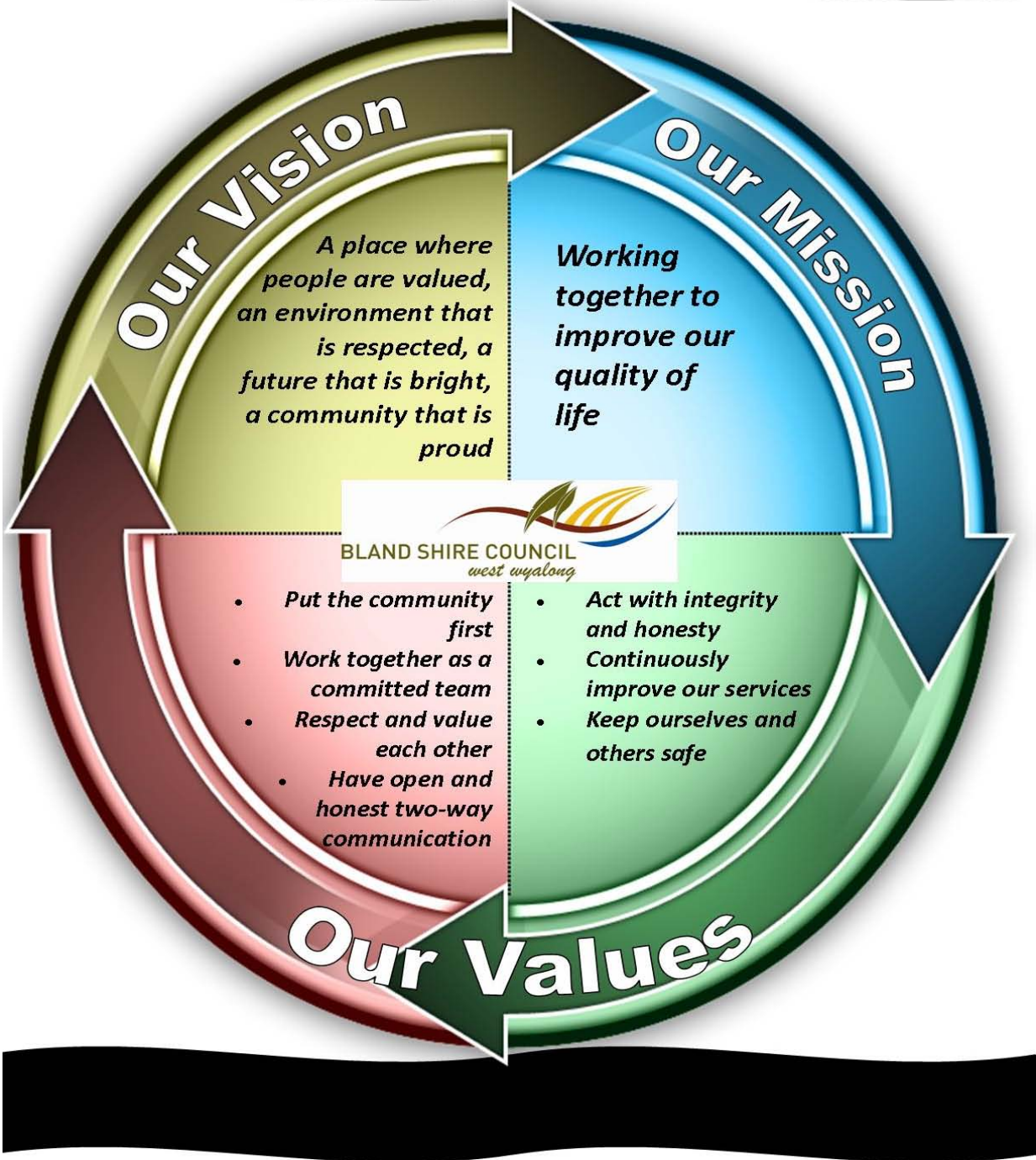




**Bland Shire Council**  
**Minutes**  
**Ordinary Council Meeting**  
**21 April 2015**



# OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



**ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**  
**A guiding checklist for Councillors, Officers and Advisory Committees**

**Ethical Decision Making**

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Could your possible conflict of interest lead to private gain or loss at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

**Conflict of Interest**

- A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types of conflict: Pecuniary – regulated by the Local Government Act and Office of Local Government and, Non-pecuniary – regulated by Codes of Conduct and policy. ICAC, Ombudsman, Office of Local Government (advice only).

