

QUEANBEYAN AGE COLUMN 25 JULY 2008

The Sydney-Canberra Corridor Regional Strategy – In its July Fact Sheet, NSW Department of Planning has listed the following areas in which the Strategy will help Queanbeyan:

- Employment
- Housing
- Environment and Resources
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Interaction with the ACT

According to the document, the Regional Strategy targets 11,250 new jobs in Queanbeyan LGA over the period to 2031. Increases are expected in the areas of retail and government services, logistics, warehousing and transport, manufacturing and health and aged care.

This growth will be supported by identifying additional employment generating lands close to the major regional centre of Queanbeyan. An additional 130 hectares of employment land will be provided at South Jerrabomberra.

As part of the Regional Strategy, Queanbeyan City Council will be required to protect regionally significant employment lands to help guarantee local employment for the future.

The Regional Strategy identifies the need for 10,000 new dwellings in Queanbeyan – approximately 10% of the expected growth for Canberra and Queanbeyan.

Through local planning measures, the future housing mix will be “better matched to the needs of smaller households and aged residents”.

Recognising that new residential development in Queanbeyan is contingent on a secure water supply, the document states that “arrangements for the supply of water are currently being negotiated with the ACT government”.

“The Regional Strategy and planning processes for new residential areas in Queanbeyan recognise the need for cross border funding of infrastructure, particularly road upgrades”.

This is in line with Queanbeyan Business Council’s previous calls for the development of a regional roads strategy including all levels of Government.

Meet the Mayoral Candidates – A reminder to QBC Members and Queanbeyan business operators that all five Mayoral candidates have been

invited to address a General Meeting of Queanbeyan Business Council on Tuesday, 5 August at Queanbeyan Leagues Club starting at 4 pm.

With the retirement of Mayor Frank Pangallo MBE, we are sure to get a new mayor from 13 September and potential new directions from the newly elected Council.

Current Councilors Tom Mavec, Tim Overall, Ann Rocca, Kerry White and former Councilor John Wright will answer business questions put to them by Members following their presentations.

Please let QBC Secretary Simon Mitchell-Taverner know of any issues you would like passed to the candidates so they can include them in their presentations. Email admin@queanbeyanbusinesscouncil.com.au, fax 6299 1520 or phone 6299 7152 by CoB Monday, 28 July.

Members, guests and all Queanbeyan business people are all welcome, however RSVP is essential (via any of the above contacts) by Friday, 1 August.