



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2022
AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Garth Kath, Director of Works and Services, 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:

- Lloyd James Marsh
 - James Robert Wilson
 - Julian Ridgeway
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr PJ Pullos for item 4.1.8 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.8 RADF Application - Tambo Arts Council. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the Tambo Arts Council.

As a result of my conflict, 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 - Tambo Arts Council. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Louise Martin, is a member of the Tambo Arts Council.

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

Cr DA Hardie 4.1.8 - I, Councillor Hardie, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.8 RADF Application - Tambo Arts Council. The nature of my interest is as follows:

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

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

Cr DA Hardie for item 4.1.9 - I, Councillor Hardie, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 4.1.9 RADF Application – Barcoo Cultural Association. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- My wife, Lindy Hardie is chair of the RADF Committee and a member of the Barcoo Cultural Association.

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

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 18 May 2022 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

Minute No. 01/06A/22

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 2022 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2021-2022.

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

That Council receive the Financial Report for May 2022.

Minute No. 02/06A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – May 2022

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for May 2022 is presented to Council. The report includes housing and administration, Blackall aerodrome, libraries, visitor information centres, facility bookings, Tambo Multipurpose and Tambo Child Care Centre.

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

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for May 2022.

Minute No. 03/06A/22

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.44am, the Director of Works and Services left the meeting.

4.1.3 Asset Management Plans

The Asset Management Plans have been updated.

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

That Council adopt the:

- a) Building Asset Management Plan; and**
- b) Roads Asset Management Plan; and**
- c) Sewer Asset Management Plan; and**
- d) Water Asset Management Plan.**

Minute No. 04/06A/22

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.48am, the Director of Works and Services returned to the meeting.

4.1.4 Review – Expense Reimbursement Policy

A review of the Councillor's Expense Reimbursement Policy has occurred.

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

That Council adopt the revised Councillor's Expenses Reimbursement Policy.

Minute No. 05/06A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.5 Queensland Treasury Corporation – Payout in Full of Loans

Council has two loans with the Queensland Treasury Corporation totalling \$1,503,060.22.

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

That Council approve the payout in full of the two loans with Queensland Treasury Corporation this financial year totalling \$1,503,060.22.

Minute No. 06/06A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.6 Review – Asset and Service Management Strategy Policy

The Asset and Service Management Strategy has been reviewed.

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

That Council adopt the revised Asset and Service Management Strategy.

Minute No. 07/06A/22

Carried 7/0

4.1.7 RADF Meeting Minutes

The fifth round of the 2021-22 RADF program closed for applications on May 27th and the Committee held a RADF meeting on June 6th, 2022.

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

That Council receive the minutes of the RADF Committee meeting dated 6 June 2022.

Minute No. 08/06A/22

Carried 7/0

At this point, 8.56am Cr AL Martin, Cr DA Hardie and Cr PJ Pullos left the meeting.

Cr LP Russell assumed the chair.

4.1.8 RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council

The fifth round of the 2021-2022 RADF program closed for applications on May 27th and the Committee recommended the application from Tambo Arts Council be approved.

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

That Council endorse the RADF Committee's recommendation to approve the application from Tambo Arts Council for \$800.00.

Minute No. 09/06A/22

Carried 4/0

At this point, 8.57am Cr PJ Pullos and Cr Martin returned to the meeting.
Cr Martin resumed the chair.

The matter 4.1.9 is to be held over until clarification can be provided on the Barcoo Cultural Association.

At this point, 9.02am, Cr DA Hardie returned the meeting.

Item 4.1.9 was discussed after item 4.2.1.

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

4.1.9 RADF Application – Barcoo Cultural Association

The fifth round of the 2021-2022 RADF program closed for applications on May 27th and the Committee recommended the application from Barcoo Cultural Association be approved.

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

That Council endorse the RADF Committee's recommendation to approve the application from Barcoo Cultural Association for \$7519.50 noting that the application has been incorrectly named the Barcoo Cultural Association when it is in fact the Blackall Cultural Association as confirmed by a committee member.

Minute No. 10/06A/22

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.39am, Cr DA Hardie returned to the meeting.

4.1.10 Amendment to Policy – Requests for Council Assistance Under \$10,000

The Requests for Council Assistance Under \$10,000 Policy has been revised.

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

That Council adopt the revised Requests for Council Assistance Under \$10,000 Policy with the following amendment:

The level of annual sponsorship, donations and in-kind support will be limited to the budget allocation for that year. Further requests, after the budget process is complete, will be considered by Council if it can be demonstrated that it would be beneficial to the wider community and demonstrate that the application could not be made during the relevant application period. Late applications need to meet the required criteria in the approved Council request form.

Minute No. 11/06A/22

Carried 7/0

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services Operations Report – May 2022

The Director of Works and Services report for May 2022 is presented to Council.

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

That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operations Report for May 2022.

Minute No. 12/06A/22

Carried 7/0

Item 4.2.2 was discussed after item 4.1.9.

4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report

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

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

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety Report for May 2022.

Minute No. 13/06A/22

Carried 7/0

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

The Blackall Saleyards monthly report for May is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for May 2022.

Minute No. 14/06A/22

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 GK Schluter**

That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for May 2022.

Minute No. 15/06A/22

Carried 7/0

5.3 Draft Feral Deer Management Strategy

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have provided a draft strategy for Feral Deer Management.

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

That Council receive the draft Feral Deer Management Strategy 2022-27.

Minute No. 16/06A/22

Carried 7/0

5.4 Appointment of SES Local Controller

The position of the SES Local Controller, Blackall SES Unit has been advertised with applications closing on 30 May 2022.

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

That Council approve the appointment of Stefan Holweg as the SES Local Controller for the Blackall SES Unit.

Minute No. 17/06A/22

Carried 7/0

5.5 Tambo Deputations Communiqué – 20 May 2022

Councillors and Council staff met with members of the Tambo community on 20 May 2022.

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

That Council receive the Tambo Deputations Communiqué dated 20 May 2022.

Minute No. 18/06A/22

Carried 7/0

5.6 2022-23 Get Ready Queensland Grant Program

Council has received notification from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority of the funding allocation for the Get Ready Queensland grant program for 2022-2023.

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

That Council accept the offer of funding of \$7,760.00 (inc GST) from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for the 2022-23 Get Ready Queensland program.

Minute No. 19/06A/22

Carried 7/0

5.7 Box Rallies

Box Rallies wish to have Tambo as an official stopover for their Box summer rally in 2023.

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

That Council support the Box Rally by providing a venue for them to stay on 18 March 2023.

Minute No. 20/06A/22

Carried 7/0

5.8 BeefUp Forum

The BeefUp Forum is being held at the Blackall Saleyard in September. The organiser, Desert Uplands, has written to Council requesting assistance.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr DA Hardie**

Seconded: Cr GK Schluter

That Council consider the request for in-kind support for the BeefUp Forum being held on 5 and 6 September 2022 when adopting the 2022-23 budget.

Minute No. 21/06A/22

Carried 7/0

5.9 LGAQ Call for Motions

The LGAQ are calling for motions relating to significant issues for the annual conference being held in Cairns in October.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

That Council consider motions for the LGAQ Annual Conference and AGM.

Minute No. 22/06A/22

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 10.02am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 July 2022.

Signed.....Mayor