



DRAFT MINUTES

QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING

QUEANBEYAN GOLF CLUB

TUESDAY, 1st APRIL 2008 at 12.30 pm,

Present: Bill Baker, Ian McNamee, Craig Harris, Graham Wise, Jeremy Wyatt, Peter Newham, Steve Jamieson, Ken Ineson, Loyd Perin, Lydia Teodorowych, Michael Doherty, Simon Mitchell-Taverner.

Also in Attendance: Ernie Nichols, Carol Fort for item 6 below.

1. **Apologies:** Rod Studholme, Maurice McCormack, Jan Browne, Paul Walshe, Colin Maxwell.
2. **Adoption of Minutes and matters arising from Executive Meeting 26 February 2008 – CH/LP**
3. **Matters Arising –**
 - Item 8. VIC Souvenirs -** As previously resolved and as advised to all Members, the VIC has now taken delivery of range of 'I Love Queanbeyan' T Shirts and Polo Shirts from our first supplier Bowtie Anna at a total cost of \$3069 incl. GST. These are in a range of adult sizes white on black or black on white. Other quotes were obtained, however this supplier was able to provide the best product at the best price. T shirts are for sale at the VIC for \$25, Polos for \$30. A 10% discount applies for Members. A small supply of older white T Shirts are available at cost price \$15. A new range of Queanbeyan can coolers and shot glasses have also been ordered to supplement our supply of pins, postcards, teaspoons and magnets.
 - Item 9. Canberra Airport Freight Hub proposal –** President reported that draft letter had been prepared subject to ratification at this meeting. Following some modification, a final draft was approved to be sent by the President with copies to QBC Patrons Federal Member Hon. Dr. Mike Kelly AM MP, and NSW Member Steve Whan. It was noted that both Patrons had stated a preference for the freight hub to be located at Goulburn.

ACTION: SMT/BB

4. Treasurer's Report :

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

- **Reconciled Bank Balance at 29 Feb 2008** - \$ 90,478
- **Balance Sheet**
Total Equity at 29 February 2008 – \$159,635
(incl accrued debtors and GST liability)
- **Profit & Loss:**
Surplus for Feb 2008 - \$ 35,626
YTD \$ 59,649

Treasurer noted that the February P&L surplus reflected a quarterly payment from QCC

Treasurer's Report Accepted GW/IMcN

5. Correspondence

Inwards:

- 5 March – QCC General Manager- requesting QBC Nominations for Proposed Queanbeyan Development Board.
- 10 March – Capital Country Tourism – Letter supporting Tax Invoice for Membership at \$1,210.

Resolved that this payment be deferred to next Executive meeting.

Outwards:

- 27 February – General Manager QCC – Advising QBC Nominations for Proposed Queanbeyan Development Board.
- 11 March – NSW Department of State & Regional Development in support of funding submission by QCC for a Queanbeyan industry survey.
- 20 March – Individual letters to retiring Executive Committee members Ross Barrett, Nick Moufarrige and Daryl Evans thanking them for their significant contributions to the establishment of QBC.
- 27 March – Hon. Dr. Mike Kelly AM MP re Googong water following COAG Agreement

Accepted SMT/JW

ACTION: SMT

6. Presentation by Ernie Nicholls, Canberra Times:

Mr. Nichols referred to the successful 2007 'Queanbeyan Watch us Grow' supplement and gave a presentation regarding a proposed 2008 publication. He proposed a publishing date of Sunday, 6 July 2008 as a full colour lift-out with an additional run of at least 10,000 copies. QBC requested to provide a letter for sponsors and advertisers. In answers to questions, Mr. Nichols advised that the new Canberra Times Editor Peter Fray was keen to work closely with advertising and promotional divisions. He also agreed that this publication should be complementary to, and not competitive with, the proposed Visitor Centre Tourist Brochure being planned by Canberra Times.

Resolved unanimously that QBC support this publication. Craig Harris, Bill Baker, Ian McNamee and Simon Mitchell-Taverner will act as a sub committee. Loyd Perin will ask Rod Studholme if he would also like to part of the sub committee.

ACTION: SMT/CH/BB/IMcN/LP

7. Update for proposed Queanbeyan Development Board – Bill Baker reported on a meeting with Queanbeyan City Council, BEC and QBC delegates attended by Ian McNamee, Jeremy Wyatt and himself. Cr. Kerry White was elected Chair, however this position would be rotated. Mayor was an apology.

QBC delegates agreed that this meeting dwelled on structure rather than activities, including such minutiae as cost of venue and catering. QCC General Manager stated a preference for the body to be a Committee of Council. Next Meeting will be Tuesday 8th April with delegates asked to produce in writing their thoughts on what the Board should do.

Resolved unanimously that QBC believes the Board should be independent of Council with the following comments:

1. A formal structure would not be necessary in the shorter term if activities are limited to lobbying. Should a formal structure be needed down the track, an Incorporated Association would be preferred.
2. Members would prefer that the Board not be involved with activities such as the Queanbeyan Gift foot race or Queanbeyan in Bloom, but rather it concentrate on lobbying and 'big picture' issues.

