



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2026 at 8:30 AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

Mr Mike Lollback, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Shalveen Dayal, Chief Financial Officer, Ms Alison Lamb, Director of Organisational Performance, Ms Jaimee-Lee Prow, Director of Lifestyle and Community, Mr Greg Nicholls, Group Manager Town and Rural Services, Mr Matthew Richardson, Group Manager Road Works, Ms Jodie Richardson, Group Manager People, Culture and Safety, Mr Dallas Kowald-Dawson, Fleet Supervisor, Mrs Kaylene Carroll, Accountant, Miss Tiffany Chapman, Executive Assistant and Minute Taker, Ms Rebecca Walsh, Administration Support Officer and Records Management, Ms Gayle Richardson, Customer and Council Support Officer, Building and Planning, Mr Gavin Rozen, Lakon Engineer.

Leave of Absence

Nil

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Tom Gleeson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Andrew Martin for item 8.2.1 Woolscour DA 25-2025-2026 - I Councillor Andrew Martin, inform the meeting that I have a material personal interest in item 8.2.1 Woolscour DA 25-2025-2026. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- Cr Andrew Martin is a Director and Financial Advisor of QWool.

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

Cr Boyd Johnstone for item 8.1.2 Community Grants Assessment – I Councillor Boyd Johnstone, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 8.1.2 Community Grants Assessment. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- Cr Boyd Johnstone is the Chair for the Blackall State School P&C 150 Years Celebration sub-committee.

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

1 Confirmation of the General Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Peter Skewes OAM

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 16 September 2026 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

GM 2026/10/816

Carried 7/0

At this point, 8.37 am, Cr Peter Skewes OAM left the meeting.

ITEM NO:

2.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Mayor's Information Report for September

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council receives the Mayor's report for the month September.

GM 2026/10/817

Carried 6/0

ITEM NO:

3.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Councillors' Information Report for September

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

That Council receives the Councillors' report for September.

GM 2026/10/818

Carried 6/0

At this point, 8.40 am, Cr Peter Skewes OAM returned to the meeting.

ITEM NO:

4.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Chief Executive Officer's September 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 and may include matters that are beyond the end of the previous month.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie**Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone****That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Information Report.****GM 2026/10/819****Carried 7/0**

ITEM NO:**4.2****SUBJECT TITLE:****Actions Arising from Council Meetings**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the actions arising from resolutions passed at previous Council meetings. This report aims to ensure transparency, track progress and identify any issues requiring further attention.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Alina Hart**Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter****That Council notes the progress of actions arising from previous Council meetings as detailed in the report.****GM 2026/10/820****Carried 7/0**

ITEM NO:**4.3****SUBJECT TITLE:****Operational Plan Quarterly Report - First Quarter 2026-2027**

A quarterly report on the Operational Plan provides advice to the Mayor and the Councillors of progress First Quarter (1 July to 30 September) towards delivering actions in the Operational Plan 2026-2027.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie**Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone****That Council receive the Operational Plan Quarterly Report for the First Quarter of 2026-2027 in accordance with Section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.****GM 2026/10/821****Carried 7/0**

ITEM NO:**5.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer**

The Chief Executive Officer will be absent from Monday 16 November 2026 to Monday 7 December 2026 inclusive and will out of Australia for a period of that time. In accordance with section 195(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 a local government may appoint a qualified person to act as the chief executive officer during the absence of the chief executive officer.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie**Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone**

That Council, in accordance with section 195(b) of the Local Government Act 2009, appoint Alison Lamb as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period Monday 16 November until Friday 04 December 2026 inclusive.

GM 2026/10/822

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 5.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Christmas Closure Period

Council traditionally closes for the period between Christmas and New Year.

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

That Council approve the Christmas closure period for 2026 as:

1. Council offices will close from 1pm Thursday, 24 December 2026 and reopen Monday, 4 January 2027; and
2. Council depots will close from close of business Wednesday, 16 December 2026 and reopen Monday, 4 January 2027.

