

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY 2026 at 8:30 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr DA Hardie, Cr JH Scobie, Cr BP Johnstone, Cr GK Schluter, Cr AA Hart, Cr PW Skewes OAM

OFFICERS:

Mr Mike Lollback, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Shalveen Dayal, Chief Financial Officer, Ms Jaimee-Lee Prow, Director of Lifestyle and Community, Ms Alison Lamb, Director of Organisational Performance, Mr Matthew Richardson, Group Manager Roadworks, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Interim Assets/Major Projects and Customer & Council Support Services Manager, Mr Greg Nicholls, Group Manager of Town and Rural Services, Mr Dallas Kowald-Dawson, Fleet Supervisor, Mrs Kaylene Carroll, Accountant, Ms Tiffany Chapman, Minute Taker, Mrs Sesilia Poutney, Customer and Council Support, Mr Jules Andersen, Contract Engineer.

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Peter Frederick Russell
- Victims of the Bondi Massacre

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Andrew Martin for item 5.5 – I, Councillor Andrew Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 5.5 Disposal of Land to Queensland Wool Processors Pty Ltd (QWool). The nature of my interest is as follows:

- Cr Andrew Martin is a board member of QWool.

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

2 Confirmation of the Meeting Minutes**MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie****Seconded: Cr David Hardie**

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 December 2025 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

GM 2026/1/559**Carried 7 / 0****ITEM NO:****3.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Mayor's Information Report for December 2025**

Information report from the Mayor for Council activities during the month of December 2025.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin**Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter**

That Council receive the Mayor's report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/560**Carried 7 / 0****ITEM NO:****4.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Councillors' Information Report for December 2025**

The report contains information from the Councillors for activities during the month of December 2025.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin**Seconded: Cr David Hardie**

That Council receive the Councillors report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/561**Carried 7 / 0****ITEM NO:****5.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Chief Executive Officer's Report to Council for December 2025**

The report from the Chief Executive Officer is to update Council on matters that do not require a separate or comprehensive report for consideration but emerge as issue of interest to Council and the broader community.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter**Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie**

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer's Information Report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/562**Carried 7 / 0**

**ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:****5.2
Actions Arising from Council Meetings**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the actions arising from resolutions passed at previous Council meetings. This report aims to ensure transparency, track progress and identify any issues requiring further attention.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council notes the progress of actions arising from previous Council meetings as detailed in the report.

GM 2026/1/563

Carried 7 / 0

**ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:****5.3
Operational Plan Quarterly Report - Second
Quarter 2025-2026**

A quarterly report on the Operational Plan provides advice to the Mayor and the Councillors of progress Second Quarter (1 July to 30 September) towards delivering actions in the Operational Plan 2025-2026.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That Council receive the Operational Plan Quarterly Report for the Second Quarter of 2025-2026 in accordance with Section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

GM 2026/1/564

Carried 7 / 0

**ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:****5.4
Local Government Remuneration Commission -
Remuneration to apply from 1 July 2026**

As required by section 177(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Chapter 8, Division 1 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the Local Government Remuneration Commission is to decide the maximum amount of remuneration payable to the councillors of each category of local government. The Remuneration Commission has concluded their determination and provided a report. Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is categorised by the Commission as a category A2 local government.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes OAM Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council adopts the Local Government Remuneration Commission's Schedule for remuneration to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, commencing 1 July 2026.

GM 2026/1/565

Carried 7 / 0

MOTION: Moved Cr Andrew Martin**Seconded:** Cr Boyd Johnstone

That the Deputy Mayor Cr David Hardie chair the meeting for item 5.5 due to Cr Andrew Martin's conflict of interest in the matter.

GM 2026/1/566**Carried 7 / 0**

At this point, 9.33am, Cr Andrew Martin left the meeting due to his prescribed interest in item 5.5 Disposal of Land to Queensland Wool Processors Pty Ltd (QWool).

ITEM NO:**5.5****SUBJECT TITLE:****Disposal of Land to Queensland Wool Processors Pty Ltd (QWool)**

Under section 236(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council can decide by resolution to sell the land known as Lot 2 on SP351530 to Queensland Wool Processors Pty Ltd without first going to auction or tender.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes OAM**Seconded:** Cr Grahame Schluter**That Council:**

1. Resolves to sell Lot 2 on SP351530 to Queensland Wool Processors Pty Ltd, ABN 651 496 150, for the exclusive establishment of the Blackall Woolscour.
2. Sells Lot 2 on SP351530 without first going to tender or auction as the development of a wool processing plant in Blackall would deliver significant community benefits by:
 - a. The creation of employment opportunities and stimulation of regional workforce growth;
 - b. Establishment of a new industry in the region;
 - c. Increased local economic prosperity.
3. The sale of Lot 2 on SP 351530 complies to the sound contracting principles as:
 - a. the selling price will be as per the independent valuation;
 - b. consultation has been undertaken with the community and key stakeholders;
 - c. the land will be used to develop a local industry;
 - d. the environmental impact has been undertaken by Queensland Wool Processors Pty Ltd;
 - e. the sale will be handled ethically and fairly.

GM 2026/1/567**Carried 6 / 0****Adjournment**

At this point, 9.56am, the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

Resumption

At this point, 10.25am, the meeting was resumed.



