

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting



Council Chamber, Level 1, City Administration Centre, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West, Tuesday, 28 November 2023 at 6:06pm.

1. ATTENDANCE

The Lord Mayor (Councillor N Nelmes), Councillors E Adamczyk, J Barrie, J Church, D Clausen, C Duncan, J Mackenzie, C McCabe, C Pull, D Richardson, P Winney-Bartz and M Wood.

J Bath (Chief Executive Officer), D Clarke (Executive Director Corporate Services and CFO), A Jones (Executive Director Creative and Community Services), C Thomson (Executive Director City Infrastructure), M Bisson (Executive Director Planning and Environment), E Kolatchew (Executive Manager Legal and Governance), S Moore (Executive Manager Finance, Property and Performance), R Dudgeon (Executive Manager Project Management Office), N Kaiser (Acting Executive Manager Media Engagement and Corporate Affairs), M Hughes (Media Adviser), L Barnao (Councillor Services/Minutes/Meeting Support), J Knight (Councillor Services/Meetings Support) and A Paule-Font (AV Support) and A Clarke (Information Technology Support).

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Lord Mayor read the message of acknowledgement to the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

3. PRAYER

The Lord Mayor read a prayer and a period of silence was observed in memory of those who served and died so that Council might meet in peace.

4. APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE / ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK

MOTION

Moved by Cr Barrie, seconded by Cr Pull

The apology submitted on behalf of Councillor Wark be received and leave of absence granted.

Carried

MOTION

Moved by Cr Barrie, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

The request submitted by Councillor Richardson to attend by audio visual link be received and leave granted.

Carried

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Clausen

Councillor Clausen declared a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.6 - Adoption of the Wickham Public Domain Plan stating that he had a friend who lived in the Wickham area and would manage the interest by remaining in the Chamber for discussion on the item.

Councillor Mackenzie

Councillor Mackenzie declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.2 - Request for Joint Briefing with Lake Macquarie Councillors due to his role on the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel and would manage the interest by leaving the Chamber for discussion on the item.

Councillor Winney-Baartz

Councillor Winney-Baartz declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.2 - Request for Joint Briefing with Lake Macquarie Councillors due to her role on the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel and would manage the interest by leaving the Chamber for discussion on the item.

Councillor Duncan

Councillor Duncan declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.8 - Broadmeadow to Hamilton East Cycleway stating that the route for the cycleway improvements and changes included her street and she would manage the interest by leaving the Chamber for discussion on the item.

Councillor Church

Councillor Church declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 8.8 - Broadmeadow to Hamilton East Cycleway stating that he owned property in the Broadmeadow area and would manage the interest by leaving the Chamber for discussion on the item.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1. MINUTES - PUBLIC VOICE COMMITTEE 17 OCTOBER 2023

6.2. MINUTES - ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 31 OCTOBER 2023

MOTION

Moved by Cr Barrie, seconded by Cr Duncan

The minutes as circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried unanimously

7. LORD MAYORAL MINUTE

7.1. ACKNOWLEDGING MAYOR SHINOZAKI & THE UBE SISTER CITY DELEGATION VISIT TO NEWCASTLE

MOTION

Moved by Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes

That City of Newcastle:

1. Acknowledges our long, rich and mutually beneficial Sister City relationship with Ube City, Japan, which is steeped in history and culture, and built upon our port harbour cities' shared industrial backgrounds;
2. Notes that the Sister City Agreement was signed on 21 November 1980 between Lord Mayor Joy Cummings and Mayor Hideo Futatsugi and that this relationship has cultivated strong connections in education, youth exchange, economics, sport and art between our two cities;
3. Acknowledges that we were honoured to welcome Mayor Keiji Shinozaki, his fellow Ube City Councillors and members of the Ube-Newcastle Sister City Friendship Society to our City between Monday, 20 November to Wednesday, 23 November 2023; to mark both the 43rd Anniversary and acknowledge the important 40th Anniversary our Sister City relationship, which took place during the COVID-19 pandemic;
4. Thanks Ube City for re-confirming their commitment to our Sister City relationship during their recent visit and reaffirms the profound impact of our past interactions and the important of continued exchange across diverse fields for the mutual growth of our cities rooted in mutual trust and cooperation.

