



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2021
AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr LP Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cr GK Schluter, Cr JH Scobie, Cr BP Johnstone, Cr DA Hardie, Cr PJ Pullos.

OFFICERS:

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

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Janice Cecily Ross
- Kayla Joy Russell
- David Hall Odling
- Andrew Erdie

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr PJ Pullos for item 4.1.10 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.10 RADF Application – Tambo ICPA. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am involved in the competition for which the Tambo ICPA has applied for funding.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr AL Martin for item 4.1.8 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.8 RADF Application – Blackall Cultural Association. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Louise Martin, is a member of the RADF Committee.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr AL Martin for item 4.1.9 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.9 RADF Application – Red Ridge Interior. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am the Chair of Red Ridge Interior which has applied for funding through the program.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr AL Martin for item 4.1.10 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.10 RADF Application – Tambo ICPA. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Louise Martin, is President of the Queensland ICPA of which the Tambo ICPA is an applicant.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

Cr DA Hardie for items 4.1.8, 4.1.9 and 4.1.10 – I, Councillor Hardie, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.8 RADF Application – Blackall Cultural Association, item 4.1.9 RADF Application – Red Ridge Interior and item 4.1.10 RADF Application – Tambo ICPA. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Lindy Hardie, is chair of the RADF Committee.

As a result of my conflict of interest, I will leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

MOTION: **Moved:** Cr LP Russell **Seconded:** Cr DA Hardie

1. That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 November 2021 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same; and
2. Council notes the correction in the Annual Report 2020/2021, page 7, Councillors remuneration schedule as follows:

Position	Annual Remuneration*	Meeting Allowance **	Total
Mayor Allowance	\$108,222.00	Nil	\$108,222.00
Deputy Mayor Allowance	\$62,435.04	Nil	\$62,435.04
Councillor Allowance	\$36,073.32	\$18,036.72	\$54,110.04

Minute No. 01/12A/21

Carried 7/0

Mayoral Minute

Council has received several letters relating to the COVID-19 restrictions coming into effect on 17 December 2021.

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

That Council continue to monitor the situation and remain in regular contact with Queensland Government representatives to ensure any advice and directions are applied to Council's facilities in accordance with Queensland Health's requirements.

Minute No. 02/12A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of November

In accordance with s204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a monthly financial report is required to be presented to Council. The financial report for November 2021 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2021-2022.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

That Council receive the Financial Report for November 2021.

Minute No. 03/12A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – November 2021

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for November 2021 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, community development program, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, Tambo Multipurpose and Tambo Child Care Centre.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for November 2021.

Minute No. 04/12A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.3 Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's Report

The Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report.

Minute No. 05/12A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.4 Ranger's Report

The Ranger's report for November 2021 is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Ranger's report for November 2021.

Minute No. 06/12A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.5 Tambo Outback Rodeo – Request for Assistance

The Tambo Outback Rodeo have requested financial assistance for their fireworks display on New Year's Eve.

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

That Council decline the request from the Tambo Outback Rodeo for Council assistance for the New Year's fireworks and the applicant be informed of the application process for all community organisations for future funding.

Minute No. 07/12A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.6 Community Drought Funding – Flexible Financial Hardship

Community Drought Package Funding (\$97,000) for Flexible Financial Hardship. Applications were invited for those experiencing hardship due to drought. Eighteen applications were received and assessed for Round 1 allocation by a Drought Panel.

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

That Council receive the report and endorse the Panel's decision to allocate \$45,700 of Flexible Financial Hardship Funding.

Minute No. 08/12A/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.7 RADF

The second round of the 2021-2022 RADF program closed for applications on November 26th and the Committee held a RADF meeting on 6th December 2021.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

That Council receive the minutes of the RADF Committee meeting dated 6 December 2021

Minute No. 09/12A/21

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.47am, Cr Martin and Cr Hardie left the meeting.

Cr Russell assumed the chair.

4.1.8 RADF Application – Blackall Cultural Association

The second round of the 2021-2022 RADF program closed for applications November 26th and the Committee recommended the application from the Blackall Cultural Association be approved.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

That Council endorse the RADF Committee's recommendation to approve the application from Blackall Cultural Association for \$6,140.00.

Minute No. 10/12A/21

Carried 5/0

4.1.9 RADF Application – Red Ridge Interior

The second round of the 2021-2022 RADF program closed for applications November 26th and the Committee recommended the application from Red Ridge be approved.

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

That Council endorse the RADF Committee's recommendation to approve the application from Red Ridge Interior for \$1,400.00.

Minute No. 11/12A/21

Carried 5/0

At this point, 9.48am, Cr Pullos left the meeting

4.1.10 RADF Application – Tambo ICPA

The second round of the 2021-2022 RADF program closed for applications November 26th and the Committee recommended the application from Tambo ICPA be approved.

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

That Council endorse the RADF Committee's recommendation to approve the application from Tambo ICPA for \$7,013.00.

Minute No. 12/12A/21

Carried 4/0

At this point, 949am, Cr Martin, Cr Hardie and Cr Pullos returned to the meeting.

