

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022,  
COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

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

**1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**2.0 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

**2.1 Attendance**

Crs B Monaghan (Mayor), B Baker, 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)

**2.2 Apologies**

Cr M Clark

**3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Nil

**4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 20 September 2022**

**01102022 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20 September 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Funnell/Baker

**CARRIED**

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

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**5.0 MAYORAL MINUTE**

**5.1 LGNSW Motion Amendment: Rural Fire Service**

**02102022 RESOLVED** that Bland Shire Council submits the following Amended Motions for deliberation at the LGNSW Conference scheduled for 23 to 25 October 2022, replacing existing Category 1 Motion No. 3

That Local Government NSW:

- 1 - Seeks a commitment from all political parties contesting the March 2023 NSW elections to amend the Rural Fire Services Act 1997 to remove Section 119's reference to vesting RFS equipment with councils to resolve the conflict of "control", specifically in accordance with the definition in Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) Statement of Accounting Concepts 4: Definition and Recognition of the Elements of Financial Statements.
- 2 – Write to the NSW Treasurer and Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience requesting urgent attention be given to this matter in light of:
  - a) i. Pending qualified audits of more than half of the state's Local Government organisations due to a conflict in accounting positions; and
  - ii. Actual qualified opinions that have now been given to a number of Councils across NSW;
  - b) Immediate action be taken to ensure the NSW Rural Fire Service is an entity under the same requirements and regulations as other emergency service organisations such as the State Emergency Service.

Monaghan/Baker

**CARRIED**

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

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## 7.0 REPORTS FROM STAFF

### 7.1 Application for Leave of Absence

**03102022 RESOLVED** that Council approve the Leave of Absence application submitted by Councillor Clark for the October 2022 Council meeting.

Lord/McGlynn  
**CARRIED**

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

### 7.2 Disclosure of Interest Returns

**04102022 RESOLVED** that Councillors note the Disclosure of Interest return requirements and accept the Disclosure of Interest Register as tabled.

Crowe/Baker  
**CARRIED**

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

### 7.3 Meeting Arrangements and Council Closure - Christmas / New Year Period 2022/23

**05102022 RESOLVED**

1. That the December 2022 Ordinary meeting of Council be rescheduled for Tuesday 13 December.
2. That the December Council workshop be rescheduled to Tuesday 29 November 2022.
3. That the Mayor and General Manager are delegated authority to deal with any urgent matters during the Christmas and New Year period for 2022 – 2023.
4. That Council note the closure of council offices at close of business on Thursday 22 December 2022 and reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2023
5. That Council note the planned closure of Council services and operations, with the exception of skeleton staff, from Friday 16 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023 inclusive.

Baker/McGlynn  
**CARRIED**

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

### 7.4 Minutes of the Community Reference Group Meeting held 27 September 2022

**06102022 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Bland Shire Community Reference Group meeting held on 27 September 2022, be received and noted.

Lord/Moore  
**CARRIED**

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

### 7.5 Finance and Investment Report for September 2022

**07102022 RESOLVED**

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of September 2022.
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 September to 30 September 2022, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$3,222,649.20.

Baker/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

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

## 7.6 Draft Council Financial Statements 2021/22 – Referral for Audit

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### 08102022 RESOLVED

1. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby declares that it has prepared the General Purpose Financial Statements for the 2021/22 financial year ending 30 June 2022 and has formed an opinion, based on the advice of Council officers, that these reports;
  - (a) Have been prepared in accordance with;
    - (i) The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder;
    - (ii) The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements; and
    - (iii) The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
  - (b) Present fairly the operating result and financial position of the Bland Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2022; and
  - (c) Accords with Council's accounting and other records and policies.
2. That the Special Purpose Financial Statements have been drawn up in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
3. That the General and Special Purpose Financial Statements be certified by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer, in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act.
4. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby declares that the Financial Statements (including General Purpose and Special Purpose Reports) for the year ending 30 June 2022 be referred for audit.

Lord/Keatley  
**CARRIED**

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

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## 7.7 Support for EveryAGE Counts campaign

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### 09102022 RESOLVED that Council:

- a) offers its in principal support for the EveryAGE Counts Coalition's campaign to tackle ageism.
- b) makes application to join the Coalition, including agreement to demonstrate its support through the commitment contained within the Membership Agreement.

McGlynn/Moore  
**CARRIED**

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

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## 7.8 Risk, Work Health & Safety Quarterly Update

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### 10102022 RESOLVED that Council receive and note the Risk, Work Health and Safety Report for the quarter.

Moore/Crowe  
**CARRIED**

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

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## 7.9 DA2023/0023 – Animal Impounding Facility

**11102022 RESOLVED** that Council approves DA2023/0023 relating to the construction of a new Animal Impounding Facility and demolish existing Council impounding facility on Lot 266 DP750615, 160 Neeld Street, Wyalong, subject to the recommended conditions of development consent.

McGlynn/Lord  
**CARRIED**

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

## Reports for Information

**12102022 RESOLVED** that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 7.10 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – October 2022
- 7.11 - Community Services Report
- 7.12 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 7.13 - Children Services September Update
- 7.14 - Bland Community Care Services Update
- 7.15 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – September 2022
- 7.16 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – October 2022
- 7.17 - Technical Services Report
- 7.18 - Development Services Activity Report – September 2022

Moore/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

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

## 8.0 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

**13102022 RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the delegate and committee reports from Councillors and Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Crowe/Baker  
**CARRIED**

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

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.14pm.

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Chairperson  
Mayor Brian Monaghan