Carried unanimously

7.2. NEWCASTLE WILLIAMTOWN AIR SHOW 2023 SUCCESS

MOTION

Moved by Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that City of Newcastle, in partnership with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), welcomed around 100,000 spectators to the Newcastle Williamtown Air Show 2023 over the weekend, delivering an estimated economic output of \$19.5 million, with hotels reporting a 97% occupancy rate over the weekend.
2. Notes images and footage of Newcastle's spectacular coastline were broadcast to audiences throughout NSW and interstate as part of the Air Show.
3. Congratulates City of Newcastle's Media Engagement Economy and Corporate Affairs team who has been working with the RAAF for more than 12 months to coordinate all on-ground activity as part of the Air Show.
4. Notes that Newcastle continues to shine as a destination thanks to City of Newcastle's ongoing strategic investment into major events like Newcastle Williamtown Air Show 2023.
5. Thank the NSW Government, Transport for NSW, and NSW Police for their support in delivering this incredible event for the community.

Carried

8. REPORTS

8.1. TABLING OF REGISTER OF DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST - 1 AUGUST TO 31 OCTOBER 2023

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Duncan

That Council:

1. Notes the tabling of the Register of Disclosures of Interest (for the period 1 August to 31 October 2023) by the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried

8.2. ADOPTION OF 2024 COUNCIL MEETING CYCLE

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz

That Council:

- Adopts the following schedule for Council and Committee of Council Meetings to be held in the 2024 calendar year with:

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
February	Quarterly Advisory Committee Meetings, as required	Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required	Public Voice, Public Briefings, and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	Ordinary Council Meeting Public Voice, Public Briefings, and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	No week 5
March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Good Friday 29th</i> • <i>Easter Saturday 30th</i> • <i>Easter Sunday 31st</i> 	Additional workshops, Councillor professional development or other sessions, as required	Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required	Public Voice, Public Briefing and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	Ordinary Council Meeting Public Voice, Public Briefings, and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	No week 5
April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Easter Monday 1st</i> • <i>ANZAC Day Thursday 25th</i> 		Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required	Public Voice, Public Briefing and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	Ordinary Council Meeting Public Voice, Public Briefings, and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required

May		Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required	Public Voice, Public Briefing and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	Ordinary Council Meeting Public Voice, Public Briefings, and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	No week 5
June • <i>Kings Birthday Monday 10th</i>		Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required	Public Voice, Public Briefing and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	Ordinary Council Meeting Public Voice, Public Briefings, and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	No week 5
July		Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required	Public Voice, Public Briefing and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	Ordinary Council Meeting Public Voice, Public Briefings, and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required
August		Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required	Public Voice, Public Briefing and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	Ordinary Council Meeting Public Voice, Public Briefings, and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	No week 5
September		No meetings scheduled <i>*NSW Local Government Election Saturday 14 September</i>	No meetings scheduled	No meetings scheduled	No week 5
October • <i>Labour Day</i>	No meetings scheduled	Ordinary Council Meeting (inaugural meeting of	Public Voice, Public Briefing and Development Applications	Ordinary Council Meeting Public Voice, Public Briefings, and	Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required