GM 2026/10/823

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 5.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Council Meeting Dates for 2027

Section 257 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires local governments to meet at least once in each month and section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the meeting dates and places to be published.

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

That Council adopts the meeting dates for 2027 as follows and they be advertised as such:

20 January 2027
17 February 2027
17 March 2027
21 April 2027
19 May 2027
16 June 2027
21 July 2027
18 August 2027
15 September 2027
13 or 20 October 2027 (to be determined due to the 2027 LGAQ Conference)
17 November 2027
15 December 2027

GM 2026/10/824

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 5.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Operations Hours - Bank of Queensland Tambo

Tambo Bank of Queensland is currently operated by Council and provides banking services to the community. The branch is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with a daily closure from 1pm to 2pm. Council is reviewing the current operating hours.

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

That Council note and adopt the new Tambo Bank of Queensland (BOQ) operational hours:

- **Monday 9am to 4pm (Closed from 1pm to 2pm)**
- **Tuesday 9am to 1pm**
- **Wednesday 9am to 1pm**
- **Thursday 9am to 1pm**
- **Friday 9am to 4pm (Closed from 1pm to 2pm)**

To commence from Monday February 1, 2027.

GM 2026/10/825

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 6.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Financial Report for the month of September

In accordance with s204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a monthly financial report must be presented to the Council. The financial report for September details the Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2026-27.

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

That Council receives the Financial Report for September 2026.

GM 2026/10/826

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.12 am, Accountant, Mrs Kaylene Carroll joined the meeting.

ITEM NO: 6.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Fleet Report for the month of September

The Fleet Report provides information on the operation and serviceability of Council's fleet.

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

That Council receive the Fleet Report for September 2026.

GM 2026/10/827

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 6.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Saleyards Report for the month of September

The Blackall Saleyards Report provides an update on sale numbers and projects.

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

That Council receives the Saleyards report for September 2026.

GM 2026/10/828

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 6.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Assets and Major Projects Report for September

The update on projects is provided to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Boyd Johnstone Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council receive the Assets and Major Projects Report for September 2026.

GM 2026/10/829

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.30 am, Cr Boyd Johnstone left the meeting.

At this point, 9.32 am, Cr Boyd Johnstone returned to the meeting.

At this point, 9.33 am, Cr Peter Skewes OAM left the meeting.

ITEM NO: 7.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Purchase of New Plant

1. *Tenders were called for the purchase of 4 base model wagons to replace aging office fleet.*
2. *Tenders were called for the purchase of 3 base model Single cab 4x2 aluminium tray utilities to replace aging fleet.*
3. *Tenders were called for the purchase of 2 base model 4x4 Dual cab aluminium tray and canopy utilities to replace aging fleet*
4. *Tenders were called for the purchase of 2 base model 4x4 Dual cab steel tray utilities to replace aging fleet.*

MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes OAM Seconded: Cr Alina Hart

That Council:

1. **Accept the quotation from South West Ford to supply 4 new Nissan X-Trail wagons for \$167,760.00 (ex GST). These vehicles are preferred as they provide value for money, uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty.**
2. **Accept the quotation from South West Ford to supply 3 new Ford Ranger XL 4x2 single cab utilities for \$131,805.00 (ex GST). These vehicles are preferred as they provide value for money, uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty.**

3. **Accept the quotation from South West Ford to supply 2 new Ford Ranger XL 4x4 Dual cab aluminium canopy utilities for \$124,380.00 (ex GST). These vehicles are preferred as they provide value for money, uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty.**
4. **Accept the quotation from South West Ford to supply 2 new Ford Ranger XL 4x4 Dual cab steel tray utilities for \$139,060.00 (ex GST). These vehicles are preferred as they provide value for money, uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty.**

GM 2026/10/830**Carried 6/0**

At this point, 9.34 am, Cr Peter Skewes OAM returned to the meeting.

