



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022
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 Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services, Mr Garth Kath, Director of Works and Services, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Lynette Hafey
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Martin for item 4.1.5 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.5 Barcoo Amateur Race Club – Fees. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Louise Martin, is president of the Queensland ICPA which is a beneficiary of the event for which the waiver of fees is being sought.

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 DA Hardie

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 December 2021 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

Minute No. 01/01A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of December

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 December 2021 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2021-2022.

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

That Council receive the Financial Report for December 2021.

Minute No. 02/01A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – December 2021

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for December 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 PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for December 2021.

Minute No. 03/01A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.3 Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's Report

The Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report is provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

That Council receive the Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report.

Minute No. 04/01A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.4 Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee – Minutes of Meetings

The Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting were held Friday 15 October 2021 and Tuesday 14 December 2021 to review the audited financial statements, internal auditor's reports, the annual report and audit certificates, the QAO briefing note and the final management letter for the 2021 audit.

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

That Council receive the minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee's meetings held 15 October 2021 and 14 December 2021.

Minute No. 05/01A/22

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.58am, Cr Martin left the meeting and Cr Russell assumed the chair.

4.1.5 Barcoo Amateur Race Club – Fees

The Barcoo Amateur Race Club is requesting fees be waived for the hire of the race club facilities for the night of an ICPA dinner. There is \$1,000 available of their in-kind allocation.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

That Council approves the request to waive the fees for the race club facility for a dinner on 8 June 2022.

Minute No. 06/01A/22

Carried 6/0

At this point 8.59am Cr Martin returned to the meeting.

4.1.6 QAO – Final Management Report to Mayor 2021

Under section 213 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a copy of the final management report from the Queensland Audit Office to the mayor must be presented to Council regarding the 2021 audit of Council's annual financial statements.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

That Council receive the final 2021 Management Report to the Mayor.

Minute No. 07/01A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.7 Blackall Cleaning Contract

Tenders were requested for the cleaning of Blackall facilities. Two tenders were received and assessed.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

That Council award the tender to T Brown for a contract period of two (2) years. The tender provides value for money, has proven experience and is local.

Minute No. 08/01A/22

Carried 7/0

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – December 2021

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

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operations Report for December 2021.

Minute No. 09/01A/22

Carried 7/0

4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report

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

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

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for December 2021.

Minute No. 10/01A/22

Carried 7/0

5.1 Planning and Development Report

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

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

That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for December 2021.

Minute No. 11/01A/22

Carried 7/0

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cr Johnstone for item 5.2 – I, Councillor Johnstone, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 5.2 Opera Queensland – The Sopranos Regional Tour. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am part owner of the Lodge on Hawthorn which has been considered as a venue for the event.

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

At this point, 9.10am, Cr Johnstone left the meeting.

5.2 Opera Queensland – The Sopranos Regional Tour

Opera Queensland would like to bring The Sopranos regional tour to Blackall and Tambo in May 2022.

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

That Council provide funding of \$10,000.00 towards Opera Queensland's regional tour for Blackall and Tambo in May 2022.

Minute No. 12/01A/22

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.12am, Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting.

5.3 Retirement of Policy – Grids Subsidy Policy

The Grids Subsidy Policy is outdated and no longer required.

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

That Council retire the Grids Subsidy Policy.

Minute No. 13/01A/22

Carried 7/0

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cr Martin for item 5.4 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 5.4 AEC Feasibility Study. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I own shares in Queensland Wool Processors (QWool); and
- I am a member of the advisory panel for QWool.

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

Council requested that Cr Martin provide factual information about the AEC Feasibility Study before leaving the meeting room.

At this point, 9.25am, Cr Martin left the meeting and Cr Russell assumed the chair.

5.4 AEC Feasibility Study

QWool and Australian Wool Producers have requested full access of the feasibility document for the Wool Handling and Receival Facility prepared by AEC.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

That Council ratify the Mayor and the CEO's decision to share the full feasibility study with Queensland Wool Processors and WoolProducers Australia to expedite the proponent's funding application.

Minute No. 14/01A/22

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.26am, Cr Martin returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

5.5 Reserve for Police Purposes

Queensland Police Service have asked if Blackall-Tambo Regional Council would have any interest to become trustees of the reserve at Lot 188 on M5739.

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

That Council agree to the transfer of trusteeship of Lot 188 on M5739 from the Queensland Police Service to Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

Minute No. 15/01A/22

Carried 7/0

5.6 Amendments for Sale of Takeaway Alcohol

The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation has advised that changes to legislation will allow restaurant licensees to apply for a permanent approval to sell limited quantities of takeaway wine in conjunction with takeaway meal orders.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

That Council receive the letter from the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation and note that parliament passed the Justice Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response – Permanency) Amendment Bill 2021 on 18 November 2021.

Minute No. 16/01A/22

Carried 7/0

5.7 RAPAD Board Communiqués

The communiqués provided by RAPAD provide an outline of topics discussed at the monthly board meetings.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

That Council receive the RAPAD Board Communiqués for 24 & 25 November and 17 December 2021.

Minute No. 17/01A/22

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.45am, Cr Johnstone left the meeting and returned to the meeting at 9.47am.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 9.47am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 February 2022.

Signed.....Mayor