



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025 at 8:30 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr DA Hardie, Cr JH Scobie, Cr BP Johnstone, Cr GK Schluter, Cr AA Hart, Cr PW Skewes

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Mike Lollback, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Shalveen Dayal, Chief Financial Officer, Ms Jaimee-Lee Prow, Director of Lifestyle and Community, Ms Alison Lamb, Director of Organisational Performance, Mr Peter Fry, Group Manager of Town and Rural Services, Mr Wesley Phillips, Environmental Health Officer, Ms Piper Hansen, Minute Taker.

**CONDOLENCES:**

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

- Robert James Sutton
- Joyce Otto
- Cyril Couchie
- Sydney Kenneth Treasure

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## **1 Confirmation of the Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie**

**Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone**

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 18 December 2024 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

**GM 2025/01/266**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:**

**4.1**

**SUBJECT TITLE:**

**Information Report for December 2024**

Information report from the Mayor for Council activities during the month of December.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin                                          Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter**

**That Council receive the Mayor's report for December 2024.**

**GM 2025/01/267**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:**                                          **5.1**  
**SUBJECT TITLE:**                                **Councillors' Information Report for December 2024**

The report contains information from the Councillors for activities during the month of December 2024.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie                                          Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone**

**That Council receive the Councillors report for December 2024.**

**GM 2025/01/268**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:**                                          **6.1**  
**SUBJECT TITLE:**                                **Chief Executive Officer's December 2024 Report to Council**

The report from the Chief Executive Officer is to update Council on matters that do not require a separate or comprehensive report for consideration but emerge as issue of interest to Council and the broader community.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter                                          Seconded: Cr David Hardie**

**That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer's Information Report for December 2024.**

**GM 2025/01/269**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:**                                          **7.1.1**  
**SUBJECT TITLE:**                                **Correspondence Items January 2025**

The following correspondence has been received:

- Thank you from the Caldervale Campdraft for the sponsorship of their event.
- Albanese Government invest \$14.96 million for the Blackall Cultural Precinct.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie                                          Seconded: Cr David Hardie**

**That Council receive the correspondence as presented.**

**GM 2025/01/270**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:** 7.2.1  
**SUBJECT TITLE:** Financial Report for the Month of December 2024

In accordance with s204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a monthly financial report must be presented to the Council. The financial report for December 2024 details the Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2024-2025.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter      Seconded: Cr Alina Hart**

**That Council receive the Financial Report for December 2024.**

**GM 2025/01/271**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:** 7.2.2  
**SUBJECT TITLE:** Operational Plan Review

Section 174(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council to review their operational plans every three months.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie      Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter**

**That Council receives the 2024-2025 Operational Plan review for 31 December 2024.**

**GM 2025/01/272**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:** 7.2.3  
**SUBJECT TITLE:** 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 Alina Hart      Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter**

**That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for December 2024.**

**GM 2025/01/273**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:** 7.3.1  
**SUBJECT TITLE:** Chief Operations Officer's Report

The Chief of Operations report for December 2024 is presented to Council.

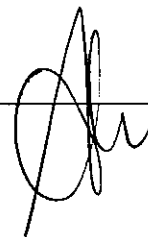
**MOTION: Moved: Cr Boyd Johnstone      Seconded: Cr David Hardie**

**That Council receive the Chief Operations Officer's report for December 2024.**

**GM 2025/01/274**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:** 7.4.1  
**SUBJECT TITLE:** Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Report - December 2024 Report

The Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Operations report for December 2024 is presented to Council. The report includes Blackall Aerodrome, Libraries, Visitor Information Centres, Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program, Sport and Recreation, Communication and Media and Tambo Multipurpose Centre.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter      Seconded: Cr Alina Hart**

**That Council receive the Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Report for December 2024.**

**GM 2025/01/275**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:** 7.5.1  
**SUBJECT TITLE:** Organisational Performance Monthly Report - December 2024

This report provides Council with an overview/update of the Council's Organisational Performance in key activities and outcomes for the month of December.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter      Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie**

**That Council receive the Organisational Performance report for December 2024.**

**GM 2025/01/276**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:** 7.5.2  
**SUBJECT TITLE:** Manager Environment, Health and Compliance

The Environment, Health and Compliance branch is a very public facing function of Council, the branch has direct contact with residents and visitors on a continuous basis. The officers deal with customer requests, licencing, impounding, animal control, pest management, vector control, stock route management and many other aspects of Council's service provision.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie      Seconded: Cr Alina Hart**

**That council adopt this December 2024 report and endorse the officer's actions.**

**GM 2025/01/277**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:** 7.5.3  
**SUBJECT TITLE:** Compliance and Enforcement Policy adoption

Transparency, respect, tolerance, fairness, and consistency are the principles underpinning this policy. The policy supports proportionality and transparency in decision making and an openness about how the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council operates in terms of its compliance and enforcement activities and how it values those that voluntarily comply with their lawful obligations.

This policy has been developed to assist the Council, staff and our community are aware and understand how council approaches compliance and when enforcement activities may be used.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie**

**Seconded: Cr David Hardie**

**That Council approve the Compliance and Enforcement Policy in principle and request the CEO to have a public consultation program delivered to the community and report the results of the consultation to council at the May 2025 general meeting.**

**GM 2025/01/278**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:**

**7.5.4**

**SUBJECT TITLE:**

**People, Culture & Safety Report**

This report provides Council with an update of the People, Culture and Safety departments outcomes for the period of 1 December 2024 to 31 December 2024.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie**

**That the People, Culture and Safety Monthly Report for December 2024 be received and noted by Council.**

**GM 2025/01/279**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:**

**7.5.5**

**SUBJECT TITLE:**

**Town and rural services report**

Overview of upkeep and maintenance of the townships of Blackall and Tambo.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie**

**Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter**

**That Council receive the Town and Rural Services Report for December 2024**

**GM 2025/01/280**

**Carried 7 / 0**

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**ITEM NO:**

**7.5.6**

**SUBJECT TITLE:**

**Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Annual Report 2023-2024**

Pursuant to section 142 of the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*, Council must provide the regulator a copy of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Annual Report within 120 business days after the financial year ends.

**MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie**

**Seconded: Cr David Hardie**

**That Council adopts the Blackall-Tambo Council Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Annual Report 2023-2024.**

**GM 2025/01/281**

**Carried 7 / 0**

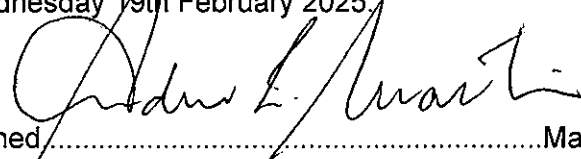
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**CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 9.59am.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2025.

  
Signed.....Mayor

