



Blackall-Tambo

Regional Council

**CONFIRMED MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING
20 February 2019**



Tambo Racecourse – New
Roof on Stables



Kerb and Channel
Rose Street Blackall.



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019
COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

Mr Alastair Rutherford, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

CONDOLENCES:

William Eckel

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 16 January 2019 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 01/02A/19

Carried

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:

Annual plant giveaway
Australia Day presentation
Event planning workshop – Heartland
TTBA AGM
Artour
Blackall Common closure
Blue green algae on a property
Tambo Common meeting
Towers
Power points on pole near motel
Suicide prevention meetings in Longreach
Football season starting
Sports Club fence
Racecourse facility
Motorbike track
Meeting with presidents of the associations at the Tambo racecourse.
Mayor meeting in Canberra with Federal Minister of Transport
Blackall Hospital

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Apology from Councillors from the general meeting, 16th January 2019, in Tambo regarding discussions on the Arts Council during the Councillor Portfolio reports. The following Councillors failed to declare a perceived conflict of interest; Cr Martin, Cr Pullos and Cr Russell as they are members of the Arts Council.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Financial Statements for the Month of January 2019

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

“That Council receive the January 2019 Finance Report.”

Minute No. 02/02A/19

Carried

Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report 2018/19

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

“That the Blackall Saleyards Report be received.”

Minute No. 03/02A/19

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Works and Services entered the meeting at 9.00am.

The Director of Works and Services Report for January 2019 was presented

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

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

Minute No. 04/02A/19

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The Director of Works and Services left the meeting at 9.12am.

Housing and Administration Report

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

“That the Housing and Administration report be received.”

Minute No. 05/02A/19

Carried

Council Facilities Bookings Report

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

“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”

Minute No. 06/02A/19

Carried

Arts & Cultural Report

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

“That the Arts & Cultural report be received.”

Minute No. 07/02A/19

Carried

Community Development Report

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

“That the Community Development report be received.”

Minute No. 08/02A/19

Carried

Tambo Multipurpose Centre – January 2019 Report

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

“That the Tambo Multipurpose Centre January 2019 report be received.”

Minute No. 09/02A/19

Carried

Tambo Child Care Report

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

“That the Tambo Child Care report be received.”

Minute No. 10/02A/19

Carried

60s and Better January 2019 Report

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

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

Minute No. 11/02A/19

Carried

Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report

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

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

Minute No. 12/02A/19

Carried

Tambo Library and Tourist Report

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

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

Minute No. 13/02A/19

Carried

Blackall Library Report

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

“That the Blackall Library report for January 2019 be received.”

Minute No. 14/02A/19

Carried

Blackall Aerodrome Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Blackall Aerodrome report be received.”

Minute No. 15/02A/19

Carried

Ranger Coordinator’s Report – January 2019

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Ranger Coordinators report be received.”

Minute No. 16/02A/19

Carried

Work Health and Safety Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

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

Minute No. 17/02A/19

Carried

Blackall Newspaper Group

The editor of the Blackall Newspaper Group has written to Council asking if Council would consider assisting with the cost of paper.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council purchase a pallet of paper for publishing the Barcoo Independent from a local supplier and donate it to the Blackall Newspaper Group from the community assistance budget.”

Minute No. 18/02A/19

Carried

Employee Conflict of Interest Policy and Employee Code of Conduct

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council resolves to adopt the Employee Conflict of Interest policy and the Employee Code of Conduct policy.”

Minute No. 19/02A/19

Carried

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Blackall CWA ‘Meet and Greet’

Blackall CWA are hosting a ‘meet and greet’ on Sunday 27th January 2019 and have requested that hire fees for the BBQ trailer and mobile cold room be waived.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller**

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Chief Executive Officers actions in waiving hire fees for the Blackall CWA ‘meet and greet’ be endorsed.”