**The test for conflict of interest**

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" – using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest

**Identifying Problems**

1<sup>st</sup> - Do I have private interest affected by a matter I am officially involved in?

2<sup>nd</sup> - Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?

3<sup>rd</sup> - Do my private interests conflict with my official role?

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

**Agency Advice**

Officers of the following agencies are available during office hours to discuss the obligations placed on Councillors, Officers and Advisory Committee members by various pieces of legislation, regulation and Codes.

Contact	Phone	Email	Website
Bland Shire Council	6972 2266	<a href="mailto:council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au">council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au">www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au</a>
ICAC	8281 5999 Toll Free: 1800 463 909	<a href="mailto:icac@icac.nsw.gov.au">icac@icac.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.icac.nsw.gov.au">www.icac.nsw.gov.au</a>
Office of Local Government	4428 4100	<a href="mailto:dlg@dlg.nsw.gov.au">dlg@dlg.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au">www.dlg.nsw.gov.au</a>
NSW Ombudsman	9286 1000 Toll Free: 1800 451 524	<a href="mailto:nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au">nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au</a>	<a href="http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au">www.ombo.nsw.gov.au</a>

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## Council Meeting Minutes

21 April 2015

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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

### 2.0 ATTENDANCE

#### 2.1 Councillors

Cr P Grellman  
Cr L Hampton  
Cr K Keatley  
Cr T Lord  
Cr L McGlynn  
Cr B Monaghan (arrived 6.39pm)  
Cr L Pike  
Cr N Pokoney  
Cr P Templeton

#### 2.2 Staff

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

#### 2.3 Apologies

Nil

### 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

#### 3.1 Ordinary Meeting held on 17 March 2015

##### ▪ Confirmation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

#### Council Recommendation:

**01042015 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr Hampton that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 17 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings. CARRIED**

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

**4.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Councillor/Officer</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Cr Hampton	9.13 – Indigenous Cultural Officer	Non-Pecuniary

**5.0 PUBLIC FORUM**

**5.1 Mr Charles Kingston**

Mr Kingston stated that criticism can and should be positive and provided a dictionary reference. In relation to the recent Target community rally Mr Kingston stated that all speakers were excellent and was pleased to note the joint efforts. Mr Kingston spoke of his support for tourism and the rescission motion in relation to the use of 184 Main Street as a visitor information centre.

**5.2 Mr Barry Cooper**

Mr Cooper thanked Council for the opportunity to address them in relation to the visitor information centre and stated that he supports the use of 184 Main Street for this purpose. He urged Council to progress the project with consideration and respect for the ratepayers of Bland Shire.

At this stage, 6.39pm, Cr Monaghan arrived.

**6.0 MAYORAL MINUTE**  
Nil

**7.0 NOTICES OF MOTION**

## 7.1 Rescission Motion – Visitor Information Centre

### Council Recommendation:

**PROPOSED** on the motion of Cr Lord seconded Cr Pike:

1. That Council rescind the motion passed on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 confirming 184 Main Street West Wyalong as the location for a VIC.
2. That Council allocate an amount for the establishment of a VIC in the 2015/16 budget.
3. That a report be presented to Council within 3 months, investigating all appropriate locations for a VIC. **LOST**

## 8.0 DELEGATES & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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### Council Recommendation:

**02042015 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Monaghan 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**

#### 8.1 Goldenfields Water County Council

Cr Templeton queried the provision of minutes from the GWCC meeting held in February.

*GM advised that the minutes were not available at the time of finalising the business paper.*

#### 8.2 Museum Advisory Committee

Cr Keatley advised that Mirrool are investigating the establishment of a museum.

#### 8.3 CEMCC

Mayor advised that the next meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> June and will be hosted by Bland Shire Council.

## 9.0 STAFF REPORTS

That the Council receive the staff reports.

