



# **Blackall-Tambo** **Regional Council**

**CONFIRMED MINUTES  
GENERAL MEETING  
17 April 2019**



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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2019  
COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alastair Rutherford, DFCCS, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

**CONDOLENCES:**

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

- Stephanie Ord
- Elizabeth Fry
- Scott Sargood
- Glenda Hunter
- David Hughes

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cr Heumiller declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 22/04A/19 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as he is a member of Blackall Magpies and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote taken.

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Cr Martin declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 40/04A/19 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as he is the chair of Red Ridge and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote taken.

Cr Pullos declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 41/04A/19 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as she is a member of Regional Arts Development Fund committee and excluded herself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote taken.

Cr Johnstone declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 41/04A/19 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as he is a member of Regional Arts Development Fund and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote taken.

**Confirmation of Minutes:**

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr Jarvis**

**“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 20 March 2019 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”**

**Minute No. 01/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIOS:**

Alpha-Tambo Road – completion of the sealing of the road.  
Sport of Recreation meeting – discuss different avenues for the towns.  
WQLGA Annual Conference - Longreach  
Magpies – Club of the year  
Fundraiser for jersey sale raise money for heart bus.  
Hospital public meeting – using local tradespeople.  
Tourists being affected by children riding motor bikes on land opposite to the river camp area.

**ATTENDANCE:**

The DFCCS left the meeting at 8.45am and returned at 8.46am

**COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO CONT:**

Footpath to hospital starting to split.  
Blackall Saleyard sign in Tambo towards Augathella has fallen apart.  
Tambo Station - horse drawn wagon being offered to Council for restoration.  
CAN meeting in Tambo.  
Distribution of Australia Day Award certificates to associations.  
Comedy Gala.  
Campdraft dates have changed.  
QANTAS meeting – changes to fee schedule.  
CWHHS – community seemed happy. Original specs are different to current specs.  
Size of Black Stump Medical Centre is smaller also. Use of hibiscus in the gardens surrounding the new hospital.  
\$750K for feasibility study into use for old hospital.

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Banks Park revamp – possible formation of a sub-committee.  
Trees at the cemetery.  
East West flights

## **REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

### **Financial Statements for the Month of March 2019**

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

“That Council receive the March 2019 Finance Report.”

**Minute No. 02/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **Housing and Administration Report**

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

“That the Housing and Administration report be received.”

**Minute No. 03/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **Council Facilities Bookings Report**

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

“That the Facilities Booking Report be received.”

**Minute No. 04/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **Arts & Cultural Report**

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

“That the Arts & Cultural report be received.”

**Minute No. 05/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **Community Development Report**

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

“That the Community Development report be received.”

**Minute No. 06/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Tambo Multipurpose Centre – March 2019 Report**

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

**“That the Tambo Multipurpose Centre March 2019 report be received.”**

**Minute No. 07/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Tambo Child Care – March 2019 Report**

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

**“That the Tambo Multipurpose Centre March 2019 report be received.”**

**Minute No. 08/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**60s and Better March 2019 Report**

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

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

**Minute No. 09/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

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

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

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

**Minute No. 10/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Youth Report March 2019**

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

**“That the Youth Report for March be received.”**

**Minute No. 11/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Tambo Library and Tourist Report**

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

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

**Minute No. 12/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Blackall Library Report**

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

“That the Blackall Library report for March 2019 be received.”

**Minute No. 13/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Blackall Aerodrome Report**

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

“That the Blackall Aerodrome report be received.”

**Minute No. 14/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Ranger Coordinator’s Report – March 2019**

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

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

**Minute No. 15/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Work Health and Safety Report**

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

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

**Minute No. 16/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

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

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

“That the Blackall Saleyards Report be received.”

**Minute No. 17/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Environmental Health Services Report**

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

**“That the Environmental Health Services Report be received.”**

**Minute No. 18/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**The Director of Works and Services Report for March 2019 was presented**

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

**Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

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

**Minute No. 19/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **Portable Stage**

A request has been made for Council to purchase a portable stage that could be used for various functions around the region.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone**

**Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

**“That \$20K for portable staging be included in items for consideration in the 2019/2020 budget.”**

**Minute No. 20/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **Barcoo Pastoral Society Annual Show**

The annual Blackall Show will be held on 3-4 May 2019 and the Barcoo Pastoral Society have requested that all fees be waived for the event.

