



## DRAFT MINUTES

### QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING QUEANBEYAN GOLF CLUB TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2006 at 4 pm

**Present:** Ian McNamee, Bill Baker, Ross Barrett, Col Maxwell, Kim Beaumont, Simon Mitchell-Taverner, Nick Moufarrige, Jan Browne, Rod Studholme, Leanne Brewer, Graham Wise, Craig Harris, Glenda Snoxall, Geoff Bird

**Also in Attendance** – Brenton Sloane – Queanbeyan Age.

1. **Apologies** : Steve Jamieson, Daryl Evans, Kathy Howard, Maurice McCormack, Jeremy Wyatt.
2. **Adoption of Minutes and matters arising from Quarterly meeting 30<sup>th</sup> May 2006 - JB/NM**

#### **Matters Arising**

Queanbeyan in Bloom and One Way Streets to be discussed as part of this Agenda.

3. **Treasurer's Report**

**Tabled** by Treasurer – detailed copy attached to original minutes.  
Summary as follows:

Reconciled Bank Balance 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2006	\$169,152.56
Total Equity at 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2006	\$ 62,268.46
Subscriptions in Advance balance	\$ 60,618.20
Grants in Advance	\$ 77,400.00
P&L for May 2006	\$ 9,789.85

YTD surplus does not include a provision for staff entitlements.  
The Treasurer noted that this would be taken up at the end of the financial year.

#### **Accepted GW/JB**

**Resolved unanimously (GW/NM)** that the sum of \$50,000 be invested in high performance funds.

**Action: GW**

#### 4. Correspondence

##### Inwards

- ACT/NSW Governments regarding Regional management Framework, Legislative Responsibilities and MoUs regarding Settlement Plan and Water – forwarded to all executive
- Guko Industries not renewing membership
- Blended learning seeking support for an Australian Technical College – support given as adopted at previous meetings.
- QCC, Manager Administration, 6 monthly review of VIC, for discussion
- Peter Newham, Manager, Riverside Plaza, for discussion
- Jim Sullivan, Blended Learning, Australian Technical College – forwarded to all executive.

##### Outwards

- QCC, Gen Manager, Automation of Main Doors to VIC, for discussion
- Submission to Land Release Enquiry 27 June 2006

##### Arising from Correspondence:

- **QCC, Manager Administration, 6 monthly review of VIC**, Review will be presented to Council as requested based on original agreement, and the requested **meeting between QBC and QCC** will be arranged in August.

##### **ACTION – GB**

- **QCC, Gen Manager, Automation of Main Doors to VIC**, Geoff Bird advised that QCC's OH&S officer had inspected the door the previous day and is progressing the request.

##### **ACTION - GB**

- **Peter Newham, Manager, Riverside Plaza. Resolved** that a group of members be formed to develop a series of media releases covering all aspects of development in Queanbeyan including such areas as Shamrock Lane in the CBD and industrial areas.

##### **ACTION – KB**

- **Guko Industries**, Comments noted together with the need to seek input from this sector.

##### **ACTION – GB/ MMcC**

**Accepted SMT/JB**

## 5. President's Report, including:

- **Land Release Enquiry**

Ian McNamee, Bill Baker and Simon Mitchell-Taverner presented a further submission to the Queanbeyan Land Release Enquiry on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June. Copy of submission and supporting Power Point presentation is attached to these minutes.

QBC presented a strong case from a business community aspect for support of all developments under consideration. The main thrust of the verbal submission was to express disappointment at the submission previously presented by ACT Government. This submission was against all of the developments under discussion and a delay to the Googong development.

QBC indicated its belief that the ACT held this view purely to support its own flagging economy, and that in doing so it had a conflict of interest being a developer in its own right. QBC pointed out that ACT's assertion that Queanbeyan developments were putting a strain on ACT's infrastructure was at odds with the current strong ACT Government campaign to encourage migration from Sydney.

The Enquiry Panel pointed out that it could only make decisions within its own terms of reference – which included the Settlement and Water MoUs signed by Premier Iemma and Chief Minister Stanhope.

Bill Baker advised he will be providing further feedback to the enquiry by 5th July to address their issues of matching the Terms of Reference with the MoUs, and the cost to Queanbeyan due to lack of future development.

### **ACTION - BB**

- **Issues leading to forthcoming NSW Election.**

It was agreed that, once the Land Release issues were concluded, the overall roads system was the priority need for Queanbeyan leading to the NSW State election. Ian McNamee tabled the **Purdon Ring Road Study of 25<sup>th</sup> May 1995** commissioned by Queanbeyan City Council, noting that the issues raised had yet to be addressed.

Ian stated QBC's philosophy is to work with, rather than against, elected representatives but has a track record of raising issues behind closed doors for the benefit of all of Queanbeyan. QBC will work with all candidates to support appropriate **ideas**, but not **individuals**.

QBC is strongly supporting the proposed Leaders Forum to be convened by the Mayor to include Hon. Gary Nairn MP, Steve Whan MP, endorsed Upper House member Matthew Mason-Cox and endorsed Nationals candidate David Madew.

**Resolved unanimously (CH/RS)** that candidates be individually invited to each of the forthcoming QBC Quarterly Public Meetings to respond to QBC priorities.

#### **ACTION – CH/RS**

#### **6. Reports:**

- **Retail Chapter from Meeting of 15 June 2006 (KB)**  
Minutes distributed to all Chapter members. Minutes previously posted to web site. Minutes presented to Members by Kim Beaumont.

**Resolved that the Parking issue** – including caravan parking, Cultural Centre, Yass Road and other parking concerns be added to the agenda for the joint QBC/QCC meeting in August (see 'Arising from Correspondence above').