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<i>Monday 7th</i>		new Council term)	Committee Meetings, as required	Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	
November	Quarterly Advisory Committee Meetings, as required Additional workshops, Councillor professional development or other sessions, as required	Councillor Workshops or other sessions, as required	No meeting - Local Government NSW Annual Conference	Public Voice, Public Briefings, and Development Applications Committee Meetings, Ordinary Council Meeting, as required	No week 5
December	Public Voice, Public Briefings, and Development Applications Committee Meetings, as required	Ordinary Council Meeting	<i>Recess period</i>	<i>Recess period</i>	<i>Recess period</i>
Time	6pm unless otherwise provided by City of Newcastle's Code of Meeting Practice (COMP) or Council resolution				
Location	City Administration Centre, 12 Stewart Avenue, Newcastle West unless other provided by City of Newcastle's Code of Meeting Practice or Council resolution, noting the inaugural meeting of the new Council term will be in the former chambers of the City Hall.				
Webcast	Council Meetings are live streamed and attendance may be by audio-visual means in accordance with CN's Code of Meeting Practice.				
Recess	For the purposes of the Instruments of Delegation to the Lord Mayor and CEO, Council's "Recess Period" commences from midnight 10 December 2024 and ceases at midnight on Monday 3 February 2025.				
Cancellation of meetings	If a meeting is not required due to no items of business, notification will be placed on CN's website to inform the public. This will generally only be where there are no items of business.				

Carried unanimously

8.4. SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

1. Receives the 2022-2026 Delivery Program - September Quarterly Performance Report (Report) (Attachment A) and adopts the revised budget as detailed therein.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Pull, Richardson, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

Against the Motion: Councillor Church.

Carried

8.7. VARIATIONS TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr McCabe

That Council:

1. Receives the report on approved development variations between 1 July 2023 and 31 October 2023 at Attachment A in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) concurrence to vary development standards in the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 (NLEP2012).
2. Notes that Clause 4.6 related to Development Variations reforms commenced on 1 November 2023 that remove the requirement of a quarterly report to Council on the variations.
3. Receives a Councillor memo every quarter outlining the Development Applications approved that contain a development variation, in lieu of the quarterly report to Council.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Richardson, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

Against the Motion: Councillors Church and Pull.

Carried

8.12. EXECUTIVE MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz

That Council:

1. Receives the Executive Monthly Performance Report for October 2023.

Carried unanimously

8.3. ENDORSEMENT OF THE 2022/2023 ANNUAL REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Winney-Baartz

That Council:

1. Endorses CN's 2022/23 Annual Report (Attachment A) and its submission to the NSW Minister for Local Government by 30 November 2023.
2. Receives and adopts CN's Financial Statements and accompanying notes, in respect of the year ended 30 June 2023, together with the Auditor's Report (Attachment B).

Carried unanimously

8.5. NEW ANNUAL COUNCIL COMMITMENT

MOTION

Moved by Cr Duncan, seconded by Cr Wood

That Council:

1. Endorses the growing success of City of Newcastle's (CN) New Annual festival as a flagship cultural event for the city.
2. Commits to delivering and funding the New Annual festival for a further five years until at least 2028 in order to provide necessary strategic forward planning to enable future growth.

Councillor Pull foreshadowed the following motion.

That Council:

1. Notes that New Annual 2023 saw a significant reduction in unique attendees compared to previous years.

2. Notes that residents are experiencing more significant cost of living pressures now than in previous years.
3. Supports the return of New Annual in 2024, noting that 2024 figures will provide more clarity as to the ongoing viability of New Annual.
4. Resolves to reconsider a five-year commitment after a 2024 wrap up report is provided to Council.

The motion moved by Councillor Duncan and seconded by Councillor Wood was put to the meeting.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Richardson, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

Against the Motion: Councillors Church and Pull.

Carried

The foreshadowed motion moved by Councillor Pull lapsed.

8.6. ADOPTION OF THE WICKHAM PUBLIC DOMAIN PLAN

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

1. Adopts the Wickham Public Domain Plan at Attachment A.

Carried unanimously

8.8. BROADMEADOW TO HAMILTON EAST CYCLEWAY

Councillors Church and Duncan left the Chamber for discussion on the item.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Winney-Baartz, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

1. Approves the cycleway treatments between Chatham Street Broadmeadow and Gordon Avenue Hamilton, as shown in Attachment A.

