

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS
COUNCIL INCORPORATED
COUNTRY ENERGY
TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER STARTING 12.30 PM**

Present – Bill Baker, Frank Bresnik, Ian McNamee, Loyd Perin, Rod Studholme, Graham Wise, Jan Browne, Nick Moufarrige, Daryl Evans.

Observers – Ania Lian (Critical Pedagogy),

Apologies – Hugh Percy, Maurice McCormack, Kim Beaumont, Jeremy Wyatt, Craig Harris, Col Maxwell, Ross Barrett, Matthew Mason-Cox, Steve Jamieson.

Facilitator – Simon Mitchell-Taverner

President opened the meeting by thanking David Bellew and Kathy Howard from Country Energy for their hospitality and welcoming observer Ania Lian.

1. Adoption of Minutes of Executive 5 12th July 2005

Adopted unanimously (LP/FB)

2. Matters arising from Minutes of Executive 5, 12th July 2005

Nil

3. Secretary's Report –

Correspondence:

Received from Brendan O'Keeffe (Tourism Opportunity), Queanbeyan VIC (Launch of new Tourism Brochure), Premier Morris Iemma (Interim Response), Queanbeyan Racing Club (Invitation to sponsor Quarterly meeting and QBC to sponsor Race).

Sent to Premier Morris Iemma (Edwin Land Parkway), Tigers Club (Thanks for Quarterly Meeting), Brendan O'Keeffe (acknowledgement), All Members (Autonomous Water questionnaire), Premier Morris Iemma, copy Local Member (Comments re Hospital location meeting), Chief Minister Stanhope (Request for water meeting).

Actions from correspondence:

Group 2 Members request copy of letter from Brendan O'Keeffe. Resolved that Executive Members in future receive copies of correspondence prior to Meeting.

Action SMT

Secretary's report adopted (LP/FB).

4. Treasurers Report – Tabled by Treasurer – detailed copy attached to original minutes. Summary as follows:

Reconciled Bank Balance 31 st August 2005	\$48,561.95
Total Equity at 31 st August 2005	\$49,081.83
P&L for August 2005	\$ 7,437.29

Anthony Curtis & Co have completed audit to 30th June 2005. Financial statements to be tabled at next Executive meeting.

11 new applications for membership received. **Resolved unanimously** that all nominations as listed in the financial reports be **elected** as members.

Treasurers report **accepted on resolution of GW seconded by LP.**

5. Group Reports

Group 1: Minutes of Group 1 meeting held on 5th September 2005 were distributed. Copy held on original minute file.

Water Supply: Letter forwarded to Chief Minister Jon Stanhope following Group 1 meeting (see Correspondence above). This letter requested a meeting with the Chief Minister to discuss the finalisation of the water agreement, in particular the key points of:

- The current status of the agreement.
- Its relationship to other regional agreements, such as the regional settlement strategy and cross-border funding.
- When an overall resolution can be expected.

The meeting, if granted, will be attended by President Ian McNamee, VP Bill Baker and Ross Barrett.

Ian McNamee stated that, subject to the outcome of this meeting, a meeting will be arranged in the near future with NSW Minister Frank Sartor, through the local Member Steve Whan MP, to establish NSW Government's attitude.

Action IMcN, BB, RB

Autonomous Water: Bill Baker introduced Ania Lian who has been QBC's representative on the Autonomous Water Group (AWG). Ania tabled a report on the project which was testing the viability of Autonomous Water management solutions in the context of Queanbeyan business.

The project explores the problem of water management in Queanbeyan by engaging business through a survey (forwarded to members – see Correspondence above), and discussions with major stakeholders including NSW Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and Zero-Waste Australia. The most recent meeting had been attended by Ania with

Craig Harris and Bill Baker. This meeting had established, amongst other issues, that the AWG was not a sub-set of QBC in legal or insurance terms.

Resolved by the meeting that Option (b) of Ania's report be followed. This option facilitates discussions between QBC, QCC and DEC in order to discuss water management as it relates to Queanbeyan business.

Action AL

Land Supply:

This item was covered under item 'Water' above.

Roads including Edwin Land Parkway : President Ian McNamee tabled a draft of the Consultant's report which is still subject to comment from executive members and Council technical staff before being presented to Queanbeyan City Council and local Members. Loyd Perin sought a amendment to the report in accordance with recent e-mail advice to Ian McNamee. Ian advised that an amendment had been incorporated and a copy of the report would be sent to Loyd.