## SECTION 2 – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

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### 9.1 Monthly Status Report

Council Recommendation:

**03042015 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Keatley seconded Cr McGlynn that the information contained in the April 2015 monthly status report be received and noted. **CARRIED**

### 9.2 Fit For The Future – A Review Of Local Government In NSW (April 2015)

Council Recommendation:

**04042015 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Keatley that the information regarding progress with the Fit for the Future self improvement proposal be received and noted. **CARRIED**

## SECTION 3 – CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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### 9.3 Financial Statements – March 2015

Council Recommendation:

**05042015 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Hampton seconded Cr Grellman:

1. That Council receive and note the statement of Bank Balances, Rates Collections and Investments for the month of March, 2015
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 March to 31 March 2015, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$4,001,393.38. **CARRIED**

## **9.4 Internal Reporting Policy & Complaints Handling Policy**

**Council Recommendation:**

**06042015 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Monaghan that Council adopts the Internal Reporting Policy and the Complaints Handling Policy. **CARRIED**

## **9.5 Strengthening Communities – Western Wheelers Car Club**

**Council Recommendation:**

**07042015 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that Council approves a Strengthening Communities grant of \$1488 to the Western Wheelers Car Club to assist with establishment costs. **CARRIED**

## **SECTION 4 – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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**Council Recommendation:**

**08042015 RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Pike seconded Cr Hampton that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- **9.6 – Asset & Engineering Services Report**
- **9.7 - Community Services Report**
- **9.8 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update**
- **9.9 - Children Services Monthly Update**
- **9.10 - Development Services Activities/Statistics for March 2015**
- **9.11 - Economic Development & Tourism Report – April. CARRIED**



## 9.12 Economic Development Opportunities

### Council Recommendation:

09042015 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Grellman seconded Cr McGlynn that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to make decisions, in respect to major economic development opportunities:

- 1) That provides an obvious benefit to the Bland Shire;
- 2) That does not commit council to expenditure that is not budgeted for; and
- 3) That will be the subject of a full report to the next available council meeting.  
CARRIED

## 9.13 Indigenous Cultural Officer

### Council Recommendation:

10042015 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Templeton seconded Cr Pike that Council approve of the addition of a temporary part time Indigenous Cultural Officer to the organisation structure, for a period of 12 months and that the position is part funded, in the amount of \$30,000.00, from an allocation from the current budget for matching grants. CARRIED

## 10.0 URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

Cr Pike requested a policy outlining permissible locations for specific industries be developed.

The Council determined that the matter was not urgent in nature and requested a report be provided.

## 11.0 QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

### Cr McGlynn

- Requested a report on development regulations be provided  
*GM advised that requirements depend on the location and type of development. It was agreed to list the matter for discussion at the May Council Workshop*

### Cr Lord

- Queried progress with the acquisition of industrial land in Central Road  
*GM advised that a determination has been made for Council to negotiate directly with the Local Lands Council who are required to obtain a valuation.*

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- Noted the front page article of the Advocate from 2000 highlighting the opening of Target Country in West Wyalong

**Cr Hampton**

- Advised of the process to remove land claims and stated that it will be the role of the proposed Cultural Officer. The Board will meet on 22 April to further discuss the matter

**Cr Pike**

- Queried the availability, status and evidence of subsidence for parcels of land suitable for industrial purposes

**Cr Monaghan**

- Queried if Council had been notified of the proposed sale of Cowal Gold Mine  
*Mayor advised that Council was notified*
- Noted that the Barrick Golf Day will be held in Forbes

**Cr Keatley**

- Advised that the Ungarie Police Officer has resigned

**Cr Pokoney**

- Advised that a meeting was held recently with representatives from the Salvation Army to outline their withdrawal of services to the Shire
- Conveyed congratulations to the community and staff for the Target community rally  
*GM advised that the petition will be personally delivered to Target and a meeting has been arranged with the Agent for the building*
- Advised that he has met with representatives from the business community and discussions are in hand for a local shopping event and the re-establishment of Business West Wyalong with support from Council.

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

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

14.0 **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**  
There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.24pm.

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Chairperson

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