



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2021  
AT 8.30AM**

**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 attended via audio visual link.

**OFFICERS:**

Mr Alastair Rutherford, Acting Chief Executive Officer, 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:

- Rodney Edward John Harrison
  - Gary Scott Welldon
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

At this point no conflicts of interest were declared.

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**Councillor Attendance by Audio Visual Link**

Under section 254K of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may allow a person to take part in a meeting of the local government by audio link or audio visual link. Cr Pullos is seeking permission to attend the meeting via audio visual link due to medical reasons.

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

**That under section 254K of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council permits Cr Pullos to attend the meeting via audio visual link.**

**Minute No. 01/09A/21**

**Carried 6/0**

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## **Chief Executive Officer Leave of Absence**

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

That the Chief Executive Officer be granted a leave of absence due to medical reasons and that Council note the Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services, Mr Alastair Rutherford is Acting Chief Executive Officer.

**Minute No. 02/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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### **1.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes**

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 August 2021 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

**Minute No. 03/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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

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

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

That Council receive the Financial Report for August 2021.

**Minute No. 04/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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### **4.1.2 DFCCS Operations Report – August 2021**

The Director of Finance Corporate and Community Services operations report for August 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 GK Schluter                      Seconded: Cr LP Russell

That Council receive the DFCCS Operations Report for August 2021.

**Minute No. 05/09A/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 PJ Pullos**                      **Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

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

**Minute No. 06/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

Cr Hardie asked if there was any requirement in Blackall-Tambo for the sewerage water to be tested for COVID-19.

The Director of Works advised that Council, at this time, is under no requirement to test the water for COVID-19 and will commence testing if/when directed to do so by Queensland Health.

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#### **4.1.4 Ranger's Report**

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

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

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

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

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.1.5 Arts & Cultural Report – August 2021**

The arts and cultural report is provided to Council.

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

**That Council receive the Arts and Cultural Report for August 2021.**

**Minute No. 08/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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

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

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

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

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

**Carried 7/0**

Cr Scobie spoke in favour of the motion and complimented on the quality of work that had been completed on the Blackall-Jericho Road. Cr Scobie said the newly sealed section made a significant improvement on the trip.

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

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

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

**Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

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

**Minute No. 10/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

#### **4.2.3 Purchase of Dual Cab Service Truck**

Quotations were requested from 4 truck dealers for the purchase of a dual cab truck to replace plant 5012 Hino 300 series.

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

**Seconded: Cr LP Russell**

**That Council accept the quotation from Central Isuzu Rockhampton to supply a new Isuzu FRR 110-260 Auto Crew dual cab truck for \$152,710.78 (ex GST) and accept trade of 5012 for \$50,000.00 (ex GST). This truck is preferred as it will provide uniformity of plant, value for money and proven backup service. Local Buy (NPN 04-13) contract will apply.**

**Minute No. 11/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

#### **4.2.4 Purchase of Dual Cab Tipper**

Quotations were requested from 4 truck dealers for the purchase of a dual cab tipper to replace plant 5020 Hino Dutro tipper.

**MOTION:**      **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

**Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

**That Council accept the quotation from Central Isuzu Rockhampton to supply a new Isuzu NQR 87/80-190 dual cab tipper for \$109,750.92 (ex GST) and accept trade of 5020 for \$31,818.18 (ex GST). This truck is**

preferred as it will provide uniformity of plant, value for money and proven backup service. Local Buy (NPN 04-13) contract will apply.

**Minute No. 12/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **4.2.5 Purchase of 2.5 Tonne Diesel Forklift**

Quotations were requested from 5 major forklift truck dealers for the purchase of a 2.5 tonne fork truck.

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

**Seconded: Cr GK Schluter**

**That Council accept the quotation from Forkforce to supply a new Enforcer FD25T for \$31,500.00 (ex GST). This forklift is preferred as it is the same unit Council is currently operating.**

**Minute No. 13/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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

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

**MOTION:**     **Moved: Cr LP Russell**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

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

**Minute No. 14/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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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 GK Schluter**

**Seconded: Cr JH Scobie**

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

**Minute No. 15/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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#### **5.3 Heart of Australia**

The Heart of Australia provides mobile clinics to remote and rural areas. The mobile clinics are state of the art, fully equipped, modern clinics.

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

**That Council provide support of \$2,500.00 per visit to the Heart of Australia program to assist with travel expenses.**

**Minute No. 16/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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**5.4      Blackall Work Camp CAC Meeting – 24 August 2021**

The Community Advisory Committee for the Blackall Work Camp met on 24 August 2021.

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

**That Council receive the report from the Blackall Work Camp Community Advisory Committee 24 August meeting.**

**Minute No. 17/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

Cr Schluter noted that the Blackall Work Camp conduct regular work at the Blackall Golf Club and had been doing so for a number of years.

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**5.5      Tambo Town Common Meeting – 17 August 2021**

The Tambo Town Common Advisory Committee held a meeting on 17 August 2021.

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

**That Council:**

- 1. Receive the minutes from the Tambo Town Common meeting held 17 August 2021; and**
- 2. Set the bull levy for the Tambo Town Common at \$0.30 per week per head per joined females for the 2021/2022 financial year.**

**Minute No. 18/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

Cr Russell noted that Item 4 in Business Arising from the Meeting held 16 February 2021 was incorrect and this would be amended at the next Tambo Town Common meeting. Blackall-Tambo Regional Council recommended to the committee that the chairperson position should be open for nomination and election every 12 months.

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## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

At this point Cr Martin declared an interest.

**Cr AL Martin for item 5.6** – I, Councillor Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 5.6 Outback Queensland Muster 2022. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am the chair of Outback Queensland Tourism Association which are the host of the Outback Queensland Muster.

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

Cr Martin left the meeting at 9.37am.

Cr Russell assumed the chair.

## **5.6 Outback Queensland Muster 2022**

Outback Queensland Tourism Association is proposing to host an Outback Muster in February 2022 and has sought support from regional councils for a grant application.

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

**That Council ratify the CEO's support of the OQTA Outback Travel Muster 2022.**

**Minute No. 19/09A/21**

**Carried 6/0**

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At this point, 9.39am, Cr Martin returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

## **5.7 Funding for Toxins to Control Pests**

The Queensland Government is providing financial assistance to local governments for the purchase of toxins to control pests as the state government-supplied 1080 concentrate has been depleted.

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

**That Council accept the funding of \$11,572.00 (ex GST) for the purchase of baits to assist with pest management.**

**Minute No. 20/09A/21**

**Carried 7/0**

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## **5.8 Camping on Council Controlled Land Policies**

The policies relating to camping on Council controlled land required reviewing as this had not been undertaken for some time.

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

**That Council:**

- a. Adopt the revised Stat 25 – Blackall Showgrounds Camping Policy; and**
- b. Adopt the revised Stat 16 – Camping on Council Controlled Land Policy; and**
- c. Adopt the revised P11 – Trust Land Management Plan Blackall Showgrounds and Recreation; and**
- d. Retire Stat 14 – State Government Caravan Park Policy PUX/901/102 Version Three.**

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

**Carried 7/0**

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**CLOSURE:**

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 9.42am.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 20 October 2021.

Signed.....Mayor