Carried

Councillors Church and Duncan returned to the Chamber at the conclusion of the item.

8.9. JESMOND CYCLEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

MOTION

Moved by Cr Winney-Baartz, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

1. Approves the cycleway treatments for the Jesmond cycleway, along William Street and Blue Gum Road, Jesmond, as shown in Attachment A.

Carried unanimously

8.10. LAMAN STREET, COOKS HILL - PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAFFIC CALMING

MOTION

Moved by Cr Mackenzie, seconded by Cr McCabe

That Council:

1. Approves the pedestrian improvements and traffic calming infrastructure in Laman Street Cooks Hill, at the intersection with Auckland Street, as shown at Attachment A.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Pull

This item lay on the table until conclusion of the revision of the Cooks Hill Local Area Traffic Management Plan as well as the Civic Public Domain Plan, which are both underway presently.

The procedural motion moved by Councillor Clausen and seconded by Councillor Pull was put to the meeting.

Carried unanimously

8.11. CITY OF NEWCASTLE PLANNING FOR HOUSING AND THE NATIONAL HOUSING ACCORD

In moving the motion Councillor Adamczyk moved additional points 3-6 at Part B.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Adamczyk, seconded by Cr Clausen

That Council:

Part A

1. Note the letter of 30 October 2023 from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces (the Minister) about continued efforts to address the NSW housing crisis (Attachment A).
2. Note CN is recognised as a leading council in planning for and prioritising low and mid-rise housing types, such as multi dwelling housing and residential flat buildings, in the R2 low density and R3 medium density residential zones.

Part B

3. Recognise the leadership of City of Newcastle in the modernisation project for our Development Control Plan in raising the quality, liveability and sustainability of design, and the protection of biodiversity, heritage, and culture in new development in the city,
4. Congratulate City of Newcastle planning staff on the PIA Award-winning Accelerated Development Application (ADA) pathway that streamlines lower risk developments, freeing up staff time for more complex proposals to determine medium to high residential developments faster, which was passed at Local Government NSW Conference to advocate for facilitating faster housing approvals through a Statewide roll out,
5. Note CN unanimous resolutions resolved by Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) in June 2023 and Local Government NSW Conference in November 2023, advocating for policy and regulatory reform and increased funding and investment, to meet dwelling need through safe and healthy housing for every person, and
6. Note that based on the Newcastle LEP, adopted Local Strategic Planning Statement, and the Local Housing Strategy, and confirmed by analysis undertaken by the Department of Planning, City of Newcastle has sufficient zoned land to meet and exceed State dwelling targets for both 2026 and 2041, primarily through urban redevelopment of our renewal corridors and Broadmeadow.

Carried unanimously

8.13. TENDER REPORT - GREGSON PARK HAMILTON PLAYSAPCE AND AMENITIES UPGRADE - 2023/061T

MOTION

Moved by Cr Duncan, seconded by Cr Mackenzie

That Council:

1. Accept the tender of Regal Innovations Pty Ltd in the amount of \$2,778,147 (excluding GST) for the Gregson Park Hamilton Playspace and Amenities Upgrade for Contract No. 2023/061T.
2. The confidential attachments relating to the matters specified in s10A(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* be treated as confidential and remain confidential until the Chief Executive Officer determines otherwise.

Carried

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1. RESTORATION OF ROADS AND PUBLIC DOMAIN - NEWCASTLE EAST

MOTION

Moved by Cr Clausen, seconded by Cr Duncan

That Council:

1. Notes Council's resolution of 31 October 2023 concluding the City's relationship with Supercars, and instead resolved to support Cessnock City Council with the proposed Wine Country 500 as an alternative major event for the Hunter region.
2. Given Council's decision, commences road and public domain restoration works in Newcastle East, as previously committed to the community and Heritage NSW, prioritising the replacement of temporary pedestrian crossings with permanent infrastructure.
3. Receives a memo advising of next steps, including proposed community consultation before further works in the Heritage Conservation Area are undertaken.

