



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2021  
AT 8.30AM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Garth Kath, Director of Works and Services, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

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**CONDOLENCES:**

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

- Leo Woltmann
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

**Cr PJ Pullos for item 4.1.6** – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.6 Barcoo Beef Challenge – Request for Assistance. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the Barcoo Beef Challenge.

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

**Cr PJ 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 Application – Tambo Arts Council. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am 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 PJ Pullos for item 5.4** – I, Councillor Pullos inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 5.4 Wild-Dog Sub Committee. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the Mt Enniskillen Wild Dog Syndicate and I stand to make a financial loss or gain.

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

**Cr DA Hardie for item 4.1.8** – I, Councillor Hardie inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.8 Barcoo Pastoral Society – Request for Assistance. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My family are members of the society; and
- I am the exhibit organiser and closely involved with decision making.

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

**Cr DA Hardie for item 4.1.10** – I, Councillor Hardie inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.10 RADF Minutes. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Lindy Hardie is the chair for the RADF Committee.

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

**Cr AL 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 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 AL Martin for item 4.1.12** – I, Councillor Martin inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.12 RADF Application – Red Ridge Interior Qld Ltd. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am the chair of Red Ridge Interior Qld Ltd.

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

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### **Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**                      **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**“That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 March 2021 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”**

**Minute No. 01/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point 8.42am The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services entered the meeting.

#### **4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of March**

The Finance Report for March 2021 was presented to Council.

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

**“That Council receive the financial report for March 2021.”**

**Minute No. 02/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – March 2021**

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

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

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

**Minute No. 03/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.3 Arts and Cultural Report – March 2021**

The Arts and Cultural Report is provided to Council.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr DA Hardie**                      **Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

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

**Minute No. 04/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.4 Environmental Health Officer’s Report**

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

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

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

**Minute No. 05/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.5 Ranger Coordinator’s Report**

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

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

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

**Minute No. 06/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point 9.06am, Cr PJ Pullos left the meeting.

**4.1.6 Barcoo Beef Challenge – Request for Assistance**

The Barcoo Beef Challenge has sought in-kind support for the event they held on 10 April 2021.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr LP Russell**                      **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**“That Council endorse the action of the DFCCS in approving the request.”**

**Minute No. 07/04A/21**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point, 9.06am Cr PJ Pullos returned to the meeting.

**4.1.7 Central West Rugby League – Request for Assistance**

The Central West Rugby League have invited Blackall-Tambo Regional Council to become a sponsor of the Central West Junior Rugby League teams.

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

**“That the Central West Junior Rugby League’s request be approved subject to it being funded from the external PHN’s sport and recreation budget.”**

**Minute No. 08/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point, 9.19am Cr DA Hardie left the meeting.

**4.1.8 Barcoo Pastoral Society – Request for Assistance**

The Barcoo Pastoral Society have requested assistance for a firework display at the end of the Blackall Show, 1 May 2021. This matter was held over from the 17 March general meeting pending further information.

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

**“That Council decline the Barcoo Pastoral Society’s request as it does not comply with Council’s Request for Council Assistance Under**

**\$10,000 policy and the applicant be informed of the application process required for all community organisations for future funding.**

**Minute No. 09/04A/21**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point, 9.36am the Chief Executive Officer left the meeting.

#### **4.1.9 Blackall Cultural Association – Request for Assistance**

The Blackall Cultural Association are holding their annual exhibition on 20 August 2021 and have requested financial support from Council.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr LP Russell**                      **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**“That Council decline the Blackall Cultural Association’s request as it does not comply with Council’s Request for Council Assistance Under \$10,000 policy and the applicant be informed of the application process required for all community organisations for future funding.**

**Minute No. 10/04A/21**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point, 9.37am the Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting.

#### **4.1.10 RADF Minutes**

The third round of the 2020-2021 RADF program closed for application on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the Committee met on April 12<sup>th</sup> to assess the applications.

