

# NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 16 August 2018  
5 – 7pm @ Newcastle Library  
Laman Street, Newcastle



1. Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country
2. Introductions & Apologies

**Present:**

Jacob Gamble – NYC Chairperson

Ashley Harrison – NYC Member

Rizina Yadav – NYC Member

Kelsey Gray - NYC Member

Sophie MacDonald – NYC Member

Lavendel Sequin – NYC Member

Sarah Dodd - NYC

Kirk Ellis – Interim Library Youth  
Engagement Officer

Amber Stewart – NYC Facilitator

Cr Carol Duncan - NYC Councillor

Maddie Bull - NYC Guest

Ben - Maryland Neighbourhood Centre

**Apologies:** Cr Declan Clausen, Gwen Devoy, Jack Hayden, Riordan Davies

3. Current budget: Youth Council **\$5,040**

Total budget 2018/2019 = \$5,040

4. Approve Minutes from **July 18** meeting **Action:** Roll over previous Minutes.
5. Business arising from previous Minutes **Action:** Roll over Business Arising.

6. YDO Update and Chat

- Newcastle Youth Interagency next Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> August) 10am -12pm at Newcastle High. Everyone is welcome to attend. NYC members and Amber will present on Youth Week, and then there will be an opportunity to pitch an idea or jump on board to support an idea. **Action:** Use this as an opportunity to talk about Youth Mock Council at Newcastle High.
- Training opportunities - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tools-for-hard-conversations-tickets-48943142256>
- Jesmond Neighbourhood Centre is planning to host a Community Day. Early stages yet but Laura will keep us informed.

7. General Business

**Halloween Event** - 80's B Grade Horror Film

**Action:** Kirk to send Amber list of film companies. NYC to then select both films (youth and children).

**How to Adult** - Classes for 'how to adult' such as how to complete a tax return, budgeting, cooking, share housing, time management, mental health and wellbeing, gig economy, casualisation of the workforce etc.

**Action:** NYC members to think about people who would be good to teach each topic and share on the group Facebook page.

**Youth Week 2019** - No Youth Week 2019 date announcements yet. Youth Week grants will be advertised in September/October 2018 for 2019 Youth Week.

**Youth Week Interagency Presentation** - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Jacob, Kelsey, Rizina and Amber will present on Youth Week in Newcastle. Great opportunity to talk about Youth Week, learn from previous years and talk about opportunities for collaboration.

8. Project Work - *Youth Mock Council (YMC)*

- Cr Duncan recommended we incorporate local issues, as the community are concerned about the 'gritty details' and 'where rubber hits the road' (roads, rubbish and rates). Think about what Council actually presides over.
- Try to get at least two Councillors to attend on Day Two for Workshop support.
- Morning tea and Lunch provided every day. Morning tea to be a collection of items purchased the morning of the event. Lunch catering to be Subway for first two days and maybe pizza for the third and final day.
- NYC members able to attend: Jacob, Ashley, Kelsey, Laura (YDO), Rizina, Sarah (on the Wednesday) and Lavendel.
  - **Action:** NYC to develop issue/bill suggestions for each committee to facilitate brainstorming on the day.
  - **Action:** NYC to develop a bill template so participants understand what to do.
  - **Action:** Schools to be divided between NYC members, who will contact schools to speak at their assemblies/talk to SRCs.
  - **Action:** NYC to brainstorm and organise fun activities for the 3 days, such as an egg and spoon race.
  - **Action:** Create participation certificate to give to attendees.
  - **Action:** Amber and Jacob to go shopping each morning for morning tea catering.
  - **Action:** Amber to ask about having a young person does the Welcome to Country. Jacob's friend.
  - **Action:** Amber to ask for NOMS Template.
  - **Action:** Ensure some education on what Council actually has control of.
  - **Action:** Amber to ask Council Staff to help with running Workshops, and also ask Cr John MacKenzie. Cr Duncan may be able to attend, if the Councillor trip to Sydney on the Tuesday is cancelled.

9. Social Media (what's coming up?)

- Monique to meet the Newcastle City Council Communications Manager.
- **Action:** Amber and Monique to organise this after YMC is finished.

10. Proud & Thankfuls

Meeting Closed: 6:33 p.m.

**Next Meeting** - 19 September 2018 @ Newcastle Library  
Chairperson - Jacob Gamble  
Minute Taker - Rizina Yadav

**Next meetings:** Thursday 13 September - Year Wrap Up  
Tuesday 23 October - Council Meeting and Dinner