



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 19th JULY 2023
AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT:

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

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, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Governance Coordinator, Piper Hansen, Minute Taker.

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Ronald Hafey
 - Peter John Beavis
 - Lindsay MacDonald
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Pullos for item 5.5 – I Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 5.5 – Small Business Friendly Program. The nature of interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the Tambo Tourism and Business Association.

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

1.1 Attendance by Audio Link

Cr Pullos has requested attendance to the July general meeting by audio link.

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

That under section 254K, Council permits Cr Pullos to take part in the meeting by audio link.

Minute No. 01/07A/23

Carried 7/0

1.2 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 June 2023 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same; and

Note the following correction:

Cr Martin for item 4.1.4 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.4 – RADF Application – Tambo Tourism and Business Association. The nature of interest is as follows:

- My wife, Louise Martin, is a member of the **RADF Committee.**

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

Minute No. 02/07A/23

Carried 7/0

1.3 Confirmation of Budget Meeting Minutes

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

That the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 21 June 2023 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same; and

1. Council notes the correction in the Revenue Statement 2023-2024, page 4 Rating Schedule as follows:

The rate charged and the minimum general rate for each differential rating category is:

Category	Description	Cent in Dollar	Minimal Rate
1	Residential	03.9070	\$751.60
8	Blackall Town CBD > 0.3000 ha	12.2612	\$809.70
10	Blackall Town CBD equal to or < 0.3000 ha	16.0612	\$809.70
11	Commercial Other	06.2332	\$809.70
14	Communication Sites	05.9334	\$809.70
15	Industrial	01.9828	\$809.70
21	Rural Properties	00.2730	\$809.70
22	Town Rural under 100 Ha	00.6158	\$809.70
23	Town Rural 100 - <500 Ha	00.2955	\$809.70

2. Council notes the correction in the Fees and Charges 2023-2024, 11. Town Reserves & Common 2. Fees are not payable for horses or

female cattle under the age of **six (6) months**, the progeny of horses or female cattle depasturing as above.

Minute No. 03/07A/23

Carried 7/0

4.1.1. Financial Report for the Month of June 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 June 2023 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2022-2023.

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

That Council receive the Financial Report for June 2023.

Minute No. 04/07A/23

Carried 7/0

4.1.2. DFCCS Operations Report – June 2023

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

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

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for June 2023.

Minute No. 05/07A/23

Carried 7/0

4.1.3. Outback Futures Proposed Contract – Managing the Risk of Psychosocial Hazards in the Workplace

The adopted WHS Code of Practice requires employers to manage psychosocial hazards at work. Outback Futures has agreed to work with Council to assist with the implementation of the Code of Practice over twelve months.

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

That Council contracts Outback Futures for twelve months to assist with the implementation of the WHS Code of Practice and that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate and sign the contract with funding to be \$25,000 from the Community Development Fund.

Minute No. 06/07A/23

Carried 7/0

4.1.4. Applications – Requests for In-Kind Assistance

The Barcoo Race Club and the Outback Barrel Horse Circuit committees are asking for in-kind support for their 2023/2024 annual events.

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

That Council provide the in-kind assistance to the Barcoo Race Club and Outback Barrel Horse Circuit.

Minute No. 07/07A/23

Carried 7/0

4.1.5 QAO – Interim Report to Mayor 16th June 2023

Under section 213 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a copy of this report is to be presented to Council at the next ordinary meeting of Council.

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

That Council receive the QAO's interim report to the Mayor dated 16 June 2023 and note management's responses.

Minute No. 08/07A/23

Carried 7/0

4.1.6 Scrubby Creek – Request for Assistance

Council has received a request for assistance from the Scrubby Creek Sports Club as the committee wish to replace the old building with a new kitchen/bar/office facility.

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

That Council decline the request as it is not consistent with earlier requests for cash.

Minute No. 09/07A/23

Carried 7/0

4.2.1. Director of Works and Services' Operations Report - June 2023

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

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

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

Minute No. 10/07A/23

Carried 7/0

4.2.2. Work Health and Safety Report

The Work Health and Safety Report is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for June 2023.

