



BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
west wyalong

Bland Shire Council

Minutes

16 April 2013



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES





MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
16 April 2013

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the introduction and welcome at 6.37pm.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Councillors

Cr P Grellman
Cr L Hampton
Cr K Keatley
Cr T Lord
Cr L McGlynn
Cr B Monaghan
Cr N Pokoney
Cr P Templeton

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith
Director Corporate Services – Elizabeth White
Director Community & Development Services – Adele Casey
Senior Asset Management Officer – Mark Thompson
Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

Director Engineering Services – Will Marsh

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 19 March 2013

- **Corrections** - Nil
- **Confirmation**
That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2013

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MAYOR

Council Recommendation:

01042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

- **Business Arising - Nil**

3.2 Economic Development Committee meeting held on 12 February 2013

- **Corrections - Nil**
- **Confirmation**
That the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 12 February 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Council Recommendation:

02042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 12 February 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

- **Business Arising - Nil**

3.3 Economic Development Committee meeting held on 2 April 2013

- **Corrections - Nil**
- **Confirmation**
That the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 2 April 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Council Recommendation:

03042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 2 April 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

- **Business Arising - Nil**

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Nil

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Scholarship Presentation – Ms Allie Reid

The General Manager advised that Ms Reid has submitted her apologies as she is unable to attend due to illness and that the information will be sent out.

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

6.1 Recognition – Mr Ray Smith

I was contacted by Ms A Haskell CEO of the Local Government Managers Australia New South Wales on 2nd April informing me that our General Manager Mr Ray Smith had been awarded the status of “Fellow” by the Board.

Mr Smith - Ray commenced his Local Government career on the 6th January 1971 as a rates Clerk at Baulkham Hills Shire Council. He has, since this time, established an enviable record in Local Government. A record of service filled with achievement and leadership.

During his long career Ray has been the President of the Metropolitan and Northern Rivers Branches of the LGMA, Secretary of the Western Division Group of Councils, Secretary of the Country Mayor’s Association and executive Officer of the Clarence Regional Library.

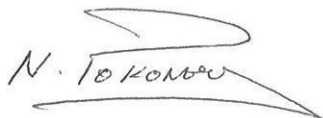
During this time Ray has also been responsible for the augmentation of a number of major projects across a variety of locations. He was involved in the “Grafton – Living Landscapes” project, major residential developments in Cobar and managed the sale of the Aged Care facility in Bland to a specialist provider.

Ray has led multidisciplinary teams through challenging and demanding periods in Local Government. He is known for his skills in developing a culture of teamwork based on a philosophy of leading by example, being approachable and recognising initiative. As a result Ray has established an enviable professional record and reputation. He has an extensive professional network throughout the industry and commands the respect of his peers.

Local Government is Ray’s passion and making a positive difference has been his goal. He offers the Mayor and Councillors accountability, integrity, professionalism, and responsible governance.

It is because of the exemplary record Ray has established over the last thirty four years in Local Government that he has been successful in being awarded the “Fellow” status. Referees for Ray were Mr Kevin Humphries MP Member for Barwon, Mr Bill Dougherty OAM, Ms Shirley Adams OAM, Mr Graeme L Fleming PSM FLGMA (Life) and myself.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, Council Staff and the broader community of Bland Shire I would like to congratulate our General Manager Mr Ray Smith on his appointment as a Fellow to the LGMA NSW.



Cr Neil Pokoney
Mayor

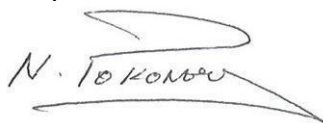
6.2 Local Government Amendment (Early Intervention) Bill

Following a number of representations from the Lord Mayor of Sydney, discussions with our General Manager and comments from Local Government NSW I resolved to write to the Premier of NSW regarding the "Early Intervention Bill" which is about to be presented to the NSW State Parliament.

In this letter (tabled) I expressed my concern that sufficient time for meaningful consultation with Local Government across NSW had not been made available before presenting the Bill to Parliament.

I expressed the view that the Early Intervention Bill places Councils across NSW in an untenable position where a vigorous representation on behalf of their Community could lead to grounds for that Council's dismissal by the Minister of the day.

I requested that the Bill be deferred to allow for further consultation with Local Government.



Cr N Pokoney
Mayor

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION Nil

8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Tourism Advisory Committee

Cr Hampton advised that she was an apology for the meeting on 18 March 2013. Cr Lord advised that the Committee have been discussing tourism projects and budget.

8.2 Bland District Bushfire Management Committee

Cr Grellman provided an overview of the following matters discussed at the meeting held on 27 March 2013:

- Hazard Reduction Claims are due by 14 May 2013 and are to include location and time details
- Gutter mesh to be installed at Naradhan Hall
- Fire debrief overview for Monkey Top and Naradhan incident – local ladies provided catering, assistance to be sought from volunteer groups to man the control centre when RFS personnel are unable to during a fire event, RFS impressed with Council's plant operators
- New mitigation team for hazard reduction to be established in West Wyalong for a 10 month trial
- Confirmed that one representative from each organisation to have voting rights on the Management Committee

8.3 Museums Advisory Committee

Cr Lord advised that a quorum was not achieved for the meeting on 28 March 2013.

8.4 Health & Wellbeing Advisory Committee

Cr McGlynn advised that representatives from the hospital and mental health addressed the 8 April meeting of the Committee and the general meeting is to be rescheduled.

8.5 Indigenous Advisory Committee

Cr Hampton provided an overview of the current funding opportunities being applied for.

8.6 Heritage Advisory Committee

Cr Grellman advised that a quorum was not achieved for the meeting on 10 April 2013.

