



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2021  
AT 8.30AM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**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.

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**CONDOLENCES:**

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

- Eleanor Lawson
  - Ruby Ann Williams
  - Patrick Hamilton Snr
  - Reginald Hamilton
  - Dave Sellars
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

**Cr DA Hardie for item 5.5** – I, Councillor Hardie, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 5.5 Water Allocation for Lot 3 on RP610119 and Lot 1 on RP610120. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am the selling agent for the properties.

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 item 4.1.6** – I, Councillor Hardie, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.6 RADF 2021-2022 Program. 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.

**Cr PJ Pullos for item 4.1.6** – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.6 RADF 2021-2022 Program. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a voting member of the committee.

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

**Cr BP Johnstone for item 4.1.6** – I, Councillor Johnstone, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.6 RADF 2021-2022 Program. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a voting member of the 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 4.1.6** – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.6 RADF 2021-2022 Program. The nature of my interest is as follows:

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

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

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#### **1.1 Confirmation of Budget Meeting Minutes**

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

That the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 16 June 2021 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

**Minute No. 01/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **1.2 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes**

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 16 June 2021 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

**Minute No. 02/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of June**

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 June 2021 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted amended budget for 2020-2021.

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

**That Council receive the Financial Report for June 2021.**

**Minute No. 03/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – June 2021**

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for June 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 PJ Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for June 2021.**

**Minute No. 04/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point, 8.50am, the CEO left the meeting.  
At this point, 8.54am, the CEO returned to the meeting.

**4.1.3 Environmental Health Officer's Report**

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

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

**That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer's report.**

**Minute No. 05/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.1.4 Ranger's Report**

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

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr DA Hardie**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**That Council receive the Ranger's report for June 2021.**

**Minute No. 06/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.1.5 Arts & Cultural Report – June 2021**

The arts and cultural report is provided to Council.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

**That Council receive the Arts and Cultural report for June 2021.**

**Minute No. 07/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.1.6 2021-2022 Regional Arts Development Program**

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

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

**That as a consequence of a majority of councillors present at this meeting having informed the meeting of an existence of a conflict of interest in this matter 4.1.6 2021-2022 Regional Arts Development Program, pursuant to section 150EU(1) of the Local Government Act 2009, a decision on this matter is hereby delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, Des Howard.**

**Minute No. 08/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.1.7 Operating Plan Review 30 June 2021**

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

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

**That Council receive the June 2021 report.**

**Minute No. 09/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**4.1.8 Requests for Council Assistance**

At the end of each financial year Council advertised for community groups to apply for Council assistance.

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

**That Council approve the applications for in-kind support for the 2021-2022 financial year and the applications for cash assistance be informed that as Council no longer received drought funding, cash assistance is not able to be provided other than in exceptional circumstances.**

**Minute No. 10/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.7 Tambo Child Care – Diabetes Policy**

The Tambo Child Care is required to have a policy on the management of diabetes for any child with the condition who is in attendance at the centre.

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

**That Council adopt the Tambo Child Care Diabetes Policy**

**Minute No. 11/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – June 2021**

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

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

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

**Minute No. 12/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point, 9.02am, the DFCCS left the meeting.

At this point, 9.08am, the DFCCS returned to the meeting.

#### **4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report**

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

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

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

**Minute No. 13/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.3 Purchase of Front End Loader**

Tenders were requested from 8 machinery dealers for the purchase of a Front End loader to replace plant 3101, 966H Loader.

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

**That Council accept the tender from Hastings Deering to supply a new Caterpillar 938K Front End Loader for \$369,400 (ex GST) and trade on plant 3101 for \$142,000 (ex GST). This machine is preferred as the current 938K possessed by Council has strong performance results with**

**a proven backup service and warranty. Local Buy (NPN 2.15) contract will apply.**

**Minute No. 14/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.4 Purchase of Motor Grader**

Tender were requested from 3 machinery dealers for the purchase of a motor grader to replace plant 1354 140M grader.

