



## DRAFT MINUTES

### QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING QUEANBEYAN GOLF CLUB TUESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2006 at 4 pm

**Present:** 42 attendees as per separate list attached to original minutes.

- 1. Apologies :** Kim Beaumont, Jeremy Wyatt, Warwick Smith, Fiona Harrison, Paul Walshe, Loyd Perin, Garry Sykes, Adrian Makeham-Kirchner, Brig. Wayne Budd (Director General HQJOC).  
**Congratulations** to Adrian and Margaret Makeham-Kirchner on the birth of their first daughter on 18 May.

- 2. Welcome by President:**  
Ian McNamee welcomed guests in particular Guest Speakers Member for Eden Monaro Hon. Gary Nairn MP, Col. Paul Appleton and Mr. Colin Blair, HQ JOC and Mr. Ernie Nichols, Canberra Times, and also Mayor of Queanbeyan, Cr. Frank Pangallo MBE.

- 3. Adoption of Minutes from Executive meeting 3rd April 2007 – Adopted: SMT/BB**

**Matters Arising from Minutes - Nil**

- 4. Report to Members on activities and finances:**
  - a. President's Report:** Ian McNamee and Bill Baker reported on meetings of Development Industrial sub Committee held on 24 April 2007 and Retail Tourism sub Committee held on 18 April 2007. These have been circulated to Executive members and available for download on QBC's web page since 28 April 2007.

**Update:** Bill Baker reported that QCC's latest CBD Lift meeting has progressed Queanbeyan entry signs and pavement upgrades in Monaro and Crawford Streets.

**Capital Region Business Expo:** Being held at Hellenic Club Wednesday, 23 and Thursday 24 May. Information has been advised to all Members and has been available by link from QBC web site for some months. Bill Baker advised that QCC and Capital Region BEC each have a stand, and that these have been combined into a 6m x 2m single stand. QBC has been invited to participate on the stand. The Expo is open from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm on Wednesday and from 8.30 am to 3.30

pm on Thursday. Capital Region BEC is holding its Breakfast at the Expo site on Wednesday morning from 7.30 am. There is a display of 38 stands plus a number of workshops over the two days. The stand will be manned by QCC and BEC personnel plus Simon Mitchell-Taverner (funded by QCC) .

Bill Baker also notified members of the current **Mawamball Art Group** at the Visitor Information Centre. All members are encouraged to view this outstanding display of indigenous art.

**b. Treasurer's Report**

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

- **Reconciled Bank Balance** at 31March 2007 - \$58,835.50
- **Balance Sheet (consolidated):**  
Total Equity at 31 March 2007 – \$103,583.27
- **Profit & Loss (consolidated):**  
Surplus for period Mar 2007 - \$3,831.76

Term deposit - \$50,000 term deposit has matured and been rolled over for a further 9 months. Interest of \$2,274 was paid on the original term deposit.

**Accepted GW/CH**

**c. Correspondence**

**Inwards:**

- Canberra Tourism Services – Quarterly Tourism stats
- ATO – standard end of year tax letter
- Queanbeyan Age – cancellation of Business Awards

**Outwards:**

- Mr Robert Spry – confirming settlement of signs issue.
- Queanbeyan City Council – suggestion for joint Development Corporation
- Mr John Mackay, ActewAGL – condolences on passing of Mr Aspi Baria

**One New member** – Mr. Helmut Sternsdorf, Driver Recruitment

**Accepted SMT/MMcC**

- 5. Project Team on Commonwealth/ Territory Relations and Regional Position:** Simon Mitchell-Taverner attended the final meeting of the project team that had been set up by Canberra Business Council. It was noted that CBC will shortly be merging with the local branch of Australian Business to form a local Chapter of the new 'NSW Business Chamber'. The final meeting of this project team will present a report to the new entity. The meeting endorsed the priority actions from an earlier meeting of the Project

team that had been attended by President Ian McNamee on 6 April 2006. In summary, these included:

- a. Rather than press for reinstatement of a forum between the three governments (ACT, NSW and Commonwealth) at ministerial level, it would be better to move progressively, starting with contacts at a lower level, i.e. officials rather than politicians
- b. The reclassification of the Kings and Monaro Highways, to enable them to be eligible for Commonwealth funding.
- c. Identify and promote a significant Commonwealth project for Canberra for the 2013 Centenary.
- d. Resolution of cross-border issues, including but not limited to water, education, health and roads.

