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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL - Queanbeyan Business Council wishes all readers of the Queanbeyan Age, and all who call our beautiful City home, a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

There will certainly be many great New Year resolutions. Strategies to grow your business through 2008 will be right up there. This will undoubtedly place pressures on your time and energy – that is the nature of small business. It is therefore vital to keep that ever-important balance between business and family life.

QBC AGM and other meetings – We are gearing up for our Annual General Meeting to be held at Queanbeyan Golf Club on Tuesday, 26 February starting at 4 pm. This will include the election of Office Bearers and Executive Council for 2008.

All current financial Members of Queanbeyan Business Council Incorporated are entitled to nominate for any position and, of course, to vote at the AGM. Nomination forms are available from the QBC Meetings web page <http://www.queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au/meetings.html> or from Secretary Simon Mitchell-Taverner at the Visitor Information building phone 02 6299 7152.

Under QBC rules, our extremely hard working founding President Ian McNamee will not be eligible for re-election. We are confident, however, that his experience, drive and initiative that have led us to this stage will remain available to our new team.

All members are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring a guest. The Meeting will be followed by members networking and light refreshments.

For the information of members, QBC Meetings leading up to the AGM are as follows:

- Development Industrial sub-committee – Tuesday, 15 January 2008 at the Visitor Information Centre starting at 12.30 pm.
- Retail Tourism sub-committee - Wednesday, 16 January 2008 at the Visitor Information Centre starting at 12.30 pm.
- Executive Council meeting - Tuesday, 22 January 2008 at Queanbeyan leagues Club Board Room starting at 12.30 pm

QUEANBEYAN VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE - Following last year's 'best in NSW' report card from NSW Tourism, our friendly staff have remained busy throughout the Christmas/ New Year period. It has been good to greet so many overseas visitors as well as interstate guests. Our visitor book has (voluntarily) been signed by people from Germany, UK, USA, South Africa, Canada and The Netherlands since Boxing Day, as well as visitors from around Australia.

Whether visiting friends or family in the Region, or national attractions located in Canberra, our visitors find Queanbeyan to be an ideal base with friendly people and great facilities. It seems that people are staying longer than in previous years

We could always do better, however - We badly need more parking facilities within the City, particularly for caravaners. This is something Queanbeyan Business Council, operators of the Visitor Information Centre, will be promoting during 2008.