



Blackall-Tambo

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING 15 March 2017



**Opening of the Grassland Gallery
Hugh Sawery Collection**

**Re-seal of the bridge in
Blackall**





**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017
COMMENCING AT 8.38AM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Cr AL Martin, Councillors; Cr PJ Heumiller, Cr GW Jarvis, , Cr PJ Pullos, Cr LP Russell, Cr BD Holdcroft, Cr BP Johnstone via teleconference.

OFFICERS:

Mr Chris Blanch, Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Minute Taker.

CONDOLENCES:

Tony Mametieff
Clement Robert Edward Richardson

The Council observed a minute's silence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

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Cr Russell declared that he had a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 26/03A/17, (*as defined in section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being a life member of the Tambo Polocrosse. I have determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead me to making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest of the whole Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

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Cr Pullos declared to have a real interest in this matter 27/03A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being a member of a syndicate and excluded herself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

Cr Johnstone declared to have a real interest in this matter 28/03A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being an employee of

one of the complainants and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 February 2017 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 01/03A/17

Carried

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:

Meeting with Senators in Canberra

ATTENDANCE:

Cr BP Johnstone joined the meeting at 8.45am via telephone.

NBN – Point to Point Project
Sport and Recreation Conference
Visit from David Murray
Attended TTBA AGM
Blackall businesses
Barcoo Independent launch
Barcoo Way
Fire engine shed
Road train route
Sports Club
Anzac memorial for Tambo
Power outages – Tambo
Blackall 150 year celebrations
Woolscour
Barcoo Retirement Village
Wild dog meeting
Organic Certification of Saleyard
Power at Western Sports Complex
Meeting regarding hospital
RADF
Clean up Australia
Sports clubs – cricket
Garden competition and flower show

BUSINESS ARISING:

Grader
Thistle Street auction

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

ATTENDANCE:

The DFCCS entered the meeting at 9.35am.

Cr Martin left the meeting at 9.36am and returned at 9.36am.

Financial Statements for the Month of February 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council receive the February 2017 Finance Report.”

Minute No. 02/03A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

The DFCCS left at 9.39am

Housing and Administration Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Housing and Administration report be received.”

Minute No. 03/03A/17

Carried

Council Facilities Bookings Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”

Minute No. 04/03A/17

Carried

Arts and Cultural Report February 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the Arts and Cultural Report be received.”

Minute No. 05/03A/17

Carried

Community Development Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Community Development report be received.”

Minute No. 06/03A/17

Carried

60s and Better Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the 60s and Better report be received.”

Minute No. 07/03A/17

Carried

Tambo Child Care Report

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

“That the Tambo Child Care report be received.”

Minute No. 08/03A/17

Carried

Shockwave Report February 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Shockwave February 2017 report be received.”

Minute No. 09/03A/17

Carried

Tambo Library and Tourist Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Library and Tourist report be received.”

Minute No. 10/03A/17

Carried

Blackall Library Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Blackall Library report be received.”

Minute No. 11/03A/17

Carried

Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park report be received.”

Minute No. 12/03A/17

Carried

Ranger Coordinator’s Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Ranger Coordinator’s report be received.”

Minute No. 13/03A/17

Carried

Blackall Aerodrome Report

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

“That the Blackall Aerodrome report be received.”

Minute No. 14/03A/17

Carried

Work Health and Safety Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Work Health and Safety Report be received.”

Minute No. 15/03A/17

Carried

Corporate Services Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Manager of Corporate Services report be received.”

Minute No. 16/03A/17

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9.55am for morning tea.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting was resumed at 10.20am.

The Director of Works and Services Report for February 2017 was presented

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Director of Works and Services Report be received.”

Minute No. 17/03A/17

Carried

Environmental Health Officer Report February 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Environmental Health Report February 2017 be received.”

Minute No. 18/03A/17

Carried

Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report 2016/17

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

“That the Blackall Saleyards Report be received.”

Minute No. 19/03A/17

Carried

Matilda Way Memorandum of Understanding

The Matilda Way Committee has been set up to update and promote the Matilda Way as a premier tourist route in Australia.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin** **Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

“That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign the Matilda Way Memorandum of Understanding.”

Minute No. 20/03A/17

Carried

St Joseph’s Easter Fete

St Joseph’s Primary School P & C are holding their annual Easter Fete on 24 March and are seeking assisting with waiving of fees for various Council items.