Minute No. 11/07A/23

Carried 7/0

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for June is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for June 2023.

Minute No. 12/07A/23

Carried 7/0

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

That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for June 2023.

Minute No. 13/07A/23

Carried 7/0

5.3 Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly

The National General Assembly was held in Canberra from 13-15 June 2023.

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

That Council receives the National General Assembly 2023 communiqué.

Minute No. 14/07A/23

Carried 7/0

5.4 Australia Post BillPay

The manager of the Tambo Post Office has asked Council to consider adopting Post BillPay as a form of payment for Council invoices.

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

That Council declines the request to adopt the Australia Post BillPay services for customers due to the additional cost.

Minute No. 15/07A/23

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.47am, Cr Pullos left the meeting.

5.5 Small Business Friendly Program

The President of the Tambo Tourism and Business Association has asked that Council consider joining the Queensland Small Business Commissioner's Small Business Friendly Program.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

That Council declines the request to join the Small Business Friendly Program established by the Queensland Small Business Commissioner.

Minute No. 16/07A/23

Carried 6/0

Adjournment

At 9.55am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea

Resumption

At 10.26am the meeting was resumed. Cr Pullos was in attendance at the resumption of the meeting.

5.6 Queensland's Place Naming Framework Reform Program

The Director-General of the Department of Resources is seeking input from local governments for the review of Queensland's place naming conventions and practices.

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

That Council identify any places within the Blackall-Tambo region that can be considered offensive or harmful.

Minute No. 17/07A/23

Carried 7/0

5.7 Change in Boundaries – Barcaldine Regional Council and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has advised of the *Local Government Legislation (Boundary Changes and Other Matters) Amendment Regulation 2023* which amends the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to implement boundary changes.

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

That Council note the change in boundaries affecting the Barcaldine Regional Council and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council as:

- 1. Lot 1 on RP617241 is wholly within Barcaldine Regional Council; and**
- 2. Lot 10 on crown plan MX814407 is wholly within Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.**

Minute No. 18/07A/23

Carried 7/0

5.8 Australian Rural Leadership Foundation

RAPAD have asked councils if they wish to host workshops being held by Australian Rural Leadership Foundation in 2024.

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

That Council wishes to host one of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation 2-day workshops and recommends Tambo as the location.

Minute No. 19/07A/23

Carried 7/0

5.9 RAPAD Board Communiqué

The RAPAD Board Meeting Communiqué provides information on the matters dealt with at the monthly meetings. The Communiqué is issued quarterly.

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

That Council receive the RAPAD Board Meeting Communiqué for the period 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023.

Minute No. 20/07A/23

Carried 7/0

5.10 Council Housing Policy Review

The Council Housing Policy was adopted by Council on 20 April 2022. Council officers conducted a review on the Policy.

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

That Council adopt the revised Council Housing Policy.

Minute No. 21/07A/23

Carried 7/0

5.11 LGAQ – Works for Queensland

The LGAQ have written to the Deputy Premier, Hon, Steven Miles MP advocating for a permanent allocation of \$100 million a year for Works for Queensland.

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

That Council endorse the Local Government Association of Queensland's call for Works for Queensland to be increased to \$100 million across 65 local government areas.

Minute No. 22/07A/23

Carried 7/0

5.12 LGAQ Call for Motions for the 2023 Annual Conference – Renewal of Quarry Sales Permits – Urgent State Government Action to Resolve the Unrealistic Demands of the Native Title Act 1993

The State Government, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries require Council to undertake a Native Title Assessment for renewals of quarry sales permits and where applicable negotiate Indigenous land use agreements.

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

That Council:

- 1. Receive the letter from Department of Agriculture and Fisheries dated 4 July 2023 regarding Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Quarry Sales Permit 132188; and**
- 2. Support the motion to the LGAQ 2023 Annual Conference, Renewal of Quarry Sales Permit – Urgent Government Action to Resolve the Unrealistic Demands of Native Title Act 1993.**

Minute No. 23/07A/23

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.50am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16th August 2023.

Signed.....Mayor