

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2023,
COMMENCING AT 6.40PM**

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) and Assistant (M Uys)

Apologies

Director Technical Services (R Graham) and Executive Assistant (J Sharpe)

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 19 September 2023

01102023 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Clark/Funnell

CARRIED

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

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: September 2023

02102023 **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: October 2023

Moore/Keatley

CARRIED

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

Council Meeting and Workshop Dates 2024

03102023 **PROPOSED** that Council adopt the Council Meeting and Workshop Schedule for 2024 as provided in Attachment A.

Lord/McGlynn

CARRIED

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

Councillor Numbers

04102023 **RESOLVED** that in accordance with section 224(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 Council determine the number of Councillors for the 2024-2028 term of office to remain as 9 (including the Mayor).

Moore/Keatley
CARRIED

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

Lachlan Regional Transport Committee Inc

05102023 **RESOLVED** that Council endorses:-

- a. the winding up of the Lachlan Regional Transport Committee and all assets and funds be dispersed in accordance with the Constitution of the Lachlan Regional Transport Committee, and,
- b. future regional transport advocacy be provided by the appropriate Joint or Regional Organisation, subject to the member location.

Lord/McGlynn
CARRIED

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

Risk, Work Health and Safety Quarterly Report

06102023 **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Risk, Work Health and Safety Report for the quarter ending September 2023.

Baker/Moore
CARRIED

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

Finance and Investment Report for September 2023

07102023 **RESOLVED:**

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of September 2023
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 September to 30 September 2023, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$9,196,643.43.

Baker/Clark
CARRIED

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

Mornings, Melodies & Memories Update

08102023 **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the information contained within the Mornings, Melodies and Memories September update.

Funnell/Baker
CARRIED

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

Renovation Costs - Community Care Building

09102023 RESOLVED that Council:

- a) Notes the information contained within the report on Renovation Costs for the Community Care Building.
- b) Approve those unexpended funds for completion of landscaping works identified as part of the initial project remain until such time as the work is undertaken.

McGlynn/Moore

CARRIED

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

Endorsement of Draft Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Policy

10102023 RESOLVED that Council:

- a) Endorse the Bland Shire Council Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Policy.
- b) Note that the Bland Shire Council Public Interest Disclosure (PID) policy replaces the current Internal Reporting Policy and, as it relates only to those considered as Council officials, no period of public exhibition is required.

Clark/Lord

CARRIED

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

Riverina Regional Library Mobile Library Services

11102023 RESOLVED that:

- a) Council endorse the proposal to deliver library services to the communities of Barmedman, Ungarie, Weethalle and Tallimba as part of the Riverina Regional Libraries Mobile Library schedule from July 2024.
- b) Council include a financial allocation within the 2024-2025 Budget to cover the anticipated costs of the improved library services.
- c) Ongoing funding of the Mobile Library Services be funded from the Community Enhancement Fund.

McGlynn/Moore

CARRIED

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

Strengthening Communities Application – Skin Check Truck

12102023 RESOLVED that Council:

- a) refuse the application for funding of the Skin Check Truck visit under the Strengthening Communities Fund.
- b) acknowledge the significant positive outcomes, access to this service would provide, and further explore opportunities for implementing a five-year program of visits by the Skin Check Truck in partnership with Evolution Mining.
- c) make provisions for funding the project for a five-year period as part of its annual budget processes.

Funnell/Moore

CARRIED

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

Tender – Supply Backhoe

13102023 RESOLVED that Council award Westrac the tender for the supply of 1 x Cat 432 Backhoe and accept the trade offer from Westrac, at a Net Cost of \$174,576.36 (excluding GST).

Lord/McGlynn

CARRIED

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

Tender – Supply 2x Road Graders

14102023 RESOLVED that Council award Westrac the tender for the supply of 2 x Cat 140M road graders and accept the trade offer from Westrac, at a Net Cost of \$749,470.12 (excluding GST).

McGlynn/Lord

CARRIED

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

Additional Permitted Use, West Wyalong Airport Planning Proposal - Drag Strip Project

15102023 RESOLVED that Council:

- 1) endorse the Additional Permitted Use, West Wyalong Airport Planning Proposal for referral to the Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway Determination;
- 2) delegate the General Manager to make changes to the Planning Proposal if required by the Department of Planning and Environment so long as the objectives of the proposal are achieved; and
- 3) delegate the General Manager to commence public exhibition of the Planning Proposal if required by the Department of Planning and Environment.

Moore/Keatley

CARRIED

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

Aviation Green Paper

16102023 RESOLVED that Council make a submission to the Aviation Green paper highlighting the maintenance burden on Local Government especially in support of emergency services.

McGlynn/Lord

CARRIED

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

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

17102023 RESOLVED that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 6.16 - Community Development Report
- 6.17 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 6.18 - Children Services September Update
- 6.19 - Bland Community Care Services Update
- 6.20 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – September 2023
- 6.21 - Technical Services Report
- 6.22 - Development Services Activity Report – September 2023

Funnell/Moore

CARRIED

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

18102023 RESOLVED that Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Baker/Funnell

CARRIED

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

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.35pm.

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Chairperson
Mayor Brian Monaghan

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