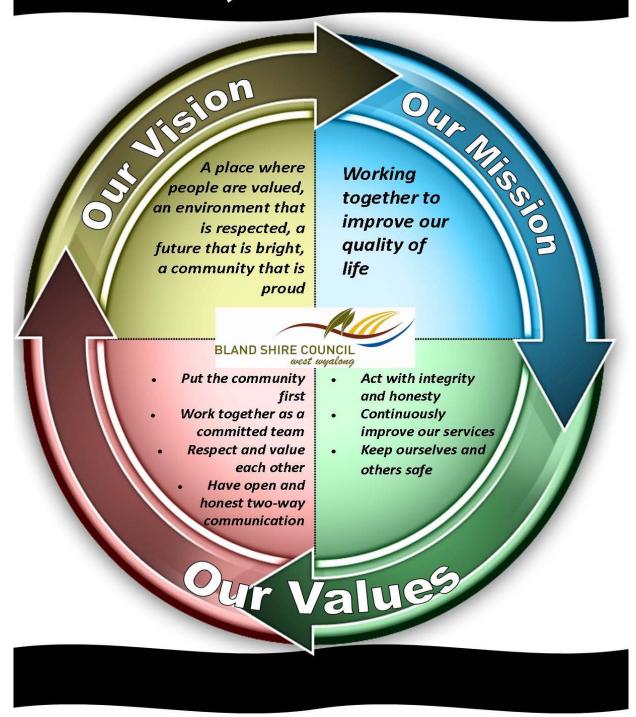


Bland Shire Council Minutes 22 October 2013



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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2013



MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING 22 OCTOBER 2013

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the introduction and welcome at 6.31pm.

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 L Pike (arrived at 6.35pm)

Cr N Pokoney

Cr P Templeton

2.2 Staff

General Manager – Ray Smith Director Asset & Engineering Services – Will Marsh Director Corporate, Community & Development Services – Adele Casey Executive Assistant – Julie Sharpe

2.3 Apologies

Nil

3.0 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 17 September 2013

Confirmation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Council Recommendation:

01102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Grellman that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

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- Corrections Nil
- Business Arising Nil

4.0 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

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- 7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION
- 7.1 Grant Scheme For Local Elite Sportspeople

At this stage, 6.35pm, Cr Pike arrived.

Council Recommendation:

02102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Templeton that Council establish a Grant Scheme for local elite sports people based on the following criteria:

- That the scheme be capped at \$5,000.00 p.a.
- That an eligible applicant be granted the following funds:
- \$250.00 for representing NSW at a National level
- \$500.00 for representing Australia at an International level
- That the applicant must be a resident of the Bland Shire
- That an applicant can apply for funding only once in a 12 month period. CARRIED

8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Section 1 – Delegates & Advisory Committee Reports & Minutes (for information)

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Recommendation:

03102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton 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

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8.1 Cowal Gold Project Community Environmental Monitoring & Consultative Committee (CEMCC)

 Cr McGlynn queried progress with Council's submission in relation to the proposed mine expansion

GM advised that a submission will be made in support of the application

 Cr Pokoney advised that concerns had been expressed at the meeting in relation to approved public access to the Cowal Reserve and requested signs for the approved public access points

DES advised that the matter is in hand

8.2 Goldenfields Water County Council

- Cr Pokoney advised that Goldenfields Water were identified for their efforts in the recent Bluett Awards and requested congratulations be conveyed from Council GM advised that a letter will be sent
- Cr Templeton advised that there is an indication from the review panel that Goldenfields may remain in its entirety and further information will be provided following their next meeting

8.3 Heritage Advisory Committee

- Cr Pokoney queried the cemetery headstone restoration program Cr Grellman advised that the program plans to identify significant headstones and consult with family and monumental mason to restore the headstones
- Cr Pokoney queried the memorial tree avenue and interpretive panel DCCDS advised that it had now been incorporated into the Cooinda Park/Wetlands Project
- Cr Pokoney queried the Reg Rattey Memorial Park project. Committee to present proposal for consideration and budget deliberations

8.4 Visitor Economy & Tourism Advisory Committee

 Cr Pokoney queried the amendments to the Riverina Regional Tourism Inc Constitution

