



DRAFT MINUTES

QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING

QUEANBEYAN GOLF CLUB

TUESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER 2007 at 12.30 pm

Present: Ian McNamee, Bill Baker, Graham Wise, Jan Browne, Steve Jamieson, Loyd Perin, Glenda Snoxall, Peter Newham, Simon Mitchell-Taverner.

Also in Attendance: Margaret Nicholls, Economic Development Officer QCC, Sue Levy, Venue & Events Manager, QCC, Stephen Pike, Programs Manager, QCC, Brenton Sloane, Queanbeyan Age.

- 1. Apologies:** Ross Barrett, Nick Moufarrige, Rod Studholme, Paul Walshe, Colin Maxwell, Daryl Evans, Craig Harris, Jeremy Wyatt, Ken Ineson, Maurice McCormack.
- 2. Adoption of Minutes and matters arising from General Meeting 30/10/07 – SMT/IMcN**

Matters Arising – Nil

3. Treasurer's Report :

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

- **Reconciled Bank Balance at 31 October 2007 - \$ 83,643**

- **Balance Sheet**

Total Equity at 31 October 2007 –	\$135,705
(incl accrued debtors and GST liability)	

- **Profit & Loss:**

Surplus for October 2007 -	\$(9,474)
YTD	\$ 13,531

Treasurer's Report Accepted GW/BB

Resolved (GW/PN) that the sum of \$30,000 be invested in a high performance account to supplement the \$52,000 currently invested.

4. Correspondence

Inwards:

- 7 November – Country Energy – Invitation
- 8 November – ACMA – Response to our letter of 15 October to 2QBN FM. (The radio station has not yet responded).
- 13 November – Queanbeyan Tigers Club – Response to Membership proposal of 28 September.

Outwards:

- Nil

Accepted SMT/GS

Arising from Correspondence: Nil

6. Report from President and Vice President:

- QBC Succession** – President Ian McNamee reminded Executive members that he would not, under the QBC constitution, be seeking re-election at the AGM to be held on 26 February 2008. **Resolved** that an Executive and sub-committee meetings be held on 22 January 2008 to prepare for the AGM to be held on 26 February 2008
- Meetings with QCC re Development Corporation -** President Ian McNamee advised that he and Vice President Bill Baker had met with Mayor and General Manager QCC for preliminary discussions regarding the Proposed Development Corporation and future QVIC operation. A workshop with all Councilors will be held on 12 December 2007 and draft proposals are being prepared by senior Council staff. It is unlikely that any transfer of QVIC operations would occur within the short term as there is considerable procedure to be worked through.

ACTION IMcN/BB

Vice President Bill Baker advised that he has been accepted as a Community Representative of CBD LIFT Committee subject to ratification by Council at its meeting of 26 November.

President Ian McNamee suggested a Meeting between QBC Executive Members and Mayor and Senior QCC managers be called within the next weeks to discuss matters of mutual interest including Googong, Tralee, Development Board etc.

ACTION: IMcN

- c. **Federal election issues for QBC** – President advised that media including WIN TV had approached him for comments. QBC will continue to pursue Issues Paper items as provided to, and addressed by, candidates prior to the election. This included regional roads study, Water etc. President noted that a Bega by-pass was promised and believed a Queanbeyan by-pass was at least equal in priority and had been sought for much longer.

Resolved that QBC write to Dr. Kelly congratulating him on his win and to Hon. Gary Nairn thanking him for his achievements and support over the past 11 years. Letter to Dr. Kelly to request a meeting to discuss roads/water issues and to invite him to be Joint Patron of QBC.

ACTION SMT/IMcN

- d. **Car Parking Issues** - No written response has yet been received to our letter requesting a review of CBD parking sent to QCC General Manager dated 1 October. This has been followed up by Media releases and QA column on 16 November.

Discussion surrounded Collett Street Car Park, which is counted in QCC parking availability statistics, but is virtually unused.

The performing Arts Centre and NSW Office Block are not assisted by the Collett Street car park unless a shuttle service could be considered by QCC. Users of Morisset Street car park have reported a high level of vandalism.

Also discussed was an urgent need for Caravan parking or a 'dump point' to assist caravaners.

Executive members still believed a multi-level car park should still be considered even if some paid parking (similar to Tuggeranong or Woden) was necessary.

Resolved that QCC be asked for a response to letter of 1 October.

