

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2023,  
COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

An audio recording of the proceedings of this meeting is publicly available on Council's website.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

**Attendance**

Crs B Monaghan (Mayor), M Clark, R Crowe, J Funnell, K Keatley, T Lord, L McGlynn, R Moore  
General Manager (G Baker), Director Corporate & Community Services (A Balind), Director  
Technical Services (R Graham) and Executive Assistant (J Sharpe)

**Apologies**

Cr B Baker

**04122023** **RESOLVED** that the apology submitted by Cr Baker be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Lord/McGlynn  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

<b>Councillor/ Officer</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>How Managed</b>
Cr R Crowe	6.4 – Bland Shire Australia Day Awards Committee	Less than significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest	Written disclosure
Ms A Balind	6.15 – Tivoli Theatre – Sewer System	Significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest	Written disclosure and left the meeting

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Ordinary Meeting held on 21 November 2023**

**05122023** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 November 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Funnell/Moore  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

**Extraordinary Meeting held on 5 December 2023**

**06122023** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 5 December 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Moore/Clark  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

## REPORTS FROM STAFF

### Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: December 2023

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**07122023** **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: December 2023.

Keatley/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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### Delegates Report – LGNSW Conference

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**08122023** **RESOLVED** that the Delegates Report for the 2023 LGNSW Conference be received and noted.

Crowe/Lord  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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### Hearts of Gold Festival 2023

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**09122023** **RESOLVED** that Council suspend standing orders in order to hear a presentation from the Hearts of Gold Committee prior to considering item 6.3.

Crowe/Keatley  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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**10122023** **RESOLVED** that Council resume standing orders.

Lord/Crowe  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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**11122023** **RESOLVED** that Council defer consideration of item 6.3 - Hearts of Gold Festival 2023 report until a full breakdown of funding is provided.

McGlynn/Clark  
**CARRIED**

(6/2: Crs Clark, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn and Monaghan voting for and Crs Crowe and Moore voting against)

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### Bland Shire Australia Day Awards Committee

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**12122023** **RESOLVED** that the Bland Shire Australia Day Awards Committee matter be considered in the confidential section.

Clark/McGlynn  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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### Finance and Investment Report for November 2023

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**13122023** **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of November 2023
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 November to 30 November 2023, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$8,518,123.32

Crowe/Moore  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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### **Adoption of Revised Investment Policy**

**14122023 RESOLVED** that Council adopt the revised Investment Policy.

Lord/Moore

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

### **Report on Bland Shire Council Code of Conduct Statistics**

**15122023 RESOLVED** that Council notes:

1. That there were no Code of Conduct complaints made about Councillors or the General Manager during the period of 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, and
2. That these statistics have been reported to the Office of Local Government in accordance with the Procedures for Administering the Model Code of Conduct.

Clark/Funnell

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

### **Riverina Regional Library Dispute Update**

**16122023 RESOLVED** that Council notes for information the report to be presented to the Riverina Regional Library Executive Council.

Lord/Clark

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

### **Wyalong School of Arts and Hall Committee MoU**

**17122023 RESOLVED** that Council:

- a) Endorses the minutes of the Wyalong School of Arts and Hall Committee held on 20 November 2023.
- b) Authorises the General Manager or his delegate and one other staff member to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Committee and Council.

McGlynn/Moore

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

### **Strengthening Communities Application – Barmedman Development Association Inc.**

**18122023 RESOLVED** that Council approves the application for funding of the Barmedman Development Association Incorporated for an amount of \$1,000 under the Strengthening Communities Fund.

Funnell/Moore

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

### **Australia Day Funding – Village Community Events**

**19122023 RESOLVED** that Council receive, note and endorse the donations to communities as contained within the Australia Day Funding – Village Community Events report.

Lord/Clark

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

## **Barmedman Community Committee**

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### **20122023 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council receive the report for information and notes the minutes of the Barmedman Community Committee held on Tuesday 28 November 2023.
2. That the Barmedman Community Committee members be advised that an election to fill the vacant executive positions be held at the next general meeting to be held on 27 February 2024.