Cr Lord expressed concern that the proposal could remove power from the LGAs to the Board and advised that further meetings and discussions have been held on the matter

 Cr Pokoney requested that the list of current and future tourism projects be presented to the November Economic Development Committee meeting for further consideration

8.5 Newell Highway Taskforce

Cr Lord provided an overview of the previous meeting and it was noted that recently released figures indicate the Newell Highway is the 3rd busiest freight route in NSW with freight representing 30% of traffic. The term "bypass" is being replaced with "freight route" and allocated funding has increased to \$30M, proposed works include an additional 2 overtaking lanes between West Wyalong and Forbes with others proposed for outside the Council area. RMS work plans include the redesign of the Newell and Mid Western Highways intersection over a 4 year period.

8.6 Murrumbidgee Medicare Local

Cr Monaghan advised that he lodged a proxy and there were no major issues from the meeting. It was noted that a service directory is available from the Pharmacy.

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9.0 **STAFF REPORTS**

That the Council receive the staff reports.

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Monthly Status Report

Council Recommendation:

04102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Hampton that the information contained in the October 2013 monthly status report be received and noted. CARRIED

9.2 Shires Association of NSW – Operating Report to 28.2.13

Council Recommendation:

05102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn that the Operating Report for the 8 months to 28th February 2013 and the Annual Financial Statements for the 8 months to 28th February 2013, including the Audit report for the former NSW Local Government Association be received and noted. CARRIED

9.3 West Wyalong Show Day 2014

Council Recommendation:

06102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Monaghan that the Council make application for a local half day public holiday between the hours of 12noon and 6.00pm for the purpose of the West Wyalong Show on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 covering the West Wyalong/Wyalong and Tallimba Town Improvement Districts within the Bland Shire area. CARRIED

9.4 Comparative Information - NSW Local Government 2011-12

Council Recommendation:

07102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Grellman that the Comparative Information Report on NSW Local Government for 2011-2012 be received and noted and that the DLG be congratulated on the new format. CARRIED

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9.5 Executive Certificate For Elected Members

Council Recommendation:

08102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord:

- 1. That Council agree in principle to participate in the Executive Certificate for Elected members program.
- 2. That the General Manager liaises with councillors and LGNSW to establish an appropriate timetable for conducting the program in West Wyalong. CARRIED

9.6 Meeting Arrangements And Council Closure – Christmas – New Year 2013-2014

Council Recommendation:

09102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley:

That Council determine the following meeting arrangements for the 2013/14 Christmas and New Year holiday period:

- 1. The December meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 3 December 2013.
- 2. The December Council Workshop be cancelled.
- 3. The Australia Day Committee meeting be held on Tuesday 17 December 2013 commencing at 6.00pm.
- 4. The Council Christmas dinner be held on Friday, 13 December 2013.
- 5. There be no meeting held in January 2014.
- 6. The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority, jointly, to deal with matters of an urgent nature between the December 2013 and February 2014 Council meetings and that any matters dealt with under this authority be reported to the first meeting in 2014. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

10102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Templeton that Council endorse the closure of Council's operations, with the exception of essential services, from 3.00pm on Friday 20 December 2013 and recommencing on Monday 6 January 2014. CARRIED

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9.7 Grain Harvest Management Scheme

Council Recommendation:

11102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that Council agree to participate in the Grain Harvest Management Scheme for 2013-2014. CARRIED

9.8 Eastern Riverina Destination Management Organisation (ERDMO)

Council Recommendation:

12102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGynn that Council confirms its membership of the Eastern Riverina Destination Management Organisation. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

13102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Hampton that Council nominate one councillor and one staff member as delegates to the Eastern Riverina Destination Management Organisation. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

14102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Pike that Council nominate Cr Lord and the Senior Economic Development & Tourism Advisor as delegates to the Eastern Riverina Destination Management Organisation. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

15102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley:

- 1. That Council support the nomination of one of these delegates as Chairperson of the Eastern Riverina Destination Management Organisation.
- 2. That Council support the nomination of one of these delegates to membership of the new Riverina Regional Tourism Organisation. CARRIED