ACTION SMT

- 7. Presentation by Sue Levy, Venue & Events Manager QCC and Stephen Pike, Programs Manager QCC** – Sue Levy gave an enthusiastic update on the progress of construction of the Centre due to be opened on 1 March 2008. The centre is expected to be completed by Christmas 2007 and an extensive range of community warm up events will be held from 24 February.

She called for business support once the Centre opened and a recognition of the potential value of the enterprise in building business within Queanbeyan. Packages will be explored with restaurants etc, whilst the venue will provide potential revenue for a wide range of businesses including motels, restaurants, coffee shops etc.

Many show organisers have expressed strong interest and Conferences will be a major focus. Sue stated she wanted the Centre to help establish Queanbeyan as a tourism destination in its own right. There will also be a permanent flat screen for movies to attract art house, multicultural film festivals, children's movies etc..

The facility will have a strong training focus aimed at primary students upwards.

Stephen Pike described the facilities within the Centre as being “the best in the Region” in particular foyer, stage, orchestra pit, dressing rooms, toilets.

It will be a facility of which the people of Queanbeyan can be proud.

Resolved that on-going information will be included in QBC's Queanbeyan Age column.

ACTION - SMT

- 8. QBC Student Sponsorships** – Simon Mitchell-Taverner advised that a media opportunity was being arranged with Mr. John Clark of Queanbeyan High School and Mr. Jerome de Rose of CIT.

ACTION SMT

- 9. QBN Maps** - Simon Mitchell-Taverner tabled sample CBD map of Lithgow submitted by Wilkins Tourist maps. These maps are quite widely used throughout SE NSW and Victoria and come in tear-off pads for easy distribution to Visitors. The only cost to our VIC would be advertising space \$550. We currently have a large number of Queanbeyan maps that were sponsored by ActewAGL. In view of discussions with QCC, it was **Resolved** on the motion of **SMT/BB** that this be noted and reviewed by either QCC or QBC when future VIC operational control is more firmly established.

ACTION – SMT

10. Christmas/ New Year arrangements -

a. Resolved that the following hours will be observed by QVIC:

Mon 24 Dec – 0900 -1300 (QCC offices are closed on this day)
Tue 25 Dec – closed
Wed 26 Dec – closed
Thu 27 Dec – 0900 –1700
Fri 27 Dec – 0900 –1700
Sat 29 Dec – 0900 – 1200
Sun 30 Dec – 0900 –1200
Mon 31 Dec – 0900 – 1300 (casual staff)
Tue 01 Jan – 0900 – 1200 (casual staff)

These hours will be included in QCC advertising material

b. Functions – Simon Mitchell-Taverner advised that a private function for staff and volunteers has been arranged for Thursday, 20 December. The office will be closed for one hour.

ACTION – SMT

11. General Business:

a. Melbourne and Brisbane Caravan & Camping Shows – Ian McGinn has forwarded minutes of the November 7 Capital Country Development Board Meeting highlighting items 6b and 6c regarding these shows (dates in 2008) to be advised). Capital Country has resolved to cover all costs except that each Local Government Area is to contribute "through the provision of staff for the duration of the shows, as well as covering the costs of flights and meals of those staff attending the shows". Ian will confirm dates of these shows and discuss existing material that QBC or QCC may want to submit.

b. Sports Advisory Committee – Jan Browne reported that, despite Queanbeyan having the World No 3 squash player and being the birthplace of Heather McKay, the City is now without a squash court. Squash have now joined the group looking for an all weather sports precinct in the City. SERAS are also supportive.

c. Queanbeyan in Bloom closing function – Friday, 30 November at Benedict House.

ACTION BB to represent QBC

d. Country Week – Margaret Nichols advised QCC is considering attendance at Country Week to be held at Rose

Hill Racecourse on 8-10 August 2008. QBC to note and consider.

ACTION - ALL

- e. **CBD Pavers** – in response to question from Peter Newham, Bill Baker advised that stencilled concrete was now being considered by CBD LIFT in place of pavers.
- f. **Next meetings** –
Next Executive Meeting – Resolved that no meeting be held in December. Next meeting to be held Tuesday, 22 January 2008. Committee meetings should be held on prior dates to this.

ACTION SMT

Next General Meeting – President suggested a lunch meeting preceding the Prime Minister's XI match at Manuka Oval.

ACTION - IMcN

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday 22 January 2008. (There will be no Meeting in December 2007)

Meeting closed 2.05 pm.