



BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
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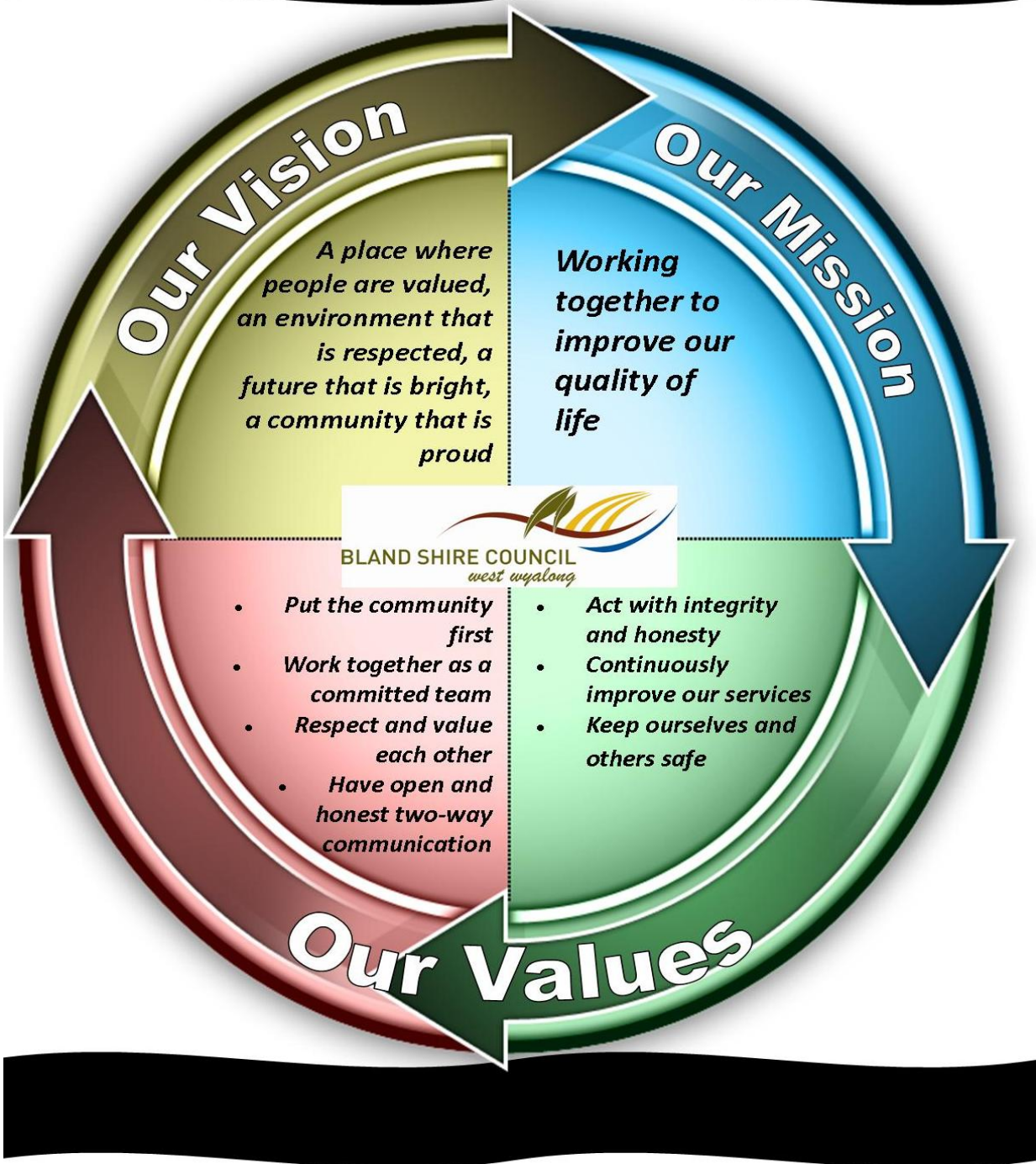
Bland Shire Council

Minutes

18 March 2014



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES





MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
18 MARCH 2014

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The meeting was opened by the Mayor with the welcome and introduction at 6.32pm.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Councillors

Cr P Grellman
Cr K Keatley
Cr T Lord
Cr L McGlynn
Cr B Monaghan – arrived 6.37pm
Cr L Pike – arrived 7.13pm
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

Cr L Hampton

Council Recommendation:

01032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that Cr Grellman be granted leave of absence for the period 17 April 2014 to 3 May 2014 inclusive. CARRIED

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 18 February 2014

▪ **Confirmation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 February 2014 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 18 MARCH 2014

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MAYOR

Council Recommendation:

02032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 18 February 2014 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED

- **Corrections - Nil**
- **Business Arising - Nil**

4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Nil

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM

5.1 Mrs Julie Anthoness

Bland Shire's Citizen of the Year for 2013, Mrs Julie Anthoness, was presented with her commemorative plaque by the General Manager and Mayor. Mrs Anthoness thanked Council for the memento stating that the recognition is the highlight of her life.