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

**Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

**“That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer’s actions in waiving hire fees for venues and equipment for the 2019 annual Barcoo Pastoral Society Show.”**

**Minute No. 21/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cr Heumiller declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 22/04A/19 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as he is a member of Blackall Magpies and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote taken.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

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Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 9.45am.

### **Blackall Magpies 2019 Fixtures**

The Blackall Magpies Senior Rugby League have requested that Council waive hire fees for games and training nights.

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

**“That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer’s actions in waiving ground hire charges for the Blackall Magpies home games and training.”**

**Minute No. 22/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Heumiller returned to the meeting at 9.45am.

### **CWHHS – Consumer Advisory Network**

The Central West Hospital and Health Service hold a Consumer Advisory Network meeting on the second Tuesday of each month and have requested that the hire fees for the Cultural Centre be waived.

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

**“That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer’s actions in waiving hire fees for the monthly meetings of the CWHHS Consumer Advisory Network meetings in 2019.”**

**Minute No. 23/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **Jindaboonda Postie Trek**

The Jindaboonda Postie Trek are a charity event that raise money for cancer research and will be at the Blackall showgrounds on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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

**“That Council endorse the actions of the Director of Finance Corporate and Community Service in waiving hire fees for the use of the showgrounds on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019 by the Jindaboonda Postie Trek.”**

**Minute No. 24/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**



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**Blackall Cultural Association Inc – 2019 Annual Art Exhibition and Competition**

The Blackall Cultural Association Inc are requesting sponsorship from Council for the 2019 Annual Art Exhibition and Competition.

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

**“That Council approve of \$2000.00 sponsorship to the Blackall Cultural Association for the 2019 Annual Art Exhibition and Competition.”**

**Minute No. 25/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Remission on General Rates – Barcoo Country Cricket Club**

The Barcoo Country Cricket Club has made an application for assistance with general rate charges for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 financial years.

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

**“That Council waive general rates and interest charges totalling \$5514.09 on behalf of the Barcoo Country Cricket Club for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 financial years.”**

**Minute No. 26/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Blackall Show – Fireworks Sponsorship**

The Barcoo Pastoral Society has written to Council asking if we would be prepared to sponsor the fireworks display at the 2019 show.

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

**“That Council providing \$3300.00 funding to the Barcoo Pastoral Society to sponsor the 2019 fireworks display at the Blackall Show be endorsed.”**

**Minute No. 27/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Procurement and Disposals Policy**

The Local Government Regulations 2012 requires a Local Government to review its procurement policy annually.

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

**“That Council adopts the attached Procurement and Disposals Policy.”**

**Minute No. 28/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cr Pullos declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 29/04A/19 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as she is a member of the Tambo Tourism and Business Association and excluded herself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote taken.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Pullos left the meeting at 9.56am.

**Tambo Tourism and Business Association Inc**

The Tambo Tourism and Business Association Inc is requesting financial and in-kind support for the Tambo bi-annual Teddy Bears Picnic to be held in September 2019.

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

**“That the Tambo Tourism and Business Association be asked to submit an application for assistance when the applications open to the public; so that all applications are able to be considered at the same time. Noting that the Drought Relief Fund which has previously funded said events is now exhausted and this funding will be coming directly from Council.**

**That Council approves of in-kind support in the form of the printing of letters, grant applications, and advertising material to assist the Tambo Tourism bi-annual Teddy Bears Picnic.”**

**Minute No. 29/04A/19**

**Carried 5/0**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 10.08am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

**RESUMPTION:**

At 10.31am the meeting was resumed.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Pullos was at the meeting once it resumed.

Mr Rutherford was not at the meeting at resumption.

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### **Order of Business**

That the order of business be changed to agenda item (s) Appointment of Councillor to Fill Vacancy.

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

“That the order of business be changed to agenda item.”

**Minute No. 30/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **MOVE INTO COMMITTEE:**

At 10.31am the meeting moved into committee to discuss nominations for the vacant Councillor position.

