



# **Blackall-Tambo**

## Regional Council

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### **CONFIRMED MINUTES**

### **GENERAL MEETING 19 April 2017**



**Clean up Australia Day in  
Blackall**

**New sign at the Blackall  
Saleyards.**





**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2017  
COMMENCING AT 8.30AM**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Cr AL Martin, Councillors; Cr PJ Heumiller, Cr GW Jarvis, , Cr PJ Pullos, Cr BD Holdcroft, Cr BP Johnstone.

**APOLOGY:**

An apology for non attendance was received from Councillor LP Russell.

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Chris Blanch, Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Minute Taker.

**CONDOLENCES:**

Vicki Walsh  
William Kevin Heaps  
Florence Baily  
Hillary Nation  
Ray Pengilly

The Council observed a minute's silence.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:**

Cr Johnstone declared to have a real interest in this matter 24/03A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being a member of the Barcoo Retirement Village committee and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 March 2017 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

**Minute No. 01/04A/17**

**Carried**

**COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:**

Travelled around Tambo  
Sawmill  
Bridge  
Toilet block

Loader  
WLGA  
Sports & Rec Officer meeting  
Blackall Gym  
Weir  
Heartland Festival Workshop  
Tourism ideas in Charleville  
Clean up Australia Day  
Barcoo Way  
Digital marketing workshop  
LGAQ Councillor Conduct Training  
Meeting with local residents  
Appointment to committee to Tambo CAN

## **REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

The Director of Finance, Corporate and Community Services entered the meeting at 8.49am.

### **Financial Statements for the Month of March 2017**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr PJ Pullos                      Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That Council receive the March 2017 Finance Report.”

**Minute No. 02/04A/17**

**Carried**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

The Director of Finance, Corporate and Community Services left the meeting at 8.53am.

### **Housing and Administration Report**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr GW Jarvis                      Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Housing and Administration report be received.”

**Minute No. 03/04A/17**

**Carried**

### **Council Facilities Bookings Report**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr PJ Pullos                      Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”

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**Minute No. 04/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Arts and Cultural Report March 2017**

**MOTION:**     Moved: Cr GW Jarvis                      Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Arts and Cultural Report be received.”

**Minute No. 05/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Community Development Report**

**MOTION:**     Moved: Cr BP Johnstone                      Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Community Development report be received.”

**Minute No. 06/04A/17**

**Carried**

**60s and Better Report**

**MOTION:**     Moved: Cr PJ Pullos                              Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the 60s and Better report be received.”

**Minute No. 07/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Tambo Child Care Report**

**MOTION:**     Moved: Cr AL Martin                              Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the Tambo Child Care report be received.”

**Minute No. 08/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Shockwave Report March 2017**

**MOTION:**     Moved: Cr AL Martin                              Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Shockwave March 2017 report be received.”

**Minute No. 09/04A/17**

**Carried**

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**Tambo Library and Tourist Report**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr PJ Pullos                      Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the Library and Tourist report be received.”

**Minute No. 10/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Blackall Library Report**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr BP Johnstone                      Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Blackall Library report be received.”

**Minute No. 11/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr AL Martin                      Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park report be received.”

**Minute No. 12/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Ranger Coordinator’s Report**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft                      Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the Ranger Coordinator’s report be received.”

**Minute No.13/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Blackall Aerodrome Report**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr GW Jarvis                      Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Blackall Aerodrome report be received.”

**Minute No. 14/04A/17**

**Carried**

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**Work Health and Safety Report**

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the Work Health and Safety Report be received.”

**Minute No. 15/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Corporate Services Report**

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the Manager of Corporate Services report be received.”

**Minute No. 16/04A/17**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Pullos left the meeting at 9.30am and returned at 9.32am.

**The Director of Works and Services Report for March 2017 was presented**

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Director of Works and Services Report be received.”

**Minute No. 17/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report 2016/17**

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the Blackall Saleyards Report be received.”

**Minute No. 18/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Tambo Pony Club Camp**

The Tambo Pony Club will be holding a camp in April and are seeking sponsorship.

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Chief Executive Officers action in agreeing to provide \$800.00 sponsorship for the Tambo Pony Club Zone 14 camp be endorsed.”