5.2 Mr Andrew Buttenshaw

Mr Buttenshaw addressed Council in relation to item 9.6 and the request from the VIC Planning Group for funding to conduct a tourism study.

At this stage, 6.37pm, Cr Monaghan arrived

Mr Buttenshaw provided an overview of the establishment process, membership and recent activities of the VIC Planning Group. He stated that the Group's aim is to obtain a mobile van, to be renovated by the Men's Shed, to operate from 8am – 6pm, 7 days a week for period of 4 weeks. The van will be relocated to 6 potential locations during this period to gauge support and the range of options for a visitor information centre and the most suitable location. Mr Buttenshaw requested the assistance from Council for this purpose.

5.3 Mr Barry Cooper

Mr Cooper addressed Council in relation to the proposed stadium and the options to renovate the existing stadium or construction of a new centre. He stated that he was not in support of the construction of a new centre, rather a revamp of the existing Stadium. Mr Cooper provided background information in relation to the community fundraising activities to establish the existing stadium, which was constructed approximately 24 years ago. It was noted that the existing stadium has over 300 users per week, from a range of ages and feedback from them supports the renovation and the existing location is preferable. Mr Cooper advised that he is a member of the West Wyalong Stadium Corporation, they are well aware of the flooring issues and have had an independent assessment conducted, this assessment recommends an upgrade of the existing facilities and the Corporation is seeking direction from Council in relation to their intentions. Mr Cooper suggested a public opinion survey be conducted and invited Councillors to the Stadium for a site inspection.

6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil

7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

Council Recommendation:

03032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Monaghan that the Notices of Motion be delayed until after Section 5 for consideration. CARRIED

8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECTION 1 – DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Council Recommendation:

04032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that the Council receive and note the delegate and advisory committee reports from Councillors and Advisory Committee meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

8.1 Newell Highway Taskforce

Cr Lord advised that he has received a document in relation to the meeting and will forward to Council.

8.2 NSW Association of Mining Related Councils

Cr McGlynn advised that she attended the meeting and the minutes are provided. It was noted that Council will host the next meeting on 9th May.

8.3 Lachlan Valley Noxious Plants Advisory Committee

Cr Grellman advised that a meeting had been held recently and provided an overview. It was noted that the new LLS boundaries may create issues for weeds management with fees and inspections planned.

9.0 STAFF REPORTS

SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

9.1 Monthly Status Report

Council Recommendation:

05032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the information contained in the March 2014 monthly status report be received and noted. CARRIED

9.2 Progress Report On The Delivery Program 2013-2016

Council Recommendation:

06032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that the Council receive and note the report on progress for implementation, up to 31 December 2013, of the Delivery Program 2013 – 2016. CARRIED

9.3 Revitalising Local Government – Final Report

Council Recommendation:

07032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman:

- 1. That Council endorse the REROC response to the Revitalising Local Government Final Report;**
- 2. That Council include an additional response supporting the retention of Goldenfields Water as a separate water authority; and**
- 3. That the General Manager continues to keep councillors and staff appraised of any progress on this issue.**
- 4. That the General Manager investigate and report back to Council on the implications of joining the Riverina Regional Library. CARRIED**

9.4 Support For Health Professionals

At this stage, 7.13pm, Cr Pike arrived

Council Recommendation:

08032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that Council, in an endeavour to maintain consistency, agrees to support Dr. Oladiran and Dr. Kumar by way of a six month rental subsidy in accordance with past arrangements and that such subsidy be made direct to the two doctors.

On being put to the vote the motion was tied. On the casting vote of the Mayor the motion was then CARRIED.

