



Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 17 October 2018



Construction of the Tambo Sports Club



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2018
COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

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

CONDOLENCES:

William Malone
Margaret Massey
John Wagstaff

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 September 2018 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 01/10A/18

Carried

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:

Fundraiser for Blackall resident
Meeting with Churches of Christ
Debrief meeting for B150
Apology from Cr Pullos for November meeting
Internet towers
Premier’s visit to Blackall
Suicide Prevention meeting
12-13 November training
Work for Mates conference
Councillor training in Charleville
Tambo Sports Club
Drop off point for Tambo MPC
Coolabah retirement village – water
Heartland meeting
Health service agencies
Grant for building social connectedness
Hay run due for 27th October
Possibility of toy run for children for Christmas

ATTENDANCE:

Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services entered the meeting at 8.47am.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Financial Statements for the Month of September 2018

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council receive the September 2018 Finance Report.”

Minute No. 02/10/18

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services left the meeting at 8.54am.

Council Facilities Bookings Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr BP Johnstone Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”

Minute No. 03/10A/18

Carried

Arts & Cultural Report

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

“That the Arts & Cultural report be received.”

Minute No. 04/10A/18

Carried

Community Development Report

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

“That the Community Development report be received.”

Minute No. 05/10A/18

Carried

Tambo Multipurpose Centre – September 2018 Report

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

“That the Tambo Multipurpose Centre September 2018 report be received.”

Minute No. 06/10A/18

Carried

60s and Better September 2018 Report

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

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

Minute No. 07/10A/18

Carried

Shockwave Report September 2018

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

“That the Shockwave report September 2018 be received.”

Minute No. 08/10A/18

Carried

Tambo Child Care Report

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

“That the Tambo Child Care report be received.”

Minute No. 09/10A/18

Carried

Blackall Library Report

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

“That the Blackall Library report for September 2018 be received.”

Minute No. 10/10/18

Carried

Youth Report

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

“That the youth report for September 2018 be received.”

Minute No. 11/10A/18

Carried

Ranger Coordinator’s Report – September 2018

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

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

Minute No. 12/10A/18

Carried

Blackall Aerodrome Report

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

“That the Blackall Aerodrome report be received.”

Minute No. 13/10A/18

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Environmental Health Services entered the meeting at 9.00am.

Work Health and Safety Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis Seconded: Cr LP Russell

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

Minute No. 14/10A/18

Carried

Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report 2018/19

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

“That the Blackall Saleyards Report be received.”

Minute No. 15/10A/18

Carried

Community and Organisational Capacity Report

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

“That the Community and Organisational Capacity Report be received.”

Minute No. 16/10A/18

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Works and Services entered the meeting at 9.01am.

Director of Environmental Health Report September 2018

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

“That the Director of Environmental Health Report be received.”

Minute No. 17/10A/18

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Environmental Health left the meeting at 9.07am.

The Director of Works and Services Report for September 2018 was presented

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

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

Minute No. 18/10/18

Carried

Purchase of 75HP Skid Steer Loader

Quotations through Vendor Panel were sourced for the purchase of a 75HP skid steer loader. Three suppliers submitted tenders.

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

“That Council accept the tender from Clark Equipment for a new bobcat S650 for \$89,320.00 less trade \$21,000.00 for plant 3251.”

Minute No. 19/10A/18

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Works and Services left the meeting at 9.16am.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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ATTENDANCE:

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 9.16am.

Waiver of Fees – Magpies NRL Grassroots Club of the Year

The Blackall Magpies Committee has requested that hire fees be waived for Council facilities at the Blackall Showgrounds.

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

“That Council endorse the actions of the Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services in waiving fees and charges for the Blackall Showground, the Sport and Recreation Building, portable catering van and power for the showground lights.”

Minute No. 20/10A/18

Carried

Remission on General Rates – Historical Woolscour Association Inc

The Historical Woolscour Association Inc has made application for assistance with general rate charges for 2018/2019.

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

“That Council donate \$3,281.00 to the Historical Woolscour to offset general rate charges in 2018/2019.”

Minute No. 21/10A/18

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Heumiller returned to the meeting at 9.18am.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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Barcoo Retirement Village – Relocation of Banks Park

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

“The Mayor continue discussions with the Banks family and Mclean Place Committee to find the most favourable outcome for the community in general regarding Banks Park and Mclean Place expansion.”

Minute No. 22/10A/18

Carried

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ATTENDANCE:

Cr Johnstone left the meeting at 9.33am.

Fundraiser for Motorbike Accident Victim

A group of local residents and groups are banding together to raise funds for a victim of a serious accident.

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

“That Council endorse the action of the Chief Executive Officer in waiving hire fees for the fundraising event.”

Minute No. 23/10A/18

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting at 9.34am.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cr Johnstone declared that he had a perceived conflict of interest in this matter 24/10A/18 (*as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) as he is a local business owner. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead to me making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest of the whole Council’s area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

Shop Local Christmas Campaign

The drought is affecting local businesses and Christmas would be an ideal time to encourage local residents to support their local retail and service providers.

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

“That Council promote a ‘Shop Local’ campaign in the lead up to Christmas.”

Minute No. 24/10A/18

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Executive Assistant left the meeting at 9.50am and returned at 9.52am.

Cr Johnstone left the meeting at 9.54am and returned at 9.55am.

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 9.56am and returned at 9.57am.

Drought Communities Programme

The Federal Government have provided a \$1 Million grant to support communities affected by drought.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That nominations for the following projects for drought assistance funding be submitted:

Rural Reach Internet connections	\$200K
Tambo Grassland Gallery shade shelter	\$40K
Barcoo River de-silting	\$200K
Tambo Sawmill	\$100K
Tambo chairs & table trailer	\$40K
Blackall pool spa	\$250K
Blackall saleyard spelling pens	\$100K
Showground & Cultural Centre lighting upgrade	\$70K.”

Minute No. 25/10A/18

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10.05am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

RESUMPTION:

At 10.29am the meeting was resumed.

Outback Barrel Horse Circuit

The Outback Barrel Horse Circuit will be holding one of their events at the Blackall Showgrounds on Saturday 27th October 2018.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“Council agree to provide assistance to prepare the grounds for the Outback Barrel Horse Circuit and waive hire fees for the event and they be asked to discuss possible use of the rodeo arena with the Barcoo River Association.”

Minute No. 26/10A/18

Carried

Alice Downs – Birse Family Assistance with Medical Expenses

A donation to Council of four beasts, to be used and wild dog bait has been received from Alice Downs. Alice Downs have requested that the funds from the sale of this meat be donated to the Birse family to assist with medical expenses relating to their son.

“For Councils information.”

Annual Report

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

“That the Annual Report 2017/2018 be adopted.”

Minute No. 27/10A/18

Carried

St Patricks Parish Youth Camp

The St Patricks Parish are seeking support with the waiver of bus hire fees for their youth camp in January 2019.

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

“That Council agree to waive bus hire fees for the St Patricks Parish Youth Camp in Mapleton from 9th – 15th January 2019.”

Minute No. 28/10A/18

Carried

Blackall State School P&C Fun Fiesta

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

“That Council provide \$1000.00 sponsorship for the Blackall State School P&C committee to hold their annual fun fiesta and a further \$1000.00 donation for the Armistice Day Centenary.”

Minute No. 29/10A/18

Carried

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr Andrew Martin declared the Meeting closed at 10.37am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 November 2018.

Signed:.....Mayor