

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2022,
COMMENCING AT 6.30PM**

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Attendance

Crs B Monaghan (Mayor), Cr M Clark, R Crowe (arrived 6.43pm), J Funnell, 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)

Apologies

Crs B Baker, K Keatley

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor/ Officer	Item	Nature of Interest	Reason	How Managed
Cr Clark	Bland Housing Strategy	Pecuniary	Ratepayer	Verbal Disclosure
Ms Balind	Organisational Structure	Non-Pecuniary	Position Incumbent	Verbal Disclosure
Mr Graham	Organisational Structure	Non-Pecuniary	Position Incumbent	Verbal Disclosure

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meeting held on 15 November 2022

01122022 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 15 November 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Funnell/Clark
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Funnell, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

The Mayor advised that Council has recently received awards from Local Government NSW and invited the Director Technical Services to provide details. It was noted that Council was awarded the winner in Division A and the Overall winner in the Excellence in the Environment Awards, Sustainable Infrastructure for the building climate resilient unsealed roads trial undertaken on Hollands Lane in recent years.

MAYORAL MINUTE

Statewide Road Emergency

02122022 **RESOLVED** that Bland Shire Council joins with Local Government NSW and Country Mayors Association of NSW in declaring a Statewide Road Emergency.

Funnell/Moore
CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Funnell, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Applications for Leave of Absence

03122022 **RESOLVED** that Council approve the Leave of Absence applications submitted by Councillor Baker and Councillor Keatley for the December 2022 Council meeting.

Moore/Lord

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Funnell, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: December 2022

04122022 **RESOLVED** that Council receives and notes the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: December 2022 as attached.

McGlynn/Lord

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Funnell, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Council Workshops

05122022 **RESOLVED** that Council approve the commencement of future ordinary Council Workshops on the first Tuesday of each month from 4.00pm, commencing on 7 February 2023.

Lord/McGlynn

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Funnell, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

Delegates Report – LGNSW Conference

06122022 **RESOLVED** that the Delegates Report for the 2022 LGNSW Conference be received and noted.

Lord/Funnell

CARRIED

(Unanimously: Crs Clark, Funnell, Lord, McGlynn, Monaghan and Moore voting for)

At this stage, 6.43pm, Cr Crowe arrived.

General Manager's Performance Review Panel

07122022 **RESOLVED** that Council adopt the Terms of Reference for the General Manager's Performance Review Panel.

Clark/Funnell

CARRIED

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

08122022 **RESOLVED** that Council delegate to this Council Committee, General Manager's Performance Review Panel, the task of developing a Performance Agreement, conducting Performance Reviews, reporting the findings and recommendations of those reviews to Council.

Clark/McGlynn

CARRIED

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

Cr Funnell was nominated by Cr McGlynn and accepted the nomination, seconded Cr Moore.

Cr Lord was nominated by Cr McGlynn and accepted the nomination, lapsed for the want of seconder.

The Mayor declared Cr Funnell appointed to the General Manager's Performance Review Panel.

09122022 RESOLVED that Council nominate Councillor Funnell to sit on the General Manager's Performance Review Panel.

McGlynn/Moore
CARRIED

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

Organisational Structure

10122022 RESOLVED that Council:-

1. Pursuant to section 333 of the Local Government Act 1993, determine the organisation structure contained at Attachment A to be adopted.
2. Pursuant to section 332 of the Local Government Act 1993, determine the following roles within the organisation structure to be Senior Staff positions:
 - (a) Director Corporate and Community Services; and
 - (b) Director Technical Services.
3. Receive a further report following consultation with staff on the proposed changes to the reporting and functional areas within each Directorate.

Lord/Moore
CARRIED

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

Australia Day Awards Committee

11122022 RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the Australia Day Awards Committee meeting held on 22 November 2022, be received and noted.
2. That the Australia Day Awards Committee recommended recipients of the 2023 Australia Day Awards and Bland Shire Australia Day Ambassadors, be adopted by Council.

Funnell/Clark
CARRIED

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

Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round Funding Deed

12122022 RESOLVED that Council approve the General Manager's signing and execution of the NSW Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair Round funding deed for \$870,863.89 (ex GST).

McGlynn/Lord
CARRIED

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

Resources for Regions Round 9 Program Funding Deed

13122022 RESOLVED that Council approve the General Manager's signing and execution of the NSW Resources for Regions Round 9 funding deed for \$5,285,515 (ex GST).