**Minute No. 19/04A/17**

**Tambo Pony Club Camp**

**Carried**

Tambo Pony Club are hosting a three day camp and have requested to borrow the Council generator.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**                      **Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

**“That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer’s actions in agreeing to loan the Council generator and waive normal hire fees for the Tambo Pony Club camp.**

**Minute No. 20/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Blackall State School – Bus Hire**

Earlier this financial year Council resolved to assist the school with trips and excursion by waiving hire fees for the Council bus. In February they neglected to write to us outlining the purpose and date of two excursions and fees were charged.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**                      **Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

**“That the Chief Executive Officers actions in waiving bus hire fees for Blackall State School excursion on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 be endorsed.”**

**Minute No. 21/04A/17**

**Carried**

**2017 Blackall Show**

The committee have written to Council seeking assistance with the annual Blackall show being held on 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller**                      **Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft**

**“That Council provide the requested assistance to the show committee for the 2017 annual Blackall Show and normal hire fees for facilities and equipment be waived.”**

**Minute No. 22/04A/17**

**Carried**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:**

Cr Johnstone declared to have a real interest in this matter 23/04A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being a member of the Barcoo Retirement Village Committee and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Johnstone left the meeting at 9.38am.

### **Barcoo Retirement Village – Town Medical Centre**

The Barcoo Retirement Village have written to Council regarding the retention of the existing medical centre in town.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**                      **Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

- “1. That Council write to the Central West Health Service re affirming our support for a new hospital for Blackall and supporting the letter of the Barcoo Retirement Village for retention of the Black Stump Medical Centre in town or if this is not attainable that the CWHS work with the Barcoo Retirement Village Committee and other Blackall/Tambo/Isisford community groups and individuals on solutions for providing the best health service possible for the region.**
- 2. A copy of the letter to be sent to the Barcoo Retirement Village Committee.”**

**Minute No. 23/04A/17**

**Carried**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting at 9.42am.

### **Retiring of Policy – Heavy Plant Policy Admin – 24**

This policy is a duplication as full authority is defined in the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**                      **Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

**“That Council retire the Heavy Plant Policy 2014 Administration 24; as the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012 clearly defines the authority the Chief Executive Officer has to purchase items in accordance with the Act and approved delegations.”**

**Minute No. 24/04A/17**

**Carried**

### **Retiring of Policy – Plant & Equipment Purchasing Policy 2013**

The Policy is to cover the purchasing of all plant and equipment while meeting the objectives set out in the Policy and remaining within the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council’s Procurement and Disposals Policy.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller**                      **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**



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**“That Council retire the Plant & Equipment Purchasing Policy 2013 Administration 35; as the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Procurement & Disposals Policy clearly defines the authority the Chief Executive Officer has to purchase items in accordance with the Act and approved delegations.”**

**Minute No. 25/04A/17**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Holdcroft left the meeting at 9.43am and returned at 9.44am.  
Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 9.46am and returned at 9.49am.

**Retiring of Policy – Vehicle Policy 2011**

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

**“That Council retire the Vehicle Policy 2011 Administration 23; as the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Asset Management Register and Officer Contracts clearly defines the use of plant and authority the Chief Executive Officer has to purchase items in accordance with the Act and approved delegations.**

**Minute No. 26/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Annual Western Queensland Local Government Association Conference**

The 81<sup>st</sup> annual WQLGA conference will be held in Barcaldine from the 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017. They are calling for nomination of delegates and submission of motions for the conference.

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr AL Martin

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

**“That Council attend the 2017 Western Queensland Local Government Association conference and nominate delegates.”**

**Minute No. 27/04A/17**

**Carried**

**ALGA Annual Conference**

The Annual National General Assembly of Local Government will be held in Canberra from 18-21 June 2017. The Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition are among the speakers.

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr AL Martin

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

**“That Council attend the annual conference, if available.”**

**Minute No. 28/04A/17**

**Carried**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10.02am for morning tea.

### **RESUMPTION:**

The meeting was resumed at 10.28am.

### **Taxi Assistance Scheme**

Following the regulation and licencing of the Uber scheme the Queensland Government introduced a taxi assistance scheme. Council made an application and the assistance was approved and has been received.

**For Council information.**

### **2016-2017 Building Our Regions Round 3**

Council's submission to the Department of State Development's Round 3 of the Building Our Regions program for the connecting Blackall-Tambo to the World with Point to Point Internet project was selected to progress to the detailed application stage.

**MOTION:      Moved: Cr AL Martin                      Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

**“That Council endorse the submission of the full application to Round 3 of the Building Our Regions Round for the Connecting Blackall-Tambo to the World with Point to Point Internet project providing \$125,000.00 co-contribution and is committed to the ongoing management and maintenance of this infrastructure.”**

**Minute No. 29/04A/17**

**Carried**

### **Adoption of New Policy – Media Policy, Admin 40**

The Media Policy – Admin 40, has been written to ensure a consistent, streamlined approach to media relation activities by all Councillors and employees of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

**MOTION:      Moved: Cr PJ Pullos                      Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

**“That Council adopts the Media Policy.”**

**Minute No. 30/04A/17**

**Carried**

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**Regional Arts Development Program – Round 4 (2016-2017)**

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr BP Johnstone

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council receive the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee and endorse the Committee’s recommendations to fund the applications totalling \$10,050.00.”

