



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2020
COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Johnstone for item 4.1.9 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the 2020-2021 Regional Arts Development Program (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 Pullos for item 4.1.9 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the 2020-2021 Regional Arts Development Program (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 Martin for item 4.1.9 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the 2020-2021 Regional Arts Development Program (as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009*) as his 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.”

1.1. Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 February 2020 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.”

Minute No. 01/03A/20

Carried 7/0

COVID 19

The Mayor addressed how the COVID 19 virus is affecting the Blackall-Tambo Region. Precautions have been taken by Council to inform the community. The Mayor has been discussing medial supplies with local businesses and Central West Health Service.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES:

4.1.1 Financial Statements for the Month of February 2020

The Finance Report for February 2020 is presented to Council.

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

“That Council receive the February 2020 Finance Report.”

Minute No. 02/03A/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – February 2020

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for February 2020 is presented to Council.

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

“That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for February 2020.”

Minute No. 03/03A/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.3 Arts & Cultural Report – February 2020

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 February 2020.”

Minute No. 04/03A/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.4 Environmental Health Officer’s Report – March 2020

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

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

“That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer’s Report for February 2020.”

Minute No. 05/03A/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.5 Review of Operational Plan – 30 September 2019

The Operation Plan for period ending 30 September 2019 has been reviewed and provided to Council.

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

“That Council receives the reviewed Operational Plan for the quarter ending 30 September 2019.”

Minute No. 06/03A/20

Carried 7/0

4.1.6 Review of Operational Plan – 31 December 2019

The Operational Plan for the period ending 31 December 2019 has been reviewed and provided to Council.

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

“That Council receives the reviewed Operational Plan for the quarter ending 31 December 2019.”

Minute No. 07/03A/20

Carried 7/0

Cr Johnstone for item 4.1.7 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Regional Arts Development Program – Round 3 (2019-2020) (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 Pullos for item 4.1.7 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Regional Arts Development Program – Round 3 (2019-2020) (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 Martin for item 4.1.7 – “I declare that I have a conflict of interest in the Regional Arts Development Program – Round 3 (2019-2020) (as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009*) as his 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.”

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

Cr Russell assumed the chair.

4.1.7 Regional Arts Development Program – Round 3 (2019-2020)

The third round of the 2019-2020 RADF program closed for application on Friday 14 February 2020. Four applications were received.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Heumiller**

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

“That Council receives the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee and endorse the Committee’s recommendations to fund the applications totalling \$14,725.00.”

Minute No. 08/03A/20

Carried 4/0

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

Cr Martin assumed the chair.

Cr Russell and Cr Johnstone for item 4.1.8 – Cr Russell and Cr Johnstone declared a perceived conflict of interest as they are members of the Internal Audit and Risk Committee.

4.1.8 Internal Audit and Risk Committee – Minutes 27 February 2020

The Internal Audit and Risk Committee held a meeting on 27 February 2020. The main issues discussed were the Procurement Report and Risk Management documents.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie**

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council receive the minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 27 February 2020.”

Minute No. 10/03A/20

Carried 6/0

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

Cr Russell assumed the chair.

At this point Mr John Turlan, Director of Works and Services entered the meeting.

4.1.9 2020-2021 Regional Arts Development Program

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council’s Regional Arts Development Fund budget allocation is required for the preparation of an annual funding submission.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie**

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council provide a co-contribution of \$25,000 for the 2020-2021 RADF program to enable the leveraging of up to \$50,000 from Arts Queensland.”

Minute No. 10/03A/20

Carried 4/0

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

Cr Martin resumed the chair.

4.2.1 The Director of Works and Services Operations Report

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

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

"That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' operations report for February 2020."

Minute No. 11/03A/20

Carried 7/0

At this point Cr Johnstone left the meeting.

4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report

The Work Health and Safety Report is provided to Council.

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

"That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for February 2020."

Minute No. 12/03A/20

Carried 6/0

At the point Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting.

4.2.3 Ranger Coordinator's Report

The Ranger Coordinator's report is presented to Council.

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

"That Council receive the Ranger Coordinator's report for February 2020."

Minute No. 13/03A/20

Carried 7/0

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Sales Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for February 2020 is provided to Council.

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

"That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for February 2020."

Minute No. 14/03A/20

Carried 7/0

5.2 Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development Report is presented to Council.

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

“That Council receive the planning and development report for February 2020.”

Minute No. 15/03A/20

Carried 7/0

5.3 Land Protection Fund – Annual Payments

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries support local government and their communities to manage invasive plants and animals in their local area. The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council makes an annual contribution to the On-ground and Research and Wild Dog Barrier Fence components of the Land Protection Fund.

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

“That Council receive the letter from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.”

Minute No. 16/03A/20

Carried 7/0

5.4 Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attended the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group meeting on 25 February 2020 in Winton.

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

“That Council receive the draft minutes of the Outback Regional Roads and Transport Group.”

Minute No. 17/03A/20

Carried 7/0

5.5 RAPAD Water and Sewerage Alliance

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attended the RAPAD Water and Sewerage Alliance meeting on 25 February 2020 in Winton.

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

“That Council receive the draft minutes of the RAPAD Water and Sewerage Alliance.”

Minute No. 18/0AB/20

Carried 7/0

5.6 Central West Region Pest Management Group

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attended the Central West Region Pest Management Group meeting on 24 February 2020 in Winton.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council:

- 1. receive the draft minutes of the Central West Pest Management Group 24 February 2020 meeting.**
- 2. receive the confirmed minutes of the Central West Pest Management Group 25 November 2019 meeting.”**

Minute No. 19/03A/20

Carried 7/0

5.7 Central West Qld Remote Area Planning & Development Board

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer attended the Central West Qld Remote Area Planning and Development Board meeting on 25, 26 February 2020 in Winton.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr GW Jarvis

“That Council receive the draft minutes of the Central West Qld Remote Area Planning & Development Board dated 25, 26 February 2020.”

Minute No. 20/03A/20

Carried 7/0

Vote of Thanks

Cr Jarvis addressed the meeting and thanked all past and present Councillors and staff for their efforts over the past 20 years, 16 of which he was a Councillors.

Cr Martin thanked Cr Jarvis for his contribution to the Blackall-Tambo region and wished him luck.

Cr Martin thanked the current Councillors and staff for their contribution over the past 4 year term. Cr Martin also thanked the spouses and partners of the Councillors for their support.

Cr Johnstone thanked the Mayor for his leadership and inclusiveness over the past 4 years.

Cr Russell congratulated the Mayor on his work and leadership over the past 4 years.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor Cr Andrew Martin declared the Meeting closed at 10.04am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

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

Signed:.....Mayor