



**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023
COMMENCING AT 8.00 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors; Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr LP Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cr BP Johnstone, Cr PJ Pullos, Cr JH Scobie, Cr D A Hardie, Cr G K Schluter.

OFFICERS:

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services, Mr. Ajay Agwan, Director of Works and Services, Andrea Saunders, Governance Coordinator.

1.1. Budget

The budget is provided to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Johnstone

Seconded: Cr Russell

“That Council adopts the budget for the 2023/2024 financial year as presented.”

Minute No. 01/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.2. Rates and Charges

MOTION: Moved: Cr Scobie

Seconded: Cr Hardie

That the general rate be set for the budget year 2023/2024 as follows: -

The rating categories are:

		Cents in the Dollar
Category 1	Residential	03.9070
Category 8	Blackall Town CBD < 0.3000 ha	12.2612
Category 10	Blackall Town CBD ≥ 0.3000 ha	16.0612
Category 11	Commercial Other	06.2332
Category 14	Communication Sites	05.9334
Category 15	Industrial	01.9828
Category 21	Rural Properties	00.2730
Category 22	Town Rural under 100 ha	00.6158
Category 23	Town Rural 100 – 500 ha	00.2955

Minute No. 02/06A/23

Carried 7/0

MOTION: Moved: Cr Pullos

Seconded: Cr Schluter

1.3. **Minimum General Rates**

Minimum General Rates have been set as follows:

Category 1	\$751.60
Category 8	\$809.70
Category 10	\$809.70
Category 11	\$809.70
Category 14	\$809.70
Category 15	\$809.70
Category 21	\$809.70
Category 22	\$809.70
Category 23	\$809.70

Minute No. 03/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.4. **Sewerage Charges**

MOTION: Moved: Cr Schluter

Seconded: Cr Hardie

That the following sewerage charges be set for the 2023/2024 budget year:

Blackall Sewerage connected charge	\$647.30
Tambo Community Effluent Processing – Connected Charge	\$647.30
Sewerage access charge	\$486.60
Additional (non-residential) Pedestal Charge – Blackall	\$300.60
Additional (non-residential) Pedestal Charge – Tambo	\$139.40

Minute No.04/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.5 **Water Charges**

MOTION: Moved: Cr Pullos

Seconded: Cr Russell

That the following water charges be set for the 2023/2024 budget year:

Water connected charge	\$647.30
Frames Lane Water Connected Charge	\$756.70
Water access charge	\$443.20
Water other connected charge	\$108.10
Excess water	\$1.04 per Kilolitre

Minute No. 05/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.6 Cleansing Charges

MOTION: Moved: Cr Scobie Seconded: Cr Johnstone

That waste collection and disposal charge be set for the 2023/2024 budget year:

Residential waste collection and disposal charge	\$260.60
Non-residential waste collection and disposal charge	\$260.60

Minute No. 06/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.7 Waste Management Charge

MOTION: Moved: Cr Russell Seconded: Cr Johnstone

That a waste management charge be set for the 2023/2024 budget year:

Town rural waste management charge	\$65.80
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Minute No. 07/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.8 Discount on Rates

MOTION: Moved: Cr Hardie Seconded: Cr Scobie

That Council

1. Allow fifteen percent (15%) during the first discount period of 30 days after the issue of the relevant rate notice on general rates levied by the Council for the 2023/2024 budget year; and
2. Allow seven and ½ percent (7.5%) during the second discount period of 45 days after the date of issue of the relevant rate notice on general rates levied by the Council for the 2023/2024 budget year.

Minute No. 08/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.9 Interest on Arrears

MOTION: Moved: Cr Hardie Seconded: Cr Pullos

That interest at the percentage rate of 11.64% per annum be charged by the Council for the 2023/2024 financial year for rates and charges not paid by the due date for discount.

Minute No. 09/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.10 Pensioner Remission

MOTION: Moved: Cr Schluter

Seconded: Cr Pullos

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 2023/2024 financial year under the same criteria as the State Government Pensioner Remission Scheme.

Minute No. 10/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.11 Sponsorship, Grant Funding, and In-Kind Support

MOTION: Moved: Cr Hardie

Seconded: Cr Russell

That the sponsorship, grant funding, donations, and the exemption of general rates to local organisations for the year ending 30 June 2024 be adopted.

Minute No. 11/06A/23

Carried 7/0

At this point 8.21am the DWS left the meeting and returned at 8.22am.

1.12 Revenue Policy

MOTION: Moved: Cr Pullos

Seconded: Cr Scobie

That the Revenue Policy as presented be adopted.

Minute No. 12/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.13 Revenue Statement

MOTION: Moved: Cr Scobie

Seconded: Cr Johnstone

That the Revenue Statement as presented be adopted.

Minute No. 13/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.14 Debt Policy

MOTION: Moved: Cr Russell

Seconded: Cr Pullos

That the Debt Policy as presented be adopted.

Minute No. 14/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.15 Procurement and Disposals Policy

Minute No. 20/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.21 Statement of Changes in Equity

MOTION: Moved: Cr Pullos

Seconded: Cr Hardie

That the budgeted statement for changes in equity for the year ending 30 June 2024 as presented be adopted.

Minute No. 21/06A/23

Carried 7/0

1.22 Statement of Cash Flows

MOTION: Moved: Cr Schluter

Seconded: Cr Johnstone

That the budgeted statement of cash flows for the year ending 30 June 2024 as presented be adopted.

Minute No. 22/06A/23

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr Andrew Martin declared the Meeting closed at 8.31am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2023.

Signed.....Mayor.