**Minute No. 31/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Blackall Community Garden**

Pastors of the Heartland Church in Blackall have contacted Council asking for support for a community garden they are proposing to establish on land at 18 Leek Street, Blackall.

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That if the pastors are able to attract community support for a community garden, Council assist with provision of a load of manure from the saleyards but spreading it is the responsibility of their group.”

**Minute No. 32/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Tambo Cottage**

Council has received an offer to rent the Tambo country cottage.

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr GW Jarvis

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

- “1. That Council agree to rent the building as is for \$100.00 per week plus a \$400.00 bond.
2. The property remain on the market and Council is free to accept any offer to purchase with arrangement after that to be between the purchaser and the renter.
3. That the property be rented as is, with any repairs or alterations being the responsibility of the renter, except for minor maintenance issues.
4. That structural changes must be approved by Council.
5. That any signage or access issues be subject to approval of Council to fit in the amenity of the area.”

**Minute No. 33/04A/17**

**Carried**

**2017/18 Draft Budget Considerations**

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**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr AL Martin**                      **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**“That Council move into Committee to discuss issues related to the 2017/18 BTRC draft budget.”**

**Minute No. 34/04A/17**

**Carried**

**MOVE INTO COMMITTEE:**

At 10.55am the meeting moved into committee to discuss items for the 2017 / 2018 draft budget review.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 11.27am the meeting was adjourned so the Councillors could visit the Tambo Sawmill and Polocrosse amenities block.

**RESUMPTION:**

At 1.08pm the meeting was resumed, after luncheon.

**MOVED OUT COMMITTEE:**

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr AL Martin**                      **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

At 1.40pm the meeting moved out of committee and the general meeting was resumed.

**Minute No. 35/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Queensland Local Government Award**

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft**                      **Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

The new Queensland Local Government Industry Award – State 2017 has been passed in Parliament and is now available for Councils to implement.

**“That the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement Committee be authorised to negotiate a new EBA to cover the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2020.”**

**Minute No. 36/04A/17**

**Carried**

**Tambo Effluent Management Scheme Review 2017/18 Budget**

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr AL Martin**                      **Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

“That when the 2017/18 draft budget is prepared that consideration be given to setting a new Tambo additional (non residential) sewerage charge to reflect that they are serviced by an effluent management scheme.”

Minute No. 37/04A/17

Carried

Fees and Charges Review – Annual Fees for Clubs  
Draft 2017/18 Budget

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That annual maintenance charges for clubs be reviewed in the draft 2017/18 budget.”

Minute No. 38/04A/17

Carried

Pensioner Subsidy – 2017 / 2018 Rates Review

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the draft budget incorporate steps to offset any rating increases for eligible pensioners.”

Minute No. 39/04A/17

Carried

Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre Fees 2017/2018

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the draft 2017/2018 budget consider the levels of assistance currently provided to clients of the Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre.

Minute No. 40/04A/17

Carried

Plant Replacement Schedule – Draft Budget 2017/18

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr BP Johnstone Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the recommended purchases be incorporated into the plant replacement budget.”

Minute No. 41/04A/17

Carried

2017/18 BTRC Budget

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr GW Jarvis Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That a special meeting of Council be held on Wednesday 19 July 2017 commencing at 8.00am, the purpose being the adoption of the 2017/18 Blackall-Tambo Regional Council annual budget.”

Minute No. 42/04A/17

Carried

2017/18 Draft Budget: Tambo Childcare Centre

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That a review of fees and charges for services at the Tambo Daycare Centre be included in the 2017/18 draft budget.”

Minute No. 43/04A/17

Carried

2017/18 Draft Budget: Blackall Airport Fees

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That Qantaslink be consulted on the revision of passenger and landing fees at the Blackall airport to bring them into line with charges for other airports to be introduced with the 2017/18 budget.”

Minute No. 44/04A/17

Carried

2017/18 Draft Budget: Cemetery Fees

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr BP Johnstone Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That when compiling the 2017/18 draft budget that the schedule of fees and charges be simplified.”

Minute No. 45/04A/17

Carried

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Johnstone left the meeting at 1.43pm.

**CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr AL Martin declared the Meeting closed at 1.43pm.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

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Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 May 2017.

Signed:.....Mayor