ITEM NO: 7.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Tender for Supply and Installation of Works for Qld Funded Kerb and Channeling for Blackall

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council recently tendered for the Work for Queensland funded Supply and Install of Kerb and Channelling for Blackall, with tenders having closed at 2pm on Monday 21st of September. There was one submission received.

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

That Council award the tender for the Work for Queensland funded, Supply and Install of Work for Qld funded Kerb and Channelling in four Blackall streets, being Bedford, St Andrews, Myrtle and Violet for \$402,970.43 (ex GST) and excludes all demolition and the removal and replacement of unsuitable subbase. NQES Industries Pty Ltd provides the best value for money and is a proven supplier.

GM 2026/10/831**Carried 7/0**

ITEM NO: 7.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Tender for Design and Construction Ramp A and Catwalk at the Blackall Saleyards

Council received five (5) tender submissions for the design and construction of Ramp A and Catwalk at the Blackall Saleyards. A panel has completed the assessment of tenders and recommended preferred supplier.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Boyd Johnstone Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That Council: Accept the Tender from PF Install Solutions Pty Ltd to design and construct Ramp A and Catwalk for the Blackall Saleyards as the preferred supplier for \$388,907.48 (ex GST).

GM 2026/10/832**Carried 7/0**

ITEM NO: 8.1.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Small Business Action Plan

The attached Small Business Action Plan 2026-2027 has been developed to meet Council's commitments under the Small Business Friendly Council Program and outlines a range of initiatives aimed at strengthening support for local businesses across the Blackall Tambo Region.

A key action proposed is the development of a "Working with Council Guide", designed to improve understanding of Council procurement processes, legislative requirements and contractor obligations. The guide responds directly to feedback from local businesses seeking greater clarity around opportunities to work with Council and is intended to encourage increased participation by local suppliers and contractors. Council endorsement is sought to adopt and submit the Action Plan and support implementation of its identified initiatives.

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

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Small Business Action Plan 2026 2027 as presented and endorse the submission of the Action Plan to the Small Business Friendly Council Commission; and**
- 2. Support the development and publication of the "Working with Council Guide" as a key initiative of the 2026-2027 Action Plan.**

GM 2026/10/833

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.39 am, Cr Boyd Johnstone left the meeting due to his prescribed conflict of interest in item 8.1.2 Community Grants Assessment.

ITEM NO: 8.1.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Community Grants Assessment

Round 1 of the 2026-2027 Community Grants Program attracted 13 applications from community groups and organisations across the Blackall-Tambo Region. Following assessment by the Grants Panel on 7 October 2026, eleven applications are recommended for approval, with a total funding allocation of \$59,807.93, leveraging community co contributions to deliver projects and activities with a combined community value of \$223,838.86.

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

That Council endorse the Community Grants Program Assessment Panel's recommendations and approve funding of \$59,807.93 under Round 1 of the 2026-2027 Community Grants Program to the eleven (11) successful applicants as detailed in this report.

GM 2026/10/834

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.42 am, Cr Boyd Johnstone returned to the meeting.

At this point, 9.43 am, Cr Andrew Martin left the meeting due to his personal material interest in item 8.2.1 Woolscour DA 25-2025-2026.

At this point, 9.43 am, Cr David Hardie assumed the Chair.

ITEM NO:**8.2.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Woolscour DA 25-2025-2026**

The Applicant, QWool Pty Ltd (QWool), seeks a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Special Industry (Wool scour facility) and Environmental Relevant Activities (ERA 40(2) and ERA 63 (1a)(i)) over land at 126 Evora Road, Blackall, formally described as Lot 2 on SP351530.

The proposal involves a Wool scour facility that will process up to 14,000 tonnes of Australian raw merino wool to produce up to 9,100 tonnes of scoured wool and 1,200 tonnes of wool grease. The Wool scour will have a gross floor area of approximately 13,800m². The proposal will be supported by a five-megawatt solar system and a wastewater treatment system. Access to the site will be via a new left and right turn from Evora Road.