For the Motion: Lord Mayor, Cr Nelmes and Councillors Adamczyk, Barrie, Church, Clausen, Duncan, Mackenzie, McCabe, Richardson, Winney-Baartz and Wood.

Against the Motion: Councillor Pull.

Carried

9.2. REQUEST FOR JOINT BRIEFING WITH LAKE MACQUARIE COUNCILLORS

Councillors Mackenzie and Winney-Baartz left the Chamber for discussion on the item.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Adamczyk, seconded by Cr Clausen

PART A:

That Council:

1. Notes that development on land sold to Winten received concept approval by the NSW Planning and Assessment Commission in 2013 for a subdivision of up to 2,000 lots straddling the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle LGA boundary along the Newcastle Link Road.
2. Notes that since that time, development applications have been submitted to both Lake Macquarie and Newcastle City Councils for assessment that seek to vary the approved Concept Plan.
3. Notes the Hunter Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel is reviewing these applications and has stated its preference for both the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle reviews to be determined simultaneously.
4. Notes advice from Newcastle officers that the Newcastle application is unable to be determined until early 2024 due to the need to re-exhibit changes to the proposal, that were requested by the applicant, consistent with the EP&A Act.
5. Reiterates the need to consider the interests of existing and future residents as a foremost consideration, ahead of the interests of any individual council.
6. Explores options including the joint-ownership of future public amenities such as community halls, recreation spaces, and sporting facilities by both Councils to ensure that new amenities are located in close proximity to any new homes, noting the success of existing collaborations between the two councils at Glendale.
7. Request a joint briefing with Councillors from both Lake Macquarie and Newcastle Councils, and relevant planning Directors, prior to Council exhibition endorsement of any Voluntary Planning Agreement.

PART B:

That Council:

1. Notes that extensive community consultation was undertaken to inform the Concept Plan for any future development in Minmi to protect the existing village character, cultural, environmental and social amenity, while accommodating limited residential growth.

2. Notes that the City of Newcastle *Local Housing Strategy (2021)* sets limited targets for 'greenfield' development including in this area and the City of Newcastle *DCP (2012)* sets controls to guide development consistent with the Concept Plan.
3. Notes continued concerns regarding the potential loss of environmental amenity and biodiversity, and the council's continued commitment to protecting and conserving environmental land and to ecologically sustainable development in the city.

Carried unanimously

Councillors Mackenzie and Winney-Baartz returned to the Chamber at the conclusion of the item.

9.3. CELEBRATING STEAD CYCLES' 100TH BIRTHDAY

MOTION

Moved by Cr Adamczyk, seconded by Cr Richardson

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that 2023 marks 100 years since Charles Stead opened Stead Cycles in Mayfield, which moved to its purpose-built premises in Beresfield over four decades ago;
2. Notes the contribution of Stead Cycles to the Newcastle community and economy as a local, fourth-generation, family-owned and operated business;
3. Notes the important role Stead Cycles has played in supporting active transport, healthy lifestyles and safe cycling for generations of Novocastrians, with many locals having purchased their first bicycle from Stead Cycles;
4. Commends Stead Cycles for one hundred years of celebrating cycling routes and events in the city and beyond, and in supporting raising money through cycling for dementia and cancer research, and local organisations Hunter Medical Research Institute and Dog Rescue Newcastle; and
5. Congratulates the Stead family on celebrating the 100th birthday of Stead Cycles in 2023, and recognises its contribution to our community.

