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Survey to seek opportunities for business and employment –

Queanbeyan City Council has contracted experienced Newcastle firm Cre8ting Growth to undertake a business retention and expansion survey of Queanbeyan businesses. If you are in business, you may well be contacted.

The survey, part of Council's 'Enterprising Environment' strategy, seeks to identify factors which make Queanbeyan a place where small businesses "can thrive and expand". The project, funded by Council and NSW Department of State & Regional Development, is supported by Queanbeyan Business Council and Capital Region BEC.

It is designed to provide an up to date profile of the local business economy, whilst identifying potential growth areas for local business and employment.

For further information, contact Ian Mackay of Cre8ting Growth on 4975 4662 email ian@cre8tinggrowth.com.au or QCC's Economic Development Officer, Margaret Nicholls on 6298 0212 email margaret.nicholls@gcc.nsw.gov.au

NSW Export Awards – The Premier's NSW Export Awards is an annual program which aims to recognise excellence in the export of goods and service by NSW business. The Awards acknowledge the important contribution of businesses to the economy through job creation and increased prosperity for the community and for the state.

If your business has achieved success in export markets, or entering new markets, and/or using innovative methods to gain market share, you may be in the running for an award category at the Premier's NSW Export Awards.

The Awards are managed by the Australian Institute of Export and supported by many sponsors, including NSW Department of State and Regional Development.

Outstanding NSW companies such as The Wiggles, Taronga Zoo, ResMed, Byron Bay Cookie Company, Bellata Gold and aussieBum have all been recognised for their outstanding export success.

For more information, visit www.exportawards.gov.au/nsw.

Digital Film Makers – Capital Region Development Board have let us know that Screen Australia, the new single agency to serve the film and television production industry, commenced operations on 1 July.

With offices in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, the new organisation brings together the teams from Film Australia, Australian Film Commission and Film

Finance Corporation to create a single agency providing development, production and marketing funding for the film and television production community. Digital feature film makers have an opportunity to showcase their work – cash prizes are available – for further information go to www.spaa.org.au or www.screenaustralia.gov.au.

PS: Meet the Mayoral Candidates – Queanbeyan Leagues Club, 4 pm Tuesday, 5 August starting at 4 pm. RSVP essential – Contact Simon Mitchell-Taverner, Queanbeyan Business Council phone 6299 7152 email admin@queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au. Entry is free.