

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF BLAND HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEST WYALONG ON TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2024, COMMENCING AT 6.31PM**

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

**Attendance**

Crs B Monaghan (Mayor), M Clark, J Funnell, K Keatley, T Lord, L McGlynn, R Moore  
General Manager (G Baker), Director Corporate & Community Services (A Balind) (remote attendance), Director Technical Services (R Graham) and Executive Assistant (J Sharpe)

**Apologies**

Cr R Crowe

**01062024 RESOLVED** that the apologies submitted by Cr Crowe be accepted.

Moore/Funnell  
**CARRIED**

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

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Councillor/ Officer	Item	Nature of Interest	Reason	How Managed
Cr J. Funnell	6.5 - Request for Donation – Southern Sports Academy	Less than significant non-pecuniary	Personal	Written Disclosure
	6.9 – Request for Fee Relief			

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Ordinary Meeting held on 21 May 2024**

**02062024 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 May 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Lord/Keatley  
**CARRIED**

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

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

**Monthly Status Report – Council Meeting Actions: June 2024**

**03062024 RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the Monthly Status Report - Council Meeting Actions: June 2024.

Keatley/Moore  
**CARRIED**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

At this stage Mrs Belinda Duncan on behalf of the West Wyalong Basketball Association was invited to address Council in the public forum in relation to item 6.9 - Request for Fee Relief.

## LATE REPORT – Item of Urgent Business – Riverina Electorate Redistribution

To be considered in accordance with Clause 9.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice

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**04062024 RESOLVED** that the Riverina Electorate Redistribution matter be deemed as an item of urgent business and considered by Council at this meeting.

McGlynn/Clark

**CARRIED**

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

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### Riverina Electorate Redistribution

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**05062024 RESOLVED** that Council consider as a matter of urgency the preparation and lodgement of a formal objection to the Australian Electoral Commission's proposal to remove Bland Shire from the Federal Electorate of Riverina.

Lord/McGlynn

**CARRIED**

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

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### Finance And Investment Report For May 2024

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**06062024 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council receive and note the information contained within the Finance and Investment Report for the month of May 2024
2. That Council confirms the payment of accounts, for the period 01 May to 31 May 2024, summarised in the accounts summary totalling \$7,176,811.19

Moore/Keatley

**CARRIED**

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

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## Appointment of Independent Chair and Members to Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

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**PROPOSED** Cr Lord seconded Cr McGlynn:

1. That Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as exhibited.
2. That Council accepts the application of Mr Nick Tobin to the position of ARIC Independent Chair for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028
3. That Council accepts the application of Mr Raffaele D'Angelo to the position of ARIC Independent ARIC Member for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028
4. That Council accepts the application of Mr Chris Weber to the position of ARIC Independent ARIC Member for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028
5. That Council determines a Councillor to be appointed as the non-voting observer to the ARIC or if no Councillor will be appointed.

**AMENDMENT** proposed Cr McGlynn seconded Cr Moore:

1. That Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as exhibited.
2. That Council accepts the application of Mr Nick Tobin to the position of ARIC Independent Chair for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028
3. That Council accepts the application of Mr Raffaele D'Angelo to the position of ARIC Independent ARIC Member for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028
4. That Council accepts the application of Mr Chris Weber to the position of ARIC Independent ARIC Member for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028
5. That Council appoints Cr Lord as the non-voting observer to the ARIC.

**07062024 RESOLVED:**

1. That Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee as exhibited.
2. That Council accepts the application of Mr Nick Tobin to the position of ARIC Independent Chair for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028
3. That Council accepts the application of Mr Raffaele D'Angelo to the position of ARIC Independent ARIC Member for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028
4. That Council accepts the application of Mr Chris Weber to the position of ARIC Independent ARIC Member for the period of 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028
5. That Council appoints Cr Lord as the non-voting observer to the ARIC.

McGlynn/Moore

**CARRIED**

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

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## Adoption of Regional Drought Resilience Plan

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**08062024 RESOLVED:**

- a. That Council adopts the Temora Bland Regional Drought Resilience Plan, and
- b. upon receipt of further funding incorporate identified actions into Bland Shire's Integrated Planning and Reporting documentation.

