

## QUEANBEYAN AGE COLUMN 11 April 2008

**Queanbeyan Heritage Festival** – This Festival is in full swing and will continue through to 20 April with events at several venues around the city. Details can be found on the Visitor Information Centre website [www.visitqueanbeyan.com.au](http://www.visitqueanbeyan.com.au).

Queanbeyan City Library has a display “170 Things You Should Know about Queanbeyan” to coincide with 170 years since Queanbeyan was established as a town in 1838. This is a great opportunity for all of us, whether residents, business operators or both, to know more about our own city.

QBC and the Visitor Information Centre are doing their bit by hosting a display of historic photographs from Queanbeyan Museum. These are a fascinating pictorial record dating back to the 1880's with many streetscapes still recognisable (if greatly changed) today. This display will continue at the VIC until Saturday 19 April.

Next weekend provides a variety of events including the presentation of 2008 Heritage awards at Queanbeyan Museum on Saturday, 19 April at noon, a picnic walk at historic Riverside Cemetery on Sunday, 20 April at 11 am and extended opening hours for the Printing Museum. Anyone who is yet to visit this exceptional display of past *Queanbeyan Age* printing machinery and memorabilia can do so from 12 noon to 4 pm on either Saturday, 19 or Sunday, 20 April.

If you need more information, contact Queanbeyan City Council's new Cultural Development Officer Georgina Terri on 6298 0170.

**Exhibition space at the 'Q'** – Georgina has asked that any group wishing to hold an exhibition at Queanbeyan's new Performing Arts Centre the 'Q', contact her on the above number for Expression of Interest documentation. The 'Q' has three exhibition spaces for cultural displays. If you have not yet visited the 'Q' for a performance or simply to visit the current cultural displays, then this is something you should consider.

**It is official - We are happy!** There is plenty to see and do in and around Queanbeyan. The fact that our City is such a great place to live and work will have contributed to Eden-Monaro being judged "the third happiest electorate in Australia" as reported in *The Canberra Times* this week.

Surpassed only by Wide Bay (which includes Fraser Island), and by the northern NSW seat of Richmond, Eden -Monaro scored highly in **Deakin University/ Australian Unity's first "What makes us Happy" report** . The *Australian Unity Wellbeing Index* charted the nation's wellbeing over seven years with Eden-Monaro recording above average satisfaction in health, life achievement, safety and community connection.

So it is official - we really are a happy bunch!