Loyd Perin advised that ACT Government has received funding in this current financial year under the Federal Roads to Recovery Program for the duplication of Lanyon Drive. It has received \$100,000 to perform a Preliminary Study in conjunction with the RTA. This is in line with previous advice from Roads ACT that funds would be sought in later financial years. Loyd is to advise Steve Whan about this development.

Frank Bresnik commented on the existence of a \$9 million Federal Grant towards Edwin Land Parkway. He will investigate this further and report back to the next meeting.

Action FB

Group 2:

Cultural Centre: President Ian McNamee re-iterated QBC position, stating that QBC supported the project subject to a number of conditions including no loss of car parks, that Queanbeyan Council consider the Cultural Centre in conjunction with a multi level car park and based on financial data as presented to QBC by QCC.

Daryl Evans advised he is a Member of the Cultural Centre Steering Committee, but that he represents another stakeholder. Bill Baker offered to represent QBC on this Committee.

Action BB

Showgrounds:

No further report except that a letter has been written to Premier Morris Iemma concerning the Hospital meeting as advised in Correspondence above.

Tourism:

Simon Mitchell-Taverner advised that QBC had been represented by Daryl Evans and Ania Lian at Visitor Centre planning meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 14th September. Comment was made on the apparent lack of industry interest, however education tourism was raised by Ania. Scope for a Tourism chapter of QBC will be assessed.

Action SMT/AL/DE

Main Streets:

Nick Moufarrige reported on the most recent CBD LIFT Committee which had included Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, Main Streets Improvement Grants and Christmas decorations. All of these will be subject to reports at the next CBD LIFT Meeting on Monday, 19th September. **Resolved** at this stage that Conflicts of interest issue is considered 'confusing' and delegates should express this view.

Further resolved that delegates should express the view of perceived inactivity in CBD Planning - particularly in competition with Commonwealth processes as evident at NCA and Canberra Airport.

Action NM/CM

6. Proposed Airport Bulky Goods facility:

Rod Studholme tabled a media release from Canberra Airport regarding the proposed bulky goods facility. Whilst it is not on the same scale as the proposed Fyshwick facility, this proposal will nevertheless have an impact on Queanbeyan. Noting that impacts have been assessed by ACT Government on existing ACT retail areas, Rod proposed that Business Council consider writing to ACT Government to ask if any impact assessment has been done as to impacts on Queanbeyan. **Resolved** that Rod Studholme speak with other regional stakeholders with a common interest in this proposed development to assess their position.

Action RS

7. Queanbeyan Age Awards 17th September:

Request to Members from Hugh Percy that QBC show support to the Awards by attendance of Executive members on the evening. A number indicated they would be attending.

8. Next Quarterly Meeting and Future Speakers:

An invitation to host the next Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, 15th November has been received from Queanbeyan Racing Club (see Correspondence above). Whilst no details of this offer are yet available, QRC have also offered QBC the offer to sponsor a race at the concurrent twilight race meeting at a cost of \$660. Discussion on this item included the potential for individual corporate members to sponsor races at this meeting. **Resolved** that in principal support be given to holding the next Quarterly Meeting at Queanbeyan Racing Club. **Further resolved** that Graham Wise investigate and bring a recommendation to the next Executive Meeting.

Action GW

9. QBC Future Direction/Membership:

President Ian McNamee advised that Murray Maxwell had terminated his position of Membership Officer to pursue other interests. He had, however, made some recommendations.

Rod Studholme suggested that a Celebration of Member No 100 be arranged when this number is reached.

Resolved that Frank Bresnik assist Trudy Woods with publicity issues.

Action FB/TW

Resolved that Jan Browne assist Jeremy Wyatt during QLC's major renovations by calling a meeting of Group 2 to include the following topics:

- Membership
- Letter from Brendan O'Keeffe regarding proposed development of Queanbeyan history facility (see correspondence above)
- Potential for Tourism and retail chapters of QBC

Action JB

10. Community and Business Resources Day:

Daryl Evans advised he has been appointed a Committee member of Capital Region Area Consultative Committee (CR-ACC). He asked members to support the Community and Business Resources Day on Thursday, 22nd September between 9am and 5pm at Queanbeyan Conference Centre by attendance and by referral to businesses and organisations that might benefit from the information that will be presented by CR-ACC.

11. General Business:

- a. Frank Bresnik reported on car parking restrictions and erection of bollards in East Queanbeyan industrial area. **Resolved** that this issue be referred to next Executive Meeting. **Further resolved** that Frank investigate parking issues experienced by other businesses in East Queanbeyan.

Action FB

- b. President asked that important issues that require in depth discussion be, wherever possible, included on the formal agenda rather than in General Business.

Meeting closed at 2.35 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th October at 12.30 pm. Venue to be confirmed.