



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2019  
COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant, Xenobia Martin, Assistant Trainee.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

**Cr Pullos for item 4.1.11** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Regional Arts Development Program – Round 2 (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I am a member of the committee. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of significance that it could lead me to make a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.”

**Cr Johnstone for item 4.1.11** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Regional Arts Development Program – Round 2 (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I am a member of the committee. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of significance that it could lead me to make a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.”

**Cr Heumiller for item 4.1.7** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Blackall Amateur Swimming Association (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as my wife is the president of the committee. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of significance that it could lead me to make a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.”

**Cr Martin for item 4.1.3** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Arts and Cultural Report – November 2019, OQ Assist digital project (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as I am the chair of OQTA. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of significance that it could lead me to make a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.”

**Cr Martin for item 4.1.11** – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Regional Arts Development Program – Round 2 (as defined in the Local Government Act 2009) as my wife is a member of the committee. I have determined that this conflict of interest is of significance that it could lead me to make a decision on the matter. I will be dealing with this conflict of interest by leaving while this matter is debated and voted on.”

**CONDOLENCES:**

Jack Keith Russell

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

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

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

**Minute No. 01/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

Cr Martin left the meeting at 8.36am and returned at 8.36am.

**4.1.1 Financial Statements for the Month of November 2019**

The Finance Report for November 2019 is presented to Council.

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

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

**Minute No. 02/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – November 2019**

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

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

**“That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for November 2019.”**

**Minute No. 03/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.1.3 Arts & Cultural Report – November 2019**

The arts and cultural report is provided to Council.

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

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

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

**Carried 7/0**

Cr Martin left the meeting at 8.45am while discussions were undertaken regarding the OQ Assist project. Cr Russell assumed the chair.

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**OQ Assist**

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

“That Council

1.      takes no further part in the OQ Assist digital project and therefore makes no further payment to OQ Assist; and
2.      the relevant contract and surrounding material with OQ Assist be reviewed with regards to potentially seeking reimbursement from OQ Assist for failure to deliver contracted services.”

**Minute No. 05/12A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

At 8.57am Cr Martin returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

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**4.1.4 Blackall Visitor Information Centre and Ram Park Report – November 2019**

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

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

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

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

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.1.5 Community Development Report – November 2019**

The Community Development Report is provided to Council.

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

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

**Minute No. 07/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.1.6 Ranger Coordinator’s Report – November 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 November 2019.”

**Minute No. 08/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point Cr Heumiller left the meeting.

At this point the Director of Works and Services entered the meeting.

#### **4.1.7 Blackall Amateur Swimming Association**

The Blackall Amateur Swimming Association have asked Council to meet the cost of the pool admission for approximately 40 members.

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

**“That this matter be held over.”**

**Minute No. 09/12A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

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Cr Pullos left the meeting at 9.12am.

Cr Heumiller returned to the meeting at 9.12am.

#### **4.1.8 Nomination for Special Holiday 2020**

Council approved of an application being forwarded to the Office of Industrial Relations to apply for a holiday on 3 November 2020.

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

**“That Council receive the letter from the Office of Industrial Relations appointing 3 November 2020 a holiday for the Blackall-Tambo Region for the purpose of Melbourne Cup Day.”**

**Minute No. 10/12A/19**

**Carried 6/0**

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Cr Pullos returned to the meeting at 9.14am.

#### **4.1.9 Expression of Interest for Purchase of Industrial Land, Tambo Industrial Estate**

Council has received an expression of interest for the purchase of an industrial block in Tambo.

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

**“That Council accept the offer of \$2000.00 for Lot 19 on SP148104 from BJ Rogers.”**

**Minute No. 11/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.10 Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Organisational Chart**

The organisational chart has been revised.

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

**“That Council approves the organisational chart as submitted.”**

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

**Carried 7/0**

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

Cr Russell assumed the chair.

#### **4.1.11 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 2 (2019-2020)**

The second round of the 2019-2020 RADF program closed for applications on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

**“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 \$13,813.00.”**

**Minute No. 13/12A/19**

**Carried 4/0**

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

At this Cr Pullos and Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting.

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

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

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

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

**Minute No. 14/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.3.1 The Director of Works and Services Operations Report**

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

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

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

**Minute No. 15/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**Pathway to Health**

**MOTION:**      Moved: Cr BP Johnstone      Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

**“That Council appropriately sign the Pathway to Health to prohibit inappropriate usage.”**

**Minute No. 16/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.3.2 Work Health and Safety Report**

The Work Health and Safety Report is provided to Council.

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

**“That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for November 2019.”**

**Minute No. 17/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.1 Planning and Development Report**

The Planning and Development Report is presented to Council.

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

**“That Council received the planning and development report for November 2019.”**

**Minute No. 18/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.2 Delegations – Council to CEO**

The Delegations Register has been updated by LGAQ.

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

**“That Council delegates all powers in the amended acts and regulations and new registers, as per the attached table, 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 Council, the CEO shall not act or exercise any delegated power or function to that matter.”**

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

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.3 Proposed Blackall Tambo Region Planning Scheme**

Approval is required, in accordance with the notice dated 11 April 2018 and issued under section 18(3) of the Planning Act 2016, to request Ministerial approval to adopt the proposed planning scheme.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr AL Martin**

**Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis**

**“That Council:**

- 1.      endorse the Consultation and Submission Report (Attachment A) providing a summary of consultation activities undertaken, the matters raised in submissions and proposed changes in response to submissions on the proposed Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme.**
- 2.      endorse the changed version of the proposed Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme (Attachment B).**
- 3.      determine that the changed version of the proposed Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme is not considered to be significantly different to the public consultation version (Attachment C).**
- 4.      note that no response to submissions about the proposed planning scheme are required to be sent for the purposes of Step 10(1) of Stage 3 of the prescribed plan-making process set out in the 11 April 2018 notice issued to Council under section 18(3) of the *Planning Act 2016*.**
- 5.      write to the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning requesting approval to adopt the proposed Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme (Attachment D), in accordance with Step 14 of Stage 4 of the prescribed plan-making process set out in the 11 April 2018 notice issued to Council under section 18(3) of the Planning Act 2016.**

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**Minute No. 20/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.4 Christmas for Staff**

Council wish to provide a token of appreciation to the staff for their efforts over the past year.

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

**Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

**“That Council approve the gifting of a \$50 voucher, to be spent locally, to all Council employees.”**

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**Minute No. 21/12A/19**

**Carried 7/0**

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At 10.04am Cr Scobie left the meeting and returned at 10.06am.

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## **5.5 Sunny Downs Access Road**

Council has received a grid application from Mr Sanderson and a gate application from Mr Hobbs for the Sunny Downs access road.

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

### **“Sanderson Grid Application**

1.      **Council resolves to grant the approval the subject of the Sanderson grid application subject to conditions determined in accordance with section 10 of *Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2010*, and Council seek agreement that the construction include wild dog baulk built to TMR specifications as per drawings BDO765.**

### **Hobbs Gate Application**

1.      **Council resolves to refuse to grant the approval the subject of the “Hobbs gate application” as that expression is defined in the Report to Council.”**

**Minute No. 22/12A/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 10.13am.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 15 January 2020.

Signed:.....Mayor