

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023,  
COMMENCING AT 6.31PM**

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), B Baker, 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**

Nil

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Councillor/ Officer	Item	Nature of Interest	How Managed
Cr McGlynn	6.9 – Strengthening Communities Application – West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary	Non-Pecuniary: Less than significant	Written Disclosure

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Ordinary Meeting held on 17 October 2023**

**01112023** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 October 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings with the following amendment:

“Council Meeting and Workshop Dates 2024.

That Council adopt the Council Meeting and Workshop Schedule for 2024 as provided in Attachment A with an amendment to reschedule the proposed August 6 Workshop to July 30.”

Funnell/Moore

**CARRIED**

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

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

**Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: November 2023**

**02112023** **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: November 2023.

Funnell/Moore

**CARRIED**

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

## Annual Report 2022/23

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### 03112023 RESOLVED:

1. That Council receives and notes the Bland Shire Council Annual Report for the year 2022/23.
2. That the Annual Report be amended to include Councillor Workshop attendance.
3. The 2022/23 Bland Shire Council Annual Report be published on Council's website.
4. The NSW Office of Local Government be advised accordingly.

McGlynn/Lord  
**CARRIED**

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

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## Christmas 2023 – Council Closure

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### 04112023 RESOLVED:

1. That Council note the closure of council offices from midday (12 noon) on Thursday 21 December 2023 and reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024.
2. That the Mayor and General Manager are delegated authority to deal with any urgent matters during the Christmas and New Year period for 2023 – 2024.

Keatley/Clark  
**CARRIED**

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

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## Finance and Investment Report for October 2023

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### 05112023 RESOLVED:

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of October 2023
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 October to 31 October 2023, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$8,437,386.18

Baker/Crowe  
**CARRIED**

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

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## Budget Review – September 2023 Quarter

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### 06112023 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Receive and note the Responsible Accounting Officer's Report.
2. Endorses the Statement acknowledging the financial position is considered satisfactory.

Baker/Keatley  
**CARRIED**

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

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## Carry Forward Works 2022/23

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07112023 RESOLVED that Council approve the requested budget balances, as detailed in the Carry Forward document, for the amount of \$229,660 to be carried forward to the 2023/24 financial period.

Moore/Crowe  
**CARRIED**

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

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## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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**08112023 RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be suspended in order that the following items be dealt with immediately:

- a. Item 6.8 – Councillor Superannuation Contributions
- b. Item 6.9 – Strengthening Communities Application – West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary

Crowe/Moore

**CARRIED**

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

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## **Councillor Superannuation Contributions**

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**09112023 RESOLVED** that:

- a) Council determine to make superannuation contribution payments to Councillors starting 22 November 2023 in accordance with the Superannuation Guarantee requirements.
- b) Superannuation contribution payments for Councillors be taken into account when developing and adopting future Annual Budgets and the Long-Term Financial Plan.
- c) A budget adjustment to accommodate costs associated with payment of Superannuation for Councillors be made at the December quarterly review.
- d) Councillors' superannuation contribution payments be included in the Councillors Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities policy.

Moore/Lord

**CARRIED**

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

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## **Strengthening Communities Application – West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary**

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**10112023 RESOLVED** that Council:

- a) Refuse the application for funding of the West Wyalong Hospital Auxiliary under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$1,224.
- b) Provide a one-off donation in the amount of \$1,500 with funds to be allocated from Council's Christmas Decorations budget.

Funnell/Lord

**CARRIED**

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

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## **RESUME STANDING ORDERS**

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**11112023 RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be resumed.

Moore/Funnell

**CARRIED**

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

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At this stage, 6.52pm the Mayor invited Mr Brad Bohun to provide Council with the annual audit presentation.

The Mayor conveyed thanks to Mr Bohun for the presentation and standing orders resumed at 7.06pm.

## **Audit Report – 2022/23 General Purpose Financial Statements**

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**12112023 RESOLVED** that Council adopt the 2022/23 Financial Statements and Auditors Report as submitted to the NSW Office of Local Government.

Lord/Baker

**CARRIED**

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

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

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**13112023 RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the information contained within the Mornings, Melodies and Memories update.

Keatley/Clark  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund**

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**14112023 RESOLVED** that Council endorse the General Manager's signing and execution of the Regional Emergency Roads Repair Fund funding deed variation for an extra \$6,481,778.00 (ex GST).

Moore/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **MA2024/0001 - S4.55(2) Modification of approved DA2022/0004 Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm)**

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**15112023 RESOLVED** that Council approves MA2024/0001 - S4.55(2) Modification of approved Electricity Generating Works (5MW Solar Farm) to include four (4) Battery Energy Storage System units and relocation of the operations and maintenance shed subject to the conditions.

Lord/Keatley  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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**16112023 RESOLVED** that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 6.13 - Economic Development & Tourism Report November 2023
- 6.14 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 6.15 - Children Services October Update
- 6.16 - Bland Community Care Services Update
- 6.17 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – October 2023
- 6.18 - Technical Services Report
- 6.19 - Development Services Activity Report – October 2023

Funnell/Moore  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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**17112023 RESOLVED** that Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Baker/Moore  
**CARRIED**

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

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### **CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

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**18112023 RESOLVED** that Council close the Ordinary meeting of Council to discuss the following matters:

1. Property Purchase

*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*

Funnell/Moore  
**CARRIED**

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

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The meeting then closed to the public at 7.45pm.

### Property Purchase

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**19112023** **RESOLVED** that Council:

1. Delegate the General Manager, Mayor or their delegate to purchase the property up to the valuation price agreed.
2. If successful that Council delegate the General Manager and the Mayor to enter into a contract to purchase the property.
3. That the purchase be funded from the Economic Development Reserve.
4. Upon successful purchase classify the land as operational land.

McGlynn/Lord

**CARRIED**

(7/2: Crs Baker, Clark, Funnell, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn and Monaghan voting for and Crs Crowe and Moore voting against)

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**20112023** **RESOLVED** that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

Crowe/Moore

**CARRIED**

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

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The meeting then resumed at 8.15pm.

At the reopening of the meeting to the public the Chair announced the outcome of resolution number **19112023**.

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.16pm.

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Chairperson  
Mayor Brian Monaghan