

QUEANBEYAN AGE COLUMN 2 May 2008

We need your input –Queanbeyan Business Council has resolved to re-vitalise its current committee structures in an effort to reach all business sectors.

We cannot claim to know all the issues facing each sector and we need your input if we are to address them. As such, we encourage all QBC Members to consider being part of an appropriate sub-committee. Contact QBC Secretary Simon Mitchell-Taverner on 6299 7152 or admin@queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au.

Two sub-committees, Development/ Industrial and Tourism/ Retail, will meet monthly during the year and will report to the QBC Executive Committee (elected in February), which convenes the following week. Each sub-committee includes several Executive members and is encouraged to be pro-active in seeking solutions.

It is worth considering that three of our Executive Members, as Members of the Interim Queanbeyan Development Board, are in a position to raise your concerns to a higher level. This Board, which also includes senior City Council and BEC representation, acts in an advisory role to Queanbeyan City Council, potentially speeding the process in Council related issues, and adding extra muscle in dealing with cross-border issues.

We appreciate the time constraints involved with committees. For this reason meetings are held at lunch times with sandwiches provided. The next Development/Industrial meeting will be held at the Visitor Information Centre on Tuesday, 20 May at 12.30 pm, whilst the Tourism/ Retail Committee will meet on Wednesday, 21 May at the same venue and time.

Those QBC Members who are not able to join these sub-committees are welcome forward matters they would like discussed. Simply contact Simon at the above contact details. Non-Members are also welcome to contribute.

A Million Paws – QBC Member RSPCA has submitted the following –
“The 2008 Million Paws Walk is coming up on Sunday 18 May, and RSPCA ACT has a limited number of affordable sponsorship packages available for small to medium enterprises in Canberra and the surrounding region.

“For just **\$500**, your business can sponsor a dog in our popular ‘Walk of Fame’, a parade on stage of dogs currently in the care of the RSPCA while they await a new home. For your contribution, you will receive the following benefits:

- Your organisation’s logo and information on our giant screen;
- The opportunity to name your sponsored dog;
- An opportunity for a representative of your organisation to speak on stage with our MC, WIN TV’s Jessica Good;

- Shelter signage on your sponsored dog's shelter enclosure in the lead-up to the Walk and until it is adopted;
- Acknowledgement where possible in media and public relations activities; and
- The opportunity for your corporate team to walk your dog in the Million Paws Walk.

“The Million Paws Walk is RSPCA ACT’s biggest annual fundraising event, and attracts around 6,000 people as well as significant media attention. Funds raised at the MPW support RSPCA ACT’s vital work in the local area: investigating complaints of animal cruelty and neglect, caring for animals in need, rescuing and rehabilitating native animals and wildlife, as well as educating the community about animal welfare and responsible pet ownership”.

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