



**MINUTES OF QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING  
QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL INCORPORATED  
QUEANBEYAN LEAGUES CLUB  
TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2006 STARTING 4.20 PM**

**Present** – 72 attendees as attached to original minutes

**Apologies** – Barbara Maynard

1. **Adoption of Minutes and matters arising from Executive meeting 17th January 2006**

**Adopted** on the Motion of Jan Browne, Seconded by Colin Maxwell

**Matters Arising:** Nil

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Copy attached to minutes register.

**Summary:**

- Reconciled bank Balance at 31 January 2006 is \$42,203.21
  - Balance Sheet – Total Equity at 31 January 2006 \$43,375.71
  - P&L – 1 July to 31 October 2005 – (\$3,406.80)
- New Members, January 2006 – 2 Applications received

**Adopted** on motion of Graham Wise seconded by Craig Harris

**Correspondence**

Two items received since previous Executive Meeting –

- Letter from QCC General Manager Graham Taylor confirming extension of Farrer place occupancy from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2006 to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2006.
- Letter of thanks from Capital Region Development Corporation for presentation by Ian McNamee.

3. **Introduction of QBC Executive Officer**

Ian McNamee introduced new Executive Officer Geoffrey Bird PhD. Geoffrey comes to the Queanbeyan Business Council with a wealth of business/ management experience. He started his career as a school teacher, then university lecturer in Canada and the United States. This was followed by a marketing role in the textile industry in North Carolina, followed by a senior role in the Commonwealth Schools Commission based in Canberra. Following a period as CEO of a public company involved in telecommunications, Geoff was appointed to senior management roles in Westpac and Commonwealth Bank – with particular

focus on SE NSW/ ACT. Geoff advised that occupation of the Visitor Centre occurred on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February and that an initial cheque was received from Queanbeyan City Council on this date. The operation is currently staffed by Sandra Bryce under Geoff's direction from Mondays to Fridays. Sandra was a staff member under Queanbeyan City Council. Simon Mitchell-Taverner is currently undertaking weekend staffing duties and as required.

Further discussions have been held with senior ACT Tourism staff towards co-operative operations including their volunteer program.

Some minor structural changes will be undertaken to improve traffic flow and to enable more areas of the building to be used productively. This will be beneficial both to QBC and BEC. The whole building is now air conditioned.

4. **New three Group Structure**

Ian McNamee advised that the Group structure would change in 2006 with the introduction of three groups:

**Tourism  
Development/ Finance  
Retail/ Industrial**

Whilst each Group would be headed by a QBC President or Vice President and each Executive Member would be represented on one of the Groups, an invitation was made to the General membership of QBC to nominate for one of the groups.

The following nominations were received:

**Tourism:**

Bill Baker, Jeremy Wyatt  
Daryl Evans  
Graham Wise  
Lesley Norris  
Jan Browne  
Ania Lian  
Simon Mitchell-Taverner

**Development/ Finance:**

Ian McNamee  
Ross Barrett  
Loyd Perin  
Craig Harris  
Kathy Howard  
Andrew Herring  
Adrian Makeham-Kirchner  
John Walker

### **Retail/ Industrial**

Kim Beaumont ,  
Rod Studholme  
Leanne Brewer  
Col Maxwell  
Nick Moufarrige  
Steve Jamieson  
Glenda Snoxall  
Maurice McCormack  
Greg Dark  
Frank Bresnik

5. **Presentation by Hon. Gary Nairn MP, Special Minister of State, Member for Eden Monaro and QBC Patron**

Gary Nairn opened his address by congratulating Queanbeyan Business Council on its achievements during its first 12 months. He spoke of his new Ministerial Portfolio, which has extensive responsibilities. Of particular interest to QBC was his membership of the Regional Partnerships approval committee.

He highlighted two major projects relating to his electorate – Defence Headquarters Joint Operations Command, and ACT prison.

With regard to the **Defence HQ**, he stated that an announcement was expected in April regarding the successful consortium, and noted that Queanbeyan’s Codara Systems company had been successful in a multi million dollar contract.

With regard to **ACT prison**, he expressed his strong objection to the procedures and attitude of ACT Government in approving the Hume site despite very strong objections from residents of Jerrabomberra and elsewhere. The ‘fait accompli’ nature of this approval was highlighted by the commencement of roadworks before a DA had even been approved. It was clear that objections were not considered because Jerrabomberra residents cannot vote in ACT elections. Mr. Nairn outlined some of the strategies he is considering to counter this and other issues where ACT is likely to use the same tactic – such as water supply. One consideration could be an amendment to the Self Government Act to provide for a mechanism “by which people outside ACT cannot be disenfranchised by actions of the ACT Government”.

6. **Presentation by Steve Whan MP, NSW Member for Monaro and QBC Patron**

Steve Whan also opened his address by congratulating Queanbeyan Business Council on its achievements during its first 12 months. He concurred with Mr. Nairn that ACT Government held a very strong hold over Queanbeyan development and hoped that the new Water Agreement and Settlement Strategy would be more even handed than earlier drafts, based on 8 Principals, upon which he had been asked to comment by NSW Government. These documents have been signed by ACT Chief Minister and would soon be signed by NSW Premier. Following Federal Government sign off, Minister Frank Sartor will institute the Commission of Enquiry into Queanbeyan developments. The third part of the agreement was for continuing consultation with ACT regarding service agreements across a wide range of services including health and education. Mr. Whan disputed reported comments by ACT Chief Minister, stating that ACT failed to mention significant funding it received to provide such services to the Region.

Mr. Whan also spoke of the State Office Block – 4 storeys designed to blend with the Visitor Information Centre and other surrounding buildings and the \$44 million Queanbeyan Hospital due for completion in July 2008. He also spoke of the northern upgrade being constructed in partnership with Commonwealth Government and Queanbeyan City Council. He acknowledged that this was a temporary measure.

7. **Presentation by Mayor Frank Pangallo MBE, Queanbeyan City Council**

Mayor Pangallo also opened his address by congratulating Queanbeyan Business Council on its achievements during its first 12 months. He echoed sentiments of the previous two speakers stating that the current ACT Government was the least regional friendly ACT Government he had worked with in his Local Government career – and he had worked with every one since self government. Once the Settlement Strategy was signed off, he looked forward to the three major re-zonings being considered by the NSW Commission of Enquiry. Mayor Pangallo was concerned, however, that ACT “may still have the upper hand” in future Queanbeyan developments.

The Mayor spoke of a proposed Master plan for the city block that includes the Queanbeyan Leagues Club. The bulk of the land on this block is owned by either Leagues club or Queanbeyan City Council.

He also advised that a \$200,00 tender would soon be awarded for the development of Shamrock Lane in this same CBD block. Plans for the Cultural Centre are well progressed.

8. **Presentation by Canberra Times regarding Queanbeyan promotions**

Maree Neale and Jane Larkin from Canberra Times advised that a total of five QBC supported promotions are planned for Queanbeyan during 2006 :

- **March** to coincide with Canberra Day and to commemorate the 'new' VIC.
- **May** to coincide with Queanbeyan Cup
- **September** to coincide with Floriade
- **November** to coincide with Queanbeyan Gift
- **December** Christmas Promotion

Discounted advertising rates will be available for QBC members and an additional discount would apply for advertisers who supported all five promotions. Information packs were provided for members.

9. **Member questions and feedback**

Bill Baker rose to acknowledge the leadership of President Ian McNamee without whom the Association would not have reached the position it was in today. This was unanimously acknowledged by acclamation from the floor.

**Meeting closed at 5.30 pm**