



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2024 at 8:30 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr DA Hardie, Cr JH Scobie, Cr GK Schluter, Cr AA Hart, Cr PW Skewes

APOLOGY:

Cr Boyd Johnstone

OFFICERS:

Mr Mike Lollback, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Shalveen Dayal, Chief Financial Officer, Ms Alison Lamb, Director of Organisational Performance, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Group Manager Customer and Council Support, Mr Peter Mann, Manager Environment, Health and Environment, Piper Hansen, Minute Taker.

CONDOLANCES:

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

- Roger K Johnston
- Angus M MacDonald
- James Milton Baker
- Fiona MacDonald
- Mr Vasant M Agwan

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr. Skewes for item 6.2 - I, Councillor Peter Skewes, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 6.2 Blackall Cultural Precinct for Establishing a Beneficial Enterprise. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am a member of the executor of Red Ridge which is the organisation Council will assist through the beneficial enterprise.

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

Cr. Martin for item 6.2 - I, Councillor Andrew Martin, inform the meeting that I have a prescribed conflict of interest in item 6.2 Blackall Cultural Precinct for Establishing a Beneficial Enterprise. The nature of my interest is as follows:

- I am the chair of Red Ridge which is the organisation Council will assist through the beneficial enterprise.

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

1 Confirmation of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved: Cr Alina Hart

Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 September 2024 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

GM 2024/10/192

Carried 6 / 0

ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:

4.1
Information Report for September 2024

Information report from the Mayor for Council activities during the month of September 2024.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council receive the Mayor's report for September 2024.

GM 2024/10/193

Carried 6 / 0

ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:

5.1
Councillors' Information Report for September 2024

The report contains information from the Councillors for activities during the month of September 2024.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council receive the Councillors' report for September 2024.

GM 2024/10/194

Carried 6 / 0

ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:

6.1
Chief Executive Officer's September 2024 Report to Council

The report from the Chief Executive Officer is to update Council on matters that do not require a separate or comprehensive report for consideration but emerge as issue of interest to Council and the broader community.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie**Seconded: Cr David Hardie**

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer's Information Report for September 2024.

GM 2024/10/195**Carried 6 / 0**

The Chief Executive Officer congratulated Andrea Saunders on the completion of her second diploma.

At this point, 9.06am, Councillor Martin and Councillor Skewes left the meeting due to their prescribed interest in the matter.

Councillor David Hardie assumed the chair.

ITEM NO:**6.2****SUBJECT TITLE:****Blackall Cultural Precinct for Establishing a Beneficial Enterprise**

Planning design for the Blackall Cultural Precinct is completed and pre-lodgement with the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) has commenced. Council is in the process of preparing a full application to the Growing Regions Commonwealth Grant Round 2 to fund the Precinct's construction. If the application is successful, the project will be holistically completed. If the application is not successful, the project will be staged to be delivered over several years.

To undertake this project Council may conduct a beneficial enterprise as defined in Part 2 Division 1 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie**Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter****That Council:**

- 1. Conducts a beneficial enterprise in helping Red Ridge (Interior Qld) Ltd to further develop and construct the Blackall Cultural Precinct in accordance with *Division 2 Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2009, Section 40*.**
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a legally binding agreement to conduct a beneficial enterprise in helping Red Ridge to further design and construct the Blackall Cultural Precinct.**
- 3. That Council liability in conducting the beneficial enterprise is limited to:**
 - a. A total of \$3,000,000.00 towards the project completion, including any additional design works, the demolition of the Prince of Wales Hotel, practical construction and any fees required in progressing any development applications.**
 - b. The provision of a project manager to manage the delivery of the project.**
 - c. The provision of workplace health and safety advice and inspection.**
 - d. Site preparation prior to commencement of works, including any required searches or legal fees associated with the beneficial enterprise.**

GM 2024/10/196**Carried 4 / 0**

At this point, 9.20am, Councillor Martin and Councillor Skewes returned to the meeting. Councillor Martin resumed the chair.

At this point, 9.20am, Cr Jane Scobie left the meeting.

At this point, 9.21am, Cr Jane Scobie returned to the meeting.

ITEM NO: 6.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Special Holiday for 2025

Council made a request to the Office of Industrial Relations for a Special Holiday in 2025 as 4 November for the purpose of Melbourne Cup Day. The request has been approved by the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council receive the letter from the Office of Industrial Relations and note the 4 November 2025 has been approved as a Special Holiday for the Blackall-Tambo region.

GM 2024/10/197

Carried 6 / 0

ITEM NO: 6.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Commendation to Sarah Diprose

A Council employee, Sarah Diprose, provided assistance to travellers who were experiencing problems with their caravan along the Landsborough Highway.

This matter will be held over until the November 2024 meeting.