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

**That Council accept the tender from Hastings Deering to supply a new Caterpillar 140-14A motor grader for \$422,600.00 (ex GST) and trade on plant 1354 for \$175,000.00 (ex GST). This machine is preferred as it will provide uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty. Local Buy (NPN 2.15) contract will apply.**

**Minute No. 15/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.5 Purchase of Road Reclaimer**

Tenders were requested from 5 machinery dealers for the purchase of a Road Reclaimer to replace plant 1201 Cat RM500 Road Reclaimer.

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

**That Council accept the tender from Hastings Deering to supply a new Caterpillar RM500 B Road Reclaimer for \$920,700.00 (ex GST). This machine is preferred as it will provide uniformity of plant, value for money/resale, high performance, operator familiarity, proven backup service and warranty. Local Buy (NPN 2.15) contract will apply.**

**Minute No. 16/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.6 Purchase of Motor Vehicles**

Quotations were requested from 19 automotive dealers for the purchase of vehicles to replace aging vehicles in Council's fleet.

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

**That Council accept the quotation from Black Truck Sales to supply 3 new Isuzu Dmax utes for \$159,260.00 (ex GST) and the trade of plant 6072, 6522 and 6523 for \$65,454.53 (ex GST). These vehicles are preferred as they provide uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty.**

**Minute No. 17/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

At this point, 9.24am, Cr Johnstone left the meeting.

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**5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report**

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

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

**That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for June 2021.**

**Minute No. 18/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

At this point 9.32am, Cr Johnstone returned to the meeting.

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

**That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for June 2021.**

**Minute No. 19/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

**5.3 2022 Special Holidays Request**

The Holiday's Act 1983 provides for the granting and observance of special holidays. Each year local governments are invited to request special and show holiday for the following year.

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

**That Council request a special holiday for the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area as Melbourne Cup Day, 1 November 2022.**

**Minute No. 20/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

**5.4 Disaster Management Conference - Brisbane**

LGAQ hosted a Disaster Management Conference in Brisbane from 9 to 11 June. There were several key stakeholders for disaster management who

made presentations at the conference. The Disaster Management Coordinator has drafted an information paper on topics covered at the conference.

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

**That Council receive the Council information paper regarding the 2021 Disaster Management Conference.**

**Minute No. 21/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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At this point, 9.38am, Cr Hardie left the meeting.

**5.5      Water Allocation for Lot 3 on RP610119 and Lot 1 on RP610120**

Council has received a request from a person wishing to purchase a water allocation for Lot 3 on RP610119 and another request from a person wishing to purchase a water allocation for Lot 1 on RP610120. Both properties are located along the Isisford Road, Blackall. As per the Revenue Statement the properties are outside the Defined Water Area therefore subject to Council approval.

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

**That Council approve the requests for a water allocation of 6 units, subject to a water agreement being executed, for:**

- a. Lot 3 on RP610119; and**
- b. Lot 1 on RP610120.**

**Minute No. 22/07A/21**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point, 9.47am, Cr Scobie left the meeting.

At this point, 9.47am, Cr Hardie returned to the meeting.

At this point, 9.48am, Cr Scobie returned to the meeting.

**5.6      Tambo Town Common Management Plan**

The Tambo Town Common Management Plan has been revised after consultation with key stakeholders.

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

**That Council:**

- a. Adopt the revised Tambo Town Common Management Plan with updated maps; and**
- b. Request the Tambo Town Common Advisory Committee to advise Council of an appropriate bull levy.**

**Minute No. 23/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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## **5.8 RAPAD Board Communiqué**

The RAPAD Board, of which the 7 Mayors of the Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Diamantina and Winton Council and RAPAD CEO are directors, hold meetings each month. The Communiqué provides an outline of topics discussed at the meetings.

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

**Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

**That Council receive the RAPAD Board Communiqué for 18 June 2021.**

**Minute No. 24/07A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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## **CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.01am.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 18 August 2021.

Signed.....Mayor