



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2021
AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

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

Leave of Absence

Cr Hardie has requested a leave of absence to attend his daughter's wedding in Western Australia.

MOTION: Moved: Cr BP Johnstone

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That a leave of absence be granted to Cr Hardie.”

Minute No.01/02A/21

Carried 6/0

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Marie Christine Messer
 - John Francis Webber
 - Joan MacDonald
 - Lachlan Arthur Tindall
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Martin for item 4.1.7 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.7 Community Drought Funding Meeting – Events & Activities. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am president of one of the applicants, Red Ridge.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Martin for item 4.1.10 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.10 RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Louise Martin is a member of the Tambo Arts Council.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Martin for item 4.1.11 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.11 RADF Application – Tambo Stock Show. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Louise Martin and I are members of the Tambo Stock Show.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Martin for item 5.3 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 5.3 Tambo Stock Show. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Louise Martin and I are members of the Tambo Stock Show.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Scobie for item 4.1.8 – I, Councillor Scobie, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.8 Community Drought Funding – Events & Activities. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My son, Lucas Scobie is the beneficiary of the Blackall Social Riders fundraising event.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Russell for item 4.1.8 – I, Councillor Russell, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.8 Community Drought Funding – Events & Activities. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Gill Russell is the president of an applicant, Better in Blackall.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Pullos for item 4.1.7 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.7 Drought funding – Events & Activities. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the committee for the Tambo Stock Show.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Pullos for item 4.1.8 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.8 Community Drought Funding – Events & Activities. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the committee for the Tambo Tourism and Business Association; and
- I have taken part in the Barcoo Beef Challenge meetings.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Pullos for item 4.1.10 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.10 RADF – Tambo Arts Council. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the committee of the Tambo Arts Council.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Pullos for item 4.1.11 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.11 RADF Applications – Tambo Stock Show. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the committee of the Tambo Stock Show.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Pullos for item 5.3 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 5.3 Tambo Stock Show. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the Tambo Stock Show.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr Johnstone for item 5.4 – I, Councillor Johnstone, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 5.4 Request to Apply Superseded Planning Scheme – DA 18-2020-2021 Shirley A Russell – 600 Ravensbourne Road, Blackall. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- The applicant informed me that the application was being put to the February meeting.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 27 January 2021 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 02/02A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of January

The Finance Report for January 2021 was presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council receive the financial report for January 2021.”

Minute No. 03/02A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – January 2021

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for January 2021 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, 60s and Better, community development program, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, Tambo Multipurpose and Tambo Child Care Centre.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for January 2021.”

Minute No. 04/02A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.3 Arts and Cultural Report – January 2021

The Arts and Cultural Report is provided to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr JH Scobie

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council receive the Arts and Cultural Report for January 2021.”

Minute No. 05/02A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.4 Environmental Health Officer’s Report

The Environmental Health Officer’s report is provided to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr BP Johnstone

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer’s report.

Minute No. 06/02A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.5 Ranger Coordinator’s Report

The Ranger Coordinator’s report for January 2021 is provided to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council receive the Ranger Coordinator’s report for January 2021.

Minute No. 07/02A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.6 Water Allocation – Application to Increase Allocation

Council has received 2 applications to purchase additional water allocations from the owner of 'Yakamunda' and the owner of 'Tiree'.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council decline the applications for additional water allocations pending further investigations into Council’s water assets.”

Minute No. 08/02A/21

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.13am Cr Martin and Cr Pullos left the meeting.
Councillor Russell assumed the chair.

4.1.7 Community Drought Funding Meeting – Events & Activities

Community Drought Package Funding applications closed on 18 January 2021. 19 applications were received.

MOTION: Moved: Cr JH Scobie

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council receive the Community Drought Panel’s minutes and endorse the Panel’s recommendation to fund the following applications:

Applicant	Project	Amount	Status
Blackall Pony Club	Team penning beginner school	\$6,000.00	\$3,000 Approved
Red Ridge Interior	Bush Beatz Blackall	\$2,600.00	Approved
Red Ridge Interior	Bush Beatz Tambo	\$2,600.00	Approved
Barcoo Amateur Race Club	Woolly Winter Race Day	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00 Approved
Tambo Stock Show	50 Year Celebration	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00 Approved
Blackall State School	Fun Fiesta	\$3,000.00	Approved
Blackall Amateur Swim Club	Blackall Barracuda’s Triathlon	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00 Approved
Blackall Junior Rugby League Club	Sign On & Fun Day	\$800.00	\$500.00
Blackall Clay Target Club	Annual Outback Trap Carnival	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00 Approved

Minute No. 09/02A/21

Carried 4/0

“That Council receive the RADF Committee’s minutes.”

Minute No. 11/02A/21

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.23am Cr Pullos and Cr Martin left the meeting.
Councillor Russell assumed the chair.

4.1.10 RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council

The second round of the 2020-2021 RADF program closed for applications on January 30th and the Committee approved the application from the Tambo Arts Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

“That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to approve the application from the Tambo Arts Council for \$9,306.00.”

