



DRAFT MINUTES

QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING

QUEANBEYAN GOLF CLUB

TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2008 at 12.30 pm,

Present: Bill Baker, Ian McNamee, Graham Wise, Steve Jamieson, Rod Studholme, Craig Harris, Peter Newham, Colin Maxwell, Jan Browne, Simon Mitchell-Taverner.

Also Present: Kath Elliott, Stacey Thompson - Actew.

1. **Apologies:** Paul Walshe, Jeremy Wyatt, Ken Ineson, Maurice McCormack, Glenda Snoxall, Michael Doherty, Loyd Perin, Leanne Brewer, Lydia Teodorowych,
2. **Adoption of Minutes and matters arising from Executive Meeting 29 April 2008 – CH/GW**
3. **Matters Arising –**
 - Item 3: Matters Arising - Scholarship Program -** Simon Mitchell-Taverner advised that no further response received from CIT or Queanbeyan High School, however Inner Executive Members had visited Australian Technical College at 88 Bayldon Road on Thursday, 22 May. The meeting was hosted by College Principal, David Perry and Chai, Cr. Tim Overall.

There are presently 17 year 11 students who will move to year 12 next year and be joined by approximately 30 new year 11 students.

Each is conducting a Schools Based Apprenticeship program in partnership with trade organisations such as MBA, HIA and MTAA. Also a close association with CIT, Queanbeyan Tech and local High Schools.

On completing year 12, students will have a Year 12 Certificate plus the equivalent of First Year Apprenticeship. During their ATC period they are employed by the Trade Association and can thus move from employer to employer. The employer pays an hourly wage for 1 day per week whilst the trade association covers insurances etc.

This is a schools based apprenticeship, and teachers are brought in from the trades associations. There is some practical experience, however English and Maths skills are a priority to

ensure students are fully literate on graduation – to enable them to gain skills in employment or self-employment..

Practical experience can also be gained at the various campuses in Queanbeyan who have the appropriate facilities.

The biggest bottleneck, according to David Perry, is access to businesses prepared to take students for only one day per week. Discussion was held as to how QBC, perhaps in cooperation with BEC, could assist in this.

In regard to the Scholarship Program, David confirmed that students are already entitled to an \$800 tools allowance during their apprenticeship. It was suggested that skills development or OH&S training might be a more appropriate avenue.

Bill Baker advised he had been impressed with the attitude of students and the co-operative nature of the operation. He believed the College needed continued support.

David Perry has invited QBC to hold our next Executive Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 24 June at the College.

ACTION: SMT

Item 8. Agent/ Owner Real Estate Survey – Simon Mitchell-Taverner advised that responses had been received from WJ Gibbs, LJ Hooker Queanbeyan, Ian McNamee & Partners and Riverside Plaza. Only Ian McNamee & Partners provided a list of affected premises.

Ian McNamee stressed that the purpose of the survey was to enable the Interim Development Board to more effectively promote Queanbeyan.

ACTION: SMT

4. Treasurer's Report :

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

• **Reconciled Bank Balance at 30 April 2008** - \$112,470

• **Balance Sheet**

Total Equity at 30 April 2008 – \$189,347

(incl accrued debtors and GST liability)

• **Profit & Loss:**

Surplus for April 2008 - \$ 39,584

YTD surplus \$ 89,361

Treasurer noted quarterly payment (\$48,433 incl GST) from QCC received and banked 24 April 2008. This will be the last payment to be received in this financial year.

Draft Budget 2008/2009 distributed to all executive members. In view of no comments being received, this budget was accepted as part of the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report Accepted GW/PN

5. Correspondence

Inwards:

- 12 May – Letter from Member for Eden – Monaro Hon. Dr. Mike Kelly in response to ours regarding protecting Queanbeyan's water supply.

Outwards:

- 13 May – Queanbeyan City Council – VIC six monthly report to 31 December 2007.
- 27 May – Email Submission to ACTPLA in support of Canberra Technology City (CTC) Development Application.

Arising from Correspondence: Resolved that President write to Mr. Michael Costello ACTEW Corporation advising QBC's support and suggesting that the Consortium make a presentation to Queanbeyan City Council.

Accepted SMT/CH

ACTION: SMT

- 6. President's Report:** Bill Baker reported on CBD LIFT meeting held on 19 May. He stressed the importance of widening the scope of the CBD Masterplan Brief to include Queanbeyan Park, Showgrounds and River.

He also noted the success of the sub committee meetings held the previous week in terms of content and input.

Bill also advised that staff conditions and budgets had been discussed at further Meetings of Inner Executive members. Inner Exec will continue to address these issues.

- 7. Murrumbidgee Googong Pipeline** – Ms. Kath Elliott, Senior Manager, Commercial, ACTEW and Stacey Thompson, Communications Manager for the Pipeline Project gave a presentation to Members. A copy of the presentation will be forwarded to QBC Secretary for distribution to interested Members.