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9.9 Quarterly Budget Review – As At June 2013

Council Recommendation:

16102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Monaghan seconded Cr Hampton:

- 1. That the Report on the outcome of the quarterly budget review as at 30 June 2013 be received and noted.
- 2. That Council endorses the Statement acknowledging the financial position is considered satisfactory. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

17102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Pike that the requested carry forwards in the amount of approximately \$1,199,729.00 be carried forward to the 2013 – 2014 financial period. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

18102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that the amount of \$300,000.00, from the return of previously written off CDO's, be transferred from reserves and be identified as income in the appropriate financial period. CARRIED

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	Carry Forward Summary		
		Requested	Comment
	Description	Carry Forwards	
EXECUTIVE			Decreated corresponds to 2042 44 budget for Land
	Land Development Project	709,000.00	Request to carry over to 2013-14 budget for Land Development project which was a project request from Council.
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	TOTAL	709,000.00	
CORPORATE	SUPPORT		
	Legal	62,039	Request that Legal expenses amount for ongoing litigation by Piper Alderman regarding Lehman Bros to be carried over to 2013-14
	Council Software Package	207,575	Implementation of Technology 1 Package
	Transfer fr Office Equipment Reserve	(207,575)	continuing into 2013-14. Carry forward balance
	TOTAL	62,039.00	

	Carry Forward Summary		
		Requested	Comment
	Description	Carry Forwards	
OMMUN	IITY SERVICES		
	Pre School		
	Preschool White Board	8,000.00	This was budgeted in 2012-13 to be funded from
	Transfer from Preschool Reserves	(8,000.00)	Pre School reserves but has yet to be purchased. Request to carry forward to 2013-14
	Library		
	Library Revitalising Project	14,051.00	Grant of \$16,000 received in February 2013. Balance to be expended in 2013-14
	Community Development		
	Youth Group Project Income	,	Indent Music Grant received for 2013. Yet to be expended. Carry to 2013-14
	Access Plan Implementation		Request to carry forward the balance of Access grant to be uitilised in 2013-14
	Exhibition Space	50,000.00	Investigations into the project have commenced and costs will begin occuring during 2013-14, Request to carry forward budget.
	TOTAL	70,778.00	
	MENT SERVICES		
Developm	nent Control		
	Council Building Maintenance Project		Council buildings still proceeding. Carry over to
	Council Buildings Project	20,298.00	2013-14

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Carry Forward Summary		
Description	Requested Carry Forwards	Comment
Environmental Planning		
Heritage - Local Heritage Fund	30,000.00	Request to carry forward as amount budgeted is already committed for verandah projects already commenced.
TOTAL	98,211.00	
ROADS WORKS & TRANSPORT		
Plant Workshop		
Fleet Management Program	20,000.00	Request to carry forward until it is determined Technology 1 program has a viable Fleet Management Program built into the package
ROAD WORKS & TRANSPORT		
Council Projects		
Waters Lane		Request to carry forward to 2013-14 as projects were not commenced by end of 2012-13
White Tank Lane	12,000.00	Request to carry forward to 2013-14 as projects were not commenced by end of 2012-13

	Carry Forward Summary		
		Requested	Comment
	Description	Carry Forwards	
	Verandah/facade Restoration Program	40,000.00	Project not started as yet but will be commencing in 2013-14. Request budget carried over to 2013-14
	TOTAL	84,000.00	
PUBLIC	SERVICES		
	Aerodrome		
	Reclad main Airport Building	20,737.00	Request to Carry over balance from 2012-13 as windows still to be completed on Airport Building.
	Public Conveniences		
	Toilets - Aberlines Toilets	20,000.00	Budgeted in 2012-13 but works yet to be commenced. Request this be carried forward to 2013-14
	Cemeteries		
	Cemetery extension, landscaping	37,223.00	Works commenced in 2012-13 and still progressing in 2013-14. Balance of original budget of \$50,000 requested to be carried over.
	Parks & Gardens		
	Wetlands Capital(200,000 over 4 years)	1,520.00	As this is an ongoing program, balance requested to be carried over and added to budget in 2013-14