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

**“That Council receive the minutes from the RADF Committee’s meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April.”**

**Minute No. 11/04A/21**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point 9.39am, Cr AL Martin and Cr PJ Pullos left the meeting and Cr LP Russell assumed the chair.

#### **4.1.11 RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council**

The third round of the 2020-2021 RADF program closed for application on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the Committee recommended the application from the Tambo Arts Council be approved.

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

**“That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to approve the application from the Tambo Arts Council for \$2,600.00.”**

**Minute No. 12/04A/21**

**Carried 4/0**

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At this point, 9.42am Cr DA Hardie and Cr PJ Pullos returned to the meeting.

#### **4.1.12 RADF Application – Red Ridge Interior Qld Ltd**

The third round of the 2020-2021 RADF program closed for application on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the Committee recommended the application from Red Ridge Interior Qld Ltd be approved.

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

**Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

**“That Council endorse the RADF Committee’s recommendation to approve the application from Red Ridge Interior Qld Ltd for \$1,745.00.”**

**Minute No. 13/04A/21**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point, 9.43 am Cr AL Martin returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

#### **4.1.13 Information Technology Policies**

During the completion of the Local Government Mutual (LGM) insurance return for 2021/2022 it was noted the Information Technology Security policies were not finalised. As this will influence Council’s level of premiums these policies have been expedited and will be forwarded to LGM as soon as possible.

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

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**“That Council adopt the Information Technology Security Policies as follows:**

- (i) Information Technology Security Policy**
- (ii) Incident Response Plan**
- (iii) Data Breach Response Plan**
- (iv) Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity Plan for ICT Services.**

**Minute No. 14/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – March 2021**

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

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

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

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

**Minute No. 15/04A/21**

**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.

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

**Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

**“That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for March 2021.”**

**Minute No. 16/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.2.3 Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bituminous Products – Blackall-Jericho Road**

Tenders were requested for the supply, cart, heat and spray bituminous products from 8 tenderers for the Blackall-Jericho Road.

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

**Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

**“That Council accept the tender from Road Surfaces Group for \$225,423.04 excluding GST as they are a proven supplier and the tender provides best value for money.”**

**Minute No. 17/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.2.4 Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bituminous Products – Blackall-Jericho Road (Yalleroi Realignment)**

Tenders were requested for the supply, cart, heat and spray bituminous products from 9 tenderers for the Yalleroi realignment.

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

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**“That Council accept the tender from Road Surfaces Group for \$207,758.04 excluding GST as they are a proven supplier and the tender provides best value for money.”**

**Minute No. 18/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.5 Barcoo River Bridge Concrete Works**

Tenders were requested for the concrete works from 17 tenderers.

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

**“That Council accept the tender from Mick Sutton Concreting Pty Ltd for \$459,630.00 excluding GST as it was the only tender received, meets TMR specifications and is within the budget.”**

**Minute No. 19/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.6 Supply, Cart, Heat and Spray Bituminous Products – Reseal Work**

Tenders were requested for the supply, cart, heat and spray bituminous products from 9 tenderers for reseal works.

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr PJ Pullos                      Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

**“That Council accept the tender from Road Surfaces Group for \$321,070.08 excluding GST as it was the only tender received, they are a proven supplier and the tender is within the budget.”**

**Minute No. 20/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report**

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for March is presented to Council.

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr GK Schluter                      Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

**“That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for March 2021.”**

**Minute No. 21/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At this point, 10.04am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

#### **RESUMPTION:**

At this point, 10.27am the meeting was resumed.

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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 GK Schluter**

**“That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for March 2021.”**

**Minute No. 22/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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### **Order of Business**

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

**“That Council hold over item 5.3 until the delegation for the Birthplace of Australian Circus arrive.”**

**Minute No. 23/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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## **5.3 Blackall Tambo – Birthplace of Australian Circus**

Red Ridge engaged consultants to compile a concept plan to promote Blackall Tambo as the home of circus in Australia.

