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MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 20 September 2017



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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2017
COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

Mr Chris Blanch, Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

CONDOLENCES:

Vivienne Mary Whitfield (Judy)
Violet Cameron

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cr LP Russell declared an interest in this matter, minute number 35/09A/17, (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being the property owner on the application and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 16 August 2017 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 01/09A/17

Carried

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:

- Teddy Bears Picnic
- Flower show
- Open Garden Day
- Tree giveaway
- Blackall 150 year celebration
- Bird walk – bird watching hut
- ICPA bike ride
- Clay Target Shoot in Tambo
- GenWest Festival

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- Communication Towers

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Holdcroft left the meeting at 8.47am and returned at 8.48am.

- Western Sports Ground
- Tambo Truck Wash
- Outback Rugby League Carnival
- Development Training Capra's
- Cultural Centre – security
- Westech
- Defibrillators
- Hospital Auxiliary
- Australia Day
- Barcoo Way Funding

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services entered the meeting at 9.11am.

- LGAQ Conference – Gladstone
- Blackall Hospital
- Pathway to Health

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Financial Statements for the Month of August 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council receive the August 2017 Finance Report.”

Minute No. 02/09A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services left the meeting at 9.24am.

Housing and Administration Report

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

“That the Housing and Administration report be received.”

Minute No. 03/09A/17

Carried

Council Facilities Bookings Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”

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

Arts and Cultural Report August 2017

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

“That the Arts and Cultural Report be received.”

Minute No. 05/09A/17 **Carried**

Community Development Report

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

“That the Community Development report be received.”

Minute No. 06/09A/17 **Carried**

Tambo Multipurpose Centre – August 2017 Report

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

“That the Tambo Multipurpose Centre August 2017 report be received.”

Minute No. 07/09A/17 **Carried**

60s and Better Report

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

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

Minute No. 08/09A/17 **Carried**

Tambo Child Care Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the Tambo Child Care report be received.”

Minute No. 09/09A/17

Carried

GenWest Report August 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the GenWest report August 2017 be received.”

Minute No. 10/09A/17

Carried

Youth Report August 2017

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

“That the Youth Report August 2017 be received.”

Minute No. 11/09A/17

Carried

Tambo Library and Tourist Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Tambo Library and Visitor Information report be received.”

Minute No. 12/09A/17

Carried

Blackall Library Report

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

“That the Blackall Library report for August 2017 be received.”

Minute No. 13/09A/17

Carried

Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report

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

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

Minute No. 14/09A/17

Carried

Ranger Coordinator's Report

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

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

Minute No. 15/09A/17

Carried

Blackall Aerodrome Report

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

“That the Blackall Aerodrome report be received.”

Minute No. 16/09A/17

Carried

Work Health and Safety Report

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

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

Minute No. 17/09A/17

Carried

Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report 2017/18

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Blackall Saleyards Report be received.”

Minute No. 18/09A/17

Carried

Environmental Health Officers Report August 2017

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

“That the Environment Health Officers Report be received.”

Minute No. 19/09A/17

Carried

Blackall State School Science Trip

The Blackall State School are holding a senior science trip on August 17th 2017. They have requested that Council waive the bus hire fees.

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

“That the Chief Executive Officers actions in waiving bus hire fees for the Blackall State School senior science trip be endorsed.”

Minute No. 20/09A/17

Carried

Anglican Church Annual Flower Show

The Anglican Church Barcoo Parish are holding their annual flower show on 9 September 2017. They are asking Council to waive hire fees for the Cultural Centre and jumping castle.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin**

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the Chief Executive Officers actions in waiving hire fees for the Blackall Cultural Centre and jumping castle for the annual Anglican Church flower show be endorsed.”

Minute No. 21/09A/17

Carried

Blackall State School P & C – Qld Variety Bash

The Blackall State School are catering for the Qld Variety Bash on 2nd September and have asked that hire fees be waived for the event.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Chief Executive Officers actions in waiving hire fees for the Qld Variety Bash be endorsed.”

Minute No. 22/09A/17

Carried

Council Delegation to Chief Executive Officer

Council is acquiring Town Reserve land and have contracted King and Co. Lawyers. They have requested advice that the appropriate Council delegations to the Chief Executive Officer are in place.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council resolves to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 each and every one of the powers referred to in schedule 1 attached.”

Minute No. 23/09A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Works and Services entered the meeting at 9.46am.

The Director of Works and Services Report for August 2017 was presented

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

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

Minute No. 24/09A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Works and Services left the meeting at 10.09am.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10.09am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

RESUMPTION:

At 10.45am the meeting was resumed.

Tambo Sports Club

The Tambo Sports Club have been successful in obtaining funding for a 12 week fitness program. The personal trainer Tambo Sports Club have engaged requires use of the Racecourse Hall and Tambo Hall.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

“That the Director of Finance, Corporate and Community Services’ action in approving a waiver of bond and hire fees for the Racecourse Hall and Tambo Hall be endorsed.”

Minute No. 25/09A/17

Carried

Blackall State School Bus Hire

Blackall State School students are participating in a netball and rugby league carnival in Longreach and have asked for Council to waive the hire fees for the bus.

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

“That the Chief Executive Officers actions in waiving bus hire fees for the Blackall State School sports carnival in Longreach be endorsed.”

Minute No. 26/09A/17

Carried

Sale of Council House

The sale of surplus Council housing at 3 Carnation Street Blackall has concluded.

