



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 20 May 2026

NOTICE OF MEETING

Cr AL Martin

Cr BP Johnstone

Cr JH Scobie

Cr DA Hardie

Cr GK Schluter

Cr AA Hart

Cr PW Skewes OAM

Please find attached the Agenda for the General Meeting to be held at the Tambo Council Chambers, Wednesday 20 May 2026 commencing at 9:00 am.

MJ Lollback

Chief Executive Officer

ORDINARY MEETING NOTICE

Notice pursuant to section 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The 2026 Ordinary Meetings of the Council will be held in the Council Chambers in Blackall and Tambo on the scheduled dates and times below:

21 January 2026	8.30am	Blackall
18 February 2026	8.30am	Blackall
18 March 2026	9am	Tambo
15 April 2026	8.30am	Blackall
20 May 2026	9am	Tambo
17 June 2026	8.30am	Blackall
15 July 2026	9am	Tambo
19 August 2026	8.30am	Blackall
16 September 2026	9am	Tambo
14 October 2026	8.30am	Blackall
18 November 2026	9am	Tambo
16 December 2026	8.30am	Blackall

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**January 2026**

1 January New Years Day
26 January Australia Day

March 2026

25-26 March Civic Leaders

April 2026

3 April – 6 April Easter
25 April ANZAC Day
26 April Queensland Music Trails - Tambo

May 2026

4 May Labour Day
12 May Climate Resilience Council Forum
26-28 May Bush Council Convention - Longreach

June 2026

23 June ALGA Regional Forum
24 –25 June ALGA NGA Conference - Canberra

October 2026

5 October King's Birthday

19-21 October LGAQ Annual Conference

November 2026

3 November Melbourne Cup Special Holiday

December 2026

24 December Christmas Eve

25 December Christmas Day

26 December Boxing Day

28 December Boxing Day Holiday

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday 20 May 2026

ITEM NO:

1.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Stage 2 of the Blackall Cultural Precinct

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Andrea Saunders Interim Assets & Major Projects
and Customer & Council Support Manager

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council recently tendered for the construction of Stage 2 of the Blackall Cultural Precinct. The tender process closed 14 April 2026.

Officer's Recommendation:**That Council:**

1. **Awards the tender for the construction of Stage 2 of the Blackall Cultural Precinct to Bridgeman; and**
2. **Awards the contract for superintendent services for the construction of Stage 2 of the Blackall Cultural Precinct to Lackon as they provide best value for money and the relevant experience and are appropriately licenced. Local Buy contract LB343 will apply; and**
3. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the terms and conditions of the contracts for the construction and superintendent services for Stage 2 of the Blackall Cultural Precinct.**

BackgroundConstruction Tender

The tender for the construction of Stage 2 of the Blackall Cultural Precinct for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council was conducted in accordance with section 228 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Tenders closed on 14 April 2026.

The Request for Tender was the second stage of the tender process with Expressions of Interest being sought from appropriately qualified contractor in December 2025. The expression of interest process attracted 6 submissions who were invited to tender for the construction of Stage 2. Three companies withdrew from the tendering process and three (3) comprehensive submissions were received.

The evaluation panel which consisted of the Mayor, Cr Peter Skewes OAM, the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Leadership Team reviewed all submissions and were supported by Council officers. The panel resolved to award the contract to Bridgeman.

Bridgeman demonstrated the ability to meet all requirements outlined in the scope of works within the tender documentation. Their submission was comprehensive and clearly addressed the needs of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council. The proposal emphasised strong communication and Workplace Health and Safety practices and a flexible approach to addressing local challenges.

Following a thorough assessment process, the evaluation panel determined that Bridgeman offered the best value for money in delivering the project for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

Superintendent Services

Due to the complexity of the project and after consultation with the relevant Council officers, it has been decided that it would be beneficial to engage an appropriately qualified and licenced organisation to undertake the superintendent services for the construction of Stage 2.

Quotes were sought by companies who fulfilled the requirements and two submissions were received.

The assessment panel determined that the best value for money, as per the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's Procurement and Disposal Policy and Council have a solid relationship with Lackon as they currently provide engineering services to the organisation.

Lackon will be engaged through the Local Buy contract LB343 Project Management and Superintendent Services and they hold the appropriate Queensland Building and Construction Commission licence

[Link to Corporate Plan](#)

Organisational Performance & Financial Sustainability

Financial Strength, Infrastructure & Projects - Commit to maintaining strong asset management, and fiscal sustainability.

Financial Strength, Infrastructure & Projects - Ensure that asset spend is aligned with the optimised maintenance, replacement and renewal of our asset base.

Financial Strength, Infrastructure & Projects - Deliver planned capital and operational projects in line with council, business and communities' needs.

[Consultation \(internal/external\)](#)

Chief Executive Officer

Councillors

Mayor

Acting Chief Financial Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Director of Lifestyle and Community

Director Organisational Performance

Interim Assets/Major Projects and Customer & Council Support Services Manager

[Policy Implications](#)

Procurement and Disposal Policy

[Budget and Resource Implications](#)

The project has been funded by a grant program.

[Risk Management Assessment](#)

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Funded project	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	The tender was conducted in accordance with the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> , Council's Procurement and Disposal Policy. The contract for construction will be drafted by Council's solicitors.	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	The tender process was open and transparent.	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

Proposed Risk Treatment

There is no negative risk to Council.

Human Rights Impact

Section 4(b) of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (the Act) requires public entities to act and make decisions in a way compatible with human rights. The Act requires public entities to only limit human rights in certain circumstances and after careful consideration. The human rights protected under the Act are not absolute. This means that the rights must be balanced against the rights of others and public policy issues of significance.

In the decision-making process, Council is to consider the 23 human rights:	
1. Recognition and equality before the law	2. Right to life
3. Protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment	4. Freedom from forced work
5. Freedom of movement	6. Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief
7. Freedom of expression	8. Peaceful assembly and freedom of association
9. Taking part in public life	10. Property rights
11. Privacy and reputation	12. Protection of families and children
13. Cultural rights – generally	14. Cultural rights – Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples
15. Right to liberty and security of person	16. Humane treatment when deprived of liberty
17. Fair hearing	18. Rights in criminal proceedings
19. Children in the criminal process	20. Right not to be tried or punished more than once
21. Retrospective criminal laws	22. Right to education
23. Right to health services	

Consideration has been afforded with regard to the 23 human rights and no human rights have been limited in the forming of the officer recommendation.

Attachments

Nil