



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2020  
COMMENCING AT 8.30AM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr LP Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cr BP Johnstone, Cr PJ Pullos, Cr JH Scobie, Cr DA Hardie, Cr GK Schluter.

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

**CONDOLENCES:**

A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of:

- Dennis O'Brien
- Betty Bryan
- Ted Scholes

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

**Cr Pullos for item 5.3** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in item 5.3 - Request for Sponsorship – Barcoo Beef Challenge (as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009*) as I am a member of the Tambo Stock Show Society. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of significance that it could lead me to make a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.

**Cr Pullos for item 5.6** – “I declare that I have a material personal interest in item 5.6 - Wild Dog Meeting held 21 August 2020 (as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009*) as my husband and I stand to gain a benefit or suffer a loss because we are members of the Enniskillen Syndicate. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is debated and voted on.”

**Cr Martin for item 5.8** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in item 5.8 – Red Ridge Dance Program (as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009*) as I am the chair for Red Ridge. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of significance that it could lead me to make a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.”

### 4.1.3 Environmental Health Officer's Report

The Environmental Health Officer's report is provided to Council. The Environmental Health Officer addressed enquiries with food premises and environmental management.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

**“That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer's report and note that the officer continues to provide support to local businesses for compliance with environment requirements.”**

**Minute No. 04/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

At this point, 8.55am the Director of Works and Services entered the meeting.

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#### **4.1.4 Request for Assistance**

Council has received a request from St Joseph's P&F requesting in-kind Council support for a dinner event they are hosting on 8 October 2020 for the RideWest charity.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

**Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

**“That Council provide in-kind support to the St Joseph's P&F for the hire of the Blackall racecourse and bus hire on 8 October 2020.”**

**Minute No. 05/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – August 2020**

The Director of Works and Services report for August is provided to Council.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

**Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

**“That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operation Report for August 2020 and note that there was a total of 92km of formation grading completed for the month. ”**

**Minute No. 06/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report**

The Work Health and Safety Report has been provided to Council. There was no incidents reported for the period.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**“That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for August 2020 and note that there was no incidents reported for the period.**

**Minute No. 07/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report**

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for August 2020. There was 8308 head for the prime and store sales for August.

**MOTION:     Moved: Cr LP Russell**

**Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

**“That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for August 2020 and note that the selling pens have been completed.”**

**Minute No. 08/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.2 Planning and Development Report**

The Planning and Development Report is presented to Council.

**MOTION:     Moved: Cr JH Scobie**

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**“That Council receive the planning and development report for August 2020 and note that there were 5 development applications and 3 planning enquiries for the month of August.”**

**Minute No. 09/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point, 9.30am Cr Pullos left the meeting.

Council invited Cr Pullos to return to the meeting to provide factual information about the Request for Sponsorship – Barcoo Beef Challenge.

Cr Pullos left the meeting at 9.33am so Council could debate and vote on the matter.

**5.3 Request for Sponsorship – Barcoo Beef Challenge**

Council has received a request to sponsor the Barcoo Beef Challenge and supply in-kind support.

**MOTION:     Moved: Cr JH Scobie**

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**“That Council provide in-kind support for the dinner being held Friday 23 April 2021.**

**Minute No. 10/09A/20**

**Carried 6/0**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**“That Council receive the minutes from the Wild Dog Sub-Committee held 21 August 2020 and endorse the Committee’s recommendation to fund the applications totalling \$30,832.00.”**

**Minute No. 13/09A/20**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point 10.26am Cr Pullos returned to the meeting.

**5.7 Riding for Abbie – Charity Event**

The Outback Barrel Horse Circuit is holding an event to raise funds for Abigail Sweeper. Abbie was injured whilst competing in July 2019 and subsequently sustained brain and spinal cord injuries. The funds raised will assist Abbie’s family to equip their home, so Abbie can return home. The event is being held on 2 January 2021.

**MOTION:      Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

**Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

**“That Council provide in-kind support towards the Riding for Abbie fund raising event being held on 2 January 2021.”**

**Minute No. 14/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point, 10:33am Cr Martin left the meeting and Cr Russell assumed the chair.

Cr Martin was invited back to the meeting to provide factual information about the Red Ridge Dance Program.

Cr Martin left the meeting at 10.50am so Council could debate and vote on the matter.

**5.8 Red Ridge Dance Program**

Red Ridge currently facilitate a dance program for children between the ages of 2 to 16 years. They have requested Council assistance with funding to enable the dance program to continue into term 4.

**MOTION:      Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**“That Council provide support of \$4500.00 toward the Red Ridge dance program for term 4 of 2020 subject to the possibility of reallocation of grant funding.”**

**Minute No. 15/09A/20**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point, 11.00am Cr Martin returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

### **Declaration of Conflict**

**Cr Hardie for item 5.9** - "I declare that I have a material personal interest in item 5.9 – Sale of Industrial Land - Blackall (as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009*) as I stand to gain a benefit or suffer a loss because I am a real estate agent. I will be dealing with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is debate and voted on."