Council Recommendation:

09032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Grellman that a welcome reception for the two (2) new doctors be held on Tuesday 1 April 2014 commencing at 5.00pm in the Council Chambers. CARRIED

9.5 Expression Of Interest For The Visitor Information Centre

Council Recommendation:

10032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the matter be deferred to the Budget Workshop for deliberations. CARRIED

9.6 Request For Funding To Conduct Tourism Study

Council Recommendation:

11032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that the matter be deferred to the Budget Workshop for deliberations. CARRIED

SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9.7 Financial Statements – February 2014

Council Recommendation:

12032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Templeton:

- 1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of February, 2014.**
- 2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 1 February 2014 to 23 February 2014, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$1,248,147.91. CARRIED**

9.8 Making Of Rates & Charges 2014/15

Council Recommendation:

13032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the Council makes the rates and charges for the year 2014/2015 to allow for inclusion in the 2014/15 budget preparation. CARRIED

Council Recommendation:

14032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Monaghan:

ORDINARY RATE

- A. That it is hereby RECOMMENDED that Ordinary Rates be made for the year commencing on 1st July 2014 on all rateable land within the area of the Council of Bland as follows:
- (a) **Farmland Rate**
A base amount of seventy six dollars (\$76.00) per assessment plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero zero six one eight one cents (0.006181c) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land categorised as farmland, the base amount to yield two point nine two percent (2.92%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the Farmland rate.
 - (b) **Mining Rate**
A base amount of one hundred and sixty three dollars (\$163.00) plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero zero nine eight six four cents (0.009864c) in the dollar on the land value of all land categorised as mining land, the base amount to yield three point zero zero percent (3.00%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the mining rate.
 - (c) **Gold Mining Rate**
A base amount of one hundred and sixty three dollars (\$163.00) plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero four six three two one cents (0.046321c) in the dollar on the land value that is categorised as gold mining land, the base amount to yield zero point zero two percent (0.02%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the mining rate. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

15032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord:

B. That it is hereby RECOMMENDED that Ordinary Rates be now made for the year commencing on 1st July 2014 on all rateable land within the area of the Council of Bland as follows:

(a) Residential Rate

A base amount of seventy six dollars (\$76.00) per assessment plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero zero six eight seven four cents (0.006874c) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land categorised as residential, the base amount to yield twenty nine point four five percent (29.45%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the Residential rate.

(b) Business Rate

A base amount of one hundred and forty one dollars (\$141.00) plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero one two five four nine cents (0.012549c) in the dollar on the land value of all land categorised as business land, the base amount to yield twenty seven point one eight percent (27.18%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the Business Rate.

But excepting therefrom any land within the following areas of the Council of Bland which are hereby taken to be separate centres of population for the purposes of Section 529 (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1993; and centres of activity for the Purposes of Section 529 (2) (d) of that Act:

- * Land within the West/Wyalong Differential General Rating District as defined in the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 8th December 1992.
- * Land within the Town Improvement District of Barmedman as defined in the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th November 1940 and notified in the NSW Government Gazette of 15th November 1940.
- * Land within the Town Improvement District of Ungarie as defined in the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th December 1926 and notified in the NSW Government Gazette of 24th December 1926. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

16032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Templeton:

WEST WYALONG - WYALONG

THAT Ordinary Rates be now made on all rateable land within that part of the area of the Council of Bland within the West Wyalong/Wyalong Differential General Rating District as defined in the Minutes of the Council held on 8th December 1992, as follows:

(a) Residential (West Wyalong/Wyalong) Rate

: A base amount of one hundred and forty one dollars (\$141.00) per assessment plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero one two three seven eight cents (0.012378c) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land, the base amount to yield twenty two point five zero percent (22.50%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the Residential (West Wyalong/Wyalong) rate.

(a) Business (West Wyalong/Wyalong) Rate

A base amount of one hundred and sixty three dollars (\$163.00) per assessment plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero two zero eight five three cents (0.020853c) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land categorised as business land, the base amount to yield eleven point four four percent (11.44%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the Business (West Wyalong/Wyalong) rate. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

17032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Monaghan seconded Cr Templeton:

BARMEDMAN

THAT Ordinary Rates be now made on all rateable land within that part of the area of the Council of Bland within the Town Improvement District of Barmedman as defined in the Minutes of the Council held on 8th November 1940 and notified in the NSW Government Gazette on the 15th November 1940, as follows:

(a) Residential (Barmedman) Rate

: A base amount of seventy six dollars (\$76.00) per assessment plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero two one zero four one (0.021041c) in the dollar on the land value of rateable land, that is categorised as residential land, the base amount to yield thirty seven point zero seven percent (37.07%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the Residential (Barmedman) rate.

