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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING 5 OF QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL INCORPORATED QUEANBEYAN LEAGUES CLUB TUESDAY 12th JULY STARTING 12.30 PM

Present – Bill Baker, Frank Bresnik, Craig Harris, Steve Jamieson, Col Maxwell, Maurice McCormack, Ian McNamee, Hugh Percy, Loyd Perin, Rod Studholme, Trudy Taylor, Graham Wise, Jeremy Wyatt.

Observers – Kim Beaumont (Riverside Plaza), plus Ms Fithratulhayana (Fith) and Ms Murfaidah Hi Zaini (Nur), Visiting Economics graduates from Indonesia.

Apologies – Nick Moufarrige, Daryl Evans, Ross Barrett, Jan Browne, Matthew Mason-Cox, Loyd Perin.

Facilitator – Simon Mitchell-Taverner

President opened the meeting by welcoming the observers.

1. Adoption of Minutes of Executive 4 14^h June 2005
Adopted unanimously (BB/MM)

2. Matters arising from Minutes of Executive 4, 14th June 2005

Bill Baker will undertake correspondence items from meeting.

3. Secretary's Report –

Correspondence:

Received from NRMA, Probus Queanbeyan, Cr Steve Stavreas, NSW Department of State & Regional Development, Advisor to NSW Minister David Campbell, Canberra Business Council, Gary Nairn MP re water, Gary Nairn MP re tourism, Chief Minister ACT re freedom of information.

Sent to ACT Chief Minister re future water options, NSW Minister Knowles MP re water, Federal Minister Fran Bailey re Tourism, NSW Minister Sandra Nori re tourism, President's report to financial members, Probus Queanbeyan in response.

Actions from correspondence:

- NRMA being attended by President.
 - Probus attended by Vice President Bill Baker.
 - Cr Stavreas re Cultural Centre deferred to later in meeting.
 - Canberra Business Council invitation to Implementation Summit.
- Resolved** that Craig Harris and Bill Baker attend summit in Canberra on 28th July on behalf of QBC

Action CH/BB

- Chief Minister ACT request for freedom of information item granted unanimously by **resolution** BB /HP.
- All other inwards correspondence items were interim acknowledgements of QBC letters.

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Secretary's report adopted CH /RS.

4. Treasurers Report –

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

Treasurer reported 7 new Members.

Resolution: All nominations as listed in the financial reports were **unanimously elected** as members GW /CM.

Treasurer advised he wished to operate on a financial year ending 30 June 2005. This will require appointment of Auditor. Following quotations received, and bearing in mind Members cannot be auditors, Treasurer recommended Anthony Curtis & Co be appointed auditor for the current year. **Resolved** unanimously that this be accepted CH/BB.

5. Group Reports

Group 1:

Water Supply: President has met with NSW Member Steve Whan MP and Mayor who advised that the Federal Government is holding up the process. They had advised that any water sharing agreement with ACT refers specifically to Queanbeyan. Craig Harris is following up with Federal Member Hon. Gary Nairn MP following his interim acknowledgement from Minister Hon. Jim Lloyd who had advised that water for Queanbeyan was to be considered in conjunction with “other centres of settlement”.

Action CH

President and Vice President Hugh Percy are meeting with Actew regarding sewage scheme proposal and water supply. Actew to be invited to make presentation on water issues to QBC Quarterly meeting at Queanbeyan Tigers Club on 9th August.

Action IMcN/HP

Autonomous Water: Craig Harris reported on meetings held with the Queanbeyan Region Autonomous Water Group, a group of five local scientists operating under a Commonwealth Grant. These meetings were instigated by QBC Member Ania Lian and also attended by Craig Harris and Simon Mitchell-Taverner. Craig Harris tabled a proposed project brief which is **Attachment 1** of these minutes. Following discussion it was agreed that QBC would enthusiastically support this initiative within its limited resources.

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Recommendations contained in Attachment 1 were adopted unanimously. CH/JW.

Action CH

Land Supply: Unchanged

Edwin Land Parkway : Meeting with QCC scheduled for Wednesday, 13th July cancelled. Agenda item **Edwin Land Parkway** deferred to the next scheduled Meeting with Council on 10th August 2005. Vice President Hugh Percy advised that this report would be ready within two weeks and copies would be provided to both Federal and NSW Members of Parliament and to Council's Manager Technical Services, Greg Fogarty, for information and comment.

HQ Joint Operations Command: Unchanged from previous meeting. Kings Highway issues will be considered as part of overall roads strategies.