Minute No. 12/02A/21

Carried 4/0

4.1.11 RADF Applications – Tambo Stock Show

The second round of the 2020-2021 RADF program closed for applications on January 30th and the Committee approved the applications from the Tambo Stock Show.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

“That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to approve the applications from the Tambo Stock Show totalling \$10,590.00.00.”

Minute No. 13/02A/21

Carried 4/0

At this point, 9.25am Cr Martin and Cr Pullos returned to the meeting.
Councillor Martin resumed the chair.

4.1.12 RADF Application – Blackall Hospital Auxiliary

The second round of the 2020-2021 RADF program closed for applications on January 30th and the Committee approved the application from the Blackall Hospital Auxiliary.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

“That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to approve the application from the Blackall Hospital Auxiliary for \$3,600.00.”

Minute No. 14/02A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.13 Operating Plan Review 31 December 2020

Section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires Councils to review their Operational Plan every three months.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council receive the December 2020 report.”

Minute No. 15/02A/21

Carried 6/0

4.1.14 Indoor Sports Facility - Fees

Determination of the fees for the multi-purpose facility.

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

“That Council set the fees at nil for the use of the Indoor Sports facility until 30 June 2021 and that the fees be revised with the Fees and Charges for the 2021/2022 budget and the bond be set as per other sporting facilities.”

Minute No. 16/02A/21

Carried 6/0

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – January 2021

The Director of Works and Services report for January 2021 is presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council receive the Director of Works and Services’ Operation Report for January 2021.”

Minute No. 17/02A/21

Carried 6/0

4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report

The Work Health and Safety Report has been provided to Council.

insurance, adequately qualified staff, and be responsible for any damage.”

Minute No. 21/02A/21

Carried 4/0

At this point, 10.03am Cr Johnstone left the meeting and Cr Martin and Cr Pullos returned to the meeting.

Councillor Martin resumed the chair.

5.4 Request to Apply Superseded Planning Scheme – DA 18-2020-2021 – Shirley A Russell – 600 Ravensbourne Road, Blackall

The applicant, Shirley A Russell, has lodged a request for Council to apply the superseded Blackall Shire Planning Scheme 2006 (‘the superseded planning scheme’) to a proposed development located at 600 Ravensbourne Road, Blackall, formally described as Lot 58 on TA228134 (‘the premises’). The proposal is for the establishment of small-scale visitor accommodation in the form of six camp/caravan sites on an approximate 518 hectare rural property south of the Blackall township. The proposal also includes the establishment of an associated ablution and kitchen facilities building.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council approves the request to a apply the superseded *Blackall Shire Planning Scheme 2006* to a Material Change of Use for Visitor Accommodation over land at 600 Ravensbourne Road, Blackall, formally described as Lot 58 on TA228134.”

Minute No. 22/02A/21

Carried 5/0

At this point, 10.07am Cr Johnstone returned to meeting.

5.5 Request to Apply Superseded Planning Scheme – DA 19-2020-2021 – Matthew and Helen Richardson – Ravensbourne Road, Blackall

The applicants, Matthew and Helen Richardson, have lodged a request for Council to apply the superseded Blackall Shire Planning Scheme 2006 (‘the superseded planning scheme’) to a proposed development located at Ravensbourne Road, Blackall, formally described as Lease A on SP318669, which is over Lot 1 on TB198 (‘the premises’). A long term lease (Lease A) is considered a ‘lot’. The proposal involves the establishment of a new dwelling house within the lease.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council approves the request to apply the superseded Blackall Shire Planning Scheme 2006 to a proposed development for Material

Change of Use for a Dwelling House over land at Ravensbourne Road, Blackall, formally described as Lease A on SP318669, Lot 1 on TB198.”

Minute No. 23/02A/21

Carried 6/0

5.6 Building Our Regions Internet Project

The Department of State Development, Tourism and Innovation are seeking additional information from Council for Building Our Regions Round 5 funding.

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

“That Council

- 1. Reaffirms the decision made at the November 2020 meeting minute number 18/11A/20; and**
- 2. Is committed to delivering the Blackall-Tambo Internet Project – Stage 3; and**
- 3. Acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributing factors change; and**
- 4. Seek a variation to the approved application to the revised project known as South Terrick Link consisting of 4 towers and upgraded equipment making provisions for future services.”**

Minute No. 24/02A/21

Carried 6/0

5.7 Contractor Agreements and Leases

Council currently has several agreements due for renewal.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

“That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter a contract for the Saleyards Managers position with DG and DL Carter for a term of 5 years.”

Minute No. 25/02A/21

Carried 6/0

5.8 Change of Meeting Date – May General Meeting

The May general meeting date requires changing due to the WQAC meeting being held in Richmond on 18 May 2021.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That the general meeting date for May 2021 be changed to 21 May 2021.

Minute No. 26/02A/21

Carried 6/0

5.9 Conflict of Interest Submission

LGAQ are seeking feedback regarding the Conflict of Interest legislation which took effect in October 2020.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GK Scobie

“That Council provide feedback to LGAQ on Conflicts of Interest using the Regional Arts Development Fund reports as evidence.”

Minute No. 27/02A/21

Carried 6/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.17am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 March 2021.

Signed.....Mayor