



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023  
AT 8.30AM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Des Howard, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Alastair Rutherford, Director of Finance, Corporate and Community Services, Andrea Saunders, Governance Coordinator.

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**Leave of Absence**

Councillor David Hardie requires a leave of absence for the meeting.

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

**That a leave of absence for Councillor David Hardie for today's meeting be granted.**

**Minute No. 01/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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**CONDOLENCES:**

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

- Noelene Kupfer
  - Fred Hornberg
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

No conflicts of interest were declared at this point.

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**1.1      Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes**

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

1. That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same; and

**Minute No. 02/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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

2. Council notes the correction in item 4.2.3 QRA Betterment as follows:

That Council accept the five projects (E1, BE1, BE3, **BE4** and C5) and contribute \$370,000.00 for a total betterment project value of \$2,770,006.21.

**Minute No. 03/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **3.1.1 Financial Report for the Month of September 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 September 2023 details Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2023-2024.

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

That Council receive the Financial Report for September 2023.

**Minute No. 04/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **3.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – September 2023**

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for September 2023 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 PJ Pullos                                      Seconded: Cr JH Scobie

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for September 2023.

**Minute No. 05/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **3.1.3 Blackall Gym – Expressions of Interest**

The Blackall Gym is not a core business of Council and would be better suited to be managed by the private sector or a local sporting organisation.

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

**That Council approve the call for expressions of interest for the management of the Blackall Gym.**

**Minute No. 06/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **3.1.4 Blackall Gym – Policy, Procedures, and Code of Conduct**

To improve Council's compliance with Work, Health, and Safety Standards a document that includes policy, procedures, and code of conduct has been prepared for consideration.

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

**That Council adopts the document – Blackall Gym Policy, Procedures and Code of Conduct.**

**Minute No. 07/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **3.1.5 RADF Meeting Minutes- Special Meeting**

The first round of the 2023-2024 RADF program closed for applications on September 1st, 2023, and the RADF Committee held a meeting on September 29th, 2023.

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

**That Council receive the meeting minutes of the RADF committee dated 29 September 2023.**

**Minute No. 08/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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### **3.1.6 Ranger's Report**

The Ranger's report for September 2023 is provided to Council.

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

**That Council receive the Ranger's report for September 2023.**

**Minute No. 09/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

#### **4.1.1 Director of Works and Services' Operations Report - September 2023**

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

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

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

**Minute No. 10/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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#### **5.1 Blackall Saleyards Monthly Report**

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

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

**That Council receive the Blackall Saleyards monthly report for September 2023.**

**Minute No. 11/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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#### **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 GK Schluter**                      **Seconded: Cr BP Johnstone**

**That Council receive the Planning and Development Report for September 2023.**

**Minute No. 12/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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#### **5.3 2023 Christmas Closure**

Council traditionally closes the offices and depots over the Christmas and New Year period.

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

**That Council approve the Christmas closure period for 2023 as:**

1. Council offices will close from close of business Thursday, 21 December 2023 and reopen Wednesday, 3 January 2024.
2. Council depots will close from close of business Friday, 15 December 2023 and reopen Monday, 8 January 2024.

**Minute No. 13/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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#### **5.4 Opera Queensland Regional Tour 2024**

Opera Queensland have approached Council with the proposed tour for 2024.

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

**That Council supports the 2024 Opera Queensland Regional Tour.**

**Minute No. 14/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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#### **5.5 Council Meeting Dates for 2024**

Section 257 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires local governments to meet at least once in each month and section 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the meeting dates and places to be published.

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

**That Council adopts the meeting dates for 2024 as follows and they be advertised as such:**

<b>17 January 2024</b>	<b>Tambo</b>
<b>21 February 2024</b>	<b>Blackall</b>
<b>13 March 2024</b>	<b>Tambo</b>
<b>17 April 2024</b>	<b>Blackall</b>
<b>15 May 2024</b>	<b>Tambo</b>
<b>19 June 2024</b>	<b>Blackall</b>
<b>17 July 2024</b>	<b>Tambo</b>
<b>21 August 2024</b>	<b>Blackall</b>
<b>18 September 2024</b>	<b>Tambo</b>
<b>16 October 2024</b>	<b>Blackall</b>
<b>20 November 2024</b>	<b>Tambo</b>
<b>18 December 2024</b>	<b>Blackall</b>

**Minute No. 15/10A/23**

**Carried 6/0**

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#### **CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 9.38am.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on  
Wednesday 15 November 2023.

Signed.....Mayor