

## **QUEANBEYAN AGE COLUMN 11 JULY 2008**

**Mayoral Candidates to Address QBC General Meeting** – Tuesday, 5 August is a date for all business people to put in their diary, as it will be a great opportunity to hear from Mayoral candidates at the upcoming Local Government elections.

The Meeting will be held at Queanbeyan Leagues Club starting at 4 pm and will take the form of a panel, giving each Mayoral candidate the opportunity to speak on matters relating to business and future development in the city.

Candidates (in alphabetical order) are current Councillors Tom Mavec, Tim Overall, Ann Rocca, Kerry White and former Councillor John Wright.

To assist the Candidates, QBC invites all Queanbeyan business people, whether QBC members or not, to identify business and development issues they would like addressed, and send to QBC Secretary Simon Mitchell-Taverner – fax 02 6299 1520 or email [admin@queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au](mailto:admin@queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au). These will be collated and forwarded to each Candidate a week prior to the Event.

Current QBC financial members will have the opportunity to ask further questions of candidates following the presentations. The meeting will conclude with an opportunity to network over light refreshments.

Due to space requirements, it is imperative that those wishing to attend RSVP by Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July. Phone Simon Mitchell-Taverner on 02 6299 7152 or email [admin@queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au](mailto:admin@queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au).

**Queanbeyan.....Growing our future** – Those who bought the Sunday Times last weekend, will have received a bonus 28 page advertising supplement promoting our fair City. The good news is that we have a large number of additional copies at the Visitor Information Centre for local people and for distribution far and wide.

This is the second such supplement in as many years, and is an initiative of Queanbeyan Business Council. Both publications were designed to show Queanbeyan as a great place in which to live, work and visit – and also in which to invest.

The supplement provides up to date information on proposed major developments at Googong and Tralee, including plans to put Queanbeyan region on the map as a “national benchmark for planned communities”.

Population growth and upgraded infrastructure are only part of the picture as illustrated by City Council General Manager Gary Chapman’s comment that “Queanbeyan is playing a balancing game of coping with rapid growth while trying to preserve its sense of community”.

The arts are flourishing, not only with the construction of "The Q", (page 9) but also Queanbeyan's burgeoning artists and innovators (page 22).

Major infrastructure development, government skills education, environmental solutions, sporting and leisure facilities are all included in this informative snapshot.

Four pages of scheduled Queanbeyan events up to April 2009 will ensure residents want to keep this as a valuable reference tool for some time to come.

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