Under the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020 (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is in the Rural Zone. The defined use that has been applied for, being a 'Special Industry', is subject to Impact Assessment in the Rural Zone.

A development application that is subject to Impact Assessment is assessed against the entire Planning Scheme and is required to be publicly notified for a minimum of 15 business days. During the public notification period, one (1) submission was received. The issues raised in the submission have been addressed in the decision report.

The proposal has been assessed against the entire Planning Scheme and is consistent with the intent of the zone and all other relevant assessment benchmarks.

The application required referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) for various state interests. SARA has issued its referral agency response subject to conditions relating to siting of the development and the extent of clearing.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Impact Assessment process articulated in the Planning Act 2016, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes OAM Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Blackall-Tambo Regional Council approves the application for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for a Special Industry (Wool scour facility) and Environmental Relevant Activities (ERA 40(2) and ERA 63 (1a)(i)) over land at 126 Evora Road, Blackall, formally described as Lot 2 on SP351530, subject to the following conditions:

1. PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

- 1.1. The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.
- 1.2. Where these conditions refer to "Council" in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.

- 1.3. All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council's satisfaction, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
- 1.4. The cost of all works associated with the construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
- 1.5. The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out for the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.
- 1.6. Unless otherwise stated, all works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.

2. APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

- 2.1. The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit:

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision Number	Date
Proposed Scour Plant for Qwool Evora Road Blackall Extended Plan Layout Initial	3706-GA-004 Sheet 02	S	-
Proposed Scour Plant for Qwool Evora Road Blackall Factory Precinct Initial	3706-GA-004 Sheet 03	S	-
Proposed Scour Plant for Qwool Evora Road Blackall Building Sections	3706-GA-004 Sheet 05	Q	-
Blackall Wool Scour Environmental Management Plan (Draft)	25011.1	1	23.02.26
Pavement Layout Sheet 1 of 2	250012-1/02	C	11.11.25

- 2.2. Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 3.1. Provide an updated Environmental Management Plan prior to the commencement of use. The Environmental Management Plan must be generally in accordance with the Blackall Wool Scour Environmental Management Plan (Draft), with reference 25011.1, revision 1 and dated 23 February 2026. The development is required to be carried out in accordance with the updated Environmental Management Plan.

A copy of the updated Environmental Management Plan is to be provided to Blackall Tambo Regional Council (admin@btrc.qld.gov.au) prior to the commencement of use.

4. ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION

- 4.1. Prior to commencement of any engineering works, a Development Permit for Operational Work must be obtained, where required, for the following engineering works:
 - 4.1.1. Road works, access and parking works
 - 4.1.2. Earthworks
 - 4.1.3. Stormwater works
- 4.2. For the submission, detailed design documentation must be provided and a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) must certify the engineering drawings and specifications for the engineering work.
- 4.3. An Engineer's Certificate of Construction must be signed and submitted to Council by a RPEQ verifying that all works have been carried out in accordance with the relevant standards, drawings, the development permit for operational works, and any specifications that result from the submission for engineering certification.

5. FENCING

- 5.1. Install a minimum 1.2m high fence to the entire property boundary of the site prior to the commencement of the use. The fence is to be installed at the applicant's cost.

6. ACCESS AND PARKING WORKS

- 6.1. Access to the site is to be via a basic left turn treatment (BAL) and basic right turn treatment (BAR) generally in accordance with the location shown on Pavement Layout Sheet 1 of 2, with reference 250012-1/2, revision C and dated 11 November 2025.
- 6.2. Design and construct the access to the site, at no cost to Council, in accordance with the approved plans (see Condition 2.1) and generally in accordance with the standards detailed in the Capricorn Municipal Development Guidelines (including Standard Drawings and Specifications, Construction Specifications and Procedures, Design Specifications and Purchase Specifications).
- 6.3. Provide and maintain a minimum of forty-five (45) car parking spaces on-site. All car parking spaces must be clearly delineated by either line-marking or signage.
- 6.4. Design and construct and maintain all car parking, service vehicle parking and manoeuvring areas in accordance with the approved plans (see Condition 2.1) and AS2890.1 – Parking Facilities and Austroads Publication AP-G34-13 – Austroads Design Vehicle and Turning Path Templates.
- 6.5. Install and maintain directional signage within the site to ensure the orderly and efficient movement of vehicles.

7. ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE

- 7.1. Discharge of all roof and allotment drainage such that it does not restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water or cause a nuisance to adjoining properties or infrastructure from the pre to the post-development condition.

8. STORMWATER WORKS

- 8.1. Undertake the development such that all stormwater, except for water captured on site, is to be drained from the site to a lawful point of discharge and carried without causing annoyance or nuisance to any person or property. All works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the Queensland Urban Drainage Manual.

9. SEWERAGE AND WATER

- 9.1. Prior to the commencement of use the premises must be provided with sewerage and water infrastructure that is suitable for the operation of the site.
- 9.2. Remove all redundant water supply and sewerage infrastructure, including but not limited to pipes and connection points.

10. TELECOMMUNICATION AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

- 10.1. The premises must be connected to electricity and telecommunication services in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.

11. WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 11.1. Store all waste within a waste storage area (for example, general waste, recyclable waste, pallets, empty drums etcetera). The waste storage area must be:
 - 11.1.1. Designed to not cause nuisance to neighbouring properties;
 - 11.1.2. Screened from any road frontage or adjoining property;
 - 11.1.3. Of a sufficient size to accommodate a waste bin/s suitable to service the development.

12. AMENITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 12.1. Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam soot, ash, wastewater, waste products, oil or otherwise
- 12.2. Install and operate all outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 "Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting".

13. LANDSCAPING

- 13.1. Establish and maintain infill landscaping to the northern boundary of the site.
- 13.2. The landscaping must predominantly contain species consisting of native, drought tolerant groundcovers, shrubs, small trees and trees.

14. SITE WORKS AND EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

- 14.1. Site works must be constructed such that they do not, at any time, in any way restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water, or cause a nuisance or worsening to adjoining properties or infrastructure.
- 14.2. Prepare and implement an Erosion and Sediment Control Strategy (ESCS) in accordance with the IECA Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control (as amended).
- 14.3. Implement the ESCS for the duration of the construction phase and until such time all exposed soils areas are permanently stabilised (for example, turfed, hydro mulched, concreted or landscaped).

15. ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 15.1. Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.

ADVISORY NOTES

- A. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer will be required to obtain further development permits for building work, and plumbing and drainage work, and potentially for operational work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.
- B. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.
- C. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and subordinate legislation prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
- D. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care").

At this point, 9.50 am, Cr Jane Scobie left the meeting

At this point, 9.50 am, Cr Andrew Martin returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

Change to the order of Business.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That the order of business be changed to discuss item 9.1.4 Youth Council Leadership Camp 2026 report

GM 2026/10/836

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.51 am, Cr Jane Scobie returned to the meeting

ITEM NO:

9.1.4

SUBJECT TITLE:

Youth Council Leadership Camp 2026

An overview of the Youth Council activities for the month of September.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Alina Hart

Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

That Council receives the Youth Council Mayor's report for September.

GM 2026/10/837

Carried 7/0

Adjournment:

At this point, 9.59 am, the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

Resumption:

At this point, 10.13 am, the meeting was resumed.

ITEM NO:

8.2.2

SUBJECT TITLE:

Blackall Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP)

In 2024 an application for funding was submitted for \$4.5M with council budgeting \$500,000.00 contribution towards the construction of a new Blackall Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP), in total \$5 million build. There have been significant price increases between 2023 and 2026 for steel and other materials, wages, transport and fuel which has contributed to the Blackall STP now requiring an additional \$3.5M, (a \$4M total contribution from Council) to fully construct and commission a new sewerage treatment plant.