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

**“That Council receive the draft Blackall Tambo – birthplace of Australian circus document.”**

**Minute No. 24/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point 10.30am, Cr PJ Pullos left the meeting.

## **5.4 Wild-Dog Sub Committee Meeting**

The Wild Dog Sub Committee held a meeting on Tuesday 30 March 2021.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr LP Russell**                      **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**“That Council receive the minutes from the Wild Dog Sub Committee meeting held 30 March 2021 and endorse the recommendation of the committee to fund the applications totalling \$16,667.00 as follows:**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Lilydale Wild Dog Syndicate</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
<b>Terrick Terrick Dog Netting Trust</b>	<b>\$3,766.75</b>

<b>Mt Enniskillen Wild Dog Syndicate</b>	<b>\$3,766.75</b>
<b>Goonadee Syndicate</b>	<b>\$3,766.75</b>
<b>Eastwood Wild Dog Syndicate</b>	<b>\$3,766.75</b>

**Minute No. 25/04A/21**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point, 10.31am Cr PJ Pullos returned to the meeting.

**5.5 Tambo Town Common Laneway – Feral Fence**

Council has received correspondence from a landowner who wishes to gate the northern end of a laneway on the Tambo Town Common as he has property each side of the laneway.

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

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**That Council approve the request for the installation of a wild dog fence across both ends of the laneway between Lot 1 TA2285 and Lot 60 TA22884 subject to the following conditions:**

- 1. The applicant is responsible for the maintenance and cost of the fencing; and**
- 2. The applicant provides water and a suitable trough for the laneway.”**

**Minute No. 26/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**6.1 Amended Budget 2021**

Under S170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the local government may, by resolution, amend the budget for a financial year at any time before the end of the financial year. The 2021 Budget has been amended to provide an overview of Council's financial position at 30 June 2021.

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

**Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

**“That Council:**

- 1. That Council adopts the amended budget for 2020/2021 financial year as presented; and**
- 2. That there be no change to the general rate that was set in the original 2020/2021 budget on 19 June 2020; and**
- 3. That the minimum general rates remain the same as those set in the original 2020/2021 budget on 19 June 2020; and**
- 4. That the sewerage charges remain the same as those set in the original 2020/2021 budget on 19 June 2020; and**
- 5. That the water charges remain the same as those set in the original 2020/2021 budget on 19 June 2020; and**

6. That the waste collection and disposal charge remains the same as those set in the original 2020/2021 budget on 19 June 2020; and
7. That Council keep the interest rate at fifteen percent (15%) during the discount period on general rates levied by Council for the 2020/2021 financial year; and
8. That interest at the percentage rate of 8.53% per annum be unchanged by the Council for the 2020/2021 financial year for rates and charges not paid by the due date for discount; and
9. That aged pensioners having a Commonwealth Government Concession Card be granted a remission of the general rate and services charges up to a maximum of \$340.00 per annum for the 2020/2021 financial year under the same criteria as the State Government Pensioner Remission Scheme; and
10. That the Revenue Policy as presented be adopted; and
11. That the amended Revenue Statement as presented be adopted; and
12. That the amended ten-year Financial Forecast as presented be received; and
13. That the amended budgeted income statement for the year ending 30 June 2021 as presented be adopted; and
14. That the amended budget balance sheet for the year ending 30 June 2021 as presented be adopted; and
15. That the amended budgeted statement for changes in equity for the year ending 30 June 2021 as presented be adopted; and
16. That the amended budgeted statement of cash flows for the year ending 30 June 2021 as presented be adopted.

**Minute No. 27/04A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 10.49am the meeting was adjourned for a break.

**RESUMPTION:**

At, 11.44am the meeting was resumed, and the delegates, Robert Kronk and Luke Harriman were present at the meeting. They presented the Blackall Tambo – Birthplace of Australian Circus to Council.

Item 5.3 Blackall Tambo – Birthplace of Australian Circus was discussed and voted on.

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**CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 12.34pm.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Friday 21 May 2021.

Signed.....Mayor