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Carry Forward Summary		
Description	Requested Carry Forwards	Comment
Fitness Equipment for Adults	7,000.00	As per council report, the equipment is now going to the walking track and work to commence in 2013 14. Request to carry over budget amount for 1 piece of equipment.
Barnardo Pk New solar light to illuminate playground	8,000.00	Organisation of Lighting has commenced and is still in process. Request carry over of budget to 2013-14 for when work completed.
Holland Park New Lighting	6,732.00	Works commenced in 2012-13 but not yet completed. Request carry over of budget balance to 2013-14 for when work is completed.
Sporting Ovals Perserverace St Dam Finalisation & Turf	2,761.00	A fence is yet to build around dam. Request for the budget balance to be carried over to 2013-14 to complete works.
Waste Management		
Barmedman landfill - fence		Quote has been accepted and work commenced. Request for the budget balance to be carried over to 2013-14 to complete works.
Ungarie landfill - fence		Quote has been accepted and work commenced. Request for the budget balance to be carried over to 2013-14 to complete works.
Mirool landfill - fence	10,000.00	Quote has been accepted and work to be commmenced in 2013-14. Request for the budget balance to be carried over to 2013-14 to complete works.

	Carry Forward Summary		
		Requested	Comment
	Description	Carry Forwards	
	TOTAL	140,902.00	
SEWERAGE S	BERVICES		
	Ungarie - Infrastructure	10,000.00	Fence around pump station yet to be commenced. Request for budget to be carried forward to 2013- 14 to carry out works.
	Reticulation - Double capacity boundary street dam	3,407.00	Finalisation of work to be done in 2013-14. Request to carry forward balance of budget to 2013-14
	Telemetry for Ungarie Works	21,392.00	Options of appropriate reporting systems being investigated. Budget is from 2011-12. Request that balance be carried over to 2013-14
		0.4.700.00	
NET RESULT		34,799.00 1,199,729.00	

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SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.10 Financial Statements – September 2013

Council Recommendation:

19102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Templeton:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of September, 2013.
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 1 September 2013 to 30 September 2013, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$3,672,974.38. CARRIED

9.11 Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillor Policy

Council Recommendation:

20102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Hampton:

- 1. That the Council place the *Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillor Policy* on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- 2. That if no submissions are received, the Council give delegated authority to the General Manager to adopt the Policy. CARRIED

9.12 Food For Fines

Council Recommendation:

21102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn that the library partner with the Salvation Army and St Vincent De Paul to provide hampers for the community via the "Food for Fines" campaign. CARRIED

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9.13 Strengthening Communities – Weethalle Tidy Towns

Council Recommendation:

22102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord that Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant from the Weethalle Tidy Towns Committee for the amount of \$3495 to purchase of a new ride on lawn mower. CARRIED

9.14 West Wyalong Little Athletics – Resurfacing of the Long Jump run up

Council Recommendation:

23102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord:

- i) That Council approve a contribution of \$5000 to West Wyalong Little Athletics towards the resurfacing of the long jump run up
- ii) That Council determines whether to fund the contribution from the Assets and Engineering Services maintenance budget or the Community Donations budget. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

24102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Monaghan seconded Cr Pike that the contribution of \$5000 to West Wyalong Little Athletics towards the resurfacing of the long jump run up be funded from the Assets and Engineering Services asset renewal budget. CARRIED

9.15 Adoption Of Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy

Council Recommendation:

25102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Grellman that Council adopts the Swimming Pool Inspection Program Policy as written. CARRIED

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SECTION 4 – ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES

9.16 Cooinda Park And Wetlands Projects

Council Recommendation:

26102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Monaghan:

- 1. As per the Cooinda Park working group recommendation, the Cooinda Park and Wetlands Projects be amalgamated and all come under the jurisdiction of the Cooinda Park Working group.
- 2. That the wetlands boardwalk including landings, seats, gates, and bird watching shelter proceed as per the concept plan, with the shelter funded from grants and the rest from the current council funding arrangements.
- 3. That costings and funding be sought for interpretive signs; a new BBQ at Rotary Park; and a new caravan dump point adjacent to the toilets at Cooinda Park.
- 4. The Rotary Park parking area; the tidying up of the mound at Cooinda Park adjacent to Neeld Street; the installation walk; and the two existing structures in Cooinda Park heritage area, be handled under maintenance.
- 5. The NSW Road and Maritime Services be contacted to get an official ruling on an additional ingress, or ingress/egress, directly from Neeld Street to the Cooinda Park parking area. CARRIED