Minute No. 20/02A/19

Carried

Desilting Barcoo River

GBA provided information on the project to remove silt and debris from the 4 Mile on the Barcoo River.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller**

Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That Council allocate \$220,000.00 for the “unallocated contribution to grants” fund to the project.”

Minute No. 21/02A/19

Carried

Blackall-Tambo Telephone Book

The current telephone book for the period 2016 to 2019 is due to be updated in the 2020 financial year.

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

“Council agree to proceed with the production of a new phone book along the recommended lines below:

- a. The design is to remain the same.**
- b. New logo to be used.**
- c. Print 1000 books.**
- d. Households limited to 2 free copies and businesses to be limited to 4 free copies.**
- e. Funding to be included in the 2019/2020 budget.”**

Minute No. 22/02A/19

Carried

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ATTENDANCE:

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 9.28am.

Central West Rugby League

The Central West Rugby League is organising a junior rugby league competition in the central highlands area and are seeking sponsorship.

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

“That Council take up a \$5000.00 sponsorship of the Central West Junior Rugby League team competition.”

Minute No. 23/02A/19

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Heumiller returned to the meeting at 9.30am.

Boxercise Classes – Blackall Memorial Hall

Council has received a request to waive hire fees for the Blackall Memorial Hall two nights a week until April so it can be utilised for boxercise classes.

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

“That Council waive hall hire fees for Boxercise classes.”

Minute No. 24/02A/19

Carried

Coolibah Village Housing Policy

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

“That Council adopt the draft Coolibah Village Housing Policy.”

Minute No. 25/02A/19

Carried

Barcaldine Regional Council Boundary Realignment

The Barcaldine Regional Council intend applying to the Local Government Change Commission for a boundary realignment.

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

“That the Mayors and CEO’s of the Councils meet together to discuss the issue and see if an agreement can be reached.”

Minute No. 26/02A/19

Carried

Nomination for Bank Holiday 2020

Council has traditionally prepared and forwarded an application to the Minister’s Office of Industrial Relations applying for a holiday for the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council for the purpose of the Melbourne Cup.

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

“That Council approve of an application for a bank holiday on Melbourne Cup day 3 November 2020 being forwarded to the Minister’s Office of Industrial Relations.”

Minute No. 27/02A/19

Carried

Tambo Sports Club Gym

The Tambo Sports Club had made a request to install security cameras in the gym area.

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

“That the Sports Club Committee be given permission to install security cameras in the Tambo gym and that the key be held by the Council IT officer in Tambo.”

Minute No. 28/02A/19

Carried

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Sport and Recreation Officer

Following approaches from Council and Central West Health, the Western Public Health Network has provided \$50K in funding.

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

- “1. That Council allocate \$100K in the 2019/2020 budget to employ a sports and recreation officer.**
- 2. A suitable motor vehicle be purchased from Council’s plant budget and that the expenditure be declared emergent.”**

Minute No. 29/02A/19

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ATTENDANCE:

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Tambo Stock Show – Improvements to Racecourse

The Tambo Stock Show have written to Council wishing to convene a meeting regarding the facilities.

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

- “1. That the Tambo Stock Show committee be advised that the last round of \$100000.00 funding is exhausted and subsequent to this agenda item W4Q has announced another round of funding and that Council will consider future projects at a meeting convened with Presidents and Secretaries that utilise the facility.**
- 2. That Council advise that it sees no benefit to clubs in reintroducing MOU's.**

Minute No. 30/02A/19

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Holdcroft returned to the meeting at 9.55am.

Tambo Cricket Club – Shaded Stand

The Tambo Cricket Club have written to Council requesting assistance with the purchase of a covered stand.

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

“That the club be advised that their request will be listed in the items for consideration in the 2019/2020 Council budget and they will be contacted after Council allocates it priorities.”

Minute No. 31/02A/19

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ATTENDANCE:

Cr Russell left the meeting at 9.57am.

Cr Pullos left the meeting at 9.58am.