The Water & Carbon Group were engaged through Local Buy contracts LB312 and LB298 under resolution GM 2026/02/596 item number 8.1.5 on 18 February 2026.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Boyd Johnstone

Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That having been briefed by Council staff on the Blackall Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) that council approve an additional \$3.5M contribution for the construction and commissioning of the new Sewerage Treatment Plant. This will mean a total contribution of \$4M to be contributed to the \$4.5M granted by the State Government.

GM 2026/10/838**Carried 7/0**

ITEM NO:**8.2.3****SUBJECT TITLE:****Drinking Water Quality Management Plan**

Council is required to review their Drinking Water Quality Management Plan every two (2) years and submit the updated plan to the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (Water Regulator) for assessment.

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

That council adopt the 2026 Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Service Provider No. 475 for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council as approved by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers on 23 September 2026.

GM 2026/10/839**Carried 7/0**

ITEM NO:**9.1.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Report for September**

The Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Operations report for September is presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes OAM**Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie**

That Council receive the Director of Lifestyle and Community Services report for September 2026.

GM 2026/10/840**Carried 7/0**

ITEM NO:**9.1.2****SUBJECT TITLE:****Group Manager of Community Policy and Programs Report for September**

The September Community Policy and Programs Operations Report covers activities across the Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program, Blackall and Tambo Libraries, Youth, Sport and Recreation, Visitor Information and Tourism, Small Business, Communication and Media.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Alina Hart**Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone**

That Council receive the Group Manager of Community Policy and Programs report for September.

GM 2026/10/841**Carried 7/0**

ITEM NO: 9.1.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Group Manager Community Access and Infrastructure Report for September

The Group Manager Community Access and infrastructure report for September 2026 is presented. The report includes Blackall Airport Operations; Mable; Tambo Lifestyle and Community Hub; NDIS Program; Blackall and Tambo Cemeteries and Council and Community Grants.

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

That Council receive the Group Manager Community Access and Infrastructure report for September.

GM 2026/10/842

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 9.2.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Organisational Performance Monthly Report for September

This report provides Council with an update for the Organisational Performance Department which includes an Executive Summary, the Blackall and Tambo Aquatic Centre Reports, Facility bookings, Snap Send Solve, Work Camp applications, Community Bus bookings, miscellaneous activities and outcomes.

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

That Council receives the Organisational Performance report for September.

GM 2026/10/843

Carried 7/0

At this point, 10.37 am, Cr Peter Skewes OAM left the meeting.

At this point, 10.39 am, Cr Peter Skewes OAM returned to the meeting.

ITEM NO: 9.2.2
SUBJECT TITLE: People, Culture & Safety Report for September

This report provides Council with an update of the People, Culture and Safety Department outcomes for September.

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

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

GM 2026/10/844

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 9.2.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Town and Rural Services Report for September

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

That Council receive the Town and Rural Services Report for September 2026.

GM 2026/10/845

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 9.2.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Roadworks Report for September

The Road Works report includes Transport & Main Roads (TMR) projects; Works for Queensland (W4Q); Residential Activation Funding (RAF) projects; Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA); Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) Work Package 3 funding projects; Flood Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Events and Visual Mapping of progressing works for August is presented to Council.

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

That Council receive the Road Works report for September 2026.

GM 2026/10/846

Carried 7/0

At this point, 10.57 am, Director of Lifestyle and Communities, Jaimee-Lee Prow left the meeting.

At this point, 11.03 am, Director of Lifestyle and Communities, Jaimee-Lee Prow returned to the meeting.

ITEM NO: 9.2.5
SUBJECT TITLE: Manager Environment, Health and Compliance Report for September

The Environment, Health and Compliance branch is a required, 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, quality drinking water and many other aspects of Council's service provision.

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

That the Environment, Health and Compliance September report be received.

GM 2026/10/847

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 9.2.6
SUBJECT TITLE: Planning and Development Report for September

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie

Seconded: Cr Alina Hart

That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for September.

GM 2026/10/848

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 11.22 am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on 18 November 2026.

Signed.....Mayor