



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2026 at 8:30 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr DA Hardie, Cr BP Johnstone, Cr GK Schluter, Cr AA Hart, Cr JH Scobie, 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, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Group Manager Corporate Services, Assets and Projects, Mrs Kaylene Carroll, Accountant, Miss Tiffany Chapman, Executive Assistant and Minute Taker, Miss Chloe Barnfield, Special Projects Officer, Miss Naomi Gruber, Customer and Council Support Officer and Work, Health & Safety Assistant.

Leave of Absence

Nil

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Rick Keith Kennedy – former Councillor of Tambo Shire Council
- Jonathan Wagner
- Laurence Kenneth Ryan
- Ronald Hayward
- Grahame Gibson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Boyd Johnstone for item 6.4 DA 03-2023-2024 Minor Change – Barcoo Retirement Village – I Councillor Boyd Johnstone, inform the meeting that I have a conflict of interest in item 6.4 DA 03-2023-2024 Minor Change – Barcoo Retirement Village. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- Cr Boyd Johnstone is the Vice President of the Barcoo Retirement Village Incorporated.

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

Cr Andrew Martin for item 9.2.7 Planning and Development Report for July – I

Councillor Andrew Martin, inform the meeting that I have a material personal interest in item 9.2.7 Planning and Development Report for July. The nature of my interest is as follows:

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

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

2 Confirmation of the General Meeting Minutes

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 July 2026 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

GM 2026/08/758

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO:

3.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Mayor's Information Report for July

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

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

GM 2026/08/759

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO:

4.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Councillors' Information Report for July

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr Peter Skewes OAM

That Council receives the Councillors' report for July.

GM 2026/08/760

Carried 6/0

At this point, 8.41 am, Cr Peter Skewes OAM left the meeting.

ITEM NO:

5.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Chief Executive Officer's July 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 Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Information Report for July.

GM 2026/08/761

Carried 6/0

ITEM NO: 5.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Actions Arising from Previous 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 David Hardie Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

That Council notes the progress of actions arising from previous Council meetings as detailed in the report.

GM 2026/08/762

Carried 6/0

ITEM NO: 5.3
SUBJECT TITLE: 2027 Land Valuation Program – Valuer-General

A letter dated 5 August 2026 has been submitted to Council regarding the 2027 Land Valuation Program.

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

That Council receives the letter from Valuer-General for the 2027 Land Valuation Program and notes the new land valuations will be issued 31 March 2027 and will take effect for rating purposes from 30 June 2027.

GM 2026/08/763

Carried 6/0

ITEM NO:	5.4
SUBJECT TITLE:	Recognition of Council Officers

This report provides Council with an opportunity to formally recognise and acknowledge the valuable contributions of Council officers who have demonstrated commitment, professionalism and willingness to support operational and community activities. Recognition is given to Greg Nicholls, Trevor Brown and Richard Donnelly for their assistance and support with the Work Camp and to Naomi Gruber for her dedication and assistance in animal management.

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

That Council notes, formally acknowledges and congratulates the following officers for their commitment:

- **Greg Nicholls for his assistance and support with the Work Camp program;**
- **Richard Donnelly for his assistance and support with the Work Camp program;**
- **Trevor Brown for his assistance and support to the Work Camp program; and**
- **Naomi Gruber for her assistance and dedication in the area of animal management.**

GM 2026/08/764**Carried 6/0**

ITEM NO:**6.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Local Disaster Management Group Meeting Minutes**

The Blackall – Tambo Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) held a meeting on Tuesday 3 June 2026.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Alina Hart**Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie**

That Council receive the unconfirmed minutes from the Local Disaster Management Group Meeting held on 3 June 2026.

GM 2026/08/765**Carried 6/0**

ITEM NO:**6.2****SUBJECT TITLE:****Meeting Procedures (Standing Orders) Policy Review**

The Empowering Councils legislative changes commenced on 1 July 2026 and resulted in conflict of interest framework changes for Councillors. The Department of Local Government updated their supporting resources for local governments which has triggered a review of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's Meeting Procedures (Standing Orders) Policy.

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

That Council adopt the revised Meeting Procedures (Standing Orders) Policy.

GM 2026/08/766**Carried 6/0**

ITEM NO:**6.3****SUBJECT TITLE:****Queensland Music Trails**

Queensland Music Trails have requested Council support to host events in the Blackall-Tambo region from 2027 to 2029. The proposal includes hosting the 2027 event in Blackall, the 2028 event in Tambo and the 2029 event in either town, as determined by Queensland Music Trails. Council is also being asked to provide a \$10,000 cash contribution and in-kind support for the 2027 event.

