

QUEANBEYAN AGE COLUMN 20 JUNE 2008

Building Local Communities and Economies – a Peter Kenyon Seminar:

Capital Country Development Board has alerted us that internationally renowned Community Development Practitioner, Peter Kenyon, will be returning to Queanbeyan on Wednesday, 16 July 2008.

This should be good news to all who have attended Peter's previous workshops and seminars in the Region and a great opportunity for anyone yet to do so. His experience is vast, covering assignments in 45 countries and all states of Australia.

During his day in Queanbeyan, which is being organised in conjunction with NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet and ACT Government, Peter will present a Seminar "Building healthy, connected and sustainable communities" and "Building vibrant and enterprising local economies"

The event will be held in the Crawford Room at Queanbeyan Community Centre (opposite the City Council Chambers) from 10 am to 3.30 pm. To register for this free seminar contact Peta Beelen at Capital Region Development Board on 6297 0955 or email peta@capitalregion.org.au.

Queanbeyan Business Council - Much has happened in Queanbeyan since a group of dedicated Queanbeyan business people came together in 2004 to address the long-term lack of a business voice in the City. Drawn from across the business and associations spectrum, Queanbeyan Business Council is now well respected within Queanbeyan and well beyond.

Addressing such diverse issues as tourism promotion, Queanbeyan Land Release Enquiry, sustainable water issues, CBD improvements, retail promotion, improved City signage, roads and transport infrastructure, sports infrastructure and more, QBC makes a positive impact on behalf of the community and thus facilitates sustainable employment growth.

In direct terms, QBC employs full time and casual staff as well as operating a successful volunteer program.

QBC welcomes new Members – particularly those willing to contribute energy and purpose. The new Membership year starts on 1 July, and membership renewals have been sent out to existing Members.

Membership rates start from \$200, and we encourage Members to participate in our Tourism/ Retail or Development/ Industrial sub committees. Participation can assist in your issues being raised in appropriate forums. Visit www.queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au for more details.

Have you visited the Visitor Information Centre recently? If not, then you really should – particularly if you are part of the business community. It is a great shop window for visitors and has received glowing praise for its display

and information. Not only do we have a small meeting room, we also have a dedicated display area for Member use. This has included sporting, heritage, cultural and development displays in the past. Contact Simon Mitchell-Taverner on 02 6299 7152 if you would like to know more.