

NEWCASTLE YOUTH COUNCIL**MINUTES**

**5.30 – 7.30pm @ Newcastle Library
Laman Street, Newcastle**

Chairperson: Ibrahim Khalid

Minute Taker: Jacob Ure

Meeting opened at 5:40pm 7 May 2025

Notes		Actions
Acknowledgement of Country		
Introductions and apologies	<p>Present: Cr Paige Johnson, Cr Sinead Francis-Coan, Cr Callum Pull (Online), Mayya, Ibrahim, Tarryn, Julian Siena, Imogen (UNSA/UON Rep), Dean (Online), Becky (Facilitator), Carol (CN)</p> <p>Apologies: Asha, Alex, Robbie, Matilda</p> <p>Conflicts of Interest: Cr Johnson is a representative on Newcastle City Traffic Committee - Nonsignificant item.</p>	
25/26 budget	Budget TBC	
Approved Minutes of Previous meeting	Formal role descriptions finalised.	

Committee member roles	<p>Becky sent through list to the Youth Council members via email.</p> <p>No feedback was received re roles available.</p> <p>Ibrahim read through the list of options, opening to self-nominations.</p> <p>Imogen suggested Secretary Roll as an amendment to the General Correspondence Officer. Include assisting communication as needed - with minutes taking role to rotate - then reviewed by this person.</p> <p>Secretary to receive, review and distribute the meeting minutes. Provide mentorship to minute takers - The go-to 'expert'.</p> <p>Cr Pull had questions regarding high school correspondence - regarding difficulties. Mayya volunteered for the role.</p> <p>Positions decided for Financial Year 25/26</p> <p>Vice Chairperson: Julian, Dean</p> <p>Partnership Builder: Imogen, unless the absentees put their name forward.</p> <p>Finance Officer: (Not needed)</p> <p>Social Media Officers: Siena and Julian (Provided with guidelines)</p> <p>Secretary (Formerly General Correspondence Officer): Jacob</p> <p>Events Officer: Chloe</p> <p>Youth Mock Council Organisers (3+ Positions available) (6 and 7 of August): Ibrahim, Mayya, Siena, Tarryn, Dean</p> <p>High School Correspondent: Mayya, Tarryn</p>	<p>Sub-committee meeting next month (Wednesday 4 June) needs to be attended by four mock youth council organisers.</p> <p>School coordinator and Uni Rep to bring things to general business - Updates on what's happening in the HS and uni spaces.</p>
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	<p>UON Correspondent: Imogen</p> <p>Currently Imogen goes back to SRC to provide a report from NYC.</p> <p>Cr Johnson expressed the benefit of the two-way aspect of the role.</p> <p>Chloe suggested collaborative events with the Uni. Imogen agreed and can assist in organising UoN-run venues.</p>	
Youth Week Survey Update	<p>Chloe shared her screen on teams, showing the results of the survey.</p> <p>We had 38 responses, ages ranging from 10 to 55, 16 being the most common age.</p> <p>Majority female, followed by male and NB respondents.</p> <p>Some from Sydney, some from Tamworth, some from Lake Mac</p> <p>Becky emphasised that the results focus on the need for gigs and all age entertainment.</p> <p>Great feedback on art activities.</p> <p>Issue with non-lock-in, drunk adults (Parents of the Youth). Think about future events and Youth Centre, pros and cons (Risks).</p>	CN Grant recipients' acquittals due by Friday 16 May.
Youth Centre Workshop	<p>Purpose is to gain a broad input on what is needed for a new Youth Centre for 12+ year olds - key facilities, programs, atmosphere, 'How do we get there?', etc.</p> <p>Snr CN management is attending next meeting.</p> <p>Paper was distributed for idea generation.</p> <p>Paige read out the comments in Teams from Dean and Chloe.</p>	<p>Becky to circulate a computer activity for final workshop activity that we did not have time for.</p> <p>Key points to be translated into a mind map by Secretary and Becky for circulation.</p>

	<p>Present NYC members then read through theirs.</p> <p>Common themes:</p> <p>Location and layout accessibility, big space (Ibrahim said 1000m2 floor space!), access to services (Mental Health, tutoring, mentoring), creative facilities, study facilities, entertainment, food, employees are young people, and social events.</p> <p>Current Youth Meet Spaces discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Libraries - Charlestown Square - NuSpace - The Pool/Beach - Cafes - Headspace Gigs - Licensed Venues <p>Points of parity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free - Vibrant/loud (shops) - Quiet (Libraries) <p>What would make a community space feel welcoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adaptability - Private spaces - Open that can be multi functional - Security/Staff onsite - Connection with community - People from various cultural and lifestyle backgrounds. 	
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Communication preferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WhatsApp preferred method of communication 	<p>Outlook Calendar invites to be sent out by Becky.</p> <p>WhatsApp group to be set up once Becky acquires work phone, may be a few weeks.</p>
Youth Parking Permits	<p>Julian passed around briefs.</p> <p>He lives in paid parking zone, with closest free parking being 600m away. Parking permits, tickets and fines are costly.</p> <p>Suggests residential parking permit for houses with more than 3 cars and youth.</p> <p>\$5.50 an hour for parking currently - not ideal for students.</p> <p>Framework suggested is P1 license - 23yo to receive parking permit.</p> <p>Further details on the limitations on this proposal can be read on the attached brief.</p> <p>Tarryn concerned that it would be unfair to give students this concession.</p> <p>Julian suggested that students and people in the above-mentioned age bracket are generally at a disadvantage due to either the early stages of career, casual employment, no employment, etc.</p> <p>Imogen suggested that it replicates the logic of a concession card.</p> <p>Cr Francis-Coen agreed that the idea is good and could be dependent on location.</p> <p>Cr Johnson gave potential view from NCTC - She said this sounded like a youth parking permit exemption in line with the current Resident</p>	<p>Dean, Julian and Becky to meet and discuss further. Cr Johnson offered to provide Becky with a contact person at CN Traffic team for advice and a potential meeting.</p>

	<p>Parking Permit scheme. Opportunity to look at youth discounts for parking permits and tickets.</p> <p>Sinead mentioned development to increase demand for parking.</p> <p>Julian said zoning could be used to justify exemptions.</p> <p>Cr Johnson said it is currently based by precincts, which align somewhat with housing density and parking demand. If you don't have onsite parking this allows you to park near your home.</p> <p>Tarryn suggested uni students should be encouraged to use public transport.</p> <p>Dean and Julian expressed the frustration with long transit times for these groups when using public transport to go between home, uni, work.</p> <p>Dean also agreed incentivising private transport in the city could have a negative impact, where public transport could be the solution. 'Double edged sword'.</p> <p>Tarryn suggested it may clog up parking.</p> <p>Imogen said it is more of a residential parking issue for students, rather than a mode of transport. Young people generally work odd hours and would like to use safe transport, and park near home.</p> <p>Agreed that we need to refine this, meet with someone from the Traffic group to understand how this could work. Must focus on the size of households i.e a large share house with 10 cars may create issues.</p>	
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Youth Mock Council	Mock Council Sub-committee meeting Wednesday 4 June, 5:30 – 6:30. Mock Council Coordinators to attend and Councillors also invited.	All members to consider suggestions for (affordable) guest speakers prior to 4 June.
General Business		Next Youth Council Standing Committee meeting July 2nd.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm.

Next Meeting
Wednesday 2 July 2025
5.30 – 7.15 pm
Meet 1, Newcastle City Library