

# NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 16 May 2018  
5 – 7pm @ Newcastle Library  
Laman Street, Newcastle



1. Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country

2. Introductions & Apologies

## **Present:**

Amber Stewart – NYC Facilitator

Jacob Gamble – NYC Chairperson

Celine St George – NYC Member

Monique Aganovic – NYC Member

Ashley Harrison – NYC Member

Kelsey Gray – NYC Member

Rizina Yadav – NYC Member

Olivia Stein - Newcastle City Library Rep

Mae Anagnostis, Luisa Amosa and  
Charlotte Boulus - Y Project

Cr Peta Winney-Baartz

Cr Declan Clausen

**Apologies:** Cr Carol Duncan, Christy Mullen, Gwen Devoy, Isobel Carr, Jack Hayden, Riordan Davies, Anakha Hari

3. Current budget: Youth Council **\$3,055.59**

Total budget 2017/2018 = \$5,040

*Expenditure June 2017 - May 2018*

- **\$940** on mural for Mental Health Olympics
- **\$250** for Youth Frontiers support (art supplies)
- **\$23** printing for Midnight Sounds
- **\$32** catering for Committee Meetings
- **\$396.14** on NYC T-shirts
- **\$187.27** on Youth Week flyers
- **\$156.00** on name badges
- Barista for Midnight Sounds (still to be resolved)

4. Approve Minutes from **March 14** meeting

Moved: Jacob Gamble

Seconded: Kelsey Gray

5. Approve Minutes from **April 19** meeting

Moved: Monique Aganovic

Seconded: Jacob Gamble

6. Business arising from previous Minutes

7. YDO (Youth Development Officer) Update and Chat

- Youth Arts in Recovery (YAIR) is occurring on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 2 pm. NYC may be able to support by covering cost of morning tea, we have done this in the past. YDO is welcome to use the NYC Craft Box.
- Welcome Ride – trying to reinvigorate projects that bring together refugees and people from migrant backgrounds. NYC could get involved through volunteering by contacting Dale Garbutt at Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre.
- REACH Foundation is running a *Finding Heroes* training program in August for people who work with youth. NYC members may want to participate. To get involved contact Bron Dayson: [bron.dyason@reach.org.au](mailto:bron.dyason@reach.org.au)
- YDO reflected positively on a number of Youth Week events, but felt that more promotion is probably needed, as there is a general lack of awareness about Youth Week and the events and opportunities it offers.

8. Y Project (Luisa, Mae and Charlotte)

- A not for profit organisation, which runs a range of social justice initiatives for young people. They have run a few gigs, music festivals, and a short video competition, to date.
- Use the money raised at events to support local charities such as Newcastle Night Angels. Are trying to support an all age's music scene in Newcastle.
- NYC could collaborate with the Y Project on live music events and advertise our events to their community. Y Project volunteers would also be willing to help NYC with our initiatives.
- Y Project provided some location suggestions for holding live music events: 48 Watt Street (no PA system), The Lockup (no PA system), The Dungeon (has a PA system), Museum (quite good venue, high ceilings could be an issue for acoustics), Newcastle Music Collective, Newcastle Music Academy.
- Y Project provided some advice regarding running a youth music gig: collaboration is key to reach out to a wide range of communities and ensure project success, plan for success/something bigger, it does take a few attempts to get it running, learning experience (write down everything that goes wrong and then try and fix this).
- Newcastle Music Week is occurring in August (2 weeks duration). The Y Project is putting on a collaborative gig. They are willing to collaborate with NYC if we would like to run something for Newcastle Music Week.

9. General Business

- Youth Week Feedback and Acquittal (Amber)

Each grant recipient sends a formal acquittal regarding the event, which informs the State Government how the money was spent (who was involved in the program, whom it benefitted etc.) and ensures grant money is available again next year.

However, NYC felt it might be a good idea to ask some of our own questions to grant recipients. Jacob distributed a draft questionnaire and feedback was given by NYC members.

- Newcastle 2030 CSP (Amber) - The Newcastle 2030 CSP is on public exhibition at Council libraries and on the Council website.

**Action: Are seeking youth submissions/perspectives, whether that is by individual NYC members or the NYC as a collective.**

- T-shirts and name badges (Amber)

Have arrived and look great!

**Action: Let Amber know if you would like a black or white shirt.**

- Volunteers Morning Tea (Amber)

Free morning tea to thank Council's approximately 350 volunteers.

Good opportunity to raise awareness of NYC.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 10 a.m. at Newcastle Museum.

- HYMC (Amber)

HYMC is planned for Local Government Week in July/August.

A subcommittee was formed which will meet on 29<sup>th</sup> May to discuss and develop the initiative.

Christy had already drafted a letter to schools and Councillors. However, advertising, location, and Project Charter modification, are needed.

10. Project Work

**Newcastle City Library**

- Library wants to engage with young people, one initiative to achieve this could be *How to Adult* workshops, covering topics such as budgeting, nutrition, how to make friends in a new city etc. (**Action: need to get 5 members to vote on supporting this**). NYC suggested a speed dating setup for the workshop (go to the tables/areas where you're interested and rotate) that could be concluded with a keynote speaker.
- Halloween – The library is coordinating a family event for Halloween in October; however they would like one targeted at young people, such as screening a horror film (bean bags, popcorn, Civic Park etc.). The library does not have funding for this – NYC budget could be used.
- Newcastle Library representative, Olivia Stein contact email: [C3237114@uon.edu.au](mailto:C3237114@uon.edu.au)

**Sustainability Festival**

- Small one-day event featuring a line up of speakers talking about sustainability and a number of stalls from local organisations (e.g. Y Project could have a stall).
- An event name is needed!
- Possible location – Gregson Park mimicking the setup of the Unity and Diversity Festival.
- Newcastle City Library is willing to collaborate.
- **Action: Jacob to contact Jamie.**

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

- NYC Facebook is currently ineffective in reaching young people.
- A NYC Instagram account, especially through the use of stories, would be beneficial as it's more engaging and young people use Instagram more than Facebook.
- YDO has an Instagram, which can be used to advertise NYC events.
- NYC would like to engage more with young people in Newcastle who are doing great things, perhaps through a Young Person of the Month initiative/feature.
- **Action: Amber to follow up Instagram with Communications Manager. Organise a meeting with Monique and Comms if required.**

12. Proud & Thankfuls

Meeting Closed: 7:03 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

14 June 2018 @ Newcastle Library

Chairperson - Jacob Gamble  
Minute Taker - Rizina Yadav

**Next meetings:**

Meeting 6: Wednesday 18 July - Project Work

Meeting 7: Thursday 16 August - Project Work

Meeting 8: Wednesday 19 September - Celebrate our year