



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE 2021
AT 8.46AM**

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, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Executive Assistant.

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Adelle Ridgeway
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

At this time no conflict of interests were declared.

Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved: Cr PJ Pullos

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 April 2021 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same with the following corrections.

Item 4.1.5

Southern Cross Association Request Annual 5-Day Poker Run

That Council **approve** the Southern Cross Association's request.

Item 4.1.7

Peace Christian Church

That Council **approve** the Peace Christian Church's request.

Minute No. 01/06B/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of May

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

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

That Council receive the Financial Report for May 2021.

Minute No. 02/06B/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – May 2021

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for May 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 DA Hardie

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for May 2021.

Minute No. 03/06B/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.3 Environmental Health Officer's Report

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

MOTION: **Moved: Cr JH Scobie**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

That Council receive the Environmental Health Officer's report.

Minute No. 04/06B/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.4 Ranger Coordinator's Report

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

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

That Council receive the Ranger Coordinator's report for May 2021.

Minute No. 05/06B/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.5 Arts & Cultural Report – Apr-May 2021

The arts and cultural report is provided to Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

That Council receive the Arts and Cultural report for April-May 2021.

Minute No. 06/06B/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.6 Write Off of Debt – R R Logging

Council has been advised that R R Logging Pty Ltd have gone into liquidation.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

That Council write off the debt of \$103,607.01 from R R Logging Pty Ltd as an unrecoverable debt.

Minute No. 07/06B/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.7 In-Kind Support Policies (Under \$10,000 and Over \$10,000)

The In-Kind Support policies have been reviewed.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

That Council adopt the in-kind policies:

- (i) Request for Council Assistance Over \$10,000; and**
- (ii) Request for Council Assistance Under \$10,000.**

Minute No. 08/06B/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.8 QAO – Interim Report to Mayor 2021

Under section 213 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a copy of this report is to be presented to Council at the next ordinary meeting of Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

That Council receive the QAO's interim report to the Mayor dated 11 June 2021.

Minute No. 09/06B/21

Carried 7/0

4.1.9 Write Off of Debts

Invoices were issued to two debtors for a building permit and overspend of uniform allowance. As the debtors have made no attempt to pay the invoices and given the costs associated with initiating legal action, it is recommended that the debts be written off.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

That Council write off the debt in sum of \$339.50 owing consisting of the following outstanding invoices.

Debtor	Invoice	Amount
1	6022	\$330.00
2	4508	\$9.50

Minute No. 10/06B/21

Carried 7/0

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – May 2021

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

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

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

Minute No. 11/06B/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 JH Scobie

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

Minute No. 12/06B/21

Carried 7/0

RAPAD is an ASIC listed, not-for-profit company owned by and representing the seven local governments of Central Western Queensland. Governance is

Carried 7/0

5.8 Platinum Jubilee

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee on 6 February 2022. The Queensland Branch of the Australian Monarchist League have contacted Council to enquire on how Council plans to celebrate.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

That Council receive the letter from the Queensland Branch of the Australian Monarchist League and consider how to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Minute No. 20/06B/21

Carried 7/0

5.9 Human Rights Policy

Public entities have obligations under the *Human Rights Act 2019*, to act and make decisions in a way that is compatible with human rights, and to give human rights proper consideration when making decisions. The policy has been developed to provide information to Councillors and employees of Council on how to fulfil these obligations.

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

That Council adopt the Human Rights Policy.

Minute No. 21/06B/21

Carried 7/0

5.10 Sale of Council's Sales Permit Entitlement to Get a Specified Quantity of Cypress Sawlogs

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council invited tenders for the Sale of Council's Sales Permit Entitlement to Get a Specified Quantity of Cypress Sawlogs. The tender was advertised on Council's website and in Queensland Country Life. Tenders closed at 3pm, Tuesday 18 May 2021 with 3 submissions received.

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

That Council award the tender, subject to approval from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, for the Sale of Council's Sales Permit Entitlement to Get a Specified Quantity of Cypress Sawlogs to HAB Timber Pty Ltd as they are the most qualified.

Minute No. 22/06B/21

Carried 7/0

5.11 Western Queensland Housing Study Draft Report

The Western Queensland Alliance of Councils which consist of 22 Western Queensland councils has commissioned Regional Australia Institute to conduct a report into the housing market failure in the region.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

That Council receive the draft Western Queensland Housing Study.

Minute No. 23/06B/21

Carried 7/0

At this point, 10.01am Cr Martin declared a conflict of interest in item 5.12 and left the meeting. Cr Russell assumed the chair.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cr AL Martin for item 5.12 – I, Councillor Martin inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 5.12 OQTA's Outback Queensland Events Recovery Campaign 2021. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am the chair of Outback Queensland Tourism Association.

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

5.12 OQTA's Outback Queensland Events Recovery Campaign 2021

Outback Queensland Tourism Association have asked for submissions for an Outback Queensland Event Recovery Campaign

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie**

Seconded: Cr PJ Pullos

That Council receive the email regarding the Outback Queensland events recovery campaign.

Minute No. 24/06B/21

Carried 6/0

At this point 10.07am, Cr Martin returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

5.13 Delegation Register Update – Council to CEO

The *Local Government Act 2009* requires local government CEOs to establish a register of delegations which must record all delegations by the Council.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

Seconded: Cr LP Russell

That Council delegates all powers as per the table, to the Chief Executive Officer of Council pursuant to Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Where a matter may be contentious, controversial or otherwise warrants consideration by Council, the CEO shall not act or exercise any delegated power or function to that matter.

New Registers	Building Act 1975	Sections 68A(2), 124A(2), 134B(2), 190(1), 228(4)
	Industrial Relations Act 2016	Sections 354B, 354C(2), 354C(5)
	Land Act 1975	Sections 57(7), 64(1)
	Land Regulation 2020	Sections 4(3), 4(6), 19(2), 31(3), 32(3), 48(1), 60(2), 60(4), 65(3) and (4), 85(1), 85(2)
	Local Government Act 2009	Section 166B(6)
	Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014	Sections 101D(1), 101E(2), 101F(3), 101F(4)(b)
	Mineral Resources Act 1989	Section 335G
	Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999	Section 259(3)
	Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2017	Sections 11D(2)(a), 11DA(2), 11DB(3), 11DC(2), 11DC(5), 145D(4), 145H(3)
	Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020	Sections 42(2) and (3), 43(1), 61(2), 62(1), 235, 242(4), 243, 258, 265, 266(1), 267, 271(1), 275(1), 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 371, 372, 379(1), 379(2), 381(2), 382, 383
	Nature Conservation (Plants) Regulation 2020	Sections 63(2), 64(1), 71, 79, 89, 97, 105, 107, 117, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 134, 152, 153, 154, 155, 163, 167, 173, 174, 175, 177, 190(1), 190(2), 192, 193, 194
	Planning Regulation 2017	Sections 68E(1), 68E(3)(b), 68G(2), 68G(6)
	Transport Infrastructure Act 1994	Sections 36(4), 303AAA

	Worker's Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003	Sections 109(5), 226(4), 226(5)
Changes of Substance	Building Act 1975	Sections 228(2), 231AL
	Environmental Protection Regulation 2019	Section 21(4)
	Land Act 1975	Sections 109B(1), 431V(2), 431V(3)
	Local Government Regulation 2012	Section 232(6)
	Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014	Section 91A(2)
	Transport Infrastructure Act 1994	Sections 36(1), 105J(9), 105J(10)
	Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003	Sections 66(2), 133, 133A, 226(1)

Minute No. 25/06B/21

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.08am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 21 July 2021.

Signed.....Mayor