



NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL

MINUTES

5/04/2022 5 – 7pm @ Newcastle Library Laman Street, Newcastle

Chairperson: Alex Saxby-Milles Minute Taker: Brittani Presland

Meeting opened at 7.06pm

Notes Actions

1	Acknowledgement					
2	of Country Introductions and apologies	Present: Cr Deahnna Richardson, Cr Charlotte McCabe, Alex Saxby-Milles, Brittani Presland, Isabella Moretti, Harine Kesavan, Asha McNeil, Nick Grinpukel Apologies: Kevin Hill, Sam Jenkins, Ash Harrison,				
3	2018/2019 budget	Youth Council TOTAL REMAINDER	\$5,000 \$5,000	Youth Week TOTAL REMAINDER	\$12,278 \$1,958	- Nick to investigate and purchase Youth Council collateral
		Expense Items		Expense Items Grant - Express Yourself Grant - Capture My Community Grant - Art Express Grant - Skateboarding to Health Composed live music event NYC t-shirts	\$2,390.00 \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$1,004.00 \$4,176.00 \$750.00	

		- \$1,958 left in the Youth Week budget. Suggestions to spend on Youth Council collateral such as a banner, fliers, merchandise, and social media paid promotion	
4	Approved Minutes of Previous meeting	Moved: Alex Seconded: Cr. Dehanna Richardson	
5	Business Arising from previous minutes	 Youth Council Youth Week event is 'Composed' all-ages live music gig at Newcastle Library Youth Mock Council working groups not established yet as the event dates have changed Youth Council unable to attend Mardis Gras watch party due to conflicting commitments. Event was a success Youth Council members attended Hunter Homeless Connect Day working group meeting Alex attended Lambton Library opening – no young people (15 – 25years) attended, but Alex ran successful badge-making workshop with younger kids 	
6	Youth Council Elections	 4 nominations for Youth Council leadership roles, however all nominees have limited capacity to attend meetings this year due to other commitments. Suggestion for the Chair and vice Chair roles to be divided between 2 people to increase capacity and make sure an officer is always in a meetings for flexibility. Discussion on whether to run elections tonight or at next meeting. Suggestion that if the majority of committee members cannot cannot make Tuesday meetings should the committee consider changing meeting schedule again. 	Deferring elections until May meeting Next meeting to continue discussion on when to hold meetings, Tuesday or Wednesday.
7	Youth Week	Happy Youth Week! 4 – 14 April Committee discussed events happening for the Youth Week program: PCYC Star Jump Challenge HMC Youth Nations launch leadership program for CALD young people. HMC is asking for Youth Council members to attend	 Alex might be available to attend the beginning of HMC event – to confirm Alex to attend Art Express Nick to include details of event program in minutes

		 Library Young adult Book Club Film Night special session of regular monthly book club screening 'Love, Simon' City Hall Sounds event was cancelled due to headline act contracting COVID. Up and Up Art Express running a street art workshop event Jesmond Neighborhood Centre running an event for learning how to mix your own music & graffiti mural painting Full Youth Week program available at https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/community/community-services/youth-week 	
8	Youth Venues	 Discussed the lack of youth-specific venues since the closure of The Loft Cr McCabe suggested that it would be a good time to raise the issue in the context of the Social Infrastructure Strategy and Local Social Strategy Ideas for more youth venues and what they might be. I.e. drop in venues or booked, Discussion about what Youth Council members experiences with youth venues has been - have members used any, would they use a dedicated youth venue? Is it better to have dedicate youth space or multiple venues that are youth friendly, but not youth-specific? Other venues that have been used for Youth events include The Commons (Hamilton), The Dungeon (Adamstown), The Base (Newcastle West), Pachamama House (Hamilton) Suggestion for the Youth Council to do an audit on what youth venues are available and where a new youth venue would be best placed for in Newcastle. Survey people previously involved in THe Loft. Survey Young People about the need for a Youth Venue. Could provide a submission to Social Infrastructure and Local Social strategies Timeline for Social Infrastructure strategy, Due to go on public exhibition this month. 	 Alex volunteered to be involved in the beginning stages of the working group Nick to ask Facebook group and invite members not present at meeting

10	Youth Mock Council Mental Health First Aid Training	 Youth Mock Council (YMC) is a program for high school students to participate in workshops run by councilors, learning how to write Notice of Motions, join committees and run a mock council session. After assessing staff and Youth Council capacity to run Youth Mock Council immediately after Youth Week, YMC will be pushed back in the year. Nick has contacted schools and the greatest availability is for the beginning of Term 3 Headspace Newcastle is offering free places in an online Mental Health First Aid training. Online course, 3 x 2.5 hour sessions, 4-5 places available, dates haven't been set yet. 	 Youth Mock Council to run in week 2 of Term 3 – 28th & 29th July Nick to set up Youth Mock Council working Groups Isabella to ask Ash to be Keynote Speaker Asha, Isabella and Brittany interested in participating, pending dates. Nick to ask Facebook group who would be interested in participating. Nick to follow up with Headspace to confirm dates.
11	General Business	 Bins at Wallsend skate park have been taken away and rubbish collected twice-weekly. Committee asked for their views as rubbish goes into the creek. The committee is considering establishing a working group to investigate & provide a submission to CN. Alex talked about Walk A Mile, Koorie Style event, which will be taking place during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Walk A Mile is looking for new people to join their organising committee. 	 Nick to follow up on the Wallsend Skate Park initiative with possible working group and submission. To join the Walk a Mile Koorie Style committee members are invited to attend the next meeting on Thursday 7 April, 1 – 3pm
12	Social Media	- Suggestion to include Social Media officer in committee chair and vice-chair roles	

Meeting closed at 6.57pm

Next Meeting

4/05/2022 @ Newcastle Library Chairperson – Alex Saxby-Milles Minute Taker - TBC