#### **ACTION – GB**

**Resolved** that John Walker be requested to address the responses to his **One Way Street** proposal and that this proposal be raised with appropriate Council officers prior to any further action. Written responses had been received from Dr Ross Bills, Ross Barrett and Nick Moufarrige.

#### **ACTION – GB**

- **Tourism Chapter (BB)** – There was no meeting of the Tourism Chapter in June, however the official **launch of the Visitor Information Centre** on 27<sup>th</sup> June was very well attended and drew much positive comment from Councillors and other attendees.

**Floriade** – Bill Baker noted that QCC's budget of \$25,000 is split into a number of components including an amount of \$7,000 for promotion. This includes **Queanbeyan in Bloom**, which Geoff Bird advised is part of a consolidation of events around Floriade being facilitated by himself and Claire Marlow through a Council committee. Bill Baker had made clear to the committee that QBC could not be responsible for any financial or other liability as a result of this or other events. Geoff Bird confirmed that no such commitment had been made and that any reference to QBC constructing or providing materials referred to an individual member and not BC itself.

- **Development Chapter from Meeting of 22 May (LP)**  
There was no meeting of the Development Chapter in June, however the Chapter was strongly involved in the Land Release Enquiry – (see President’s Report above).

## 7. Executive Officer Report (GB)

### Queanbeyan Tomorrow

At the recent “Community Feedback Posts” the information which has been collected to date, was presented by the facilitators: Jo Kelly – People, Places & Partnership, and Susan Benedyka – The Regional Development Company. Jo and Sue have been commissioned by the QCC (\$120,000) to complete this study, with a final report due at the end of this month.

The presentation and one on one discussion last Saturday week focused on: **Vision, Values, Strategic Priorities and Strategies and Actions**. The presentation is represented in the eight (8) posters displayed in the VIC whilst the discussion is reflected in the facilitator’s recommendations which will be made to Council that detail the strategies and actions required to fulfill the vision.

It is notable that the most recent publication should highlight the importance of the Business Council:

*The business community in Queanbeyan has historically been fragmented and has lacked a strong voice to lobby on behalf of its needs. The establishment of the new Queanbeyan Business Council is a positive step for the future.*

It is pleasing to know that the QBC is regarded so highly by the community.

In fact it is very interesting that there exists a strong correlation between the “Strategies and Actions” recommended for Queanbeyan Tomorrow and our own “priorities”. Further to say that the final draft of the Queanbeyan Tomorrow document will recommend that the QCC solicit the assistance of the QBC for specific projects – yet to be identified.

### Queanbeyan in Bloom

The response to QCC outlining ideas, activities and events to coincide with “Floriade” was presented to and accepted by Council. The proposal (previously circulated to you) takes the form of a festival which will run from Sept 1 to Nov 25. The festival includes 19 events, so far, with an expectation that this number will increase as the word spreads. The interest from the community, the Queanbeyan City Council and staff, has been very positive. The Q

in B committee meeting held last Thursday was attended by the Mayor, 3 Councillors, 7 Council staff and me. It is my belief that the Queanbeyan in Bloom project will positively complement the Queanbeyan Tomorrow project.

### **Buy Local Campaign / Shop in Queanbeyan**

I have been presented with a package of material collected from the BALLE (Business Alliance for Local Living Economies) 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference held in Vermont, USA, June 8 – 10.

Having superficially presented the conference material to Kim Beaumont and Jeremy Wyatt, I would like to explore with the Retail Chapter, the feasibility of developing a Buy Local / Shop in Queanbeyan campaign. One of the documents distributed at the conference is a “How to Kit”. And based upon the range of material, examples and results, it would seem that the majority of work required to “launch” such a campaign has been done.

In light of current CBD shopfront vacancies, and as Queanbeyan is facing serious competition from the factory outlets based at the airport and Fyshwick, it would seem appropriate to explore this opportunity.

**ACTIONS – KB, JW and GB to meet to progress ideas.  
SMT to place a link on QBC’s web site to BALLE.**

### **Water Autonomy Project – Update**

The project was implemented approximately 12 months ago in order to explore innovative approaches to conservation of water and to investigate better sewage treatment practices in Queanbeyan.

The committee, chaired by Dr Ania Lian, includes QCC Ass Gen Man, Gary Chapman; engineers, Bret Parsons & Hemraj Fernando, Cr Tom Mavec, together with a number of business interests, as well as representatives from the Dept of Environment & Conservation.

On 16<sup>th</sup> June an application for funding was submitted to the National Water Commission. The proposal involves the investigation, then field installation, of various forms and layouts of recycled water pipelines. The outcomes and constraints of each delivery method will be analysed, documented and published as a reference for national distribution.

The project is relevant to new and current urban developments.

## **Revenue Summary – June**

Membership income for the month was \$35,700 of which \$7,700 (reflecting 3 members) was new membership. EFT and other sales amounted to \$1,571.75.

## **8. General Business**

- a. VIC operations- Resolved (RS/SMT)** that QBC thank VIC staff for their part in the success of the VIC refurbishment and launch.

### **ACTION – GB**

- b. Australian Technical College** – Ross Barrett commented upon the fragmented approach by three competing groups that might well be all unsuccessful. Whilst MBA has existing facilities in Fyshwick to cater for the Building Industry, Queanbeyan could well miss out on opportunities for apprenticeships in other industries. **Resolved (RB/JB)** that QBC call a meeting of the three groups and David Dawes to try and facilitate a coordinated approach for an Australian Technical College for Queanbeyan as previously announced by the Federal Government.

### **ACTION - GB**

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at 12.30 pm**

**Next Quarterly General Meeting – Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August at 4 pm.**

**Chairman thanked Queanbeyan Golf Club for their hospitality and congratulated the Club on the quality of its renovations.**

**Meeting closed 2 pm.**