2019 Heartland – Better in Blackall Festival 14 – 18 August 2019.

The Heartland / Better in Blackall Committee will be holding a festival over 5 days and have requested financial support from Council.

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

- “1. That Council agree to become a major sponsor of the 2019 Heartland/Better in Blackall Festival.**
- 2. That \$80K from the 2018/2019 budget allocated for Red Ridge be reallocated to the festival.**
- 3. That the festival committee be provided with \$80K cash sponsorship to fund the event with promise of a similar allocation in 2019/2020.**
- 4. Council assist with eligible grant applications.**

5. Council assist by waiving hire fees on all Council venues, plant, equipment and printing for the festival.
6. Council workforce assist with set up and pack up for each event.
7. Council seek the support of the WORK Camp from the Blackall Community Advisory Committee for the events.”

Minute No. 32/02A/19

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10.03am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

RESUMPTION:

At 10.28am the meeting was resumed.

Park Lighting

A letter has been received from a resident suggesting additional lighting in various areas in Tambo.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council include a budget item of \$50,000.00 for lighting improvements in items for consideration in the 2019/2020 budget or W4Q projects.”

Minute No. 33/02A/19

Carried

Melbourne Cup Tour 2019

Each year the Victorian Racing Club take the Melbourne Cup trophy on a tour through different areas of Australia as a promotion for the event.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“Council are to make an application on behalf of Blackall and Tambo.”

Minute No. 34/02A/19

Carried

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ATTENDANCE:

Cr Martin left the meeting at 10.32am.

Red Ridge – Joy of Dance – Outreach Dance Program

Red Ridge are looking to organise a program of performing arts to engage the youth and families of our community. Red Ridge are seeking sponsorship of \$40K from Council with Red Ridge contributing \$15K and participants \$3,600.00.

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

“That Council agree to support the Red Ridge – Joy of Dance – Outreach Dance Program and \$40K sponsorship be allocated from the 2018/2019 budget.”

Minute No. 35/02A/19

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Martin returned to the meeting at 10.33am.

Tambo Childcare Centre - Immunisation

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

“It is recommended that the Tambo Childcare Centre Policies and Procedures 1.47 Immunisation and Disease Prevention Policy be change to state that all children must be immunised prior to enrolment at the Centre.”

Minute No. 36/02A/19

Carried

Blackall Clay Target Club New Kitchen Facilities

The Blackall Clay Target Club Committee has secured a \$35K grant for a new club house/kitchen.

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

“That Council allocate \$40,000.00 in the 2019/2020 Council budget as a contribution towards the new club house/kitchen at the Blackall Clay Target Club.”

Minute No. 37/02A/19

Carried

2018/2019 QAO Final Management Report

Tabled for Councils information.

Audit Committee

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

- “1. That Council revisit our decision to abandon our role in internal Audit functions of Council via an Audit Committee.
2. That the current composition of the Audit Committee is refreshed to maximise oversight of management and that specific councillors are nominated for that crucial function.”

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

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

“That Council commend the workforce for achieving an unqualified audit for 2017/2018 financial year and commit to provide requested resources and support to assist compliance with the various government agencies.”

Minute No. 38/02A/19

Carried

Flexible Working Arrangements Policy

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

“That the CEO prepare a draft flexible workplace policy for consideration of Council at the March 2019 meeting.”

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Recommendation to Purchase Columbarium Wall for Tambo Cemetery

Seven quotes were obtained from stone masons for design, supply and installation of a columbarium wall suitable for the Tambo Cemetery.

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

“That the quotation from Allan A Batstone, Monumental Mason with a total price of \$48,829.00 GST inclusive to supply a columbarium wall in grey like granite, 100 niches to fit urns 250x120x150mm, transport costs included ex Brisbane be the preferred option.”

Minute No. 39/02A/19

Carried

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr Andrew Martin declared the Meeting closed at 11.12am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2019.

Signed:.....Mayor