

Confirmed Meeting Minutes

Date: 17 February 2022	Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm	Venue: City Hall Chamber
Meeting Objective: 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.		

1 Welcome and Introductions

Cr Duncan welcome all to the meeting with new Councillors in attendance. Attendees introduced themselves.

1.1 Committee Members present:

Cr Carol Duncan – Chairperson
 Cr Margaret Wood – Deputy Chairperson
 Dr Jenny Barrie – Councillor
 Dr Ann Hardy – (University of Newcastle) Stakeholder
 Alissa Jones – Committee Facilitator
 Helen Payne – Committee Secretary

1.2 Apologies

Cr Nuatali Nemes – Lord Mayor
 Julie Baird – Director Museum

1.3 Attendees

Matt Endacott – Wren Street Consulting
 Zephie Cerny – Octapod
 Dr Shane Brandson – OzTheatrics
 Adrian Burnett – New Annual Senior Producer & Curator
 Suzie Gately – Manager Libraries and Learning
 Delia O'Hara – Manager Civic Theatre
 Lynn Duffy – Manager Parks & Recreation
 Laretta Morton OAM – Director Newcastle Art Gallery
 Ashlee Abbott – Manager Community Strategy & Innovation
 Petria Jukes – Community Planning & Development Manager

2 Acknowledgement of Country

2.1 Councillor Duncan acknowledged the Awabakal and Worimi peoples and welcomed attendees to the meeting.

3 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

3.1 There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions arising

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held 1 November 2021 were confirmed.

4.2 Action updates

Meeting Date	Item	Action	Update	Status
7 July 20	Cultural Strategy 2016-2019	Seek further advice on programs and objectives and seek more advice to be ascertained for input.	A significant review of objectives and discussions have occurred with Community Strategy and Innovation (CSI) on incorporating the elements on the Cultural Strategy.	Ongoing. The Cultural Strategy will be replaced by the Cultural Precinct Plan once adopted by Council. It is anticipated that this work will be presented to the elected Council when finalised.
1 Nov 21	City of Sydney Events	Investigate Event Flowchart		
1 Nov 21	Gregson Park Masterplan	Investigate Cycleways complimentary to the Park		

5 About the Community and Culture Advisory Committee

5.1 An overview of the purpose of the Committee was provided to all members. The Terms of Reference and Committee objectives were discussed including details of the Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference are available on City of Newcastle's (CN) [website](#).

5.2 The 2021 Annual Report for the Committee and associated achievements were tabled and discussed. The 2021 Annual Report was also resolved by Council. Please refer to the attached documentation for details on the Report.

6 Draft Cultural Precinct Plan

6.1 A Briefing was provided to the Committee by Wren Street Consulting on the Draft Cultural Precinct Plan (DCPP) for the CBD. Strong alignment exists between the DCPP and CN's Destination Management Plan which arose from a Lord Mayoral Minute. The engagement of this work is running alongside the Community Strategic Plan objectives and will be presented to the new Council in 2022.

7 Draft Local Social Strategy and Social Infrastructure Strategy

7.1 A Briefing was provided to the Committee from Ashlee Abbott and Petria Jukes (attached). Social Planning Frameworks are created under the Community Strategic Plan and will roll out under Newcastle 2040. Please see [Draft Newcastle 2040 Community Strategic Plan](#). Further details on finalising the Local Social Strategy can be found at [link](#).

8 Priorities for 2022

- 8.1 New Annual, cultural events and CONDA
- 8.2 Endorsement, and adoption by Council of the Draft Cultural Precinct Plan
- 8.3 Review and support for Illuminating Cities to align with recommendations in the Draft Cultural Precinct Plan and to beautify and attract people safely to the City.
- 8.4 CN's Library [Strategy 2019-2029](#)

9 Working Parties for 2022

- 9.1 Cultural Precinct
- 9.2 Cultural Events

10 General Business

- 10.1 Expressions of Interest for community members being advertised from Monday 21 February closing at 5pm Sunday 20 March 2022. For details and how to apply please see [link](#).

10.2 New Annual 2022

Adrian Burnett commenced in September as CN's New Annual Senior Producer & Curator.

With new acts, new locations and a new date on the events calendar, CN's flagship arts festival will return in September with a vibrant showcase of performing and visual arts.

Spanning across a ten-day period from 23 September to 2 October and featuring more than 50 events across the city, New Annual will showcase local and visiting artists sharing music, dance, theatre, performance, and visual art in a celebration of creativity.

The festival supports and champions local artists while fostering creative networks that reach beyond the city, with a signature works program that will offer some of the most exciting cultural events situated outside the capital cities of Australia.

11 Meeting Schedule for 2022

- 5 April
- 2 August
- 1 November

The meeting closed at 7.30pm