Group 2:

Cultural Centre: QBC's recommendation to Council's meeting of 15th June 2005 was accepted by the majority of Councillors as qualified support subject to the number of car parking spaces being at least retained and based on the financial information as provided by Council. Cr Stavreas's email (see correspondence) was tabled. Following discussion, it was agreed that QBC's position was unchanged, however further clarification should be sought from Queanbeyan Council on a number of issues. **Resolved** that QBC write to Queanbeyan City Council regarding these issues and that this item be placed on the agenda for the meeting with Council to be held on 10th August 2005. HP/BB

Action BB/SMT

Showgrounds: President tabled most recent Plan of Management for the Showgrounds supplied by Queanbeyan City Council. It was noted that no direct reference to the proposed Multi Purpose Centre was included in this Plan. Vice President Hugh Percy provided background information including the original concept that this be a "Mini EPIC" with the opportunity for collaboration with regional exhibitions. This had developed into a 'multi purpose centre', but was now reported to be an 'indoor sporting centre'. **Resolved** that this be an Agenda item for the meeting with Council to be held on 10th August 2005. Vice President Bill Baker will write to Council prior to this meeting.

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Tourism: Unchanged from previous meeting.

Membership: Resolved unanimously that Mr Murray Maxwell be employed for an initial three months as Membership Officer. Remuneration will be on a Commission basis. HP/SJ

President advised that he and Jan Browne had met with Country Energy who have become QBC Members and have offered their Board Room for QBC's September Executive Meeting.

CBD LIFT: Col Maxwell reported on the last CBD LIFT Committee Meeting. He reported that increased lighting for the bus interchange using shop awnings had been raised. He further reported little interest in QBC's suggestion of a schools competition, but had suggested that QBC assist with shopkeepers in developing a joint 'Christmas theme'. Frank Bresnik suggested a possible theme incorporating a one day Monaro Street road closure to encourage trading and demonstrate the possible effect of a future by-pass.

Resolved that Kim Beaumont and Vice President Jeremy Wyatt attend the next meeting on Monday 18th July at 4.30 pm as observers.

Action - CM/SMT/JW/KB

6. Publicity:

Vice President Hugh Percy and Trudy Taylor discussed plans for future '**Voice of Queanbeyan**' column in the **Queanbeyan Age**. This could be as short as a couple of columns or as long as 'a couple of pages'. Column will include profiles of QBC Member businesses.

Two quotes have been obtained for **development of a web page**.

Resolved that the quote from James Grounds be accepted and that a team comprising Hugh Percy, Ian McNamee, Craig Harris and Steve Jamieson assist in its development. HP/MMcC

Action - HP/IMcN/CH/SJ

Maurice McCormack presented a new **QBC banner** for future events. He was formally thanked by the meeting.

7. Agenda for Quarterly Meeting 9th August:

Meeting to be held at Queanbeyan Tigers Club. Agenda under development.

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8. Meetings with Queanbeyan City Council:

Next Meeting will be held at Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday, 10th August at 6 pm. Agenda items, as resolved at this meeting, to date:

- Cultural Centre
- Showgrounds
- Edwin land Parkway

9. Executive position:

Resolved that Kim Beaumont be approached to represent the retail sector. (HP/CH)

10. Golf Club Development Proposal:

Awaiting clarification of Conflict of Interest issues.

11. Conflicts of interest:

Craig Harris tabled “Managing Conflicts of Interest in the Public Sector” publication from ICAC. **Resolved** that this issue be discussed at the next group 2 meeting with a recommendation to be brought to the subsequent Executive Meeting.

Action – Group 2

Maurice McCormack will bring rules relating to code of conduct, that have been developed by the Line Marking Association, to the next Executive meeting.

Action - MMcC

12. Youth Business Community Association:

Simon Mitchell-Taverner alerted Executive Members to a meeting to be held at Queanbeyan Council Chambers on Wednesday 3rd August with National Federation of Independent Business - Youth Business Community Association. It is a not for profit organisation that promotes youth employment in business specifically small business.

NIB-YBCA have a program that they want to pilot in Queanbeyan where businesses pay \$6,000 per year and, in return, get the part-time services of a young person for 12 months, with no on-going employment obligation. carries the complete employment responsibility and covers all the wages, on - costs, insurance, workers comp, ,support and mentoring for the young people who get involved.

This pilot is for mainstream young people and does not work to address employment issues for marginalised young people.

They are looking for support from Council and from other businesses and organisations in Queanbeyan.

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13. General Business –

Resolved that Business Cards be printed for Executive and Membership Officer.

Action - SMT