9.17 Roads Program 2013 - 2017

Council Recommendation:

27102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Hampton that the works tentatively proposed for the last three years of the four year program be noted. CARRIED

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SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Council Recommendation:

28102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Hampton that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 9.18 Asset & Engineering Services Report
- 9.19 Community Services Report
- 9.20 Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 9.21 Children Services Monthly Update
- 9.22 Development Statistics September 2013
- 9.23 Ranger Activities
- 9.24 Economic Development & Tourism Report October. CARRIED

10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE Nil

11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Monaghan

Requested that the family be involved in any plans for a memorial for Reg Rattey

Cr Lord

- Conveyed congratulations to Events West Wyalong for the Sweden in the West Festival
- Conveyed congratulations to the Barmedman Tractor Pull organisers
- Stated that the support of Council did not go unnoticed during the many successful weekend events
- Advised that he attended the recent display of antique caravans and was disappointed by the community attendance
- Stated that opportunities for future development include strategies to capture through traffic, encouraging them to stop and RV friendly projects

Cr Templeton

 Requested signage for "trucks turning" onto Dundas Road following a recently GrainCorp meeting at Kikoira Mayor requested details be provided on an Action Request form

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- Raised concerns regarding the process for maintenance grading on rural roads following feedback from residents
 - The matter was taken on notice by DAES
- Raised concerns with the dumping of gravel and road work activities in the lead up to the harvest period
 - Mayor requested specific details be provided on an Action Request form

Cr McGlynn

- Stated that there have been a number of community activities held over recent weeks and conveyed thanks to all Council staff involved, their participation is appreciated
- Requested that the playground equipment in Barnado Park be maintained and replaced as damages occur
- Advised that the support of the grain harvest management scheme is positive for Council

Cr Keatley

- Queried the promotion for the Australia Day Awards DCCDS provided an overview of advertising channels
- Advised that there has been recent activity onsite at the Ungarie Police Station
- Conveyed congratulations to Events West Wyalong for the Sweden in the West Festival and the Swedish Chef

Cr Grellman

- Advised that the supply of gravel for rural properties is prioritised based on the number of property accesses and the width of roadway
- Conveyed congratulations to the organisers for the Sweden in the West Festival, Barmedman Tractor Pull and Campdraft events
- Expressed his disgust in the recent vandalism of street signs

Cr Lord

Expressed his disgust in the recent vandalism following the football grandfinals
 Mayor advised that approaches have been made seeking contributions to cover
 some costs

Cr Pokoney

- Requested a letter be sent to the Police Minister following the recent petition
- Requested that letters of thanks be sent to organisers of the Campdraft, Mirrool Silo Kick, Barmedman Tractor Pull and Sweden in the West Festival
- Conveyed thanks to Cr McGlynn for her recent commitments as Deputy Mayor
- Queried the inclusion of Community Newsletters with each rates notice
- Advised that truck access activities to Bernardi's appear to be outside the approved conditions
- Raised concern at the forced access and general appearance of the plane in Lions Park

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

Council Recommendation:

29102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Keatley 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 8.39pm.

12.1 Splatter Gallery & Café - Business Assistance Funding

Local Government Act (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)

The matters and information are commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

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

Council Recommendation:

31102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Hampton that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council. CARRIED

The meeting then resumed at 8.45pm.

12.1 Splatter Gallery & Café - Business Assistance Funding

Local Government Act (Section 10A(2)(d)(i)

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Council Recommendation:

30102013 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that Council approve \$6,000 in Business Assistance Funding to Clairre Cumming, owner of Splatter Gallery & Café for the establishment of an art gallery, painting and photograph framing business and café at 192 Main Street West Wyalong. CARRIED

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There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.46pm.

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Chairperson
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