



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2019  
COMMENCING AT 8.50 AM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**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:

- Gary Vincent Welldon
- Jennifer Marie Russell
- Kevin Schurmann

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

**Cr Russell for item 4.1.2** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Internal Audit Committee (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I have been nominated as a member. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.”

**Cr Johnstone for item 4.1.2** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Internal Audit Committee (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I have been nominated as a member. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.”

**Cr Martin for item 5.3** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Tambo Arts Council – Sculpture Installation at the Grassland Gallery (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I am a member of the Tambo Arts Council. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.

**Cr Pullos for item 5.3** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Tambo Arts Council – Sculpture Installation at the Grassland Gallery (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I am a member of the Tambo Arts Council. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.

**Cr Russell for item 5.3** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Tambo Arts Council – Sculpture Installation at the Grassland Gallery (as defined in the Local

Government Act 2009) as I am a member of the Tambo Arts Council. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.

**Cr Johnstone for item 5.8** – “I declare that I have a perceived conflict of interest in the Blackall Regional Poultry and Caged Bird Club (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I may be a member. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter and I will not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.”

**Cr Scobie for item 5.15** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (2 into 2 lots) (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I am an employee of the Barcoo Retirement Village. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.”

**Cr Johnstone for item 5.15** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (2 into 2 lots) (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I am a member of the Barcoo Retirement Village Committee. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of sufficient significance that it could lead me to making a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.

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**1.1. Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes:**

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

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 May 2019 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

**Minute No. 01/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**1.2. Confirmation of the Special Meeting Minutes:**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr JH Scobie      Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller

“That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 31 May 2019 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

**Minute No. 02/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Martin left the meeting at 8.57am and returned at 8.58am.

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#### **4.1.1 Financial Statements for the Month of May 2019**

The Finance Report for May 2019 is presented to Council.

**MOTION:**     **Moved: Cr JH Scobie     Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

**“That Council receive the May 2019 Finance Report.”**

**Minute No. 03/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.2 Internal Audit Committee**

The Queensland Audit Office strongly suggest that Council establish an Internal Audit Committee.

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

- “i.     That Council resolves to establish an Internal Audit Committee that complies with the Local Government Regulation 2012.**
- ii.     That Council resolves to appoint Walsh Accounting as Council’s internal auditor for a term of three years.**
- iii.     That Council resolves to appoint Councillor Lindsay Russell as Chairperson and Councillor Boyd Johnstone as a member of the Internal Audit Committee.**
- iv.     That Council resolve to approve the appointment of an external member to the Committee who has significant experience and skills in financial matters.**
- v.     That Council resolves to appoint the DFCCS and the MOF as members of the committee.**
- vi.     That Council resolves to include \$19,800.00 including GST in the 2019/2020 budget.”**

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

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.3 Sale of Land for Overdue Rates**

There are three residential properties which have outstanding rates and charges for at least three years, one commercial property with outstanding rates and charges for at least one year and one vacant lot with outstanding rates and charges for at least one year.

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

**“That under Section 140(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolve to sell Lot 29 on B13832, Lot 2 on RP867766, Lot 506 on T1501, Lot 8 on B13856 and Lot 1 on RP607613.”**

**Minute No. 05/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.4 Tambo Bore – Application for a QTC Loan**

An application to the QTC for funding of the capping of the existing bore and installation of a new bore in Tambo.

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

“That Council resolves to make an application to the Queensland Treasury Corporation for a loan of \$900,000.00 to be used specifically to fund the capping of the existing bore and the installation of a new bore in Tambo.”

**Minute No. 06/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.5 DFCCS Operations Report – May 2019**

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for May 2019 is presented to Council.

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

“That Council received the DFCCS Operations Report for May 2019.”

**Minute No. 07/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.6 Arts & Cultural Report – May 2019**

The arts and cultural report is provided to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Arts and Cultural Report for May 2019.”

**Minute No. 08/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.7 Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report – May 2019**

The Blackall Visitor Information and Ram Park report for May 2019 is provided to Council.

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

“That Council receives the Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park report for May 2019.”

**Minute No. 09/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.8 Community Development Report – May 2019**

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The Community Development Report is provided to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Community Development Report for May 2019.”

**Minute No. 10/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.9 Ranger Coordinator’s Report – May 2019**

The Ranger Coordinator’s report is provided to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Ranger Coordinator’s report for May 2019.”

**Minute No. 11/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.10 Tambo Tourism Strategy**

The draft tourism strategy is provided to Council.

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller                      Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council receive the Tambo Tourism Strategy for consideration.”

