

Foreword

The Newcastle Youth Council guides the implementation of youth strategies for City of Newcastle, raises awareness of youth issues, and engages young people in local government. Youth Council has continued its strong public engagement throughout 2024. Youth Week 2024 was held between the 11 and 22 of April with over 600 young people attending events, and five Youth Week grants allocated by Youth Council. The Committee also consulted on various CN initiatives and planned Youth Mock Council which occurred on 7 & 8 August.

Membership

* Membership of the Newcastle Youth Council has fluctuated over the period indicated as members join or leave due to age requirements or other commitments.

Cr Charlotte McCabe
Cr Callum Pull
Cr Deahnna Richardson
Rochelle Manning
Asha McNeill
Bailey Myers
Jonah Scoular
Isobel Redmond
Jessamine Lobb

Objective of the committee

As per the Newcastle Youth Council Terms of Reference, the responsibilities of the Committee are as follows:

Inclusive Community

- 4.1b Support initiatives and facilities that encourage social inclusion and community connections
- 4.2b Improve access to formal and informal lifelong learning opportunities, facilities and services

Summary of key business considered and achievements

- Youth Council members participated and assisted the organisation of Youth Week Grants. CN provided grants to five organisations and Youth Council worked with them to co-design and run their own events with young people.
- Youth Council was involved with organising, running, or consulting on eleven Youth Week events or projects in 2024. 645 young people attended events, with 38 young people organising and running events. Newcastle Museum's first teenage event 'TAKEOVER' was established with assistance and advice from Youth Council.
- Two Youth Council members were selected for the position of Social Media Coordinator, and social media pages were reactivated.
- From June 2024 Youth Council initiated planning of Newcastle Youth Mock Council, which was held in August 2024 with excellent feedback from students.

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- Youth Council provided consultation on several initiatives including CN's Broadmeadow Place Strategy, CN's application for the NSW Youth Opportunities Grant, and a Notice of Motion from young person Johnny Mahoney on skate parks.

Summary of performance and governance

Date of Meeting	Quorum achieved	Members in attendance	Agenda circulated to members and published on CN's website	Declaration of conflicts of interest listed as agenda item	Minutes circulated to members, adopted by the committee and published on CN's website
7 February 2024	Quorate	Cr McCabe (via Teams), Cr Pull, Rochelle Manning, Becky Kiil (Facilitator), Jessamine Lobb (pending member), Isobel Redford (pending member), Carol Edmonds (CN Museum, Archives Libraries & Learning Program Lead), Bailey Myers, Jonah Scoular, Dean Selem, Alex Saxy-Miles (Community Member)	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 April 2024	Quorate	Cr Richardson, Cr McCabe (via Teams), Asha McNeill Alex Saxy-Miles (Community Member), Sasha Stockham, Jonah Scoular, Becky Kiil (Facilitator), Cr Jenny Barrie, Carol Edmonds (CN Museum, Archives Libraries & Learning Program Lead)	Yes	Yes	Yes
1 May 2024	Quorate	Cr McCabe, Dean Selem, Becky (facilitator), Rochelle Manning, Alex Saxby-Miles, Sasha Stockham, Jonah Scoular, Isobel Redford, Sarah Kelly (CN Strat. Planning), Amy Ryan (CN Strat. Planning)	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 June 2024	Quorate	Cr Pull, Cr McCabe, Gabriella Tamsett, Jonah Scoular, Asha McNeill, Alex Saxy-Miles (Community Member) Becky Kiil (Facilitator)	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 July 2024	Inquorate	Cr Pull, Becky Kiil (Facilitator), Alex Saxby-Miles, Sasha Stockham, Jonah Scoular, Dean Selem	Yes	Yes	No (Inquorate)