

**COMMUNITY AND CULTURE  
STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TERMS OF REFERENCE**



**GOVERNING BODY / APPROVED BY  
FUNCTIONAL ALIGNMENT**

Council  
Creative and Community Services

**SHORT DESCRIPTION**

To provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to cultural planning, arts and cultural opportunities, community pride and local identity, and community involvement which encourages a sense of belonging within the LGA.

**ALIGNMENT TO NEWCASTLE 2040 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

**Creative**

- 3.1 Vibrant and creative city
- 3.2 Opportunities in jobs, learning and innovation
- 3.3 Celebrating culture
- 3.4 City-shaping partnerships

Creative Newcastle

Our city is vibrant, inclusive and creative. Newcastle is a destination known for its culture, heritage, entertainment and innovative ideas.

We are excited about the city's opportunities in the areas of jobs, education and the economy.

Multiculturalism, Aboriginal culture, diverse communities and the arts are celebrated. Locals and visitors gather for events and cultural experiences and to feel part of the community.

Newcastle is driven by city-shaping partnerships that enhance our opportunities and attract people to live, play and invest in our city.

**PURPOSE**

1. To provide advice on development of strategies to ensure Council has appropriate community and cultural programs that promote social inclusion, social justice and sustainability;
2. To provide advice on cultural planning for integrated community services and oversee the implementation of Council's social strategies and related management plans and operations;
3. To provide advice and guidance on policies that support the progress and development of arts, culture and learning to make the LGA a culturally rich and vibrant community; and
4. To provide advice on the development of programs and strategic partnerships that foster a strong sense of local identity, distinctiveness, belong, and community spirit.

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Meeting dates are 4 March, 3 June, 2 September and 3 November 2025 commencing at 5.30pm.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

1. Up to three Councillors;
2. Representatives from Stakeholder Organisations, determined by the Committee (Chairperson with the assistance Facilitator); and
3. Up to three Community Representatives.

**CHAIRPERSON**

One Councillor appointed by Council from among the Councillor members.

**DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

One Councillor appointed by Council from among the Councillor members.

**MEMBERS**

Councillor Member - Councillor Jenny Barrie (Chairperson)  
Councillor Member - Councillor Deahanna Richardson (Deputy Chairperson)  
Councillor Member - Councillor Sinead Francis-Coan  
Stakeholder Member - Cadi McCarthy, Catapult dance choreographic hub  
Stakeholder Member - Daniel Stoddart, Stoddart Entertainment Group  
Stakeholder Member - Dr Sue Carson, University of Newcastle  
Community Member - Adam Deusien  
Community Member - Clare Twist  
Community Member - Rosemarie Milsom