Lord/Moore
CARRIED

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

Strengthening Communities Grant – Weethalle Country Club

14122022 RESOLVED that Council approve a Strengthening Communities Grant of \$4,000 for the Weethalle Country Club to assist with the cost of the installation of CCTV.

Crowe/Moore
CARRIED

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

Strengthening Communities Grant – West Wyalong Rugby League Club

15122022 RESOLVED that Council approve a Strengthening Communities Grant of \$2,000 for the West Wyalong Rugby League Football Club to assist with the cost of advertising the upcoming 50th Anniversary West Wyalong Rugby League Knockout.

Lord/McGlynn
CARRIED

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

Finance and Investment Report for November 2022

16122022 RESOLVED:

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of November 2022
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 November to 30 November 2022, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$2,043,262.20

Crowe/Lord
CARRIED

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

Report on Bland Shire Council Code of Conduct Statistics

17122022 RESOLVED that Council notes:

1. That there were no Code of Conduct complaints made about Councillors or the General Manager during the period of 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022, and
2. That these statistics have been reported to the Office of Local Government in accordance with the Procedures for Administering the Model Code of Conduct.

Lord/Crowe
CARRIED

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

Local History Digitisation Project

18122022 RESOLVED that:

1. Council support the termination of the digitisation project of the Pereira collection based on the information provided in this report.
2. Custodial ownership of the Pereira collection be given to the Wyalong Museum & Bland District Historical Society with an agreement to be negotiated with regards to access to the collection.
3. The portable local studies kit and scanner items be retained by Bland Shire and utilised by staff at Bland Shire Library to collect new material for the local studies collection at this library.

Funnell/McGlynn
CARRIED

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

Bland Shire State of the Roads

19122022 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Receives and notes the State of the Roads Report
2. Endorses a plan to ensure the long term and systematic improvements to Council's road network that includes:
 - a. Prioritisation of Council's Asset management maturity;
 - b. A review of council's asset management processes including resourcing.

McGlynn/Clark
CARRIED

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

Tender – Supply of Adventure Playground Tender 2/2023

20122022 RESOLVED that Council Award Contract - Supply of Adventure Playground Tender 2/2023 the Design, Supply and Install New McCann Park playground West Wyalong to Spizvac Marketing Pty Ltd for a Value of \$336,250 (Ex GST).

Lord/Funnell
CARRIED

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

Bland Housing Strategy

21122022 RESOLVED that Council adopts the Bland Housing Strategy.

Crowe/Lord
CARRIED

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

Reports for Information

22122022 RESOLVED that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 7.18 - Economic Development & Tourism Report –December 2022
- 7.19 - Community Services Report
- 7.20 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 7.21 - Children’s Services November Update
- 7.22 - Bland Community Care Services Update
- 7.23 - Technical Services Report
- 7.24 - Development Services Activity Report – November 2022

Crowe/McGlynn
CARRIED

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

Reports of Committees

23122022 RESOLVED that the Council receive and note the delegate and committee reports from Councillors and Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Moore/Crowe
CARRIED

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

Confidential Matters

24122022 RESOLVED That Council close the Ordinary meeting of Council to discuss confidential business under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, for consideration of the following matters.

Moore/McGlynn
CARRIED

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

The meeting then closed at 7.35pm.

Bland Shire Community Care Centre

Local Government Act 1993 (Section 10A (2))

The matters and information are the following:

c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

25122022 RESOLVED that Council:

1. Agrees to fund costs to an amount of \$145,000 associated with remodelling work required at its Community Care Centre in Ungarie Road from its Aged Care Reserve as detailed in the report.
2. Authorises the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the organisation identified in the Director Corporate and Community Services report to lease the agreed sections of the Community Care Centre for a five (5) year period with an option to extend for a further five (5) years.
3. Authorises the General Manager to, as part of said lease agreement, negotiate a repayment plan from the lessee to recoup costs associated with remodelling the leased portion of the building with funds from those repayments to be deposited back into the Aged Care Reserve.
4. A report be presented to Council on completion of the work detailing the final cost to the organisation.

Moore/Funnell

CARRIED

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

26122022 RESOLVED that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

Lord/Moore

CARRIED

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

The meeting then resumed at 7.57pm.

At the reopening of the meeting to the public the Mayor announced the outcomes of resolution number 25122022.

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 8.00pm.

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Chairperson
Mayor Brian Monaghan