ACTION: BB/IMcN/JW

8. Murrumbidgee to Googong Pipeline - Actew Corporation Consultation –

Craig Harris attended a public consultation with Ernst & Young together with a representative of Village Building Company. There was some confusion at the meeting as to whether the pipeline crossed into Queanbeyan or other part of NSW. It has subsequently been confirmed it will cross NSW, however it is still not confirmed whether it will cross Queanbeyan LGA.

Craig Harris reported that the meeting sought a view on continuing to draw water from the Cotter Dam during current heightening construction and also on the use of recycled drinking water. As an engineer, Craig saw no problem with the first issue, but believed the second was a philosophical and personal issue.

Resolved CH/IMcN that a letter be sent to NSW Minister Hon. Frank Sartor, NSW Member Steve Whan MP with copy to Federal Member Hon, Dr. Mike Kelly AM MP seeking a condition that any agreement for this pipeline include guaranteed provision of water to Queanbeyan.

ACTION: CH

9. Report on talks with GHD Pty Ltd regarding Queanbeyan Hospital surplus land – Bill Baker reported that GHD have been contracted by NSW Health on behalf of Greater Southern Area health to undertake a public consultation process to consider the best possible use of Queanbeyan Hospital land currently deemed to be surplus to development. The outcome could be anywhere between retaining the land and buildings to disposal and sale. Proposed use could result in a limited height mixed commercial/ retail;/ office/ medical and residential. The public consultation process will start on 17 April at the Queanbeyan Community Centre in Crawford Street and refers to land bordering Antill Street from Aldi Supermarket to Collett Street and including Rusden House.

QBC's position has previously been expressed in a letter to NSW Minister for Health Hon. Reba Meagher MP dated 24 May 2007 lodging an objection to any sale of land at the site.

Resolved unanimously that QBC's position remains unchanged.

10. Trades Scholarship program: Simon Mitchell-Taverner advised he had received draft guidelines from CIT Tourism and Hotel Management Centre which could be used as a template for all Scholarship programs. These had been forwarded to those Committee members who had volunteered to serve on the selection committees. Subject to some minor wording changes requested by Rod Studholme, it was agreed these could be used, with appropriate name changes, for other Scholarship programs.

John Clarke, Principal **Queanbeyan High School** has advised that his program has suffered significant setbacks including building delays, staff resignation and lack of suitable students. He reports that leaves him with only one student who has a school-based apprenticeship with Border Stainless Steel and requests we advise him of our decision.

Resolved SMT/ CH that, subject to the eligibility of the student and agreement by the School, the \$500 Scholarship be offered. The balance of \$500 be deferred to 2009 year.

An approach has been received from David Perry, Principal of **Australian Technical College** as follows:

- The College has now moved to 88 Bayldon Road, Queanbeyan, and would like to be considered for a QBC Scholarship along the lines offered to Queanbeyan High School and CIT Tourism and Hotel Management Centre for one of their students. David invites a QBC delegation to inspect the new College in the next week.

Simon Mitchell-Taverner reminded members of resolution at Executive Meeting held on 28 August 2007 that an additional \$1,000 Scholarship was held in reserve subject to a suitable application.

Resolved SMT/CH that a QBC delegation visit Australian Technical College as invited with a view to considering the approach.

ACTION: CH/BB/SJ/SMT

11. **Water issues:** These had been mostly covered earlier in the meeting. Following the announcement of successful Murray-Darling negotiations at the COAG Summit last week, Simon Mitchell-Taverner hand delivered a letter to Member for Eden-Monaro Hon. Dr. Mike Kelly AM MP asking for feedback regarding discussions between Minister Debus and ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope. Mr. Stanhope had stated following the Summit that the Federal Government is 'on the cusp' of handing ownership of Googong to the ACT. Dr. Kelly had previously assured a QBC Members delegation in January 2008 that he was in discussions with Minister Debus to protect Queanbeyan's interests should such a transfer of ownership take place.

12. **General Business:**

1. **Admin/ Exec Officer recruitment process** – President advised that thought needed to be given to the necessary qualifications and experience required of a replacement Admin/Exec Officer following the pending retirement of current Secretary and admin officer Simon Mitchell-Taverner. This is anticipated mid year

2008. Consideration also needs to be given to the budget available and hours required to represent the Association effectively.

Resolved CH/LP: That a meeting of the Inner Executive be called within the next two weeks to discuss and report back to the next Executive Meeting

2. **Donations: Resolved unanimously** that QBC donate two 'I Love Queanbeyan' Polo shirts valued at \$60 to Raine & Horne Charity Golf Day and to provide two Polo Shirts at cost price to BEC for a similar donation.

ACTION: SMT

Next Meeting – Tuesday, 22 or 29 April 2008 at 12.30 pm – venue TBA

Meeting closed 2 pm.