8.7 Goldenfields Water County Council

Cr Templeton advised that an extra ordinary meeting was held on 4 April 2013 to consider tenders for the Junee Reservoir. It was noted that the successful tenderer offered increased storage and savings on the estimated project cost.

Council Recommendation:

04042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Keatley that the Council receive and note the delegate and advisory committee reports from Councillors and Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

9.0 STAFF REPORTS

That the Council receive the staff reports.

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – APRIL

Council Recommendation:

05042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that the information contained in the April 2013 monthly status report be received and noted. CARRIED

9.2 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT 2013

Council Recommendation:

06042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Keatley:

1. That the information concerning the implementation of the new Model of Conduct, effective from 1 March 2013, be received and noted;
2. That Council formally adopts the Model Code of Conduct;
3. That a further report be submitted to Council by the General Manager, if considered necessary, after his attendance at the DLG Workshop on 9 May 2013.
CARRIED

9.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT (EARLY INTERVENTION) BILL

Council Recommendation:

07042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Keatley that the information regarding the introduction of the Local Government Amendment (Early Intervention) Bill be received and noted and that the General Manager monitor the progress of this proposed legislation and report back to Council at the appropriate time. **CARRIED**

9.4 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL DELEGATE TO THE LACHLAN VALLEY NOXIOUS PLANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council Recommendation:

08042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Hampton that the Council make the appointment of a representative plus an alternate to the Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee for the ensuing Council term. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

09042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that Cr Grellman be appointed as Council's representative plus Cr Templeton as the alternate to the Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee for the ensuing Council term. **CARRIED**

9.5 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DELIVERY PROGRAM 2012 – 2016

Council Recommendation:

10042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that the Council receive and note the report on progress for implementation up to 31st December 2012 of the Delivery Program 2012 – 2016. **CARRIED**

9.6 MULTIPURPOSE CULTURAL PRECINCT INCLUDING A VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Council Recommendation:

11042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn that the Council confirms the inclusion of a Visitor Information Centre in the current investigations and scope for a multipurpose cultural/exhibition space and that the findings of the investigations be presented to Council for further consideration and consultation. **CARRIED**

SECTION 3 - CORPORATE SERVICES

9.7 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MARCH 2013

Council Recommendation:

12042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Hampton:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of March, 2013.**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 1 March 2013 to 31 March 2013, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$3,451,654.41. CARRIED**

SECTION 4 – COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.8 CHANGES TO SWIMMING POOL ACT

Council Recommendation:

13042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the information regarding the introduction of the Swimming Pool Amendment Act 2012 be received and noted for Council's information. **CARRIED**

9.9 JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES

Council Recommendation:

14042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Templeton that Council resolves to give delegated authority to the General Manger to appoint an alternate to the Joint Regional Planning Panel if an alternate representative is required. **CARRIED**

9.10 CHILDREN SERVICES POLICY ADOPTION – INTERACTIONS WITH CHILDREN AND COMPLAINTS POLICIES

Council Recommendation:

15042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Keatley that the Council adopts the Interactions with Children and Complaints Policies for the children services unit. **CARRIED**

SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Council Recommendation:

16042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- **9.11 – Engineering Services Report**
- **9.12 – Development Statistics – March 2013**
- **9.13 – Ranger Activities**
- **9.14 – Community Services Report**
- **9.15 – Library & Children Services**
- **9.16 – Economic Development & Tourism Report – April. CARRIED**

10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Grellman

- Expressed concern with the procedure for road closure following a situation involving a resident being charged for damage to a road
GM advised that the matter is being following up with the individual concerned

Cr McGlynn

- Conveyed thanks to the Senior Economic Development and Tourism Advisor for his efforts
- Expressed concerns with the article in the Advocate on 12 April in relation to a public petition for a referendum for a publicly elected Mayor

Cr Pokoney

- Advised that he attended a meeting with TAFE representatives recently and the changes and potential impacts on our community within the TAFE sector as a result of their re-alignment were discussed. In addition presentations were made to a number of students
- Advised that he attended the Rural Fire Service Mandamah fire shed opening and service medal presentation ceremony on 12 April
- Acknowledged the efforts of Mr Ross Harmer in capturing our important local history and congratulated those involved with the successful West Wyalong Movies night

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MAYOR

The General Manager advised:

- That the property at 33 Quota Drive will be rented by the West Wyalong Medical Centre for locum doctors over a period of 6 weeks, potentially 2 new GPs that may be interested in the property
- Provided an overview of the advice received in relation to the public petition and it was noted that the proposal for a referendum did not meet the required timeframes

12.0 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 10A(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Council Recommendation:

17042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Hampton that Council close the Ordinary meeting of Council to discuss confidential business under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act. **CARRIED**

The meeting then closed at 7.58pm.

12.1 Expressions Of Interest For The Organisation Review

Local Government Act {Section10A(2)(c)}

The matters and information are information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business

13.0 RESUMPTION OF THE MEETING AND CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CLOSED SECTION OF THE MEETING

Council Recommendation:

18042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council. **CARRIED**

The meeting then resumed at 8.07pm.

Council Recommendation:

19042013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord:

- 1. That Council accepts the Expression of Interest from Blackadder and Associates to undertake the Organisational Review of Bland Shire Council;**
 - 2. That the unsuccessful tenderers be advised accordingly;**
 - 3. That the General Manager be delegated authority to now liaise with Blackadder and Associates to coordinate the Review as per their submission;**
 - 4. That Council is kept informed of the progress of this Review on a regular basis.**
- CARRIED**

14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

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

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Chairperson