



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2023
AT 8.30AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr LP Russell (Deputy Mayor), Cr JH Scobie, Cr BP Johnstone, Cr PJ Pullos, Cr GK Schluter, 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, Ms Piper Hansen, Minute Taker

CONDOLENCES:

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

- Lex Vincent Hughes
 - Norman John Weston
 - Barry Richard Muir
 - Alfred John Greenhalgh
 - Harvey Fred Rich (Fred)
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr PJ Pullos for item 4.1.5 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.5 RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council Inc. 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 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 Application – Tambo Tourism and Business Inc (Tambo Heritage Group). The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the Tambo Tourism and Business Association.

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

Cr PJ Pullos for item 4.1.7 – I, Councillor Pullos, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.7 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 4.1.5 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.5 RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council Inc. 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 AL Martin for item 4.1.7 – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 4.1.7 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 JH Scobie for item 5.7 – I Councillor Scobie, inform the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in item 5.7 RADF Council Representative Appointment. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I, Councillor Scobie, am the nominated Councillor representative.

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

Cr DA Hardie for item 4.1.5 and 4.1.6 – Councillor Hardie requested Council's view on his personal interest in items 4.1.5 RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council and 4.1.6 RADF Application – Tambo Tourism and Business Inc (Tambo Heritage Group) as his wife, Lindy Hardie is the Chair of the RADF Committee. Council deemed that Cr Hardie did not have a prescribed or declarable conflict of interest and did not have to leave the meeting.

1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 February 2023 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

Minute No. 01/03A/23

Carried 7/0

4.1.1. Financial Report for the Month of February 2023

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 February 2023 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2022-2023.

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

That Council receive the Financial Report for February 2023.

Minute No. 02/03A/23

Carried 7/0

4.1.2. DFCCS Operations Report – February 2023

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for February 2023 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 BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr DA Hardie**

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for February 2023.

Minute No. 03/03A/23

Carried 7/0

4.1.3. RADF Meeting Minutes

The third round of the 2022-2023 RADF program closed for applications on the 2nd February 2023 and the RADF Committee held a meeting on the 7th February 2023.

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

That Council receive the minutes of the RADF meeting dated 7th February 2023.

Minute No. 04/03A/23

Carried 7/0

At this point, 8.45am, Cr PJ Pullos and Cr AL Martin left the meeting.
Cr Russell assumed the chair.

4.1.4. RADF Application – Blackall Cultural Association

On 2nd of February 2023, the third round of the RADF program for 2022-2023 closed for applications, and the Committee recommended that the Blackall Cultural Association's application be approved.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

That Council endorse the recommendation of the RADF Committee to approve the application from the Blackall Cultural Association, for \$2500.00.

Minute No. 05/03A/23

Carried 5/0

4.1.5. RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council Inc

On 2nd of February 2023, the third round of the RADF program for 2022-2023 closed for applications, and the Committee recommended the Tambo Arts Council Inc's application be approved.

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

That Council endorse the recommendation of the RADF Committee to approve the application from the Tambo Arts Council Inc for \$7572.00.

Minute No. 06/03A/23

Carried 5/0

4.1.6. RADF Application – Tambo Tourism and Business Inc (Tambo Heritage Group)

On 2nd of February 2023, the third round of the RADF program for 2022-2023 closed for applications, and the Committee recommended the Tambo Tourism and Business Inc application be approved.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr BP Johnstone** **Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

That Council endorse the recommendation of the RADF Committee to approve the application from the Tambo Tourism & Business Inc for \$4500.00.

Minute No. 07/03A/23

Carried 5/0

4.1.7. RADF Application – Tambo Arts Council

On 2nd of February 2023, the third round of the RADF program for 2022-2023 closed for applications, and the Committee recommended that the Tambo Arts Council's application be approved.

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

That Council endorse the recommendation of the RADF Committee to approve the application from Tambo Arts Council for \$3320.00.

Minute No. 08/03A/23

Carried 5/0

At this point 8.49am Cr Pullos and Cr Martin returned to meeting.
Cr Martin resumed the chair.