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

“Council agree to sponsor St Joseph’s Primary School Easter Fete by waiving hire fees on tables and chairs, extra bins, jumping castle, generator and bunting.

Minute No. 21/03A/17

Carried

Angel Flight – Blackall and Tambo Aerodromes

Angel Flight have contacted Council for fees to be waived.

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

“That Council waive all airport landing fees and charges for Angel Flight.”

Minute No. 22/03A/17

Carried

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ATTENDANCE:

Cr Johnstone left the meeting at 10.35am.

**Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Commercial Activities
(Catering Premises and Shop) Described at Lot 2 on Plan RP 61255,
Applicant: Boyd Johnstone**

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council approve the application for Material Change of Use for Commercial Activities as per the planning report prepared and verified by Ken Ryan & Associates and Lou Scarpato Futureproof Strategies as part of the Local Government Planning Alliance.”

Minute No. 23/03A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting at 10.37am.

Blackall Anzac Day Commemoration 2017

Assistance has been requested for a range of items for the 24th and 25th of April.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council provide the requested assistance for the 2017 Anzac Day activities and any fees be waived.”

Minute No. 24/03A/17

Carried

Related Party General Policy

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council must produce annual financial statements that comply with Australian Accounting Standards. From 1 July 2016 the Australian Accounting Standards Board has determined that “Related Party Disclosures” will apply to government entities, including local governments.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council adopts the Related Party General Policy.”

Minute No. 25/03A/17

Carried

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Tambo Polocrosse 2017 New Zealand Challenge

Tambo Polocrosse Club are hosting a major polocrosse event with competitors from around Australia and New Zealand in May 2017. They are seeking sponsorship for the event.

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

"That Council agree to provide \$1500.00 sponsorship for the 2017 New Zealand challenge polocrosse event in Tambo to be allocated as the committee sees fit."

Minute No. 26/03A/17

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

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ATTENDANCE:

Cr Pullos left the meeting at 10.47am.

Cr Holdcroft left the meeting at 10.47am

Wild Dog Sub-committee Meeting 24 February 2017

The W-DOG sub-committee held round one of assessing applications on 24 February 2017 where 4 applications were received and assessed. A total of \$25,000 was allocated by the sub-committee.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

"That Council endorse the decisions of the Wild Dog Sub-Committee."

Minute No. 27/03A/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Pullos returned to the meeting at 10.48am.

Cr Holdcroft returned to the meeting at 10.48am.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cr Johnstone declared to have a real interest in this matter 28/03A/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being an employee of one of the complainants and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Johnstone left the meeting at 10.55am.

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 11.00am and returned at 11.03am.

Proposal for a New Hospital in Blackall

Following recent media stories, letters to the editors and complaints received from two residents about Council's views and actions on the proposed new hospital for Blackall, there has been a request from correspondents for clarification on the Council's position.

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

- “1. Council re affirm its support for the Central West Health Boards actions in attempting to gain funding for a new hospital in Blackall.**
- 2. That Council encourage the local community to support the Health Board by demonstrating overwhelming community support for the new hospital.**
- 3. That Council continue to interact and consult with the local community, to correct misinformation and present facts as provided to us.**
- 4. That Council endorse the actions already taken on this issue including statements to the media and letters to various organisations and individuals.**
- 5. That Council continue to lobby the health board to consult with Council and the community on future Blackall G.P. services if they are successful with funding for a new hospital.”**

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting at 11.05am.

Ergon Energy LED Street Project – Thistle Street

For Council's information.

MOVE INTO COMMITTEE:

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

At 11.08am the meeting moved into committee to discuss the official complaint and finding against Mayor.

Official Complaint and Finding against Mayor

For Council's information.

MOVED OUT COMMITTEE:

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

At 11.41am the meeting moved out of committee and the general meeting was resumed.

2016-2017 Building Our Regions Supplementary Round 2 for Remote & Indigenous Councils

Council's submission to the Department of State Developments' Building Our Regions supplementary round for Blackall's Pathway to Health project was selected to progress to the detailed application stage.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

"That Council endorse the submission for the full application to the Building Our Regions Supplementary Round for the Blackall's Pathway to Health project providing \$60,000.00 co-contribution and in-kind support of \$21,135.00 and is committed to the ongoing management and maintenance of this infrastructure."

