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**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING 4 OF QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS  
COUNCIL INCORPORATED  
QUEANBEYAN LEAGUES CLUB  
TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2005 STARTING 12.30 PM**

**Present** – Bill Baker, Ross Barrett, Jan Browne, Daryl Evans, Craig Harris, Steve Jamieson, Col Maxwell, Ian McNamee, Stan Waldren, Graham Wise, Jeremy Wyatt, Loyd Perin, Nick Moufarrige, Frank Bresnik.

**Apologies** – Hugh Percy, Rod Studholme, Maurice McCormack, Trudy Taylor.

**Facilitator** – Simon Mitchell-Taverner

**1. Adoption of Minutes of Executive 3, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005.**

**Adopted unanimously GW/SJ**

**2. Matters arising from Minutes of Executive 3, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

Nil

**3. Secretary's Report –  
Correspondence**

Craig Harris asked that any correspondence held by Executive Members that has not been registered should be notified to Facilitator.

Letters of thanks had been sent to speakers and Queanbeyan Golf Club thanking them for their efforts at the Quarterly Meeting.

Letter had also been sent to Hon David Campbell regarding water and had been acknowledged by the Minister.

A letter had been received from Queanbeyan City Council advising it was unable to be a Member of QBC.

A further letter had been received from Council confirming the temporary secondment of Simon Mitchell-Taverner for approximately 1 day per week until December 2005.

Discussion was held regarding approaches to NSW Government and QCC regarding water. Hon David Campbell is referring to Minister Knowles. Other approaches were being made to NSW Ministers Knowles and Refshauge. Agreed that current reaction was slow.

**4. Treasurers Report –**

**Financial reports** including a reconciled bank statement and balance sheet were **Presented by GW for adoption**, seconded by CM.  
**Adopted.**

Included with the financial statements was a draft budget for consideration by Executive including projected salaries and consultancies.

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Treasurer reported 32 new Members.

**Resolution:** All nominations as listed in the financial reports were **unanimously elected** as members on the Motion of Graham Wise seconded by Nick Moufarrige.

### 5. Report on Meeting with QCC 17 May 2005:

President reported on the Meeting which was attended by Ian McNamee, Bill Baker, Jeremy Wyatt, Craig Harris, Frank Bresnik, Loyd Perin, Steve Jamieson and Maurice McCormack and jointly minuted. Copy of minutes had been circulated.

QCC has allocated the second Wednesday of each month to QBC for joint meetings commencing at 6 pm when requested by QBC.

**Resolved** that Facilitator arrange the following dates with QCC:

1. Wednesday, 13 July to discuss Edwin Land Parkway
2. Wednesday, 10 August following the Quarterly meeting 09 August.

**Action: SMT**

### 6. Group Reports

- a. **Group 1 from Meeting of 7 June 2005.** Minutes previously forwarded to all Executive Members.

**Water:** Craig Harris elaborated on Actew presentation to CBC and Actew's preferred "Option 4 - Angle Crossing". This has major benefits for Queanbeyan not least of which is the need for NSW Government co-operation. It also defers the need for a new dam for some years. ACT Government is accepting submissions until 23 June. CBC will be making a submission.

**Resolved** that Craig Harris prepare a submission to ACT Government on behalf of QBC supporting the Angle Crossing Option.

**Action: CH**

Bill Baker and Ian McNamee met with Premiers Department. This was referred by Premier's to DIPNA.

**Resolved** that Bill Baker write to Minister Knowles and Premier Carr on QBC's behalf seeking action.

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**Sewage:** Actew AGL are preparing a presentation regarding their proposal regarding Queanbeyan Sewage. This will be presented to QBC within the next few weeks.

**Roads:** Consultant's report regarding Edwin Land Parkway to be presented to QCC on 13 July is being re-edited with a wider (less technical) audience in mind.

Lloyd Perin elaborated on his talks with Mr Hardgrave's office concerning duplication of Lanyon Drive. Whilst ACT Government would allocate funds in the coming financial year, this construction is not on RTA's budget until 2008/2009. He has spoken with Steve Whan MP's office.

**Adoption of Recommendations:** Ian McNamee presented for adoption all recommendations contained in the Group 1 Minutes. Seconded by Craig Harris, **Adopted.**

- b. Group 2 Report from Meeting of 6 June 2005:** Jeremy Wyatt reported on meeting with Council regarding proposed Queanbeyan Cultural Centre which had also been attended by Bill Baker, Jan Browne, Daryl Evans, Steve Jamieson, Col Maxwell, Graham Wise and Facilitator. Presentation of a number of alternatives had been given. The preferred option presented to the meeting was for the proposed Cultural Centre to be located behind the Conference Centre (as previously) but oriented towards Rutledge Street. This would lose approximately 60 parking places. These would be replaced by the demolition of 12 and 14 Rutledge Street for additional parking spaces. This would require significant Council staff relocation.

Proposed operational figures were suggested by Council staff as operating at a relatively small cost to ratepayers. Overall cost of construction would vary depending upon the final option and other factors such as staff relocation costs.

**Resolved on the motion of Bill Baker seconded by Jeremy Wyatt** that QBC support the proposed Cultural Centre based on its social need and the benefit to local traders.

The complex will not, for example, include a restaurant. Support is also based on the low level of operational costs as presented to QBC Members and is conditional upon there being no net loss of parking places. The public should be aware, however, that there will always be a need for the proposed Cultural Centre to be subsidised by the ratepayers.

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QBC recommend to City Council that this opportunity be taken to consider a multi-level car park in conjunction with the proposed Cultural Centre. This would not only address current parking issues, it would also protect Council assets from demolition and the necessity to relocate Council staff.

