

MINUTES

QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING QUEANBEYAN LEAGUES CLUB

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2009 12.30 PM

Present: Bill Baker, Ian McNamee, Craig Harris, Jan Browne, Jeremy Wyatt, Lydia Teodorowych, Nicole Rogowski, Chris Gibson,

1. **Apologies:** Paul Walshe, Ken Ineson, Frances Heskett, Hilary Jacobs, Steve Jamieson.
2. **Welcome:** President Bill Baker welcomed the new Executive to the first meeting.
3. **Adoption of Minutes and matters arising from Executive Meeting 02 December 2008 – Moved Craig Harris, Seconded Jan Browne**
4. **Matters Arising –**
 - a. **Road Strategy Update** - The President gave an update on the Road Strategy which covered the meetings with State Ministers and the meeting with the Leader of the NSW Opposition. Media coverage of the QBC position was received with newspaper articles and a Television interview with Ian and Jeremy. No date has been given for the release of the Road Study by QCC. Craig Harris provided an update on the status of the Road Study. The QBC is to contact the quarry to determine their long term plans and timeframe for operation of the quarry.
 - b. **Membership generation and renewals** – Members are to continue to try and identify potential new members. The Executive Officer will cover this also in his report.
 - c. **Shortage of Commercial Land in Light Industrial Area** – This matter was raised at the last meeting. Investigation has shown little scope for expansion in the East Queanbeyan area and space exists in the Oaks Estate area. This is of no assistance for expansion of existing businesses.

ACTION: CG

5. Financial Report :

Tabled by Executive Officer on behalf of Treasurer – An Audited Statement on the Visitor information Centre account was presented and is attached.

Financial Report Accepted CH/JB

6. . Correspondence -

- **Inwards** – Letter requesting Nominations for Queanbeyan Development Board
- **Outwards-** Letter to QCC on composition of Sports Advisory Committee to Council.
- VIC Report to QCC for period Jun to Dec (less Financial report)

7. **Presidents Report** – The President discussed the proposed Queanbeyan Development Board and its structure. Following comments on the change of structure and the operation of the Board, the President nominated Ian McNamee and Jeremy Wyatt as the QBC representatives and indicated he would nominate as a community representative. **Proposed: Jan Browne, Seconded: Craig Harris.** Discussion followed on the effectiveness of the Board under the current format, however we would support it and assess the effectiveness following Board appointments. The subject was raised about the QCC restructuring of the Sports Advisory Committee and its composition. Jeremy discussed a meeting he had attended and it became obvious that there was a lot of confusion about roles and functions by attendee's and Council as a result of comments and conflicts with correspondence to the Basketball Association (Jan Browne). The President asked if there was anything QBC could do to help. Jan indicated that as the situation was unclear she would advise later.

7. **Tourism Retail Committee Meeting:** Minutes of this meeting have been distributed to sub committee members. The president discussed the proposal to replace the Electric Sign and indicated that he had received positive comments from members on the need for the sign. Craig Harris suggested that we write to Council and indicate a specific percentage of contribution by QBC for the replacement. The content is generally community events and activities which are supported or sponsored by QCC and Council locations not just a QBC promotion. The suggestion was also made to look at the possibility of sponsorship on the sign.

8. **Development and Planning Committee.** The matters have been discussed in other areas and the EO's report. Media coverage was good.

9. **E O Activity Report:** . The EO spoke to his report which is attached in full. Ian McNamee indicated that the website was not up to date and requested that it be fixed. Action is being taken to update it.

10. **General Business-**

Home in Queanbeyan. The President discussed the Home in Queanbeyan Project Breakfast and suggested that the QBC support the Breakfast and project. He suggested that QBC support the project by distributing information to members and suggested we may provide some financial support for the breakfast. Ian McNamee suggested that the QBC donate \$2000 towards the cost of the breakfast. It should be made clear that the donation is on behalf of both the QBC and VIC and that in promoting the donation in the media the link is maintained between both the QBC and VIC. Look at opportunities for media coverage of QBC members at the function or providing the cheque.

Stimulus Package. Craig Harris suggested that the QBC contact the Federal Member, Dr Mike Kelly and indicate support for projects which have been long standing issues in Queanbeyan. These would include CBD redevelopment, the Road Strategy implementation, redevelopment of the Queanbeyan Showground. These projects would generate and sustain employment in the region as well as stimulating business with both direct and indirect flow on. If action is taken now projects will be identified for the next lot of infrastructure funds. This might require the assistance of QCC. Suggested that a meeting be held with Dr Kelly to discuss the issues.

Meeting closed 2.15 pm.

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 19th May 2009, at 12.30 pm – venue tba

Next Development Industrial Committee Meeting – Tuesday, 7th April at 12.30 pm at VIC

Next Tourism Retail Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 8th May at 12.30 pm at VIC