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General Meeting 19 July 2017



Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Nursery



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 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.

OFFICERS:

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

DEPUTATIONS:

Debbie Hall
Geoff Peach

CONDOLENCES:

Vincent (Gordon) Prow
Brett Houston

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

Cr Heumiller declared an interest in this matter, minute number 34/07B/17, (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to him receiving an income from the Saleyards, and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being debated and the vote taken.

Cr Russell declared that he had a perceived conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 36/07B/17 (*as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009*) as his wife is a member of the committee. 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.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

"That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 June 2017 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same."

Minute No. 01/07B/17

Carried

COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:

- Gym opening
- Toilet blocks
- Insurance on Council buildings

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Martin left the meeting at 8.45am and returned at 8.46am.

- UHF system
- Meeting with Blackall Rodeo
- Organic Sale
- TTBA meeting postponed
- Garden show meeting postponed.
- Request to hold Council meeting at Scrubby Creek
- Astronomical and Ray Ryder
- GenWest
- Apologies from Cr Pullos for events over the next month and August Council meeting.
- Anti ICE campaign
- Tambo pool – fixing up disabled toilet
- Property signage
- Mini garden festival
- Blackall 150 celebrations – Heartland will be part of the festival

ATTENDANCE:

The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting at 8.59am and returned at 9.00am.

- Black Stump revamp
- Tambo Sports Club
- Meeting with various sports clubs in Tambo
- Tambo Bridge
- Barcoo Race Club – stalls
- Book launch – Red Ridge
- Heartland meeting
- Tourism Strategy workshop
- Barcoo Way
- GenWest and Blue Light
- RAPAD – digital strategy; employment services; website

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

ATTENDANCE:

Debbie Hall from Sport and Recreation entered the meeting at 9.29am and addressed Council on her role within the department and funding eligibility.

Council Facilities Bookings Report

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

“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”

Minute No. 05/07B/17

Carried

Arts and Cultural Report June 2017

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

“That the Arts and Cultural Report be received.”

Minute No. 06/07B/17

Carried

Community Development Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr LP Russell Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the Community Development report be received.”

Minute No. 07/07B/17

Carried

Tambo Multipurpose Centre – June 2017 Report

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

“That the Tambo Multipurpose Centre June 2017 report be received.”

Minute No. 08/07B/17

Carried

60s and Better Report

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

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

Minute No. 09/07B/17

Carried

Tambo Child Care Report

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

“That the Tambo Child Care report be received.”

Minute No. 10/07B/17

Carried

GenWest Report June 2017

MOTION: Moved: Cr AL Martin

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the GenWest report June 2017 be received.”

Minute No. 11/07B/17

Carried

Blackall Library Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr BP Johnstone

Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the Blackall Library report for June 2017 be received.”

Minute No. 12/07B/17

Carried

Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

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

Minute No. 13/07B/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Geoff Peach from South West Wireless entered the meeting at 10.55am to address Council regarding internet services in the Blackall-Tambo region.

The CEO left the meeting at 10.56am.

Andrea Saunders left the meeting at 10.57am.

The CEO returned at 10.59am.

Andrea Saunders returned at 11.00am.

Cr Pullos left the meeting at 11.27am and returned at 11.31am.

Cr Holdcroft left the meeting at 11.54am and returned at 11.54am.

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Geoff Peach left the meeting at 12.10pm.

South West Wireless Presentation

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

- “1. That Council dispense with normal tendering processes to engage South West Wireless to deliver fast internet subscription services to the Blackall-Tambo region based on the facts that the intellectual property for the service is owned by them and from a regional standpoint they have already introduced the service to the neighbouring councils of Barcaldine, Longreach and Emerald.
2. That Council retain ownership of the towers and other infrastructure built to deliver the service.
3. That Council negotiate with South West Wireless a commission or subscriptions to be paid to Council to be utilised for future upgrades and replacement of infrastructure.
4. That South West Wireless operate, manage, maintain and hold full ownership and responsibility for the service they provide.
5. That the administration liaise with South West Wireless, N-Com and state emergency services on the best type of tower and equipment to be utilised for all three services and if required the new UHF towers be upgraded with funding from the grant.”

Minute No. 14/07B/17

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

At 12.25pm the meeting adjourned for luncheon.

RESUMPTION:

At 1.15pm the meeting was resumed.

Tambo Library and Tourist Information Centre Report

MOTION: Moved: BD Holdcroft Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That the Tambo Library and Visitor Information report be received.”

Minute No. 15/07B/17

Carried

Ranger Coordinator's Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

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

Minute No. 16/07B/17

Carried

Blackall Aerodrome Report

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

“That the Blackall Aerodrome report be received.”

Minute No. 17/07B/17

Carried

Work Health and Safety Report

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

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

Minute No. 18/07B/17

Carried

Corporate Services Report

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

“That the Corporate Services report be received.”

Minute No. 19/07B/17

Carried

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

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

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

Minute No. 20/07B/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. 21/07B/17

Carried

Environmental Health Officers Report

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That the Environment Health Officers Report be received.”

Minute No. 22/07B/17

Carried

Organic Licensing – Blackall Saleyards

Goodwood Pastoral Company has written to Council as he would like to send one thousand weaners to our yards. He has asked if Council would consider writing off normal charges as he would heavily promote the sale as being organic and at the Blackall Saleyards.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council contribute \$3000.00 towards the cost of promoting the sale as publicity for achieving organic accreditation at the Blackall Saleyards with the funds being paid to the owner of the stock to offset advertising costs.”