Moore/Funnell

**CARRIED**

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

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### **Request for Donation – Southern Sports Academy**

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**09062024** **RESOLVED** that Council approve a donation of \$200 per athlete to the Southern Sports Academy in support of the 2 athletes selected for 2024 in Bland Shire LGA. This payment is to be made in July 2024 from the 24/25 budget allocation.

McGlynn/Moore

**CARRIED**

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

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### **Strengthening Communities Application – Hearts of Gold Festival Committee**

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**PROPOSED** Cr McGlynn that the matter be considered as confidential business.

The Mayor determined that the matter did not meet the requirements for confidential business in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act or the Code of Meeting Practice.

**PROPOSED** Cr Funnell that Council approve the application for funding of the Hearts of Gold Festival Committee Inc. under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$23,000 to go towards the costs association with providing a festival in 2024.

**10062024** **RESOLVED** that Council defer consideration of the application for funding of the Hearts of Gold Festival Committee Inc. under the Strengthening Communities Fund in the amount of \$23,000 to go towards the costs association with providing a festival in 2024 to the July 2024 Council meeting.

Lord/McGlynn

**CARRIED**

(4/3: Crs Clark, Keatley, Lord, McGlynn voting for and Crs Funnell, Monaghan and Moore voting against)

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### **Adoption Of The IP&R Documentation And 2024\_2025 Revenue Policy**

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**11062024** **RESOLVED** that Bland Shire Council adopts:

- The Operational Plan (including Budget) for the 2024/2025 Financial Year; and
- The Revenue Policy (including Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2024/2025 Financial Year).

Moore/Keatley

**CARRIED**

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

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### **IPWEA (Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia) State Roads Congress**

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**12062024** **RESOLVED** that Council receive and note the report and endorse the 2024 Local Roads Congress Communique.

Moore/Funnell

**CARRIED**

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

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### **Request for Fee Relief**

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**13062024** **RESOLVED** that Council provide a fee reduction to the value of \$3,444 for the West Wyalong Basketball Association for the 2023 / 2024 basketball season.

McGlynn/Clark

**CARRIED**

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

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## REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

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**14062024** **RESOLVED** that the following reports, provided for information only, be received and noted:

- 6.10 - Economic Development and Tourism Report
- 6.11 - Community Development Report
- 6.12 - Youth Services Report
- 6.13 - Bland Shire Library Monthly Update
- 6.14 - Children Services May Update
- 6.15 - Community Care Services – May 2024
- 6.16 - Bland Shire Museum Advisor Report – May 2024
- 6.17 - Technical Services Report
- 6.18 - Development Services Activity Report – May 2024

Funnell/ Keatley

**CARRIED**

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

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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**15062024** **RESOLVED** that Council endorse the Committee meeting minutes as presented.

McGlynn/Clark

**CARRIED**

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

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## LATE REPORT – Item of Urgent Business – Lease 184 Main Street West Wyalong

To be considered in accordance with Clause 9.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice

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**16062024** **RESOLVED** that the report seeking Council's agreement to transfer the lease of 184 Main Street, West Wyalong be deemed as urgent business and dealt with at this meeting.

Moore/Lord

**CARRIED**

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

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## CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

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**17062024** **RESOLVED** that Council close the Ordinary meeting of Council to discuss the following matter:

Council consent – Transfer of Lease for 184 Main Street, West Wyalong

*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 the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

Moore/Funnell

**CARRIED**

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

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The meeting then closed to the public at 7.34pm.

## Council consent – Transfer of Lease for 184 Main Street, West Wyalong

*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 the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

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- 18062024**    **RESOLVED** that Council:
1. Approve the request for transfer of the lease for the property at 184 Main Street; and
  2. Authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute the assignment of lease agreement on behalf of the Council.

McGlynn/Keatley

**CARRIED**

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

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- 19062024**    **RESOLVED** that Council move out of closed Council and into open Council.

Moore/Funnell

**CARRIED**

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

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At the reopening of the meeting to the public the Chair announced the outcome of resolution number **18062024**.

There being no further business the meeting then closed at 7.42pm.

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Chairperson  
Mayor Brian Monaghan