

**QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES  
TOURISM RETAIL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING  
QUEANBEYAN VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE  
WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST 2008 12.30 PM**

**Present:** Bill Baker, Rod Studholme, Steve Jamieson, Peter Newham, Elke Hawke, Allan Carpenter, Margaret Nicholls (QCC), Simon Mitchell-Taverner

**Apologies:** Col Maxwell, Jan Browne,

**1. Welcome from Chair** – Bill Baker welcomed attendees

**2. Matters arising from Previous Meeting –**

- a. Queanbeyan Conferencing Issues** – Allan had a good meeting with QCC Conferencing staff who advised they are bound by protocols put in place by Councillors. He has raised this with some Candidates for the upcoming Council elections following the Meet the Candidates evening. A discussion regarding bookings for ‘Q’ events either by motels, Plaza management or VIC concluded there would be advantages in inviting Stephen Pike to the next Meeting.

**ACTION: SMT** to extend invite to Q staff.

- b. Main Streets Improvement QCC funding** – Bill Baker and Margaret Nicholls spoke of CBD LIFT resolution to support a Melbourne Cup Day promotion as previously discussed as a precursor to Queanbeyan in Bloom. On the understanding that Council is to put \$2,000 towards this promotion, this meeting **resolved as follows:**

- i. Recommend to QBC Executive that QBC contribute \$1,000

**ACTION: BB**

- ii. A flyer be produced for distribution to all CBD retailers to invite them to a planning meeting on Wednesday, 10 September at 7.45 am.

**ACTION: SMT**

- c. Cittaslow** – Resolved that QBC and Margaret Nicholls meet with Benedict House within the next two weeks to further progress this opportunity

**ACTION: SMT**

- 3. Meet the Mayoral Candidates – matters arising** – Bill Baker pointed to the calibre and passion with which the Candidates made their presentations. There was general agreement shown in most areas of interest to QBC, and it was clear that QBC could have a good relationship with whoever was successful as Mayor or Councillor. He thanked Simon Mitchell-Taverner for arranging the meeting.

Bill also spoke of a very positive meeting with Federal Member Dr. Mike Kelly. Some positive media releases are expected shortly.

- 4. Challenge of Champions Promotion** - Simon Mitchell-Taverner gave a brief overview of this promotion being undertaken by an Incorporated Association led by Col Berry and Darryl Jenkins. This is a light hearted challenge to other regional town in NSW to find the Champion Town in a range of selected sports. It will take place in Queanbeyan at the end of March until 4 April 2009, and is expected to attract 1500 visiting competitors. Simon had suggested using the VIC website to help promote the event, proceeds of which will go to local charities. QBC/VIC would not be involved in processing applications, collecting monies etc.. It was noted that at least one of the organisers is a Candidate for Council. Margaret Nicholls pointed out that all Major Events of this sort must be registered with Council.

**ACTION: SMT** to notify Challenge organisers.

- 5. Membership Renewals and VIC Information Boards** - Most have been sent out, however motels and VIC internal signboards have not yet been addressed. Allan Carpenter advised he had spoken to most of the moteliers and had received no opposition to him joining this committee as motel representative.

**Resolved** that Allan Carpenter, Bill Baker and Simon Mitchell-Taverner meet to consider alternatives for sign boards and motel membership.

**ACTION: SMT**

- 6. Advertising for new EO** – Simon Mitchell-Taverner tabled Advertisement to appear in Canbraa Times and Queanbeyan Age for the next two weeks and on SEEK.Com. au.

**ACTION: SMT/BB.**

**8. General Business –**

- a. Rod Studholme commented on staining occurring on some of the new pavers in Monaro Street. This is prior to sealing.

**Meeting Closed 1.55 pm**

**Next Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, 17 September, 12.30 pm at VIC

**Next Executive Meeting** – Tuesday, 26 August, at 12.30 pm – venue VIC.