



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023  
AT 8.30AM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Cr Lindsay Russell (Acting Mayor), Cr JH Scobie, Cr BP Johnstone, Cr PJ Pullos, Cr GK Schluter, Cr DA Hardie.

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ajay Agwan, Director of Works and Services, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Governance Coordinator.

**Leave of Absence**

The Mayor, Cr Andrew Martin has requested a leave of absence. Under section 165 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr Lindsay Russell is Acting Mayor in the Mayor's absence.

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

**That Council grant a leave of absence for Cr Andrew Martin; and note under section 165 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Cr Lindsay Russell is Acting Mayor.**

**Minute No. 01/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**CONDOLENCES:**

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

- Arthur John Wale
  - Wilma H Elmy
  - Lex McPaul
  - Robinanne Anderson
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

**Mr Des Howard for item 5.3** – I, Des Howard, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 5.3 Chief Executive Officer's Contract of Employment. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am the Chief Executive Officer

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

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

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

**That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Acting Mayor be authorised to sign same.**

**Minute No. 02/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **3.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of November 2023**

In accordance with s204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a monthly financial report is required to be presented to Council. The financial report for November 2023 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2023-2024.

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

**That Council receive the Financial Report for November 2023.**

**Minute No. 03/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **3.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – November 2023**

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for November 2023 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, community development program, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, and facility bookings.

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

**That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for November 2023.**

**Minute No. 04/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **3.1.3 Ranger's Report**

The Ranger's report for November is provided to Council.

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

**That Council receive the Ranger's report for November 2023.**

**Minute No. 05/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**3.1.4 Operating Plan Review 30 September 2023**

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

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

**That Council receive the September 2023 Operational Plan review.**

**Minute No. 06/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**3.1.5 Blackall Gym Lease**

Expressions of interest for managing the Blackall gym were called during October and six applications were received by the closing date, 31 October. Applicants were required to provide written responses to a set of questions to assist with the selection process by 4 December. Only two responses were received, and these have both been assessed with both parties being interviewed on 8 December 2023.

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

**That Council:**

- 1. Approve of the Blackall gym being leased to Ms Jess Johnson; and**
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and sign the lease document; and**
- 3. The gym fees in the 2023-2024 Fees and Charges are not applicable to the lease; and**
- 4. Ownership of all the gym equipment and items of loose plant inside the building be transferred to the lessee at no cost and the responsibility of gym equipment be addressed in the lease.**

**Minute No. 07/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**3.1.6 Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee – Minutes of Meeting**

The Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting was held on 12 December 2023.

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

**That Council receive the minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee's meeting 12 December 2023.**

**Minute No. 08/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**4.1.1 Director of Works and Services' Operations Report – November 2023**

The Director of Works and Services report for November 2023 is presented to Council.

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

**That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operation Report for November 2023.**

**Minute No. 09/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report**

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for November is provided to Council

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

**That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for November 2023.**

**Minute No. 10/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.2 Planning and Development Report**

The Planning and Development report provides a summary of building applications and planning and development activity in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area.

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

**That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for November 2023.**

**Minute No. 11/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point, 9.23am, the Chief Executive Officer left the meeting.

**5.3 Chief Executive Officer's Contract of Employment**

The Chief Executive Officer's contract expires on 31 January 2023. The contract does have an option to extend.

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

**That Council:**

- 1. Extends the contract of employment of Chief Executive Officer with Des Howard until 24 May 2024; and**
- 2. Authorises the Mayor to negotiate the contract of employment, including conditions of employment, with the Chief Executive Officer; and**
- 3. The position of Chief Executive Officer be advertised in January 2024 to enable the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer by council after the local government election.**

**Minute No. 12/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point, 9.29am Cr Johnstone left the meeting.

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#### **5.4 Delegations – Council to Chief Executive Officer**

Section 257(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires Council to review annual delegations to the Chief Executive Officer of Council.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receive the Delegations Register Council to Chief Executive Officer which details all the powers delegated to the Chief Executive Officer of Council pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.**
- 2. Note that the Delegations Register Council to Chief Executive Officer has been reviewed and updated as at 20 December 2023 to reflect any changes to the delegable powers under state legislation.**

**Minute No. 13/12A/23**

**Carried 5/0**

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At this point, 9.30am Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting.