(a) Business (Barmedman) Rate

A base amount of seventy six dollars (\$76.00) per assessment plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero two two zero zero four cents (0.022004c) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land categorised as business land, the base amount to yield thirty five point two six percent (35.26%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the Business (Barmedman) rate. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

18032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Grellman:

UNGARIE

THAT Ordinary Rates be now made on all rateable land within that part of the area of the Council of Bland within the Town Improvement District of Ungarie as defined in the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10th December 1926 and notified in the NSW Government Gazette of the 24th December 1926, as follows:

(a) Residential (Ungarie) Rate

: A base amount of seventy six dollars (\$76.00) per assessment plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero three nine one five three cents (0.039153) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land, the base amount to yield thirty five point three nine percent (35.39%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the Residential (Ungarie) rate.

(a) Business (Ungarie) Rate

A base amount of seventy six dollars (\$76.00) per assessment plus an ad-valorem amount of point zero four two two nine eight cents (0.042298) in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land categorised as business land the base amount to yield twenty eight point nine four percent (28.94%) of the total amount payable by the levying of the Business (Ungarie) rate. **CARRIED**

Council Recommendation:

19032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Monaghan that the following rates and charges be deferred to the Budget Workshop for deliberations:

- **Sewer Special Rate**
- **Domestic Waste Management Charge**
- **Trade Waste Service Charge**
- **Annual Waste Management Charge. CARRIED**

9.9 General Library Guidelines Policy

Council Recommendation:

20032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Pike that Council adopts the General Library Guidelines Policy as presented for the Bland Shire Library. CARRIED

9.10 NSW Public Library Association Funding Campaign

Council Recommendation:

21032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Lord that Council provide support to the campaign mounted by the NSW Public Library Associations for increased state funding to local government for public libraries by:

- a. Making representation to the local State member, Hon. Adrian Piccoli, in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services;
- b. Writing to the Hon. George Souris, Minister for the Arts, calling upon the government to implement the Reforming Public Library Funding submission of the Library Council of NSW in 2012 for the reform of the funding system for NSW public libraries;
- c. Approving the distribution of NSW Public Library Associations campaign information in Council's library and deposit stations;
- d. Taking a lead role in activating the campaign locally. CARRIED

9.11 Review Of Policy – Dealing With Development Applications Lodged By Council Staff Or Councillors And Assessment Of The Council's Development Applications

Council Recommendation:

22032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Pike seconded Cr Lord that Council adopt the *Dealing with Development Applications Lodged by Council Staff or Councillors* policy and the *Policy for the Assessment of Council's Own Development Applications* as written. CARRIED

9.12 Review Of Policy – Planning Agreement

Council Recommendation:

23032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Lord that Council adopt the *Planning Agreement* as written. CARRIED

9.13 Local Heritage Funding - 93–95 Main Street West Wyalong

Council Recommendation:

24032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that Council endorse the recommendation of the Bland Heritage Advisory Committee and approve \$10,582.00 funding to K Dodds and M Keys for repairs and alteration to the existing awning, including the repair of the existing lead lighting at 93 – 95 Main Street, West Wyalong as detailed in the application. **CARRIED**

9.14 Strengthening Communities Grant – West Wyalong And District Country Education Fund

Council Recommendation:

25032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Templeton that Council withdraw its previous offer of \$1000 funding under the Community Groups Assistance Grant program and approve a Strengthening Communities grant application from the West Wyalong and District Country Education Fund for \$5000 to assist with providing scholarships to young people within the community to access post high school education, training and vocational opportunities. **CARRIED**

9.15 Strengthening Communities – Wyalong Motor Sports Club

Council Recommendation:

26032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord that Council approve a Strengthening Communities grant of \$2500 for the Wyalong Motorsports Club to assist with the costs of running the 2014 Wyalong Cup. **CARRIED**

9.16 Children Services Policy Adoption – Child Safe Environment Policy

Council Recommendation:

27032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Pike that the Council adopts the *Child Safe Environment Policy* presented for the Children Services Unit. **CARRIED**

SECTION 4 – ASSET & ENGINEERING SERVICES

9.17 Compulsory Acquisition Of Crown Land For The Sewage Treatment Works And Landfill At Barmedman

Council Recommendation:

28032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Lord:

- 1. That pursuant to Section 186 of the Local Government Act 1993, Bland Shire Council make application to the Minister for Local Government and Her Excellency, The Governor, for the compulsory acquisition of Lots 117 & 228 DP750607 and Lot 7015 DP94598 for the purposes of a Sewage Treatment Works and Landfill.**
- 2. That all mines and minerals be excluded from the compulsory acquisition.**
- 3. That on acquisition, and pursuant to Section 34 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council advertise the draft resolution: “It is intended to classify Lots 117 & 228 DP750607 and Lot 7015 DP94598 (land situated at Barmedman) as operational land.”**
- 4. That pursuant to Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council delegate authority to the General Manager to sign:**
 - a) Land and Property Information Resumption Application Form**
 - b) Land and Property Information Request Form. CARRIED**