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

That Council:

1. Council approve the request from Queensland Musical Trails to have the 2027 event in Blackall; and
2. Council approve the request from Queensland Music Trails to have the 2028 event in Tambo; and
3. Council approve the request from Queensland Music Trails to hold the 2029 event in either Blackall or Tambo, as determined by QMT; and
4. Council approve the amount of cash contribution to the 2027 event as requested by QMT of \$10,000.00 plus In-Kind support.

GM 2026/08/767**Carried 6/0**

At this point, 9.23 am, Cr Boyd Johnstone left the meeting due to his conflict of interest in item 6.4 DA 03-2023-2024 Minor Change – Barcoo Retirement Village.

ITEM NO:**6.4****SUBJECT TITLE:****DA 03-2023-2024 Minor Change - Barcoo Retirement Village**

The Barcoo Retirement Village lodged a Minor Change application to increase the number of approved independent living units at the Barcoo Retirement Village from seven (7) to eight (8). Following Council's decision to defer consideration of the matter pending further inquiries, the President of the Barcoo Retirement Village Association advised the Chief Executive Officer that the application would be withdrawn.

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

That Council note the DA 03-2023-2024 Minor Change - Barcoo Retirement Village application has been withdrawn and future applications relating to the proposal will be considered without prejudice.

GM 2026/08/768**Carried 5/0**

At this point, 9.25 am, Cr Boyd Johnstone returned to the meeting.

ITEM NO:**7.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Financial Report for the month of July**

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

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

That Council receives the Financial Report for July 2026.

GM 2026/08/769**Carried 6/0**

At this point, 9.27 am, Cr Peter Skewes OAM returned to the meeting.

Adjournment:

At this point, 9.28 am, the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

Resumption:

At this point, 9.51 am, the meeting was resumed.

ITEM NO:	7.2
SUBJECT TITLE:	Fleet Report for the month of July

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

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

That Council receive the Fleet Report for July 2026.

<u>GM 2026/08/770</u>	<u>Carried 7/0</u>
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ITEM NO:	7.3
SUBJECT TITLE:	Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee Minutes of Meeting

The Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee meetings were held on 8 April 2026 and 3 August 2026.

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

That Council receive the confirmed minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee's meeting held on 8 April 2026 and the unconfirmed minutes of meeting held on 3 August 2026.

<u>GM 2026/08/771</u>	<u>Carried 7/0</u>
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ITEM NO:	7.4
SUBJECT TITLE:	2026 Interim Audit Report

Pursuant to section 213 of Local Government Regulation 2012, a copy of the interim report issued by the Queensland Audit Office is presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie Seconded: Cr Peter Skewes OAM

That Council receive the interim report from the Queensland Audit Office as presented.

<u>GM 2026/08/772</u>	<u>Carried 7/0</u>
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ITEM NO: 8.1.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Community Policies

As part of the ongoing policy reviews there are several policies which don't meet current procedures.

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

That Council retire the:

- 1. Youth Policy**
- 2. Library Policy**
- 3. Community Services Record Disposal Policy**
- 4. Community Services Policies and Procedures**

GM 2026/08/773

Carried 7/0

ITEM NO: 8.2.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Employee Conflict of Interest Policy Review

As part of Council's continuous policy review process the Employee Conflict of Interest Policy has been reviewed.

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

That Council adopt the revised Employee Conflict of Interest Policy.

GM 2026/08/774

Carried 7/0

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

The Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Operations report for May is presented to Council. The report includes Blackall Aerodrome; Libraries; Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program (Hub); Youth, Sport and Recreation; Tambo Lifestyle & Community Services (Hub); Tourism, Small Business, Communication and Media; Grasslands Gallery and Tambo Heritage Precinct.

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

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

GM 2026/08/775

Carried 7/0

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

The June 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 David Hardie

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

GM 2026/08/776

Carried 7/0

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

The Group Manager Community Access and infrastructure report for June 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 July.

GM 2026/08/777

Carried 7/0

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

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 July.

GM 2026/08/778

Carried 7/0

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

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

ITEM NO: 9.2.6
SUBJECT TITLE: Manager Environment, Health and Compliance Report for July

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, licensing, 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 Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr David Hardie

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

GM 2026/08/783

Carried 7/0

At this point, 12.08 pm, Cr Andrew Martin left the meeting due to his material personal interest in item 9.2.7 Planning and Development Report for July.
At this point, 12.08 pm, Cr David Hardie assumed the Chair.

ITEM NO: 9.2.7
SUBJECT TITLE: Planning and Development Report for July

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 Peter Skewes OAM Seconded: Cr Alina Hart

That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for July.

GM 2026/08/784

Carried 6/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Deputy Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on 16 September 2026.

Signed.....Mayor