- 6. Address by Member for Eden Monaro Hon. Gary Nairn:** Minister Nairn spoke about the good economic picture nation wide, advising that Queanbeyan now enjoyed an unemployment figure of 2.4% (Eden Monaro 4.6%). Whilst this is a 'good problem' to have, it means that it is hard for business to find the right staff.

As a flow on from HQ JOC, further development is expected in Queanbeyan as service personnel will stay longer in the Region with possible follow on postings between Russell, Campbell Park and HQJOC. Queanbeyan, the central point in this triangle, is a logical residential choice.

On water issues, Mr. Nairn was adamant Queanbeyan would receive water for new developments and he is actively pursuing Queanbeyan's interests in this regard.

Regarding roads, Mr. Nairn indicated that the lack of an effective cross border group, able to present a regional approach, had contributed to the protracted nature of a regional roads solution. On 15 May Mr. Nairn had announced \$17.6 million dollars for four road projects in his electorate – including \$6 million for Edwin Land Parkway between Jerrabomberra and Cooma Street.

Following a question by President Ian McNamee, Mr. Nairn undertook to raise the issue of the need for a representative NSW/ACT group with Federal Minister for Territories, Hon. Jim Loyd.

- 7. Address by Mr. Ernie Nichols, Canberra Times.** Mr. Nichols gave an update on the Canberra Times Queanbeyan Supplement scheduled for Sunday, 24 June 2007. He said the 'timing was perfect' given land release decisions and other recent announcements concerning local development. Currently planned as a 24 page 'stitched and trimmed' lift out supplement, it could stretch to 32 pages given sufficient support. 10,000 additional supplements will be produced for further regional marketing. If

successful, this could be repeated on a regular basis – eg every 2 years or 18 months. The supplement will include messages from Mayor, QBC President and other leaders plus maps, 'pub and club scene', trades and service directory, arts and crafts.

Following a question from member Rod Studholme, Mr. Nichols will consider an on-line version of the supplement.

Mr. Nichols contact - [ernie.nichols@canberratimes.com.au](mailto:ernie.nichols@canberratimes.com.au) .

- 8. Address by Col. Paul Appleton re HQJOC:** Col. Appleton apologised on behalf of advertised guest speaker Brig. Wayne Budd who was unexpectedly called away and was thus unable to address this Meeting. As Brig. Budd's Chief of Staff, Col Appleton provided a Power Point presentation outlining the present position of construction and sketches of the finished product.

Construction is by consortium Praeco Pty Ltd, 50% owned by Leighton Contractors and 50% ABN AMRO who will design and operate the facility for the next 30 years. The Headquarters will command and control all operations around the world. For this reason, it will be a 24 hour operation.

750 defence staff currently located in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra will occupy the HQ together with about 40 contractors. Efficiencies such as co-location had reduced this number from the original 1200.

Queanbeyan firm Codarra Advanced Systems had been appointed Project Manager Smart Systems.

For Members requiring more information, Col. Appleton suggested <http://www.defence.gov.au/id/hqjoc/> .

#### **Members Forum:**

- a. Sale of Hospital Land** – Nerida Dean expressed concern at the lack of consultation concerning sale of land at Queanbeyan Hospital. Mayor Pangallo advised that Council has similar concerns and has written to the Minister for Health. He will provide a copy of this letter to QBC.

**ACTION:** Nerida Dean to draft letter on behalf of QBC to Minister for Health requesting that community consultation occur before land is sold. **ND**

- b. 'Home in Queanbeyan' Project** – Nerida Dean advised of the launch of this project to be held on 6 June.

**ACTION:** Nerida Dean to provide a letter giving details - **ND**

8. **Informal networking** - Ian McNamee thanked the three guest speakers and Queanbeyan Golf Club for hosting and catering for this meeting.

**Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 26 June at Queanbeyan Kangaroo Rugby League Club, Stuart Street, starting at 12.30 pm.**

**Meeting closed 5.45 pm.**