



DRAFT MINUTES

QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING

QUEANBEYAN KANGAROOS CLUB

TUESDAY, 26TH JUNE 2007 at 12.30 pm

Present: Ian McNamee, Bill Baker, Jeremy Wyatt, Graham Wise, Steve Jamieson, Jan Browne, Ross Barrett, Colin Maxwell, Andrew Herring, Leanne Brewer, Nick Moufarrige, Maurice McCormack, Rod Studholme, Simon Mitchell-Taverner, Ian McGinn.

Also in Attendance: Peter Newham (on behalf of Kim Beaumont).

1. **Apologies:** Daryl Evans, Paul Walshe, Loyd Perin, Kathy Howard, Craig Harris, Ken Ineson, Kim Beaumont.

Kim Beaumont has notified President and Secretary that she has resigned from Riverside Plaza and would thus be resigning as an Executive Member and Vice President of QBC.

2. **Welcome:** President welcomed Members to the first QBC meeting to be held at Queanbeyan Kangaroos Rugby League Club. He thanked the club for its hospitality. President also noted the resignation of Kim Beaumont as an Executive Member and Vice President of QBC and thanked her for her participation. An election will take place for a new Vice President at the next Executive meeting.

ACTION: Letter of Appreciation to be sent to Kim Beaumont –
IMcG

3. **Adoption of Minutes and matters arising from Quarterly meeting 22 May 2007 – JB/BB**

Matters Arising – Nil

4. **Treasurer's Report :**

Tabled by Treasurer – Detailed copy attached to original minutes and available from Treasurer. Summary as follows:

- **Reconciled Bank Balance at 31 May 2007 -** \$29,388.62
- **Balance Sheet**
 - Total Equity at 31 May 2007 – \$89,751.14
- **Profit & Loss (consolidated):**
 - Combined Surplus YTD - \$ 7,855.03

Treasurer reported that QCC Grant due in May, and payable in arrears, was not received until 20 June, and is thus not included in the reconciled bank balance. Current bank balance would thus be approximately \$55,000 – additional to the \$50,000 invested through Commonwealth Bank.

QCC have requested that the Grant be reported in the profit/ loss account as presented, rather than debited from a liability account, as previously. The liability account has now been cleared with all funds received to date reported in the profit/loss account. The result of this change in policy will be ‘lumpy’ reports with two months showing no Grant income then one month showing a quarterly payment.

An end of year report will be tabled at the next Executive meeting, before being subject to the annual audit.

Treasurer’s Report Accepted GW/RS

5. Correspondence

Inwards:

- 28 May – Mr. Bob Winnel – request for QBC representative on South Jerrabomberra Consultative Committee
- 19 June – Australian Taxation Office re changes to Superannuation.
- 26 June – Kim Beaumont (by email) advising her resignation from Riverside Plaza and consequently QBC.
- 26 June – Tigers Club (by email) – not renewing membership. Previously ‘In kind’ membership.

Outwards:

- 28 May – Acceptance of position on South Jerrabomberra Consultative Committee.
- 28 May – Minister Reba Meagher re land sale at Queanbeyan hospital.
- 28 May –QCC re Request for reimbursement of staffing expenses at Capital Region Business Expo.

Arising from Correspondence

Tigers Club Renewal – ACTION: Peter Newham undertook to talk with Club President.

Correspondence Report accepted SMT/BB

6. Proposal to establish a Queanbeyan Development Corporation:

Confidential minutes of a joint Sub Committees Meeting held at the VIC on Tuesday, 12 June had been distributed to all executive Members together with a summary (with email links) of three existing city Development Corporations in NSW.

This is not a new issue for QBC, having initially been jointly raised with BEC in 2005. It is apparent, though, that BEC have yet to be involved in any current discussions.

Following lengthy discussion with input from all participants it was **unanimously resolved** that members support in principle the establishment of a Development Council with representation from Queanbeyan City Council, Queanbeyan Business Council and Capital Region BEC subject to:

- The proposed Development Council not being simply an arm of City Council,
- The proposed Development Council having a degree of executive authority,
- The proposed Development Council being given adequate funds to undertake agreed projects,
- The proposed Development Council being able to activate decisions quickly, with funds being available,
- Of the NSW Development Council models currently shown, the Yass model was not considered appropriate, whilst a smaller version of the Tweed model was worth closer investigation.
- QBC's interests in terms of accommodation and infrastructure at 1 Farrer Place continue to be protected,

ACTION: IMcN/BB/SMT to discuss further with QCC.

7. Meeting of Retail Tourism Sub Committee meeting 12 June 2007- Draft Minutes being distributed to sub-Committee members and placed on the QBC web site. Items are also covered in Executive Officer's Report (Item 9 below)

8. Development Industrial Sub Committee - Ian McNamee reported that meetings concerning the proposed Development Corporation (item 6 above) were held in lieu of the regular Development Industrial meeting.

9. Executive Officer Report:

Report presented by Executive Officer and is an attachment to these Minutes, having been previously distributed.

Ian McGinn also reported that the NSW Tourism audit of the VIC had been highly successful with auditors complimenting staff on the operation.

Resolved (RS/BB) that staff be acknowledged for their efforts in achieving accreditation.

ACTION: SMT

Ian McGinn also reminded members of the ABS Census launch to be held at the VIC on Wednesday, 27 June at 1.30 pm immediately following the national launch in Canberra. The event will be attended by Federal Member, Hon. Gary Nairn MP and by Mayor Frank Pangallo MBE.

10. General Business:

- a. **VIC doors** – Jan Browne reminded Members that this issue was still un-resolved after 12 months. Ian McGinn advised it is currently with QCC Budget Committee.
- b. **Water Charges** - Peter Newham noted the disparity between ACT and Queanbeyan water charges. President advised QCC is currently “on the front foot” with this. QBC is willing to provide support should QCC require this.
- c. **ACT & Region Chamber of Commerce** – Maurice McCormack advised that he is now in his final year as Queanbeyan representative on the Board of this organisation. He invited any interested member to stand for this vacancy if interested.

Chairman thanked Queanbeyan Kangaroos Club for providing meeting venue and catering.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 24 July 2007, 12.30 pm – Queanbeyan Leagues Club

Meeting closed 2.20 pm.