Cr Martin resumed the chair.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9.59am, the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

RESUMPTION:

At 10.55am the meeting was resumed.

Upon resumption of the meeting the Director of Works and Services was not in attendance.

4.1.11 RADF Surplus Funds

RADF Council initiatives in 2018-2019 and 2020-2021 had an underspend of \$3,723.00 and \$11,000.00. The RADF Committee voted to reallocate these funds to the Tambo Dam Lights project.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

That Council endorse the RADF Committee's recommendation to allocate the Council initiative surplus funds of \$14,723.00 to the Tambo Dam Lights Project.

Minute No. 13/12A/21

Carried 7/0

Order of Business

The order of business was changed

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

That Council change the order of business to discuss items 5.1 to 5.12.

Minute No. 14/12A/21

Carried 7/0

Item 4.2.1 was discussed after item 5.12.

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – November 2021

The Director of Works and Services report for November 2021 is presented to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operations Report for November 2021.

Minute No. 15/12A/21

Carried 7/0

4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report

The Work Health and Safety Report has been provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for November 2021.

Minute No. 16/12A/21

Carried 7/0

Item 5.1 was discussed after item 4.1.11.

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for November is presented to Council.

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

That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for November 2021.

Minute No. 17/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.2 Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development monthly report provides a summary of building applications and planning and development activity in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for November 2021.

Minute No. 18/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.3 Tender of Tambo Sawmill and Sales Permit

It is considered to be advantageous to tender the Tambo Sawmill and Sales Permit as the sawmill has remained idle since the lessee's ceased operations in 2020.

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

That Council, under section 227 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, invites written tenders for the sale of the Tambo Sawmill and Sales Permit 201304400.

Minute No. 19/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.4 Write Off of Debt – Surrender of Land for Overdue Rates

Council recently acquired land in full payment of rates and charges over several rate assessments in Yalleroi.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter** **Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos**

That Council write off the debt in sum of \$11,354.96 consisting of the overdue amounts for rates and charges:

Assessment:	10783-00000-000	\$2223.65
Assessment:	10778-00000-000	\$2658.54
Assessment:	10776-00000-000	\$3428.17
Assessment:	10777-50000-000	\$3044.60

Minute No. 20/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.5 RAPAD Board Communiqué – 5 November 2021

The RAPAD Board Communiqués provide an outline of items discussed at the monthly meetings.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

That Council receive the RAPAD Board Communiqué for 5 November 2021.

Minute No. 21/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.6 Local Disaster Management Group

The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) held a meeting on Monday 29 November 2021.

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

That Council:

- 1. Receive the minutes from the Local Disaster Management Group meeting held 29 November 2021; and**
- 2. Endorse the Longreach District DM Planning Framework and Local Recovery Sub-Plan.**

Minute No. 22/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.7 Prequalified Supplier Panels

Council recently tendered for the Wet & Dry Plant Hire and Trade Services prequalified supplier panels.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

That compliant tenderers are added to Council's prequalified supplier panels.

Minute No. 23/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.8 Blackall Work Camp CAC Meeting – 30 November 2021

The Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee held a meeting on 30 November 2021.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie** **Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

That Council receive the Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee report.

Minute No. 24/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.9 Tambo Commercial Building

Council owns a commercial building in Tambo. The lot on which the building is situated is in the process of being subdivided to enable the sale of the property.

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

That Council under section 227 (1) (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, sells the commercial building in Tambo located at 22 Arthur Street, by auction.

Minute No. 25/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.10 Annual Valuation Effective June 2022

The Valuer-General confirms that a new valuation will not be undertaken in 2022.

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

That Council receive the letter from the Department of Resources and note that the Valuer-General has confirmed that a new valuation will not be undertaken in 2022.

Minute No. 26/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.11 Wild Dog Barrier Fence

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have advised that a review of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence is to be conducted in the coming months.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

That Council receive the letter from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and note that a review of the Wild Dog Barrier Fence is intended to be conducted.

Minute No. 27/12A/21

Carried 7/0

5.12 2022 Special Holiday

Council applied to the Office of Industrial Relations for a special holiday on 1 November 2022 for the purpose of Melbourne Cup Day.

MOTION: Moved: Cr GK Schluter Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

That Council receive the letter from the Office of Industrial Relations and note that a special holiday for Blackall-Tambo Region on 1 November 2022 for the purpose of Melbourne Cup Day has been granted.

Minute No. 28/12A/21

Carried 7/0

At 11.37am Cr Martin left the meeting.

At 11.38am Cr Martin returned to the meeting.

Items 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 were discussed at this point.

Order of Business

The order of business was changed.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

**That Council change the order of business to discuss item 4.2.1 DWS
Operations Report and item 4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report.**

Minute No. 29/12A/21

Carried 7/0

At this point, 11.39am, the DWS returned to the meeting to present his reports.

Cr Martin wished the Councillors and staff a Merry Christmas.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed
at 11.48am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on
Wednesday 12 January 2022.

Signed.....Mayor