Clark/Funnell

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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## **Mornings, Melodies & Memories Update**

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**21122023 RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the information contained within the Mornings, Melodies and Memories update.

Moore/Clark

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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## **Alcohol Free Zones - West Wyalong and Wyalong**

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**22122023 RESOLVED** that Council resolves to re-establish two Alcohol Free Zones in Wyalong and West Wyalong and place the proposal on public exhibition for a period of thirty (30) days for comment.

Funnell/Crowe

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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At this stage, 7.19pm Ms A. Balind left the meeting.

## **Tivoli Theatre – Sewer System**

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**23122023 RESOLVED** that Council contribute up to \$20,000 to the West Wyalong Community Theatre for the expenses incurred in the repair of the sewer connection from the revised sewer maintenance budget, payable on presentation of invoice.

McGlynn/Lord

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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At this stage, Ms A. Balind returned to the meeting.

## **Sheep and Goat Electronic Identification**

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**24122023 RESOLVED** that Council endorse the successful grant application for the installation of Electronic Identification (eID) technology to enable sheep scanning at the West Wyalong saleyards.

McGlynn/Moore

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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## **Active Transport Plan - Public Exhibition**

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### **25122023 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council endorse the draft Bland Shire Active Movement Strategy and place on public exhibition until 26 February 2024 seeking feedback.
2. At the finalisation of the public consultation phase a further report will be prepared and presented to Council.

Moore/Lord

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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## Goldenfields Water County Council MOU

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**26122023** **RESOLVED** that Council authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Goldenfields Water County Council.

McGlynn/Clark

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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## DA2024/0016 – Commercial Alterations & Additions - Painting external façade of Heritage listed building

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**27122023** **RESOLVED** that Council refuse DA2024/0016 - Commercial Alterations & Additions - Painting external façade of Heritage listed building, as the proposed colour scheme is inconsistent with Council's Strategic Planning & Local Policies relating to local heritage and detracts from the heritage significance of the building and adjoining heritage items in the locality.

McGlynn/Funnell

**CARRIED**

(5/3: Crs Funnell, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for and Crs Clark, Crowe and Keatley voting against)

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## REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

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**28122023** **RESOLVED** that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 6.20 - Media and Communications Report
- 6.21 - Community Development Report
- 6.22 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 6.23 - Children Services November Update
- 6.24 - Bland Community Care Services Update
- 6.25 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – November 2023
- 6.26 - Technical Services Report
- 6.27 - Development & Regulatory Services Activity Report – November 2023

Keatley/Lord

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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**29122023** **RESOLVED** that Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Moore/Funnell

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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## CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

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**30122023** **RESOLVED** that Council close the Ordinary meeting of Council to discuss the following matters:

1. Property Purchase – 20 Calleen Street West Wyalong  
*Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A(2))*  
*The matters and information are the following:*  
*c) information that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business*

Moore/Clark

**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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The meeting then closed to the public at 7.55pm.

**Property Purchase – 20 Calleen Street West Wyalong**

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**31122023 RESOLVED** that Council reject the offer received and authorise the General Manager to continue negotiations for the sale of 20 Calleen St (Lot 3 DP 1101248) West Wyalong.

Lord/Moore  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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**Bland Shire Australia Day Awards Committee**

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**32122023 RESOLVED:**

1. That the minutes of the Australia Day Awards Committee meeting held on 12 December 2023, be received and noted.
2. That the Australia Day Awards Committee recommended recipients of the 2024 Australia Day Awards, be adopted by Council.
3. That the additional recipients of the 2024 Australia Day Awards, as determined by Council, be adopted.

Clark/McGlynn  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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**33122023 RESOLVED** that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

Moore/Keatley  
**CARRIED**

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Crowe, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

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The meeting then resumed at 8.08pm.

At the reopening of the meeting to the public the Chair announced the outcome of resolution numbers **31122023** and **32122023**.

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.09pm.

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Chairperson  
Mayor Brian Monaghan