**Minute No. 12/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report**

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for May 2019 is provided to Council.

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

“That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for May 2019.”

**Minute No. 13/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.3 Community and Organisational Capacity Report – May 2019**

The Community and Organisational Capacity report is provided to Council.

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr JH Scobie                      Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council receive the Community and Organisational Capacity Report for May 2019.”

**Minute No. 14/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

#### **4.3.1 Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Standing Orders Policy**

The Standing Orders Policy supports local governments with a set of rules to conduct their meetings in an orderly way.

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

**“That Council adopts the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Standing Orders Policy as presented.”**

**Minute No. 15/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.4 Environmental Health Officer’s Report**

The Environmental Health Officer’s report is provided to Council.

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

**“That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer’s report.”**

**Minute No. 16/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **ATTENDANCE:**

The Director of Works and Services entered the meeting at 9.28am.

#### **4.5.1 The Director of Works and Services’ Operations Report**

The Director of Works and Services’ report is presented to Council.

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

**“That Council receives the Director of Works and Services’ Operations report for May 2019.”**

**Minute No. 17/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.5.2 Bitumen on Avington Road**

There has been a request to Council to have a section of road on the Avington Road sealed.

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

**“That Council consider if they will seal a one kilometre section of the Avington Road at the Avondale signpost with the R2R program.”**

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**Minute No. 18/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.5.3 Work Health and Safety Report**

There have been no major health and safety issues for the month of May 2019.

**MOTION:**     **Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller     Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

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

**Minute No. 19/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.1 Councillor Information Bulletin**

From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a list of items sent to Councillors in the Councillor Information Bulletin up to and including 12 June 2019.

**MOTION:**     **Moved: Cr GW Jarvis                             Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**“That the report be received.”**

**Minute No. 20/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.2 Mental Health First Aid Training**

The Central West Hospital and Health Service are conducting first aid training at the Blackall Cultural Centre on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and are seeking Council assistance with the waiving of hire fees for the facility.

**MOTION:**     **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos                             Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**“That Council endorse the CEO’s actions in waiving hire fees for the CWHHS first aid training at the Blackall Cultural Centre.”**

**Minute No. 21/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point Cr Pullos, Cr Russell and Cr Martin left the meeting and Cr Johnstone resumed the chair.

**5.3 Tambo Arts Council – Sculpture Installation at the Grassland Art Gallery**

The Tambo Arts Council are seeking permission from Council to install a metal sculpture at the entrance to the Grassland Art Gallery.

**MOTION:**     **Moved: Cr JH Scobie                             Seconded: Cr PJ Heumiller**

**“That Council agree to the installation of a metal sculpture at the entrance to the Grassland Art Gallery.”**

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**Minute No. 22/06B/19**

**Carried 4/0**

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At this point Cr Martin, Cr Russell and Cr Pullos returned to the meeting. Cr Martin resumed the chair.

**Order of Business**

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

**“That Council hold over item 5.4 to later in the meeting.”**

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**Minute No. 23/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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This item was discussed after item 5.12.

**5.4      OQ Assist – Digital Ready Program**

In July 2018 the management group for the Digital Communication and Tourism project decided to appoint OQ Assist to undertake the project.

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller                      Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

**“That Council receive the OQ Assist project findings report for the Digital Ready Program.**

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**Minute No. 24/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this time OQTA representatives left the meeting.

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**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Heumiller left the meeting at 9.50am and returned at 9.51am.

This item was discussed after item 5.3.

**5.5      LGAQ Annual Conference – Call for Motions**

The Local Government Association of Queensland are calling for motions for debate at the annual conference on 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Submissions will be open from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**Council are to decide on motions for debate and these are to be put to the general meeting on 17 July 2019.**

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**5.6      LGGSP - Rural Emergency Services Property Identification Signage Project**



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The Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs has approved Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's application under the 2019-21 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program.

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

**“That Council receive the letter from the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs and the money be spent under scope in the application.”**

**Minute No. 25/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.7      Barcaldine Regional Council Boundary Realignment**

The Barcaldine Regional Council previously wrote to Council regarding a boundary realignment so two properties would wholly be in either shire.

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

**“That Council endorse the letter sent to Barcaldine Regional Council agreeing to the boundary realignment with land parcel L10 MX814407 wholly in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area and L1 RP617241 wholly in the Barcaldine Regional Council area.”**

**Minute No. 26/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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Cr Johnstone declared a perceived conflict of interest in item 5.8 and took no part in the debate or vote.

