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QBC Member Profile: In this column we periodically invite Members to submit a profile of their business for the interest of *Queanbeyan Age* readers. Today's featured Member was submitted by IMB Regional Manager for ACT – Paul Elliott:

“IMB Banking and Financial Services is a contemporary, service-orientated building society offering a comprehensive range of highly competitive banking products, which prides itself on contributing to the communities in which it operates.

Having serviced the Queanbeyan community since **1987**, IMB is staffed by people who live locally, which means they know the local community and its needs better than anyone.

Paul Elliott is a Queanbeyan resident and used to strap on the footy boots for the Canberra Raiders but now his skills focus on providing the best financial products for consumers.

Paul is supported by **Fran Heskett**, IMB's Branch Manager at Queanbeyan in finding ways to work with the local community.

Earlier this year, Paul, Fran and the IMB team were part of an initiative called Cows Create Careers at Karabar High School, funded through the IMB Community Foundation.

Cows Create Careers was a project that promoted education and career opportunities for students (years 7-11) in the dairy industry in Victoria and parts of NSW.

In 2006, the IMB Community Foundation provided over \$17,000 to the Oz-Japan Arts Festival, in order to celebrate the 2006 Australian – Japan Year of Exchange and contribute to Queanbeyan's cultural and community development.

One of Australia's largest building societies, IMB offers full-service banking facilities including home and personal lending, business banking, credit cards, savings and transaction accounts and a range of investment options including term deposits. Plus, IMB also offers a variety of insurance products and free automated phone and internet banking.

IMB's home loan offering includes innovative features where people can borrow 100% of the purchase price of their home, or elect to pay the loan back over 40 years - useful options to consider for anyone buying their first home.

For those that have already paid off their mortgage, IMB's reverse mortgages may be worth considering as a wealth management tool.

With its broad range of products and services and with branches staffed by local people who know their local communities, IMB has been singled out from its competitors as the best building society in the country for the last three years. Named Money Magazine's Building Society of the Year in 2005 and 2006, IMB was also voted Australia's Best Building Society by its peers at the Australian Banking and Finance Magazine awards".

Special note to QBC Members: A further reminder that QBC's **Annual General Meeting** will be held at Queanbeyan Golf Club on **Tuesday, 26 February starting at 4 pm**. Link to the Meetings page at www.queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au/ for more details.

If you wish to **nominate** yourself or another Member **for the Executive Committee**, you should submit the appropriate form downloadable from this web page by CoB Tuesday, 19 February. Simply Fax the form, completed as far as you are able, to Simon Mitchell-Taverner on 02 6299 1520. I can help complete the form if you require. RSVP for the AGM is also required by Tuesday, 19 February.