9.18 Harvest Truck Warning Signs Policy

Council Recommendation:

29032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Keatley that the Harvest Truck Warning Signs policy be adopted. CARRIED

9.19 New Proposed Rural Fire Service Sheds- Deed Of Agreement With Property Owners

Council Recommendation:

30032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Monaghan that Council authorise the General Manager to sign and seal the following Deeds made in relation to the erection of Rural Fire Service Sheds on private lands;

- 1. Mildil Station- Lot 18 DP 750828 Portion 1 and 2 (Owner Terry Cattle)**
- 2. Mallee Plains Station- Lot 2 DP 792428 Portion 1 and 2 (Owner Chris Hefer)**
- 3. Thulloo Station- Lot 1 DP 1081366 Portion 1 and 2 (Owner Denis Henly). CARRIED**

SECTION 5 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Council Recommendation:

31032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Templeton that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 9.20 - Engineering Services Report**
- 9.21 - Community Services Report**
- 9.22 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- 9.23 - Children Services Monthly Update**
- 9.24 - Development Statistics – February 2014**
- 9.25 - Ranger Activities**
- 9.26 - Economic Development & Tourism Report - March**

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1 Proposed Purchase of Investment Property, Mayor Pokoney

Council Recommendation:

32032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Pike that the matter be considered in Closed Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993. CARRIED

7.2 Dome Lights for the West Wyalong Runway, Cr Pike

Council Recommendation:

33032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Pike seconded Cr Lord that Council include the provision of dome lights for the West Wyalong Runway in the 2014/15 budget estimates. CARRIED

7.3 Review of Airport Concept Plan, Cr Pike

Council Recommendation:

34032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Pike seconded Cr Lord that the Airport concept plan be reviewed to include:

- 1. Creation of a taxiway past the east side of the proposed bowser to run parallel to the airport road. Thus providing access to blocks running between the taxiway and the airport road.**
 - 2. That these blocks be made available for freehold purchase.**
 - 3. That airline companies and CASA be engaged to ascertain a position for a bowser that does not inhibit any future opportunity for a return of domestic flight service.**
 - 4. That airline companies be invited to stop en-route to and from Griffith, Broken Hill, Wagga and Sydney. With option to refuel.**
 - 5. That aviation fuel companies be invited to tender to supply avgas and jet a1.**
- CARRIED**

10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Cr Monaghan

- Advised that he has received a letter in relation to the Main Street speed signs
GM advised that the signs have been ordered and the matter is in hand

Cr Pike

- Apologised to Mr Buttenshaw for missing his presentation stating that he is not to be discouraged and encouraged them to continue searching for improvements in tourism

Cr McGlynn

- Noted that the Regional Music group require committee executives and stated that she will be attending their meeting as an individual

Cr Keatley

- Queried the timeframe for completion of the Ungarie tourism shelter
GM advised that the structures are complete and panel design is underway

Cr Grellman

- Conveyed congratulations to Armstrong Toyota following their announcement as winner of the Toyota 5 Star Service Award for NSW/ACT
- Conveyed congratulations to the Parks and Gardens staff for their efforts in maintaining the Main Street gardens
- Advised that local Weethalle artist, Joe Penn, has a painting of the West Wyalong Main Street that he wishes to donate to Council
Mayor advised that Council would be most grateful and pleased to accept the wonderful gesture

Cr Pokoney

- Queried the date of the meeting to review the 5% grain harvest allowance
- Advised that the Royal Far West bike group were staying overnight in West Wyalong and that the \$93,000 in funds raised to date demonstrate the strength of their fundraising efforts
- Advised that the loss of Beaurepaires from West Wyalong and other locations was a decision made at the National level, Council has maintained close contact and been advised that there was nothing more that Council could have done

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

Council Recommendation:

35032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Templeton 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 8.09pm.

12.1 Proposed Purchase of Investment Property

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:

37032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr Grellman that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council. CARRIED

The meeting then resumed at 8.25pm.

Council Recommendation:

36032014 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Grellman that the General Manager be authorised to investigate and negotiate with the owner of the subject property. CARRIED

14.0 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.26pm.

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Chairperson