MOTION: Moved: Cr Boyd Johnstone Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That Mayor Cr Andrew Martin resumes the chair of the meeting.

GM 2026/1/568

Carried 7 / 0

**ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:**

**7.1
Financial Report for the Month of December
2025**

In accordance with s204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a monthly financial report must be presented to the Council. The financial report for December 2025 details the Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2025-26.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Boyd Johnstone Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council receives the Financial Report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/569

Carried 7 / 0

**ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:**

**7.2
Fleet Report December 2025**

The Fleet Report provides information on the operation and serviceability of Council's fleet.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That Council receive the Fleet Report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/570

Carried 7 / 0

**ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:**

**7.3
Purchase of New Plant**

1. An open tender was called via Vendor panel for the supply of dual cab 4x4 automatic utilities to replace aging vehicles within the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council depots.
2. An open tender was called via Vendor panel for the supply of single cab 4x4 automatic utilities to replace aging vehicles within the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council depots.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes OAM Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council:

1. **That Council accept the quotation to purchase three (3) new Ford Ranger 4x4 dual cab utes for a total of \$217,140.00 (ex GST) from South West Ford Charleville. These vehicles are preferred as they provide value for money, proven backup service, warranty and the supplier is a category 3 local business under the procurement policy.**

2. That Council accept the quotation to purchase four (4) new Ford Ranger 4x4 single cab utes for a total of \$276,720.00 (ex GST) from South-West Ford Charleville. These vehicles are preferred as they provide value for money, proven backup service, warranty and the supplier is a category 3 local business under the procurement policy.

GM 2026/1/571

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:

7.4
Planning and Development Report December 2025

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie

Seconded: Cr Alina Hart

That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/572

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:

8.1.1
Blackall-Tambo Shopfront Renewal Program

MOTION: Moved: Cr Alina Hart

Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council approves the Shopfront Renewal Program as part of Council's Small Business Friendly Action Plan and Operational Plan item 1 and endorses the supporting documents being the Shopfront Renewal Program Guidelines and application form.

GM 2026/1/573

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:

8.2.1
Local Law Review

The Local Law review is to be presented to Council at the January 2026 ordinary meeting. Council is now being asked to grant an extension to the presentation of the report to the February 2026 meeting.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie

Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council permit the Local Law Review report to be deferred to the March 2026 ordinary meeting.

GM 2026/1/574

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO: 9.1.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Report December 2025

The Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Operations report for December 2025 is presented to Council. The report includes Blackall Aerodrome, Libraries, Visitor Information Centres, Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program (Hub), Sport and Recreation, Communication and Media, Youth Council and Tambo Lifestyle and Community Hub.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Alina Hart **Seconded: Cr David Hardie**

That Council receive the Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/575

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO: 9.2.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Organisational Performance Monthly Report December 2025

This report provides Council with an update for the Organisational Performance Department which includes the Blackall and Tambo Aquatic Centre Reports, Facility bookings, Snap Send Solve lodged, Work Camp applications, Community Bus bookings and Miscellaneous key activities and outcomes for the month of December 2025.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie **Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter**

That Council receives the Organisational Performance report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/576

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO: 9.2.2
SUBJECT TITLE: People, Culture & Safety Report December 2025

This report provides Council with an update of the People, Culture and Safety Department outcomes for December 2025.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter **Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie**

That the People, Culture and Safety Monthly Report for December 2025 be received and noted by Council.

GM 2026/1/577

Carried 7 / 0

At this point, 11.30am, Cr Peter Skewes OAM left the meeting.
 At this point, 11.30am, Cr Jane Scobie left the meeting.
 At this point, 11.32am, Cr Peter Skewes OAM returned to the meeting.
 At this point, 11.32am, Cr Jane Scobie returned to the meeting.
 At this point, 11.35am, Jules Andersen joined the meeting via Teams.



ITEM NO: 9.2.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Roadworks Report December 2025

The Road Works report for December 2025 is presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That Council receive the Road Works report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/578

Carried 7 / 0

At this point, 12.11pm, Jules Andersen left the meeting.

ITEM NO: 9.2.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Town and Rural Services Report December 2025

Overview of upkeep and maintenance of the townships of Blackall and Tambo.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council receive the Town and Rural Services Report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/579

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO: 9.2.5
SUBJECT TITLE: Manager Environment, Health and Compliance Report December 2025

The month of December 2025 was a busy month for the branch, particularly in the strategic planning and reporting roles.

The roles in relation to waste management and water related planning has developed significantly as has mosquito monitoring and control services.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Boyd Johnstone Seconded: Cr Peter Skewes OAM

That Council receives the report and endorses the officer actions

GM 2026/1/580

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO: 9.2.6
SUBJECT TITLE: Assets and Major Projects Report - December 2025

The update on projects is provided to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council receive the Assets and Major Projects Report for December 2025.

GM 2026/1/581

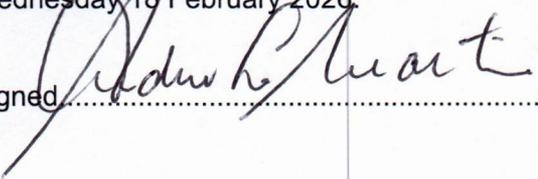
Carried 7 / 0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 12.41pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2026.

Signed  Mayor