Cr Hardie left the meeting at 11.01am.

### **5.9 Sale of Industrial Land - Blackall**

Council currently has several unsold lots of land at the Blackall Industrial Estate. In the interest of good tendering principles Council should consider putting the lots out to tender.

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

**"That under section 227(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council invites written tenders for the sale of Lot 8, Lot 9, Lot 12, Lot 13, Lot 15, Lot 16, Lot 18, Lot 19 and Lot 28 on SP210376 at the Blackall Industrial Estate."**

**Minute No. 16/09A/20**

**Carried 6/0**

At this point, 11.06am Cr Hardie returned to the meeting.

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### **5.10 Sale of Land for Overdue Rates**

There are currently a total of 8 properties with overdue rates and charges which have been overdue for at least 3 years.

**MOTION:** Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

**"That under section 140(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council sell Lot 1 on RP 604227 & Lot 1 on RP 605161 (dwelling at 47 Clematis Street Blackall), Lot 1 on RP 619296 (dwelling at 8 Ivy Street Blackall), Lot 28 on RP 906903 (dwelling at 3 Rose Street Blackall), Lot 1 on RP817732 (dwelling at 35 Garden Street, Blackall), Lot 7 on B13849 (dwelling at 4 Rose Street Blackall), Lot 2 on RP 603893 (residential flats at 14 Hawthorn Street Blackall), Lot 8 on B13856 (Vacant land at 110 Rose Street, Blackall) & Lot 1 on RP602469 (Commercial premises at 67 Shamrock Street, Blackall)."**

**Minute No. 17/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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### **5.11 Queensland Tourism Icons Program 2020**

Council has recently been successful in securing funding through the Queensland Tourism Icons Program 2020 for the Blackall Woolscour.

**MOTION:**     **Moved: Cr JH Scobie**

**Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**“That Council receive the letter from the Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation for the funding for the Blackall Woolscour under the Queensland Tourism Icons Program 2020.**

**Minute No. 18/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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### **5.12 Lease Over Land – Part of Pasturage Reserve R.33**

Council has received a request from the new owners of the Tambo Butcher Shop to lease part of the pasturage reserve known as Lease B in Lot 2 on SP157686.

**MOTION:**     **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

**Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**“That Council:**

- 1. Enter into a lease on the land known as Lease B in Lot 2 on SP157686 with the new owners of the Tambo Butchery; and**
- 2. The lease have a term of 5 years; and**
- 3. The current terms and conditions of the lease continue with the new owners; and**
- 4. The lessee be responsible for all legal costs.”**

**Minute No. 19/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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### **5.13 Community Drought Support Program**

Council has been successful in receiving funding through the Community Drought Support Program – Flexible Funding Hardship to alleviate hardship for individuals, families and households adversely impacted by the drought and to deliver community events.

**MOTION:**     **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**“That Council receive the letter from the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors advising that Council has received funding of \$97,500 for Flexible Financial Hardship and \$34,000 for Community Events.”**

**Minute No. 20/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **5.14 RAPAD Board Meetings**

The Mayor and CEO attended the RAPAD Board meetings on 3-5 August and 4 September.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**“That Council receive the minutes from the 3-5 August RAPAD Board meeting and draft minutes from the 4 September RAPAD Board meeting.”**

**Minute No. 21/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **5.15 Tambo Dam Lights – Tackling Tough Times Together**

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal have approved funding for \$45,000 for the Tambo Dam Lights Project.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

**“That Council receive the letter from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal providing \$45,000.00 of funding for the Tambo Dam Lights project through the Tackling Tough Times Together Program.”**

**Minute No. 22/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **5.16 Sale of Land, Lot 2 on RP610529**

The tender for the sale of Council land in Tambo closed on 25 August 2020. Only 1 offer was received.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**“That Council:**

- 1. Accept the offer of \$3000.00 from Ms M Frost for Lot 2 on RP610529 being the only offer; and**
- 2. A condition of sale is the property is recognised as being listed as a Local Heritage Place in Schedule 3 of the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme which took effect on 24 January 2020.”**

**Minute No. 23/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **5.17 Wool Handling and Receival Facility Feasibility Study**

AEC have been engaged to conduct a feasibility study on a wool handling and receival facility or other areas of potential new employment.

**MOTION:**     Moved: Cr GK Schluter

**Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**“That Council receive the AEC project update.”**

**Minute No. 24/09A/20**

**Carried 7/0**

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**CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 11.31am.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 October 2020.

Signed.....Mayor