Minute No. 23/07B/17

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

At 1.50pm the meeting was adjourned for a short break.

RESUMPTION:

At 2.00pm the meeting was resumed.

Barcoo Groove Dance Club

Barcoo Groove Dance Club are seeking Council assistance with a range of materials and equipment for their concert to be held at the Barcoo River bridge rest area.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council provide the requested assistance to the Barcoo Groove Dance Group at no charge for their dance concert to be held on the 15th of October 2017.”

Minute No. 24/07B/17

Carried

Blackall Bowls Club Assistance

The Club is run by a committee of volunteers and have requested assistance from Council to offset their insurance this year.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller**

Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That Council make a one-off donation to the Blackall Bowls Club of \$3773.80 to offset the cost of their annual insurance.”

Minute No. 25/07B/17

Carried

Local Government Infrastructure Plan

As required by Section 21 of the Planning Act 2016 the Council requires the Minister to approve the public advertising of the LGIP. As the document will replace the priority infrastructure plan in place for Blackall and Tambo and the draft plan in the Draft Planning Scheme it is proposed to advertise both the LGIP and the Planning Scheme in tandem. Council is also required to adopt a resolution for the LGIP to be forwarded to the State Government for review.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council adopts a resolution to:

- (i) To forward the Local Government Infrastructure Plan to the State Government for review.**
- (ii) Seeks the Ministers approval to publicly advertise both the Local Government Infrastructure Plan and the Planning Scheme.”**

Minute No. 26/07B/17

Carried

Blackall State School Catering

The state school catered for the Blackall Campdraft event held on the 24th and 25th June 2017 and requested that Council waive hire fees on the mobile BBQ and cold room.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That the Chief Executive Officers actions in waiving hire fees for the mobile BBQ and cold room for the Blackall State School be endorsed.”

Minute No. 27/07B/17

Carried

Procurement Policy

Section 198 of the Local Government Regulation requires Councils to adopt a procurement policy and it must be reviewed annually.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr AL Martin**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council adopts The Procurement Policy.”

Minute No. 28/07B/17

Carried

Holidays Act 1983

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft**

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That Council make application to the Minister for gazettal of public holiday for the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area on Tuesday 6th November 2018

for the Melbourne Cup – full day and that if a race meeting for the Blackall 150 year celebrations is able to be held on Wednesday 29th August 2018 that a submission be made to the Minister for a half day holiday.”

Minute No. 29/07B/17

Carried

Development Permit for Material Change of Use – Tourist Facility and Visitor Accommodation – Historic Woolscour

An application has been received for the proposed development on the Woolscour, conserving the existing fabric of the site and upgrading the facilities.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the application for Material Change of Use – Tourist Facility and Visitor Accommodation – Historic Woolscour prepared and verified by Lou Scarpato, Futureproof Strategies, as part of the Local Government Planning Alliance is approved.”

Minute No. 30/07B/17

Carried

Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (2 into 2 lots)

An application has been received for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (2 into 2 lots) described at Lot 5 on TA228160 and Lot 12 on TB41. The applicants are Simon and Christine Campbell.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the application for Reconfiguring a Lot (2 into 2 lots) is approved 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. 31/07B/17

Carried

Agistment of Council Property

The Director of Nursing at the Tambo Primary Health Centre has asked Council if there would be a possibility of agisting the block owned by Council in Charles Street Tambo.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

“That Council allow Marsha Clark, the Director of Nursing at the Tambo Primary Health Centre, to fence and agist the area provided the survey pegs are preserved.”

Minute No. 32/07B/17

Carried

Blackall Race Club – Barrier Starting Stalls

The Barcoo Race Club are asking if Council can assist by providing funds to help them replace the sixty year old barrier starting stalls at the Blackall racetrack.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That if the Barcoo Race Club is successful in obtaining funds to replace the starter barrier stalls at the Blackall racetrack, Council agree to contribute a third of the cost to a maximum of \$30,000.00.”

Minute No. 33/07B/17

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

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ATTENDANCE:

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 2.11pm.

Blackall Saleyards – Liveweigh Facility Tender

Tenders for the supply and installation of a new liveweigh facility closed 12 noon 28th June 2017. Three tenders were received.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft

“That the tender from PF Install Solutions (Stafford Adamson) for \$1,055,827.25 be accepted.”

Minute No. 34/07B/17

Carried

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Heumiller returned to the meeting at 2.13pm.

Blackall State School – Bus Hire

Blackall State School have hired the Council bus to take students to compete in the Central West Athletics Carnival in Longreach on Wednesday 19th July 2017 and have asked Council to waive the fees.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

“That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officers actions in waiving bus hire fees for the Blackall State School sports carnival.”

Minute No. 35/07B/17

Carried

Tambo Tourism and Business Association Inc.

The TTBA have written to Council suggesting that a themed pedestrian crossing be established on the main street outside Tambo Teddies to provide photograph opportunities.

“That the matter be carried over to the next meeting to obtain further information.”

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Blackall Heartland Festival

The Heartland Festival are organising a concert for Friday 20th October 2017 and have asked Council if they could waive the fees for the town hall to be used for rehearsals.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

“That Council agree to waive hall hire fees for the Blackall Heartland Festival rehearsal.”

Minute No. 36/07B/17

Carried

Geo Thermal Power Generation Concept

The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning have written to Council advising that Council's application for a feasibility study for geo-thermal power is eligible for future assessment.

“For Councils information.”

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr AL Martin declared the Meeting closed at 2.33pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 16 August 2017.

Signed:.....Mayor