



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016
COMMENCING AT 8:26 AM**

PRESENT:

Mayor: Cr BR Muir

MEMBERS:

Councillors: JJ Barron, RC Curnow, DT Brennan, NJ Dolinski, TW Johnstone (teleconference), M Prow

OFFICERS:

Mr Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Susan Jarvis, Manager of Corporate Services, Miss Ashlee Fry, Minute Clerk

ATTENDANCE:

CONDOLENCES:

A minutes silence was observed to mark the passing of:
Carol Ann Blacker

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

TELECONFERENCE:

Teleconferencing Arrangement

Under Section 276 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Councillors are permitted to take part in a meeting by teleconference if they are in simultaneous audio contact with each person at the meeting and the local government has approved the teleconferencing arrangement. Cr TW Johnstone was absent from the region and requested approval to participate in the meeting via telephone.

MOTION: Moved: Cr JJ Barron

Seconded: Cr M Prow

“That in accordance with Section 276 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council approve the participation of Cr TW Johnstone in the February 2016 Council Meeting by teleconference, provided that the guidelines for participation are abided by.”

Minute No. 01/02A/16

CEO to action

Carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Moved: Cr RC Curnow Seconded: Cr NJ Dolinski

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 January 2016 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be empowered to sign same.”

Minute No. 02/02A/16 CEO to action **Carried**

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:

The Councillors discussed their Portfolio Reports, which are attached to these Minutes (Attachment A).

BUSINESS ARISING:

Outstanding business discussed included:

- Lighting issues at EE Parr Park
- Removal of gum trees at Blackall War Cemetery

OPERATIONAL PLAN REPORT

Operational Plan

Council considered the Operational Plan for January 2016 which included the 1st month (high priority) activities.

MOTION: Moved: Cr M Prow Seconded: Cr NJ Dolinski

“That Council receive the Operational Plan for work completed on high priority activities for January 2016 as presented.”

Minute No.03 /02A/15 CEO to action **Carried**

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

The Manager of Corporate Services’ Report for January 2016 was presented

MOTION: Moved: Cr NJ Dolinski Seconded: Cr JJ Barron

“That the Manager of Corporate Services’ Report be received for consideration.”

Minute No.04 /02A /15 MCS to action **Carried**

Business items discussed from the Manager of Corporate Services’ Report included:

- Renewal of the process of nominations and forms for the Australia Day Awards
- Possible advertising for the new Day Care Centre in Blackall
- High number of wild dogs in the region
- Proposed shed at the Blackall Refuse Tip
- The effectiveness of the new fencing at the Tambo Refuse Tip

MOTION: Moved: Cr M Prow

Seconded: Cr RC Curnow

“That a review of the actual criteria and format for the Australia Day nominations be reviewed.”

Minute No. 05/02A/15

MCS to action

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr TW Johnstone left the Meeting at 8:59am.

Blackall Ranger Paddock

The current lease over the land run from 1 April 2015 and will expire on 31 March 2016. The Stock Paddock is currently leased for the sum of \$3,000.00 per annum including GST. There are no known current issues with the lease. The current lessee has advised they would like to continue to occupy the property. Council could reissue a lease for a further one year period; alternatively, expressions of interest for the lease of the parcel could be invited.

MOTION: Moved: Cr M Prow

Seconded: Cr DT Brennan

“That Council issue a further lease for a one year period to the current lessee of the Blackall Ranger Paddock.”

Minute No. 06/02A/16

MCS to action

Carried

Review of the Blackall Town Common Management Plan

The previous Blackall Town Common Management Plan 2010-2015 was due for review, to update the information in relation to the improvements in the infrastructure on the Town Common with additional water tanks, troughs, pipeline and fencing, including the value of the assets. This plan has been reviewed in consultation with the Town Common Management Committee and amended accordingly.

MOTION: Moved: Cr RC Curnow

Seconded: Cr NJ Dolinski

“That Council defer the updated version of the Tambo Town Common Management Plan 2015-2020 until the March General Meeting.”

Minute No. 07/02A/16

MCS to action

Carried

Review of the Tambo Town Common Management Plan

The previous Tambo Town Common Management Plan 2010-2015 was due for review, to update the information in relation to the improvements in the infrastructure on the Town Common with additional water tanks, troughs, pipeline and fencing, including the value of the assets. This plan has been reviewed in consultation with the Town Common Management Committee and amended accordingly.

MOTION: Moved: Cr RC Curnow Seconded: Cr NJ Dolinski

“That Council defer the updated version of the Tambo Town Common Management Plan 2015-2020 until the March General Meeting.”

Minute No. 08/02A/16

MCS to action

Carried

The Consideration and Comment on the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Disaster Management Plan

The previous Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Disaster Management Plan was due to be redrafted to meet the requirements and template outlined in the Disaster Management Act 2003 and the Disaster Management Regulation 2014.

Following a number of disaster management scenario exercises and meetings of the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG), the redrafted version of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Disaster Management Plan and was submitted to Council for consideration and comment

MOTION: Moved: Cr JJ Barron Seconded: Cr M Prow

“That Council adopt the updated draft version of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Disaster Management Plan.”

Minute No. 09/02A/16

MCS to action

Carried

The Acting Manager of Works’ Report for January 2016 was presented

MOTION: Moved: Cr JJ Barron Seconded: Cr RC Curnow

“That the Acting Manager of Works’ Report be received for consideration.”

