and adopted by Council. - Following previous Social Strategy which expired in 2019. New document will have a ten-year vision and will sit under Newcastle 2040 Community Strategic Plan. Ready for public in early-mid 2022. - Aligning strongly with liveable community – focus on social justice and inclusion. - Will be tied to four-year delivery programs and annual action plans. - Drawing inspiration from the Doughnut of social and planetary boundaries (Kate Raworth 2017). - Community engagement: short videos of local Novocastrians – newcastleismyplace.com. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Council members invited to complete survey at newcastleismyplace.com if they wish to. - To connect with Simone Soeters: ssoeters@ncc.nsw.gov.au - Slides from presentation to be made available to Youth Council members through Nick.

		<p>Discussion from the Youth Council</p> <p>Issues surrounding social matters for a liveable city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Queer spaces - Affordable housing - Liveable housing for all - Cycle ways - Supporting the arts in Newcastle - Lack of Indigenous education within High Schools - Public Transport - Homeless support - Lack of education around domestic and family violence - Youth employment <p>How to make community feel supported and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal connections with those who have similar lived experiences - Mental health support systems - Diverse representations of the community - Diversity in leadership - Access to community centres within local areas - Youth groups in schools - Community led events - Buddy system <p>What the role of NCC is in working towards social justice outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting community led events - Empowering and enabling young people - Listening to lived experiences – storytelling - Directly supporting social justice groups - Housing - Advocating for those experiencing disadvantage - Talking with people experiencing houselessness <p>Issue raised that those without access to internet may be unable to connect with the project. Face to face meetings happening but difficulty with covid.</p>	
8	Volunteer Induction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All members present read the volunteer handbook available at: https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Newcastle/media/Documents/Community/Get%20Inv 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members who do not have a working with

		olved/Volunteers/1894-Volunteer-Management-and-Compliance-Handbook-Feb-2021-LR.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All members present read the code of conduct available at: https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/getmedia/3bec1d5a-8656-4301-be8c-84d75681446e/Policy-Code-of-Conduct-for-Council-Committee-Members-Delegates-of-Council-and-Council-Advisors-September-2020-1 	<p>children check to immediately attain one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All volunteer induction forms to be submitted to Nick.
9	General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sam raised a collaboration between collaboration between Youth Council and City of Newcastle Drama Association regarding a Theatre Open Day promoting the theatre industry in Newcastle. Like the Civic Theatre open day. - Alex raised the Youth Council Conference in Goulburn in September. \$500-1000 per person based on preliminary costing including travel, tickets, and accommodation. - At this stage there is the possibility of sending 1-2 members plus a staff member depending on Council policy of travel as well as costing. More likely to be able to be able to send one person due to expenses. Covid may be an issue if the event does not run or encounters other issues. Kevin's workplace might be able to provide a car for travel for future conferences. - Difficult to proceed with Youth Council Conference actioning without a costing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theatre open day be an item on the agenda for the September meeting. - Council to look at what other conferences are available to attend which may be more accessible and with more time to plan for.
10	Social Media	Nothing raised.	N/A

Meeting closed at 7.09pm

Next Meeting

7/09/2021 @ TBC

Chairperson – Alex Saxby-Milles

Minute Taker – TBC