



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2018  
COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors; Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr LP Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cr PJ Heumiller, Cr BP Johnstone, Cr PJ Pullos, Cr BD Holdcroft, Cr GW Jarvis.

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Chris Blanch, Chief Executive Officer, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

**CONDOLENCES:**

Dorothy May Prow  
Peter Womersley  
Jim Frousheger

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cr Heumiller declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 33/09A/18 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as Cr Heumiller's wife is a member of the Blackall Pony Club, and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote is taken.

Cr Martin declared a real conflict of interest in these matters, minute numbers 35/09A/18 & 36/09A/18 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as Cr Martin's wife is a member of the ICPA Association, and excluded himself from the meeting while the matters are debated and the votes taken.

Cr Jarvis declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 40/09A/18 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to being a Committee member of the Tambo Golf Club, and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote is taken.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr LP Russell

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

**"That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 August 2018 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same."**

**Minute No. 01/09A/18**

**Carried**

**MOTION: Moved: Cr BP Johnstone      Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

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**“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”**

**Minute No. 04/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Arts & Cultural Report**

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

**“That the Arts & Cultural report be received.”**

**Minute No. 05/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Community Development Report**

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

**“That the Community Development report be received.”**

**Minute No. 06/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Tambo Multipurpose Centre – August 2018 Report**

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

**“That the Tambo Multipurpose Centre August 2018 report be received.”**

**Minute No. 07/09A/18**

**Carried**

**60s and Better August 2018 Report**

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

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

**Minute No. 08/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Shockwave Report August 2018**

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

**“That the Shockwave report August 2018 be received.”**

**Minute No. 09/09A/18**

**Carried**

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**Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report**

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

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

**Minute No. 10/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Tambo Child Care Report**

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

“That the Tambo Child Care report be received.”

**Minute No. 11/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Tambo Library and Tourist Report**

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

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

**Minute No. 12/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Blackall Library Report**

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

“That the Blackall Library report for August 2018 be received.”

**Minute No. 13/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Youth Report**

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

“That the youth report for August 2018 be received.”

**Minute No. 14/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Ranger Coordinator’s Report – August 2018**

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

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

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**Minute No. 15/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Blackall Aerodrome Report**

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

“That the Blackall Aerodrome report be received.”

**Minute No. 16/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Work Health and Safety Report**

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

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

**Minute No. 17/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report 2018/19**

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

“That the Blackall Saleyards Report be received.”

**Minute No. 18/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Community and Organisational Capacity Report**

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

“That the Community and Organisational Capacity Report be received.”

**Minute No. 19/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Director of Environmental Health Report August 2018**

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

“That the Director of Environmental Health Report be received.”

**Minute No. 20/09A/18**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:**

The Director of Works and Services entered the meeting at 9.12am

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**Barcoo Retirement Village – Bushmans Gallery**

The Barcoo Retirement Village have funded the renovation and improvement of the Bushmans hotel which will impact their ability to carry out improvements of units occupied by local seniors.

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

**“That Council donate \$30,000.00 to the Barcoo Retirement Village Committee from the community assistance fund to offset the cost of renovations to the Bushmans gallery.”**

**Minute No. 21/09A/18**

**Carried**

**The Director of Works and Services Report for August 2018 was presented**

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

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

**Minute No. 22/09A/18**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:**

The Director of Works and Services left the meeting at 9.21am.

**Late Agenda Item**

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

**“That Council consider the late agenda item.”**

**Minute No. 23/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Barcoo Retirement Village and Maclean Place**

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

**“That Council agree in principle to relocate Banks Park to the river parkland joining the pathway to health pending information from the Department of Natural Resources and negotiations about dealing with the existing public toilets and legalities with gifting the land to the Barcoo Retirement Village and obtaining agreement from the Banks family.”**

**Minute No. 24/09A/18**

**Carried**

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**Appointment of Tourism and Events Manager**

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

**“That Council move into committee to discuss staffing issues.”**

**Minute No. 25/09A/18**

**Carried**

**MOVE INTO COMMITTEE:**

At 9.36am the meeting moved into committee to discuss staff matters.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 9.37am.

Cr Heumiller entered the meeting at 9.39am.

**MOVE OUT OF COMMITTEE:**

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

At 11.10am, the meeting moved out of committee and the general meeting was resumed.

**Minute No. 26/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Amendment**

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

**“That upon the completion of the Digital Marketing exercise currently being undertaken by OQ Assist, BTRC discuss the various options for event management, promotion and marketing within the region.”**

**The amendment was put and carried.**

**The amendment became the substantive motion and was again put and carried.**

**Minute No. 27/09A/18**

**Carried**

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**Complaints about the Chief Executive Officer**

The Crime and Corruption Commission has advised that Council under section 48A of the Crime and Corruption Act 2001 needs to update its current policy regarding complaints about the Chief Executive Officer.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr GW Jarvis**

**Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

**“That Council adopts “Complaints about the Chief Executive Officers Policy”.**

**Minute No. 28/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Blackall Cemetery Memorial Wall**

Council has received correspondence from several relatives of family buried in unmarked graves at the Blackall cemetery. There has been requests that Council construct a wall similar to the one at Ram Park so that plaques can be purchased and attached to it.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

**Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

**“That Council supports the idea of the Blackall cemetery memorial wall and that \$15,000.00 be included in items for consideration in the 2019/20 budget.”**

**Minute No. 29/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Central West Health – My Health for Life**

Central West Health are holding free health programs for Tambo residents and have requested that hire fees for the Tambo hall be waived.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