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

“Council move into Committee to consider nominations for the vacant Councillor position.”

**Minute No. 31/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **MOVE OUT OF COMMITTEE:**

At 10.52am the meeting moved out of committee and the general meeting was resumed.

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

**Minute No. 32/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **Appointment of Councillor to Fill Vacancy**

Nineteen nominations were received for the Councillor position.

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

“Following a secret ballot conducted in committee Council has voted to appoint Jane Scobie to fill the Councillor vacancy under sections 161, 162, 163 and 166 of the Queensland Local Government Act 2009.”

**Minute No. 33/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

### **Move Back to Normal Order of Business**

The order of business was moved back to the normal order of business.

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

**“That the meeting move back to the order of business.”**

**Minute No. 34/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**National Farmers Federation – Support for National Class 1 Agriculture Vehicle and Combination Notice**

The NFF have been lobbying government to provide sensible laws allowing agricultural machinery to enter and exit roads in the performance of their business.

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

**“That Council write a letter support the NFF efforts to introduce safe sensible legislation to allow farm machinery to enter road networks to carry out their functions without the necessity for excessive permits and licenses.”**

**Minute No. 35/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

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**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 11.04am.

Cr Russell left the meeting at 11.05am.

**Blackall Magpies Senior Rugby League - Change Rooms**

The football club would like to replace the current change rooms with a new larger facility and have requested financial assistance from Council.

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

**“That Council place \$200K to add to the clubs \$100K in items for consideration in the 2019/2020 budget.”**

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**Minute No. 36/04A/19**

**Carried 4/0**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Heumiller and Cr Russell returned to the meeting at 11.08am.

**Remission on General Rates – The Scrubby Creek Sports Club Inc.**

The Scrubby Creek Sports Club Inc. has made an application for assistance with general rate charges for 2018/2019.

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

**“That Council donate \$647.50 to The Scrubby Creek Sports Club Inc to offset rate charges in 2018/2019.”**

**Minute No. 37/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Wild Dog Fencing**

Exclusion fencing could assist with multiple aspects for local graziers.

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

**“That the Council investigate options, to put forward to landholders and broader community, for consideration regarding the implementation of a scheme to assist with an exclusion fencing program for the shire ratepayers.”**

**Minute No. 38/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**Finalisation of Draft Blackall-Tambo Planning Scheme**

The BTRC draft planning is nearing completion.

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

**“That the administration’s actions be endorsed and that the department be asked to present the draft plan in person to Council and that Council acknowledge the works done by department officers in preparation of the plan and the significant savings to Council who otherwise would need to have engaged consultants.”**

**Minute No. 39/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

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Red Ridge and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote taken.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Martin left the meeting at 11.44am.

**CW Premier Gala Fashion Show**

There is to be fashion show of creatively designed clothing being held on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 and the organisers are requesting Council assistance.

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

**“That Council agree to provide the assistance requested and waive hire fees for the CW Premier Gala Performance in Blackall.”**

**Minute No. 40/04A/19**

**Carried 5/0**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Martin returned to the meeting at 11.44am.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:**

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Cr Johnstone declared a real conflict of interest in this matter, minute number 41/04A/19 (as defined in Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009) as he is a member of Regional Arts Development Fund and excluded himself from the meeting while this matter is debated and the vote taken.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Pullos and Cr Johnstone left the meeting at 11.45am.

**Regional Arts Development Program – Quick Response (2018-2019)**

Applications were invited for a quick response round for the 2018-2019 year with applications closing on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Three applications were received and the Committee elected via email to support the three projects.

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

**“That Council endorse the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee’s recommendations to fund the applications totalling \$4,120.00.”**

**Minute No. 41/04A/19**

**Carried 4/0**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Pullos and Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting at 11.47am

The DFCC entered the meeting at 11.47am.

**Review of Operational Plan**

Section 174 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires Council to review their Operational Plans every three months.

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

**“That Council receive the reviewed Operational Plan for the quarter ending 31 March 2019.”**

**Minute No. 42/04A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

**CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr Andrew Martin declared the Meeting closed at 11.54am.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 May 2019.

Signed:.....Mayor