

MINUTES

6/10/2021

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

Chairperson: Alex Saxby-Miles
Minute Taker: Kelsey Gray

Meeting opened at 5:02pm

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| 1 | Acknowledgement of Country | Alex Saxby-Miles | |
| 2 | Introductions and apologies | <p>Present: Alex Saxby-Miles (Chair), Kepei Tan, Kelsey Gray, Grace Campbell, Harine Kesavan, Isabella Moretti, Samuel Jenkins, Ashley Harrison, Nick Grinpukel (Facilitator)</p> <p>Bianca Bartlett (Go Circular), Michelle Faithful (Compass Housing), Rebecca Allan (CN), Kelly Arnott (CN), Cheryl Royle (Hunter Futurepreneurs)</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Winney-Baartz, Asha McNeil, Hunter Blunden, Lauren Proctor, Olivia Stewart</p> | |

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| 3 | 2021 budget | Youth Council | | Youth Week | | |
| | | TOTAL | \$5,400 | TOTAL | \$9,000 | |
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| | | Expense Items | | Expense Items | | |
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| 4 | Approved Minutes of Previous meeting | <p>Moved: Alex Saxby-Milles</p> <p>Seconded: Lauren Proctor</p> | | | Difficulty obtaining minutes from the previous meeting. Nick will post the minutes to the Facebook page for later approval. | |
| 5 | Business Arising from previous minutes | <p>Newsletter contributions from Hunter and Kelsey – it was decided that long form essays weren't the best format for the newsletter.</p> | | | Nick is considering other options for Hunter and Kelsey to contribute. | |
| 6 | Newcastle2040 | <p>Presentation about the Newcastle2040 Strategy delivered by Kelly Arnott and Rebecca Allan.</p> <p>The preliminary research has identified a gap: how to support employment opportunities in culture and the arts? YC members provided feedback via Mentimeter.</p> | | | | |
| 7 | GoCircular | <p>Presentation about GoCircular Hunter 100: Circular Economy Youth Leadership Program by Bianca Bartlett.</p> <p>The Program focuses on supporting young entrepreneurs interested in the circular economy space.</p> | | | Youth Council members are invited to register for the program and participate over the 3-week period from 25 th October-12 th November. | |
| 8 | Grow a Star podcast | <p>Podcast idea presented by Michelle Faithfull.</p> <p>The idea is to have an entirely youth led project with young people sharing their stories.</p> <p>Alex and Ashley are interested in participating.</p> | | | Interested Youth Council members should let Nick know. | |
| 9 | Entrepreneurship steering group | <p>Presentation about FuturePreneurs and the Hunter Young Business Mind Awards from Cheryl Royle.</p> | | | Any interested people should tell Nick. | |

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| | | <p>Nick spoke about the Youth Entrepreneurs Empowerment Program and its associated Steering Committee. Members of the Steering Committee will deliver the Program and get it off the ground.</p> <p>Ashley is interested.</p> | |
| 10 | Social Media | <p>The YC Instagram account has recently made a number of posts (thanks to Lauren!)</p> <p>Interested in re-starting the 'Meet the YC Members' series again.</p> | <p>Plan for the 'Meet the YC Members Series' to re-start on Instagram.</p> |
| 11 | 2022 Project Ideas | <p>Project idea from Sam – interested in hosting a Creative Arts Open Day. In the morning there could be various stalls run by young people in the creative arts (informational style), and theatre workshops throughout the day.</p> <p>Intending to hold the event in a school holiday period. Preferably January as then people can get involved at the start of the year, but July and December are also options.</p> <p>Location – aiming for City Hall, Wheeler Place, Civic Theatre area</p> <p>The Newcastle Drama Association are supportive of the project and would like to partner. Other organisations which could contribute – CONDA, Civic Theatre. The Spring Street Festival was approximately \$4000. This event will likely be a similar cost.</p> <p>Project idea from Grace – focusing on youth engagement with civic life. Provide youth with information about the different levels of government, explainers about the tiers of government, visit the Council Chambers, participate in a Mock Council meeting etc</p> <p>Stage 3 HSIE Syllabus incorporates civic citizenship and responsibilities – this is a good opportunity to expand our Youth Mock Council program into the earlier age bracket.</p> <p>Potential barriers – getting the schools on board. We need to gauge interest from them first.</p> | <p>Creative Arts Open Day to be put on the agenda for our first meeting next year.</p> <p>Year 5/6 Council project to be placed on the agenda. Gauge interests from schools before committing resources fully to the project. Nick will reach out to some contacts to gauge interest.</p> |

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| | | <p>Youth Council members agree that exposure to local government in younger years is important. Less of a focus on formalities of motion writing etc and more of a focus on ideas, knowledge, and the role of local government.</p> <p>Other ideas – pitch it as a school excursion? Tour of the Chambers? Council Open Day? Need to emphasise that it is more than just a tour of the Chambers (there are other elements involved).</p> <p>Involvement in early discussions – Alex, Grace, Nick</p> | |
| 12 | End of year celebration | <p>From 1 December it seems like we are able to hold events with less restrictions.</p> <p>The plan is to have a picnic outdoors. Members are happy to use some of our budget for the food.</p> | Nick will put up a poll in the Facebook group to lock in a date. |
| 13 | Dates for next year | <p>The plan is to continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (alternating). Suggestion to move to the second half of the month rather than the first.</p> | |
| 14 | General Business | <p>The Virtual Youth Mental Health Forum, hosted by the Mental Health Foundation Australia, is happening on October 7th and Alex is speaking. It is free to register and members are encouraged to attend.</p> | |

Meeting closed at 7:09pm