**“That Council endorse the actions of the Chief Executive Officer in waiving hire fees for the Tambo hall for Central West Health to run health programs during 2018.”**

**Minute No. 30/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Remission of General Rates – Blackall Clay Target Club Inc**

The Blackall Clay Target Club Inc has made an application for assistance with general rate charges for 2018/2019.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

**Seconded: Cr BD Holdcroft**

**“That Council donate \$1802.00 to the Blackall Clay Target Club Inc to offset general rate charges in 2018/2019.”**



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**Minute No. 31/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Blackall Cultural Association – Hire of Bus**

The Blackall Cultural Association have asked for assistance with bus hire fees for their trip to the Barcaldine Art Exhibition on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller**

**Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

**“That Council endorse the actions of Chief Executive Officer in waiving bus hire fees for the Blackall Cultural Association trip to Barcaldine.”**

**Minute No. 32/09A/18**

**Carried**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cr Heumiller declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 33/09A/18 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as Cr Heumiller’s wife is a member of the Blackall Pony Club, and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is being and the vote is taken.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 11.22am.

**Remission of General Rates – Blackall Pony Club**

The Blackall Pony Club has made an application for assistance with general rate charges for 2018/2019.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr BD Holdcroft**

**Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

**“That Council donate \$3,026.00 to the Blackall Pony Club to offset general rate charges in 2018/2019.”**

**Minute No. 33/09A/18**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Heumiller entered the meeting at 11.23am.

**Remission of General Rates – Queensland Country Women’s Association – Blackall Branch**

The Queensland Country Women’s Association – Blackall Branch has made an application for assistance with general rate charges for 2018/2019.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr GW Jarvis**

**Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

**“That Council donate \$850.00 to the Queensland Country Women’s Association – Blackall Branch to offset general rate charges in 2018/2019.”**

**Minute No. 34/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Drought Support Package**

The Federal Government has announced a drought support package for small rural towns of up to \$1Million. The Minister would like Councils to start thinking of potential projects for the funding.

**For Councils information.**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cr Martin declared a real conflict of interest in these matters, minute numbers 35/09A/18 & 36/09A/18 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as Cr Martin’s wife is a member of the ICPA Association, and excluded himself from the meeting while the matters are debated and the votes taken.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Martin left the meeting at 11.32am.

**ICPA Qld – Distance Eligibility Variation**

The ICPA have written to Council seeking support to lobby the Minister for Transport to provide similar support for secondary students as provided to primary school students in areas classified as isolated.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

**“That Council write to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads asking for the distance eligibility allowance available for primary school children to be applied to secondary school children and that the matter be forwarded as an agenda item to the Western Queensland Local Government Association annual conference.”**

**Minute No. 35/09A/18**

**Carried**

**ICPA – Transport Allowance**

The ICPA have written to Council seeking support to lobby the Department of Transport to review what they believe is an unfair application of conveyancing allowances for rural and remote school students.

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

**“That Council write to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads asking for the conveyance allowance to be reviewed and the issue be forwarded as an agenda item to the Western Queensland Local Government Association annual conference.”**

**Minute No. 36/09A/18**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Martin entered the meeting at 11.34am.

**Blackall 150 Receipts and Expenditure for 2018/2019 Budget Year as at 5 September 2018**

For Councils information.

**CMCA Solos' Network**

The organising committee for the CMCA Solos' Network have been in town making arrangements for their stay at the Blackall Showgrounds in May 2019.

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

**“That Council provide facilities and amenities if available for the event and waive normal hire fees. A refundable \$500.00 bond will be applied.”**

**Minute No. 37/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Indoor Sports Centre**

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

**“That Council grant permission for the site to be utilised as an indoor facility, that the applicant be asked to do a story with the local paper to explain the cricket club intentions and funding assistance be looked at through drought assistance and W4Q programmes.”**

**Minute No. 38/09A/18**

**Carried**

**Barcoo Pastoral Society – Blackall Annual Show**

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

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**“Council donate \$20,000.00 to the Barcoo Pastoral Society to purchase marquees and banners funded from either Councils community assistance fund or if eligible the drought assistance grant.”**

**Minute No. 39/09A/18**

**Lost**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cr Jarvis declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 40/09A/18 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) due to being a Committee member of the Tambo Golf Club, and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote is taken.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Jarvis left at 11.51am.

**Remission on General Rates – Tambo Golf Club**

The Tambo Golf club has made an application for assistance with general rate charges for 2018/2019.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr    GW Jarvis**                      **Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

**“That Council donate \$680.00 to the Tambo Golf Club to offset general rate charges in 2018/2019.”**

**Minute No. 40/09A/18**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Jarvis entered the meeting at 11.52am.

**Heart of Australia**

The Heart of Australia program visits Blackall on a monthly basis and requested assistance from Council for their monthly travel costs.

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

**“That Council donate \$2,500.00 from community assistance to the Heart of Australia program to help with monthly travel expenses.”**

**Minute No. 41/09A/18**

**Carried**

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**Remission on General Rates – Blackall Bowling Club**

The Blackall Bowling Club has made an application for assistance with general rate charges for 2018/2019.

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

**“That Council donate \$1530.00 to the Blackall Bowling Club to offset general rate charges in 2018/2019.”**

**Minute No. 42/09A/18**

**Carried**

**CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr Andrew Martin declared the Meeting closed at 12.05pm.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 October 2018.

Signed:.....Mayor