

DRAFT MINUTES

Retail / Industrial Chapter Meeting

12:30 pm, Wednesday 24 May

Present: Leanne Brewer, Glenda Snoxall, Rod Studholme, Col Maxwell, Geoffrey Bird

1. **Apologies:** Nick Moufarrige, Maurice McCormack, Lesley Thompson, Kim Beaumont

2. **Adoption of Minutes of Meeting held 13 April CM/LB**

3. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

a. **Main Street / CBD / Info night.**

Being organised by Kim Beaumont, Jeremy Wyatt and Geoff Bird, but has not yet happened. In the meantime, QCC's 'Queanbeyan Tomorrow' is addressing similar ground. Geoff made a presentation to 'Queanbeyan Tomorrow' Workshop on Saturday, 20th May. Northern Bypass and redevelopment of "Queanbeyan Leagues Club" block are on future agenda.

Geoff will recommend QCC consider a trial ½ closure of Crawford Street (between Monaro and Morisset Streets) – a concept that had been suggested by Cr Stavreas and supported at the 'Queanbeyan Tomorrow' workshop (see item 4b below).

There was comment upon reported lack of communication between QCC and public when undertaking projects as well as reported Main Street owners/traders apathy.

Action: GB

b. **Cross promotion – leveraging of businesses.**

Awaiting feedback from Kim Beaumont

Action: KB

c. **Parking.**

No response to letter sent to QCC.

Action: GB to follow up

d. **DFO's Competition to Queanbeyan retailers**

Peter Newham, Riverside Plaza, to provide comments upon positive aspects of Epicentre and Airport Bulky Goods developments. Geoff Bird to then provide report for media article.

Action: GB

e. May Canberra Times supplement

Thanks to Col Maxwell for his assistance. Col advised that the Canberra Times/Queanbeyan Cup promotion had led to a very successful event with both gate and drink sales up.

f. Queanbeyan Railway Station display

No action as yet.

g. QBC membership to the Defence Housing Authority.

Geoff Bird is awaiting official announcement of contractors and implementation of Steering Committee on which QBC is represented.

h. Economic Development role.

Steve Jamieson not present to report. Acknowledged that this role may “creep” into the role of EO of QBC as projects/events evolve.

i. Member’s involvement in committees.

EO advised that there had been no response from Members regarding his request to create a list of members and their membership of various committees. It was intended this list would provide a reference point for Members.

4. New Business

a. Northern Upgrade (LB)

Leanne Brewer to provide a comprehensive report on usage statistics etc, which might then be used as background information for a QBC letter to QCC regarding the capacity for the current Northern Upgrade to cope with heavy traffic, and the need for a more substantial by-pass connecting Bungendore Road with Canberra Avenue.

Action: LB

b. Crawford St Closure

The “artist’s impression” (conceived by Cr Stavreas) was discussed. The concept of creating a Meeting Place was supported. This support reflected the expressions of support for the concept, which have been voiced at various workshops and meetings (eg Queanbeyan Tomorrow and Rutledge/QLC block Concept).

Resolved that QBC flag its support for this concept with QCC, together with John Walker’s “one way” proposal - item ‘c’ below.

Action: GB

c. Traffic proposal – John Walker

Traffic proposal discussed and received support. **Resolved** that all Members receive a copy of the report prior to short presentation being given to the Quarterly General Meeting on 30th May.

Action: JW

d. “Innovative Art” proposal

In response to QCC’s invitation to QBC to offer suggestions to the ‘Queanbeyan in Bloom’ Festival, a draft proposal titled “innovative Art” was tabled by EO.

Positive support was given and comments from Glenda Snoxall concerning OH&S implications were noted for action by GB. Geoff advised that a meeting of stakeholders including Lisa Gibbons and Claire Marlow would be held on Friday to discuss the proposal.

Action: GB

e. CIT Review

Geoff Bird advised that discussions and correspondence had resulted in CIT’s School of Tourism agreeing to conduct a course “Opportunities for Local Communities” to assess tourism in Queanbeyan. This third year course will run from 17th July to 24th November, comprising four groups of four students plus a supervisory teacher. The majority of course time will be spent in Queanbeyan.

Head of Department, Mr Warren Whitaker, has agreed to tailor the course to suit our brief of “How to Make the VIC financially sustainable”.

5. General Business

Nil

Meeting closed 2pm.