Minute No. 29/03A/17

Carried

St Joseph's Centenary Committee

As part of St Joseph's centenary celebration in July this year they are having a display of historic and photographic material. They would like to borrow the display boards from the Cultural Centre.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

"Council permit St Joseph's school to borrow the display boards from the Cultural Centre for their photographic display and waive normal hire fees."

Minute No. 30/03A/17

Carried

Tambo Tennis Coaching

Tennis Queensland are hosting coaching courses in Tambo from 10 to 12 March 2017.

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

"That the Chief Executive Officer's actions in waiving of fees for Council equipment for the Tennis Queensland coaching clinics in Tambo be endorsed."

Minute No. 31/03A/17

Carried

Regional Arts Development Programs – Round 3 (2016-2017)

MOTION: Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

"That Council receive the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee and endorse the Committee's recommendations to fund the applications totalling \$20,670.00."

Minute No. 32/03A/17

Carried

Regional Arts Development Program – 2017/2018 Council Contribution

Council is required to provide co-contribution to enable the leveraging of funds from Arts Queensland via an annual application process.

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

"That Council provides a co-contribution of \$25,000 for the 2017-2018 RADF program to enable the leveraging of up to \$50,000 from Arts Queensland."

Minute No. 33/03A/17

Carried

White Goods – Blackall Racecourse

The Blackall State School P & C have written to Council asking if provision could be made in the budget to purchase a glass door fridge and pie warmer at the Blackall racecourse canteen.

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That a new pie warmer be purchased and housed at the racecourse canteen and funding be allocated in the 2017/2018 budget for a new 2 door glass drinks fridge.”

Minute No. 34/03A/17

Carried

Community Housing Policy 2013

BTRC purchased all stock from the Department of Communities in 2016, Council is now the owner of the stock and as such is responsible for all policies and procedures governing the allocation of these buildings.

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council retire the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Community Housing Policy 2013 – Administration 36; which has no relevance to the governance of housing stock identified in Council’s Asset Management Register.”

Minute No. 35/03A/17

Carried

Retiring of Policy – Caretaker Period 2012 Protocol

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council retire the Caretaker Period 2012 Protocol, Statutory Number 6 as the Local Government Act 2009, Local Government Regulation 2012 clearly defines the process and provisions required for protocols relating to the Caretaker Period.”

Minute No. 36/03A/17

Carried

Corporate Wardrobe and Uniform Policy 2011

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That Council retire the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Corporate Wardrobe and Uniform Policy Administration 3 due to its integration with the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Personal Protective and Uniform Policy 2016.”

Minute No. 37/03A/17

Carried

Environmental Policy 2012 – Statutory 34

MOTION: Moved: Cr GW Jarvis Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council retire the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Environmental Policy 2012 – Statutory 34 as all elements of the Policy are legislated in the Sustainable Planning Act 2009; Environmental Protection Act 1994; Environmental Protection Regulation 2008; Local Government Act 2009; Vegetation Management Act 1999; and other Legislation relating to environmental and ecological sustainability.”

Minute No. 38/03A/17

Carried

Blackall Tambo Local Disaster Management Plan

The BTRC Disaster Management Plan has been completed and approved by the local disaster management group and the district disaster management group. To comply with the act, Council is required to endorse the new plan. Once adopted the plan will be available on Council’s web page.

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council adopt the revised Blackall-Tambo Disaster Management Plan as tabled.”

Minute No. 39/03A/17

Carried

Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (3 into 2 lots) – and Easement Access.

Described as Lot 1 on Plan RP603950, Lot 2 on Plan RP603951, Lot 3 on RP603951 and Lot 2 on RP605624

Applicant: Hoffman Surveyors Pty Ltd

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

“The applicant for reconfiguring a lot (3 into 2 lots) and Access Easement is approved as per Planning Report prepared and verified by Ken Ryan & Associates and Lou Scarpato Futureproof Strategies as part of the Local Government Planning Alliance.”

Minute No. 40/03A/17

Carried

Blackall Saleyards Agent Agreement

Each year Council signs off on an agreement with the Blackall Livestock Auction Association outlining conditions for the good management and conduct of operations at the Blackall Saleyards.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council approve the 2017 Blackall Saleyards Agents agreement and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign on Council’s behalf.”

Minute No. 41/03A/17

Carried

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr AL Martin declared the Meeting closed at 12.00pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19 April 2017.

Signed:.....Mayor