4.1.8. RADF Meeting Minutes

Western Touring Shows are delivering three shows to both communities in 2023. Twinkle and the Moon, Wolfgang, and Dirty Fame Flash Candles. Two of the touring shows will have ticketed prices at a small cost.

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

That Council receive the meeting minutes of the RADF Committee dated 7 March 2023 and endorses the Committee's decision to support the three touring shows, Twinkle and the Moon, Wolfgang, and Dirty Fame Flash Candles.

Minute No. 09/03A/23

Carried 7/0

4.2.1 Director of Works and Services' Operations Report – February 2023

The Director of Works and Services report for February 2023 is presented to Council.

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

That Council receive the Director of Works and Services' Operation Report for February 2023.

Minute No. 10/03A/23

Carried 7/0

4.2.2 Work Health and Safety Report

The Work Health and Safety report is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Work Health and Safety report for February 2023.

Minute No. 11/03A/23

Carried 7/0

5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report

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

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

That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for February 2023.

Minute No. 12/03A/23

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 PJ Pullos**

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for February 2023.

Minute No. 13/03A/23

Carried 7/0

5.3 Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's Report – February 2023

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

MOTION: **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone

That Council receive the Environmental Health/Local Laws Officer's report.

Minute No. 14/03A/23

Carried 7/0

5.4 Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee Meeting 14 February 2023

The Work Camp Community Advisory Committee held a meeting on 14 February 2023.

MOTION: **Moved: Cr GK Schluter**

Seconded: Cr DA Hardie

That Council receive the Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee report for the 14 February 2023 meeting.

Minute No. 15/03A/23

Carried 7/0

5.5 QCWA Memorial Seat – Memorial Park

The QCWA Blackall Branch have written to Council requesting they be consulted regarding any future plans for the QCWA seat located in Memorial Park, Blackall.

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

That Council consult with the QCWA Blackall Branch regarding future plans for the QCWA seat located in Memorial Park, Blackall.

Minute No. 16/03A/23

Carried 7/0

5.6 Blackall Junior Netball

Representatives from Blackall Junior Netball met with the Chief Executive Officer to discuss options for the Blackall tennis courts and to seek support from Council for a funding application.

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

That Council:

- 1. Ratifies the Chief Executive Officer's decision to support the Blackall Junior Netball's funding application through the Minor Infrastructure Program for the repurposing of three tennis courts at the Blackall tennis facility; and**
- 2. Approves the repurposing of the existing tennis courts facility into a multi-sporting facility; and**
- 3. Approves the repurposing of three tennis courts to convert them into dual sporting courts through new line marking and removing poles/posts; and**
- 4. Provide assistance for temporary line marking of three courts.**

Minute No. 17/03A/23

Carried 7/0

At this point, 9.32am Cr JH Scobie left the meeting.

5.7 RADF Council Representative Appointment

The RADF Committee comprises of eight members; three community representatives from both Blackall and Tambo communities and two Blackall-Tambo Regional Councillor representatives.

Currently there is only one Councillor representative, therefore Council is required to nominate another Councillor representative.

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

That Council nominate Councillor Jane Scobie as a Councillor representative to the RADF Committee.

Minute No. 18/03A/23

Carried 6/0

At this point, 9.34am Cr Scobie returned to meeting.

5.8 Sister Greta Towner Project

The Blackall RSL Sub-Branch have requested Council's assistance with the invitations to various dignitaries for the unveiling of the Sister Greta Towner statue.

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

That Council invite dignitaries to the unveiling of the Sister Greta Towner statue on 10 November 2023.

Minute No. 19/03A/23

Carried 7/0

5.9 Draft Biosecurity Program

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have provided a draft biosecurity program which will replace the existing DAF surveillance program for Registerable Biosecurity Entities and NLIS. The previous program expired on 1 January 2023.

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

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to provide comment to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on the draft biosecurity program and activities which may occur within the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area.

Minute No. 20/03A/23

Carried 7/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 9.49am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19 April 2023.

Signed.....Mayor.