**Further resolved** that Bill Baker present this view to the meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday, 15 June at 6.30 pm.

**These resolutions were carried unanimously.**

### **Action: BB**

**Membership** discussed. Jeremy Wyatt will call on Main Street traders to identify additional membership, Col Maxwell to call on Queanbeyan Age regarding membership.

### **Action: JW/CM**

**Canberra Business Groups** – following suggestion forwarded by Hugh Percy, **Resolved** that Group 2 would invite each of ACT Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Canberra Business Council and Australian Business Limited to make presentations at subsequent Group 2 meetings.

### **Action: Group 2**

**Membership Certificates/Stickers** discussed. **Resolved** that Facilitator seek quotes for certificates and stickers.

### **Action: SMT**

## **7. Staffing needs from January 2006 –**

**BEC was requested** to provide a proposal for supply of core facilitation and administration services to QBC when the current arrangement with Queanbeyan City Council expires at the end of the year. Facilitation would be provided by contract staff responsible to QBC through BEC. Role will include that currently undertaken by staff on loan from QCC plus membership generation, liaison between members, representation at external meetings and other duties as required. It was estimated that this role would initially be for two to three days per week.

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### 8. Agenda for next quarterly meeting -

**Confirmed** that the next quarterly meeting will be held at Tigers Club on 9 August 2005. Need for a strong agenda discussed.

Suggested topics could include:

- a. Edwin Land Parkway
- b. Proposed Ring Road
- c. QBC involvement in Council's Master Plan for the CBD
- d. QBC involvement in Council's LEP over-arching "Queanbeyan Future's" Plan
- e. QBC involvement in Council's CBD LIFT Committee
- f. Removal of heavy traffic from Monaro Street
- g. Promotion of retail in Queanbeyan
- h. Tourism development and possible representation
- i. Cross border issues
- j. Submission of GST implications
- k. Assessment of proposed Queanbeyan Cultural Centre
- l. Involvement in proposed Queanbeyan Technical College

**Action: ALL**

**Suggestion** from Darryl Evans that end of year Quarterly Meeting be used to set Agenda for Next 12 months. Discussion included possibility of this function taking the form of a dinner.

**Action: Group 2**

### 9. Executive incomplete membership –

**Resolved** that Secretary will contact those concerned to complete membership formalities including fees.

**Action: GW**

### 10. Replacement for vacant Executive position –

**Resolved** on the motion of Jeremy Wyatt seconded by Graham Wise that Riverside Plaza be approached and also consideration to a Tourism operator.

**Action: SMT**

### 11. Response to NRMA Questions -

Ian McNamee forwarded NRMA email to QCC's Greg Fogarty who will write to NRMA on behalf of QCC and QBC regarding the effects of HQ JOC on Kings Highway and local roads and the need for duplication of Lanyon Drive.

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**Resolved:** NRMA Meeting Tuesday, 19 July to be attended on behalf of QBC by Ian McNamee and Loyd Perin.

**Action: (IMcN/LP)**

### **12. Web Site and improvements to temporary BEC web site (HP, SJ)**

Quotations being obtained by Hugh Percy for a report to the next meeting.

**Action: HP**

Interim improvement to BEC link will be undertaken.

**Action: SJ**

### **13. Queanbeyan Age Column**

**Resolved** following report forwarded by Hugh Percy that Mr Percy continue negotiations with Queanbeyan Age for monthly column tentatively titled "The Voice of Queanbeyan". The column would appear on the Friday following the monthly QBC Executive meeting.

**Action: HP**

### **14. Golf Club Development Proposal**

**Resolved unanimously** on the motion of Nick Moufarrige seconded by Frank Bresnik that QBC supports development of the portion of Golf Club land recently the subject of a DA to Queanbeyan City Council

**Further resolved** that a definition of "conflict of interest" be sought.

**Action: CH**

### **15. Representation:**

- a. **CBD Lift Committee.** Col Maxwell reported on the CBD LIFT Committee dated 16 May 2005 with particular reference to a Main Streets Improvement Grant that had been applied for by a Councillor who is also a business operator and main streets premises owner. Whilst Grant conditions had been met, eligibility for a Councillor to apply had been questioned and referred to the full Council for decision.

**Resolved** on the motion of Col Maxwell seconded by Frank Bresnik that QBC holds the view that City Councillors and their families and/or businesses should not be disadvantaged by their position provided they comply with the requirements of such Grants.

**Adopted unanimously.**

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### 16. General Business:

#### a. Showground Proposal:

**Agreed** that QBC requires more information on this project and other developments within the overall curtilage of the Showgrounds before making comment. Issues include:

- Is there, or is there planned to be, an overall Management Plan for the future of the Showgrounds?
- What is the cost of fit out for this facility?
- Who will manage the facility?
- What return will the Trust managers get for the right to occupy the facility?
- How many car parks will be provided?
- Will car parks be sealed?
- What effect will the facility and car parks have on Showgrounds capacity?

**Resolved** on the motion of Bill Baker seconded Jeremy Wyatt that a letter be sent to QCC seeking full disclosure of capital costs, on-going costs, anticipated return and projected usage.

**Adopted unanimously.**

**Action: BB**

- b. Autonomous Water:** Craig Harris reported on a contact from QBC Member Ania Lian from Critical Pedagogy concerning a trial or pilot for autonomous water. A meeting is being arranged with Federal Environment Department in Queanbeyan.

**Action: CH/SMT**

**Meeting closed 2.13 pm**