Minute No. 10/02A /15

A/MOW to action

Carried

Business items discussed from the Manager of Works’ Report included:

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- List of roads being graded to be put in the Regional Roundup
 - Mowing of footpaths
 - Drainage issues in the Blackall Industrial Estate
 - Usage of plant equipment

Royalties for Regions Funding Program- Blackall Airport Terminal Upgrade

Notification of a successful funding application submitted under round four of the Royalties for Regions Funding Program for the Upgrade to the Blackall Airport Terminal for the amount of \$500,000 was received in January 2015. During Council's deliberations to formulate the 2015-2016 Budget it was proposed to secure finance in the form of a low interest loan to support the matching dollar requirement. At the January 2016 Council meeting, Councillors verbally agreed not to seek finance and to commit the necessary monies from unexpended funds in the capital works pool. Project reporting requirements require demonstrated evidence, such as a Council minute, of Council's commitment of 50% to the project budget.

MOTION: Moved: Cr M Prow

Seconded: Cr NJ Dolinski

'That Council commits \$500,000 in line with the funding agreement entered into with the Department of State Development from the unexpended monies from the capital works pool in the approved Capital Works Budget as Council's co-contribution towards the Blackall Airport Terminal Upgrade which is supported by the Department under round four of the Royalties for Regions Funding Program.'

Minute No. 11/02A/16

A/MF to action

Carried

Tambo Sawmill Cypress Timber Stock

With the closure of the Timber mill several lots of cut cypress was left on this site out in the open. Around April last year most of the timber was shifted into the shed area to stop degradation of the timber. With the clean up of the site for recommissioning it is recommended that Council auction of this timber.

MOTION: Moved: Cr RC Curnow

Seconded: Cr NJ Dolinski

"That Council conduct an auction to sell old Cypress Timber stock currently held at the Tambo Sawmill"

Minute No. 12/02A/16

CEO to action

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 9:51am and resumed at 10.22am.

ATTENDANCE:

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr BR Muir declared the Meeting closed at 11:36am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Tuesday 9 February 2016.

Signed:.....

Attachment A



Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Meeting Report Councillor Portfolios

CR BR MUIR

ATTENDANCE AS A COUNCILLOR:

19 January	Council Meeting
20 January	Attend Mrs Zena Adams' 90 th Birthday at McLean Place
22 January	Attend Mrs Jean Hilliers 91 st Birthday at McLean Place
26 January	Attend the Australia Day Presentations at the Blackall Aquatic Centre Travelled to Tambo to attend the Australia Day Presentations at the Tambo Golf Club
30 January	Went to the meet and greet at the Carrangarra Hotel at Tambo
3 February	Inspected the cypress harvest areas around Tambo and also the Tambo Cypress Timber Mill with Ken, Alison and Dean in the company of DAF Representatives Barry, Bill, Trevor and Howard
4 February	Met with DAF Representatives to go over our obligations and time frame for the mills revival
5 February	RAPAD Teleconference

CR JJ BARRON

ATTENDANCE AS A COUNCILLOR:

19 January	Council Meeting
26 January	Australia Day Awards Central West Rugby League Meeting

CR DT BRENNAN

ATTENDANCE AS A COUNCILLOR:

19 January	BTRC Monthly Meeting (Blackall)
20 January	Tourism Packaging Workshop (Blackall)
22 January	Sought and Received an Update from David Arnold, RAPAD General Manager, on the current status of the \$5.2m RAPAD has been allocated for this FY for cluster fencing (Email). RAPAD is finalising the contract with the Queensland Government.

25 January	Meeting with Manager of Corporate Services to discuss W-DOG Model FY 15/16 Round Two (Blackall)
25 January	Drafted and Provided a Statuary Declaration as a Councillor / Army Officer for a Community Member seeking a Visa (Blackall)
26 January	Australian Day Ceremony (Blackall)
26 January	Australia Day Ceremony (Tambo)
3 February	Met with a Group of Tambo Landholders to discuss the possibility of the BTRC, as a neighbour, participating in a cluster fence submission to RAPAD when applications are called (Teleconference)
5 February	Meeting with Manager of Corporate Services to follow up the outcome of the Tambo cluster fence discussions / meeting. Additional impromptu discussion was held on the next RADF FY Council Initiative(s) and the 'New' Councillor Induction Program (Blackall)
5 February	Meeting with Mel Van der Waal to discuss military support for Anzac Day 2016 (Blackall)
6 February	Blackall Rugby League Drought Fund Raising Match and Event (Blackall)

CR NJ DOLINSKI

ATTENDANCE AS A COUNCILLOR:

19 January	Council Meeting
20 January	Tourism Package Workshop
26 January	Blackall and Tambo Australia Day Awards
30 January	Tambo Meet and Greet

CR RC CURNOW

ATTENDANCE AS A COUNCILLOR:

19 January	Council Meeting
26 January	Blackall and Tambo Australia Day Awards
30 January	Tambo meet and greet
February	Kenneth Hughes Memorial Service

CR TW JOHNSTONE

ATTENDANCE AS A COUNCILLOR:

To Be Inserted

CR M PROW

ATTENDANCE AS A COUNCILLOR:

19 January Council Meeting