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

“That \$40,000.00 from the proceeds of sale of the Council housing at 3 Carnation Street Blackall be allocated for capital and maintenance work on Council residences.”

Minute No. 27/09A/17

Carried

Blackall State School – Bus Hire

The school is participating in a teaching project in Barcaldine and have asked Council to waive hire fees for the bus.

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

“That the Chief Executive Officer’s action in waiving bus hire fees for the school trip to Barcaldine on 6 September 2017 be endorsed.”

Minute No. 28/09A/17

Carried

Visit by LGAQ Chief Executive Officer

“For Councillors information.”

Rating Category Amendment

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

“That rating category 23 Town Rural be added to the 2017/18 rating categories with a charge of .006 cents in the dollar and a minimum charge of \$700.00 be set.”

Minute No. 29/09A/17

Carried

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School

The St Joseph's school have written asking to move their speech night to the Blackall Cultural Centre and for Council to waive hire fees.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell** **Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

"That Council agree to waive normal hire fees for the Cultural Centre and accessories for the St Joseph's primary school speech night."

Minute No. 30/09A/17

Carried

Blackall State School – Bus Hire

The Blackall State School are participating in music workshops in Longreach and have asked if Council can waive the normal hire fees for the bus.

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

"That Council waive bus hire fees for the Blackall State School trip to Longreach for a music workshop."

Minute No. 31/09A/17

Carried

Transport and Main Roads Delegation

"For Councils information."

Blackall Oral Histories – Red Ridge

Councillors would be aware of the oral histories project being undertaken by Red Ridge. Red Ridge have put together a proposal to put up other true stories as part of the B150 celebrations.

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

- "1. That Council engage Red Ridge to continue their oral history project as part of the Blackall 150 year celebration for \$100,000.00.**
- 2. That a minimum of five displays be erected.**
- 3. That Council pay an initial \$20,000.00 upon Red Ridge accepting the contract with later payments made as each display is erected at \$16,000.00 per display.**
- 4. The project must be completed by August 2018.**
- 5. That \$100,000.00 be added to the B150 budget for 2017/18 and be declared emergent."**

Minute No. 32/09A/17

Carried

Increase in Purchase of Water Allocation

The property owners of “The Gums” have requested that they be allowed to purchase an additional 6 units of water on top of their 6 units they currently pay for.”

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

“That Council permit the land owners of “The Gums” to increase their annual water allocation purchase by another 6 units per year giving them a total of 12 units annually.”

Minute No. 33/09A/17

Carried

Anglican Church Barcoo Parish – Tables and Chairs Hire

The Anglican Church Barcoo Parish are asking if Council would waive the hire fees for the tables and chairs used at the annual flower show.

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

“That Council waive hire fees for the tables and chairs used for the annual flower show held on 9th September 2017.”

Minute No. 34/09A/17

Carried

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cr LP Russell declared an interest in this matter, minute number 35/09A/17, (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to being the property owner on the application and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

ATTENDANCE:

Cr LP Russell left the meeting at 10.57am.

Telstra Planning Application

Telstra is seeking approval for a material change of use for the installation of a telecommunication tower and equipment.

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

“That Council resolve to approve of the application for a Material Change of Use (Public Utility) on the basis the Mobile Telecommunications Facility is part of the Federal Governments Black Spot Program enabling Telstra to enhance and further expand mobile and broadband services within the regions.”

Minute No. 35/09A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr LP Russell entered the meeting at 11.00am.

Get Ready Queensland Promotion

The State Government has provided a grant to promote 'Get Ready Queensland.'

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

"That the administration purchase LED torches and information fridge magnets to be posted to all households as part of the 2017 Get Ready Queensland campaign."

Minute No. 36/09A/17

Carried

Purchase of 2.5 Tonne Forklift

Quotations were obtained for the purchase of a new 2.5 tonne forklift for the Blackall depot.

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

"That Council approve the purchase of a new 2.5 tonne forklift from Forkforce for \$29,590 GST inc delivered to Blackall."

Minute No. 37/09A/17

Carried

Purchase of Hitachi 5 Tonne Digger

Quotations were sourced through Vendor Panel for the purchase of a 5 tonne digger.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

"That Council accept the quotation from Hitachi construction machinery on a new ZX48U-5A for \$99,275 less the trade for plant number 3201 \$35,200 inc GST."

Minute No. 38/09A/17

Carried

New Blackall Hospital

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

- “1. That Council whilst prepared to assist with the road are not in a position to pay for it.
2. That it be suggested that the consultants meet on site with the Director of Works to clarify other issues raised.”**

Minute No. 39/09A/17

Carried

Increase in Purchase of Water Allocation

Mr and Mrs Hutchinson have written to Council seeking permission to acquire water to their 350 acre paddock.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council resolves to approve of the Hutchinson’s application and permit the connection to the bore of Clausey’s paddock and that the normal fees and charges are to apply.”

Minute No. 40/09A/17

Carried

Blackall Neighbourhood Centre – Staff Security

There have been incidences where the staff at the Blackall Neighbourhood Centre have been placed in difficult situations.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That Council resolves in terms of the Local Government Regulation 2012 section 235 (b) that because of the specialised nature of the services sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous to invite quotes or tenders.

That Council accepts the quote from Greg Barnsfield to install the front counter at the Blackall Neighbourhood Centre at a cost of \$6,100 excluding GST.”

Minute No. 41/09A/17

Carried

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr Andrew Martin declared the Meeting closed at 11.22am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 11 October 2017.

Signed:.....Mayor