- 54% of all water usage in Canberra/ Queanbeyan is Household.
- 39% of this 54% is garden use.

- Major Projects:
 - Climate Change
 - Population Growth
 - Reduction Targets
 - Water Restrictions
 - Environmental Flows
 - Bushfires
- Objectives:
 - Build additional water supply
 - Avoid water restrictions
 - Diversify ACT's water supply
- Pipeline will (subject to ACT and NSW approvals):
 - Take water from Angle Crossing with a new Pump Station
 - Pipe to Googong via Williamsdale Road and Monaro Highway and Palerang Shire.
 - Be completed by end 2010.
- Cotter Dam:
 - Enlarge Cotter Dam to 20 times current size
 - Simultaneous improvement to Cotter precinct for community recreation.
 - Dam enlargement to be completed 2011 prior to spring rains.
- Other Projects:
 - Tantangara Transfer from NSW to ACT
 - Design of a Demonstration Water purification Plant.

Ms Elliott advised that the design of the water purification plant, if approved for construction, would not at this stage lead to re-cycled water being put into the drinking system.

8. Development Industrial Committee – Ian McNamee summarised the Sub Committee Meeting held at the VIC on Tuesday, 20 May. Minutes of this Meeting have been distributed to all Executive Committee members and are available for download from QBC's website. He noted that 8 additional members were at this sub committee meeting to those attending today's meeting.

Sub-committee of 20 May and Tourism Retail sub-committee of 21 May supported the following fee structure be put to today's Executive Meeting:

Four levels –	Platinum:	\$5,000 incl GST
	Gold:	\$1,000 incl GST
	Silver:	\$ 500 incl GST
	Bronze:	\$ 200 incl GST

Platinum Members be entitled to up to three display boards within the VIC.

Gold Members be entitled to one display board within the VIC.

Subject to space availability, Silver & Bronze Members may purchase space either inside or outside the VIC – suggested prices \$300 inside - \$200 outside.

Resolved CM/CH that this fee structure be adopted and that Membership renewals be sent out as soon as practicable.

ACTION: SMT

Maurice McCormack to be followed up re signs at the VIC.

ACTION: SMT

Ian expressed concern at the apparent delay in advertising letter from Canberra Times concerning the Queanbeyan Supplement. A number of Members stated they had already booked space.

Cr. Sue Whelan has been invited to attend the next Development Industrial Committee meeting.

Ian advised he will be away in July and Craig Harris will look after the Development Industrial sub-committee in his absence.

- 9. Tourism Retail Committee** – Bill Baker summarised the Sub Committee Meeting held at the VIC on Wednesday, 21 May. Minutes of this Meeting have been distributed to all Executive Committee members and are available for download from QBC's website.

He advised that VIC would deliver a response to Queanbeyan Age regarding its "Streetwork" assertion that "there is nothing for visitors to do in Queanbeyan."

ACTION: SMT

- 10. Capital Region Development Board** – Simon Mitchell-Taverner tabled an email received via Queanbeyan City Council at 4 pm on 20 May, requesting nominations for the Capital Region Development Board. This was forwarded to Inner Executive members on 21 May. This Board is jointly funded by NSW and ACT Governments and has an equal number of representatives from each jurisdiction. Current Chair is QBC Member Ross Barrett representing ACT. Whilst the printed deadline was 21 May, Simon has been advised by Mr. Shane Alexander of Business NSW that, in view of the short notice, nominations will be

accepted until 28 May. Information Booklet and Nomination Form were tabled.

Resolved: Ian McNamee be nominated on behalf of Queanbeyan Business Council.

11. General Business –

- a. **ActewAGL Presentation** – QBC to express support subject to protection of Queanbeyan’s future water needs. Letter to be sent to Minister Sartor, Copy Member for Monaro and Mayor. This to be followed by Media release.

ACTION: CH

- b. **Queanbeyan Fire Station** – Rod Studholme advised of a proposal to extend hours of operation to 24 hours from the current 12 vhours. It was agreed this was long overdue.

Resolved: Letter of support be sent to Commissioner Mullins, NSW Fire Brigade.

ACTION: RS

- c. **QCC Draft Management Plan** - Going out for Public Consultation tomorrow, 28 May following closing of submissions. Jan Browne to report further on the apparent lack of funds for a sports precinct.

ACTION: JB

- d. **Epicentre Fyshwick** – Peter Newham noted that this DFO facility will open on 15 August with 24,000 sq m shopping space already fully leased. There will be 2,000 undercover car parking spaces.

Meeting closed 2.15 pm.

President thanked Queanbeyan Golf Club for their hospitality.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 24 June 2008 at 12.30 pm – Australian Technical College, 88 Bayldon Road (Formerly the premises of The Exhibition Centre)

Next Development/ Industrial Meeting - Tuesday, 17 June 2008 at 12.30 pm – VIC

Next Tourism/ Retail Meeting - Wednesday, 18 June 2008 at 12.30 pm – VIC