#### **5.5 Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association Inc. – Request for Sponsorship**

The Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association Inc are holding a 4-day event in May 2024 and have requested sponsorship of the event.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr DA Hardie**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**That Council decline the request from the Isisford Industry Recreation and Development Association Inc to sponsor the 150-year celebrations as the event is ineligible under the Requests for Council Assistance Under \$10,000 Policy.**

**Minute No. 14/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.6 Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee Meeting 5  
December 2023**

The Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee held a meeting on 5 December 2023.

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

**That Council receive the Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee report for 5 December 2023.**

**Minute No. 15/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

**5.7 Intention to Acquire Land for the Purpose of a Road**

The Ravensbourne Road has, in the past, been built over a parcel of land that is privately owned.

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

**That Council resolves to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer of Council, pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, in respect of a part of Lot 1 on RP604127 (identified as the area of new road on SP340121 and comprising an area of 1.104 hectares) each and every one of the powers referred to in schedule 1.**

**Schedule 1**

<b>DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED</b>	<b>LEGISLATION</b>
<b>Power to prepare, serve and amend a Notice of Intention to Resume, to discontinue a resumption and to give notice to the land registry.</b>	<b>Section 7 <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i></b>
<b>Power to consider the grounds of objection to the taking of land and to amend the notice of intention to resume or discontinue the resumption.</b>	<b>Section 8 <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i></b>
<b>Power to apply to the Minister that the land be taken and to respond to requests from the Minister for further particulars or information.</b>	<b>Section 9 <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i></b>
<b>Power to agree with the Claimant on the amount of compensation payable.</b>	<b>Section 12(5A) <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i></b>

DESCRIPTION OF POWER DELEGATED	LEGISLATION
Power to serve the gazette resumption notice upon every person who is entitled pursuant to section 18 to claim compensation or is a mortgagee of the land.	Section 12(7) <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>
Power to lodge with the registrar of titles a plan of survey showing a new boundary for a lot or common property.	Section 12A <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>
Power to serve a notice of discontinuance of a resumption.	Section 16(1) <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>
Power to agree with the claimant about the amount of compensation payable under subsection (1).	Section 16(1B) <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>
Power to have the amount of compensation payable under subsection (1) taxed by an officer of the Supreme Court.	Section 16(1C) <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>
Power to agree upon the amount of compensation to be paid under subsection (4) or to agree that the amount be determined by the Land Court.	Section 17(5) <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i>

**Minute No. 16/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

**5.8 Queensland Music Trails 2024 Event**

Queensland Music Trails will be bringing the Outback Trail to Tambo in 2024.

**MOTION:**     Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

That Council agree to supply in-kind support to the Outback Trail 2024 event in Tambo and enter an agreement with Queensland Music Festival for the event.

**Minute No. 17/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

**5.9 Queensland Ombudsman Asbestos Investigation**

The Queensland Ombudsman investigated a complaint lodged with their office regarding the fire at 57 Shamrock Street, Blackall.

**MOTION:**     Moved: Cr JH Scobie

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

**That Council note the Queensland Ombudsman have finalised the complaint relating to the asbestos issues following a fire at 57 Shamrock Street, Blackall.**

**Minute No. 18/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.10 Tambo Town Common Management Plan**

The Tambo Town Common Management Plan has been reviewed to align with the Blackall Town Common Management Plan.

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

**That Council adopt the revised Tambo Town Common Management Plan.**

**Minute No. 19/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.11 Be Local Campaign**

The annual Be Local campaign was conducted in the region for the upcoming Christmas period.

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

**That Council note the Be Local campaign report and Council contributed \$2,790.00 to participating local businesses.**

**Minute No. 20/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.12 Annual Report 2022/2023**

Section 182(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the Annual Report to be adopted by Council within one month after the day the Auditor-General issues the report on the local government's financial statements for the financial year. The Auditor-General's report is dated 12 December 2023.

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

**That Council adopt the Annual Report for the 2022/2023 financial year and a note of thanks be provided to the Manager of Finance for their work on the audit.**

**Minute No. 21/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**5.13 Review of Drug and Alcohol Policy**

The review of Council's policies is crucial as it ensures Council remains compliant with changing legislation and requirements.

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

**That Council adopt the revised Drug and Alcohol Policy.**

**Minute No. 22/12A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Acting Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 9.57am.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 January 2024.

Signed.....Mayor