Carried unanimously

9.4. PROTECTING AND VALUING NEWCASTLE'S HERITAGE

MOTION

Moved by Cr Wood, seconded by Cr Duncan

Part A

That the City of Newcastle values the unique heritage and character of its buildings, streetscapes and landscapes, noting that:

1. Schedule 5 of the Newcastle Local Environment Plan 2012 identifies certain areas of townscape and landscape that collectively have special heritage qualities, as Heritage Conservation Areas (HCAs);
2. Each HCA is described at Part E of the City of Newcastle Development Control Plan and includes a Statement of Heritage Significance and a desired Future Character Statement. These Statements identify the existing urban fabric and the key character elements of each HCA which are to be preserved and will act as a guide as to how future development may achieve contextual fit, enhancing the existing qualities of each area;
3. In addition, Character Statements for the suburbs of Tighes Hill and Kotara have been included at Part E of the City of Newcastle Development Control Plan. These sections describe the current and future desired character of each suburb. The objective of the Character Statements is to ensure that the design of new buildings, structures, additions and alterations reflects and complements existing and future local character;
4. Further, Part F of the City of Newcastle DCP includes specific controls for Places and Precincts, including Wickham (consistent with the adopted Wickham Masterplan), the renewal corridors (Mayfield, Adamstown, Broadmeadow, Hamilton, and Islington), and Minmi precincts, noting unique heritage aspects of each of these precincts.
5. The Newcastle City Centre Heritage Conservation Area is the subject of a review with the draft report of the proposed changes on public exhibition from 6 November to 18 December 2023.

Part B

It is noted that the City of Newcastle is undergoing a growth in its population and a diversification and densification of its housing types. Consistent with our adopted Heritage Strategy and accompanying Heritage Policy, further work needs to be done to protect the heritage and character of the city's buildings, streetscapes and landscapes by identifying Heritage Conservation Items, Heritage Conservation Areas and preparing Character Statements of suburbs.

Council requests a Memo and Workshop from Officers which:

1. Explore the heritage significance of the item at 14 Sunderland Street, Mayfield. Priority should be given to the investigation and assessment noting that a Development Application was lodged last month which proposes its demolition.
2. Outline the intended work plan for the remainder of 2023/24 and 2024/25 of investigations and assessment of significant heritage buildings and streetscapes, noting Council's commitment to explore Cameron's Hill (meeting of April 2023) and recently raised matters at Carrington
3. Outline the intended work plan for the remainder of 2023/24 and 2024/25 of development of further Character Statements, including options to develop bespoke character statements for Wallsend and New Lambton.

Carried unanimously

9.5. 2023 YOUTH MOCK COUNCIL

A memo in relation to Item 9.5 - 2023 Youth Mock Council was circulated to Councillors proposing an alternate recommendation.

In moving the motion, Councillor Pull moved the recommendation of Council Officers as outlined in the memo and included an additional point 6 as follows.

MOTION

Moved by Cr Pull, seconded by Cr Barrie

That Council:

1. Congratulates the Newcastle Youth Council on the Youth Mock Council held in July 2023.
2. Notes that the Youth Mock Council developed and adopted motions on the following:
 - a. Youth Mental Health Advocacy
 - b. Housing and Homelessness
 - c. Environment and Climate Change.
3. Notes that at the LGNSW Annual Conference earlier this month, the City of Newcastle supported a successful motion that LGNSW write to the Federal Health Minister, expressly stating its objection to the Federal Government's decision to reduce the number of free counselling sessions from twenty to ten.
4. Notes that at the LGNSW Annual Conference earlier this month, the City of Newcastle supported a successful motion that LGNSW advocates for local councils to be given stronger powers to cap the number of days per year that a property can be used for non-hosted short term rental accommodation.

5. Further, that City of Newcastle also supported a successful motion that LGNSW commissions a study to report on the impact that short-term rental accommodation is having on rental affordability and availability and tourist accommodation in NSW.
6. Considers lighting, visibility and safety upgrades in future works on the Fernleigh Track, in consultation with Lake Macquarie City Council.

Carried unanimously

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chief Executive Officer read the resolution of the partial confidential report (refer resolution at 8.13).

The meeting concluded at 9.24pm.