

**QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING
QUEANBEYAN VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
TUESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2008 12.30 PM**

Present: Craig Harris, Paul Walshe, John Walker, Bill Baker, Simon Mitchell-Taverner

Apologies: Ian McNamee, Lydia Teodorowych, Maurice McCormack, Michael Doherty, Loyd Perin, Ken Ineson, Peter Williams,

1. **Welcome from Chair** -. Craig Harris welcomed attendees
2. **Matters arising from Meeting 17 June** –
 1. **Googong Pipeline** – Craig Harris advised that the letter would be released shortly.

ACTION: CH

3. **Roads and Water Update** – Craig Harris summarised a meeting held with Member for Eden Monaro Hon. Dr. Mike Kelly. Negotiations on the ownership of the Googong dam have been progressing, and an announcement on this – including the securing Queanbeyan’s water supply for future growth - is expected shortly. Craig Harris believed the pledge by Federal Candidates at QBC’s Meet the Federal Candidates meeting prior to the Federal Election had borne fruit with funding for a city wide traffic study which is being undertaken by QCC and will extend to the National Capital Region. The study is at a final draft stage and will provide a model as the basis for a road funding process at micro and macro levels.

Talks with Dr. Kelly had also covered the Civil Military Cooperation Centre (The Queanbeyan Centre) being incorporated into two floors of a CBD building. This is expected to provide employment for 15 to 40 staff and house up to 60 overseas participants at a time who would use local accommodation and other facilities. Talks also covered the potential for employment land at Tralee.

ACTION: Inner Executive

4. **Arising from Meet the Candidates** - The General Meeting held on 5 August attracted more than 50 attendees and Craig Harris thanked Bill Baker and Simon Mitchell-Taverner for the organisation of a successful event. It was noted that all candidates supported residential growth, how traffic should be managed, the CBD Masterplan and consideration of the parks and river as part of the Masterplan process. Bill Baker pointed to the calibre and passion with which the Candidates made their presentations, and it was clear that QBC could have a good relationship with whoever was successful as Mayor or Councillor.

5. **Canberra Technology City Update** – Simon Mitchell-Taverner noted media reports that decisions relating to this project have been deferred by ACT Government until after the Election. Paul Walshe advised that terms of reference for the EIS would hopefully be back to ACT Government by end November 2008.
6. **Membership Renewals** – Simon Mitchell-Taverner advised that Membership renewals were sent out on Friday, 6 June reflecting the new rates. Membership receipts are 'a bit slow', however Bill Baker noted that QBC had played a major part in big picture issues. It was now looking at smaller issues such as a proposed CBD market day to coincide with Melbourne Cup Day and be a pre-cursor to Queanbeyan in Bloom.

ACTION: SMT

7. **Advertising for new Executive Officer** - Craig Harris advised that the Inner Executive had resolved to advertise this position this coming weekend in Canberra Times, Queanbeyan Age and SEEK.com. If no suitable candidate is found, the position will be advertised more widely in SMH and Australian. Advertisement and Application kit were tabled.

ACTION: SMT

8. General Business –

1. **VIC Reporting Criteria** – QBC has responded in writing, however no feedback received to date.

Challenge of Champions - Simon Mitchell-Taverner gave a brief overview of this promotion being undertaken by an Incorporated Association led by Col Berry and Darryl Jenkins. This is a light hearted challenge to other regional town in NSW to find the Champion Town in a range of selected sports. It will take place in Queanbeyan at the end of March until 4 April 2009, and is expected to attract 1500 visiting competitors. Simon had suggested using the VIC website to help promote the event, proceeds of which will go to local charities. QBC/VIC would not be involved in processing applications, collecting monies etc. It was noted that at least one of the promoters is a candidate for Council, and QBC should not be involved in any political advantage for Council candidates.

ACTION: SMT

2. **Karabar Shopping Mall** – A query was raised by John Walker about the situation with Karabar including the demolition of the service station and operation of the supermarket.

ACTION: BB to check with Loyd Perin

- 3. Meeting with TAFE** – Simon Mitchell-Taverner reported that he and Steve Jamieson had been invited to talk to TAFE educators from SE Region of TAFES. This was aimed at giving TAFE a clearer idea as to how it could work with and benefit local business.

ACTION: SMT

Meeting closed 1.50 pm.

Next Committee meeting – Tuesday, 18 September at 12.30 pm at VIC

Next Executive Meeting – Tuesday, 26 August, at 12.30 pm – venue VIC