



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2024
AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ajay Agwan, Director of Works and Services, Mr Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance, Corporate and Community Services, Andrea Saunders, Governance Coordinator, Piper Hansen, Minute Taker.

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Donald Gavin Lloyd
 - Donald Thomas Wheeler
 - Alea Joy Dugdell
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No conflicts of interest were declared.

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 17th January 2024 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

Minute No. 01/02A/24

Carried 7/0

3.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of January 2024

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

January 2024 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2023-2024.

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

That Council receive the Financial Report for January 2024.

Minute No. 02/02A/24

Carried 7/0

3.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – January 2024

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for January 2024 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, community development program, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, and Tambo Multipurpose.

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

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for January 2024.

Minute No. 03/02A/24

Carried 7/0

3.1.3 Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee – Minutes of Meeting 19 January 2024

The Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting was held on 19 January 2024 to discuss the request for additional audit fees from Grant Thornton.

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

That Council receive the minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee's meeting 19 January 2024.

Minute No. 04/02A/24

Carried 7/0

3.1.4 Operational Plan Review

Section 174(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires councils to review their Operational Plans every three months.

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

That Council receive the 31 December 2023 report.

Minute No. 05/02A/24

Carried 7/0

4.1.1 Director of Works and Services' Operations Report – January 2024

The Director of Works and Services report for January 2024 is presented to Council.

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

That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operation Report for January 2024.

Minute No. 06/02A/24

Carried 7/0

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for January is provided to Council

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

That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for January 2024.

Minute No. 07/02A/24

Carried 7/0

5.2 Planning and Development Report

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

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for January 2024.

Minute No. 08/02A/24

Carried 7/0

5.3 Environmental Health Officer's Report

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

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

That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer's report for January.

Minute No. 09/02A/24

Carried 7/0

5.4 Ranger's Report

The Ranger's report for January 2024 is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Ranger's report for January 2024.

Minute No. 10/02A/24

Carried 7/0

5.5 Review of the Meeting Procedures

The Meeting Procedures have been reviewed following an update to the Model Meeting Procedures by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

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

That Council adopt the revised Meeting Procedures.

Minute No. 11/02A/24

Carried 7/0

5.6 Blackall Racecourse Paddock Lease

Council called for expressions of interest for a racecourse paddock became available.

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

That Council note that Mr and Mrs Russell have been awarded the lease for the Blackall Racecourse Paddock 1 for a period of two years with an option to extend.

Minute No. 12/02A/24

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 9.46am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

Signed.....Mayor