**5.8      Blackall Regional Poultry and Caged Bird Club**

Council has received a letter from the Blackall Regional Poultry and Caged Bird Club asking if they can place a shipping container at the showgrounds for storage of their equipment.

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

**“That Council will allow the Blackall Regional Poultry and Caged Bird Club to place a shipping container at the showgrounds in consultation with management.”**

**Minute No. 27/06B/19**

**Carried 6/0**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 10.00am the meeting adjourned for morning tea.

**RESUMPTION:**

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At 10.39am the general meeting was resumed.

**5.9 Central West Region Pest Management Group**

The Central West Region Pest Management Group held a meeting in February.

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

**“That Council ratify the decision of the Mayor and CEO to commit \$1000.00 to the State Oversight Group and note that Cr Martin has been elected as chair and \$10,000.00 be allocated in the 2019-2020 year for seed funding for the Central West Region Pest Management Group, and note that Mr Neil McDonnell is Council’s representative on the Central West Region Pest Management Group leadership group.”**

**Minute No. 28/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.10 Delegations of Powers and Appointment of Authorised Persons Policy**

The Delegations of Powers and Appointment of Authorised Persons Policy outlines Councils requirements under the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012.

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

**“That Council adopt the Delegations of Powers and Appointment of Authorised Persons policy.”**

**Minute No. 29/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.11 Register of Delegations – Council to Chief Executive Officer**

Under section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 Delegations of local government powers may, by resolution, delegate a power under the Local Government Act 2009 or another Act to the chief executive officer.

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

**“That all powers referred to in the “Register of Delegations – Council to Chief Executive Officer” are hereby delegated by Council to the Chief Executive Officer of Council pursuant to Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009. Where a matter may be contentious, controversial or otherwise warrants consideration by the Council, the CEO shall not act or exercise any delegated power or function to that matter.”**

**Minute No. 30/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point Peter Homan, Bruce Wallace and Sally Bird from OQTA entered the meeting.

#### **5.12 Construction of New Artesian Bore in Tambo**

Tender documents for the construction of a new bore in Tambo were emailed to twelve tenderers by George Bourne and Associates. Tenders were not invited for the full 21-day period as the undertaking of the proposed works is a genuine emergency.

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

**Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

**“That Council endorse the actions of the Chief Executive Officer in accepting the tender from Daly Bros Pty Ltd to construct a new artesian bore in Tambo.”**

**Minute No. 31/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **5.13 Office of the Independent Assessor**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 Council received correspondence from the Office of the Independent Assessor regarding an anonymous complaint.

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

**Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

**“That Council receive the letter from the Office of the Independent Assessor regarding an anonymous complaint that allege two councillors did not display openness and transparency when participating in a secret ballot to vote for a new incoming councillor, and note that the OIA delegate made the decision to dismiss the complaint on the basis that it was not considered to be inappropriate conduct or misconduct, as per Section 150X(a)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2009. Advice from the DLGRMA confirmed that the councillors followed the correct process.”**

**Minute No. 32/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **5.14 Letter of Support – Mobile Breast Cancer Clinic**

An associate professor of Breast Cancer research, is soliciting support letters from specific regional Councils, assisting in the approval of grant funding applications submitted in relation to a ‘Mobile Breast Cancer Clinic’.

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

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**“That Council endorse the Mayor’s actions to provide a letter of support on behalf of Council and discuss an agreed upon location with power and water for the mobile clinic to utilise.”**

**Minute No. 33/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point Cr Scobie and Cr Johnstone left the meeting.

**5.15    Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (2 into 2 lots)  
Change Application for a 'minor change' under section 81 of the Planning Act 2016  
Described as Lot 1 on SP159849 & Lot 2 on RP904226  
Applicant: Blackall-Tambo Regional Council  
Zone: Commercial**

There is a change application for the previous application for a 'minor change' for the development permit, reconfiguring a Lot (2 into 2 lots) at Banks Park due to the encroachment over the boundary by the fire station.

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

**"The change application for a 'minor change' for the Development permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (2 into 2 lots) is approved and accords with the requirements of the Planning Act 2016 as per the planning report prepared and verified by Ken Ryan & Associates Pty Ltd."**

**Minute No. 34/06B/19**

**Carried 5/0**

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At this point Cr Scobie and Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting.

**5.16    2020 Special Holidays Nomination**

The Office of Industrial Relations is requested nominations from local governments for 2020 special holidays.

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

**"That Council nominate the Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 3 November 2020 as the Blackall-Tambo regional show holiday."**

**Minute No. 35/06B/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr Andrew Martin declared the Meeting closed at 11.59am.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 17 July 2019.

Signed:.....Mayor