

**QUEANBEYAN BUSINESS COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES
TOURISM RETAIL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING
RIVERSIDE PLAZA
WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2009 3.00 PM**

Present: Bill Baker, Craig Harris, Jan Browne, Hilary Jacobs, Mal Motum, Chris Gibson

Apologies: Allan Carpenter, Frances Heskett, Jeremy Wyatt, Lydia Teodorowych, Paul Williams

Also Present: Kyra Culver-Bradley, Betty Cooper, Carolyne Galloway, Nikki (Creations Beauty Salon)

1. **Welcome from Chair** – Bill Baker welcomed attendees including representatives of businesses in the CBD. He explained the role of the QBC for the non members.
2. **CBD Master Plan** –The President gave an introduction to the CBD Master Plan and emphasised the points of the Plan as we know them. He indicated that we all believed that something had to be done to improve the area and the concept provided had merit. Craig Harris then covered the vision of the Plan and the desire to deemphasise vehicle traffic within the CBD. Bill Baker highlighted some of the concerns about the Plan including Planning issues and the impact of private ownership on some of the proposals. He highlighted that although the Plan was detailed it did not explain how it was to be achieved.

Nikki indicated that security was a major issue. She currently had signs for display however was not prepared to put them up. She also indicated that a businessman had been assaulted outside his shop. She supports the concept of beautifying the area and business contributing, however until business believe there effort will not be wasted it will be difficult to get business to invest. The question arose what work is to be done by the council in Stages 1,2,and 3? At what stage is the lighting to be improved to assist security?

Kyra Culver-Bradley stated that the time frame does not allow business owners to relate to the improvements. 22 years means most business owners will not still be here. To invest they must see and identify with benefits they can relate to. It was suggested that the expenditure by Council should be spent in areas which encourage private expenditure and participation.

It was recognised that a higher level of residential occupancy in the CBD would assist security and improve business and the concept was supported.

Attendees also identified that improved traffic flow was necessary to allow the Plan to be implemented. This included greater use of the Low level crossing and the removal of Heavy Traffic out of Monaro Street.

The concept of the low level limits on borders of streets with higher levels internally was supported by those present.

There must be a process of implementation that receives feedback from business on what steps will encourage the private sector to invest to support the plan.

Questions for Council- The following questions should be asked of the QCC :

What is to be done in Stages 1, 2 and 3?

When are the lighting improvements to be carried out to improve security?

What will be the steps and process for the implementation of the Plan?

What changes to Planning requirements will occur and how will that affect existing and future landowners and developers?

What will be the impact on the LEP?

These comments and the submission to the QCC are to be distributed to the people who were present as well as the QBC executive.

Meeting Closed 4.15 pm
Next Committee Meeting – TBA.