ITEM NO: 7.1.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Financial Report for the Month of September 2024

In accordance with s204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a monthly financial report must be presented to the Council. The financial report for September 2024 details the Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2024-2025.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council receive the Financial Report for September 2024.

GM 2024/10/198

Carried 6 / 0



ITEM NO: 7.1.2
SUBJECT TITLE: 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 Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Alina Hart

That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for September 2024.

GM 2024/10/199

Carried 6 / 0

ITEM NO: 7.1.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Application to Connect, Town Water - 'Elsewhere' Landsborough Highway Tambo

The owners of "Elsewhere," Landsborough Highway, Tambo have requested Council approval for the property to be connected to the Tambo town water supply. The relevant property is outside of the defined water area shown in Appendix E of Council's Revenue Statement.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council decline the request to connect "Elsewhere," Landsborough Highway to the Tambo town water supply as the property is outside the defined water area, Council has a legislative requirement to ensure that users within the defined water area receive an adequate service.

Amended Motion

MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes Seconded: Cr Alina Hart

That this matter lay on the table until the November meeting to enable Council officers to provide more information for Council to make a decision.

GM 2024/10/200

Carried 6 / 0

The amended motion became the substantive motion.

ITEM NO: 7.1.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Operational Plan Review

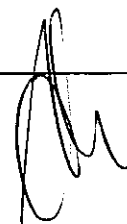
Section 174(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires councils to review their operational plans every three months.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council receives the 2024-2025 Operational Plan review for 30 September 2024.

GM 2024/10/203

Carried 6 / 0



Council noted that the non-receipt of the LGGSP grant as disgraceful as the application was for a project to provide a basic necessity to the community.

Adjournment:

At 10.05am the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

Resumption:

At 10.29am the meeting was resumed.

At the resumption of the meeting, Ms Jodie Richardson, Group Manager People, Culture and Safety, was present.

ITEM NO:	7.1.5
SUBJECT TITLE:	Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee Minutes of Meeting

The Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting was held on 13 September 2024. In this meeting, the committee recommended to Council that expressions of interest are sought for additional independent member/s.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes Seconded: Cr Alina Hart

That Council receive the minutes of the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee's meeting 13 September 2024 and endorse the Internal Audit and Risk Management Committee's recommendation to seek expressions of interest for additional independent member/s.

GM 2024/10/204

Carried 6 / 0

ITEM NO:	7.2.1
SUBJECT TITLE:	Chief Operations Officer's Report

The Chief of Operations report for September 2024 is presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Peter Skewes

That Council receive the Chief Operations Officer's report for September 2024.

GM 2024/10/205

Carried 6 / 0

ITEM NO:	7.3.1
SUBJECT TITLE:	Director of Lifestyle and Community Operational Report

The Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Operations report for September 2024 is presented to Council. The report includes Blackall Aerodrome, Libraries, Visitor Information Centres, Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program and Tambo Multipurpose Centre.



MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes**Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie****That Council receive the Director of Lifestyle and Community Services' Report for September 2024.****GM 2024/10/206****Carried 6 / 0**

ITEM NO:**7.4.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Customer and Council Support Services'
Monthly Report - September 2024**

This report provides Council with a brief overview/update of the Customer and Council Support Services' key activities and outcomes for the previous calendar month.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie**Seconded: Cr Alina Hart****That Council receive the Customer and Council Support Services' report for September 2024.****GM 2024/10/207****Carried 6 / 0**

ITEM NO:**7.4.2****SUBJECT TITLE:****Town and Rural Services Report**

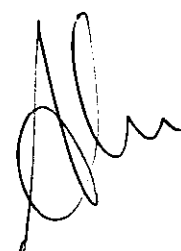
Overview of upkeep and maintenance of the townships of Blackall and Tambo.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie**Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie****That Council receive the Town and Services Report.****GM 2024/10/208****Carried 6 / 0**

ITEM NO:**7.4.3****SUBJECT TITLE:****Environment, Health and Compliance Branch
Report**

The Environmental Health and Ranger reports are now included within this branch report. This reflects the current corporate structure.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter**Seconded: Cr Alina Hart****That the Environment, Health and Compliance branch report be taken as read and the officer's actions be endorsed****GM 2024/10/209****Carried 6 / 0**



ITEM NO: 7.4.4
SUBJECT TITLE: People, Culture & Safety Report

This report provides Council with an update of the People, Culture and Safety departments outcomes for the period of 1 September 2024 to 30 September 2024.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That the People, Culture and Safety Monthly Report for September 2024 be received and noted by Council.

GM 2024/10/210

Carried 6 / 0

At this point, 11.41am, Ms Jodie Richardson and Mr Peter Mann left the meeting.

ITEM NO: 7.4.5
SUBJECT TITLE: Council Meeting Dates for 2025

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 Jane Scobie Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council adopts the meeting dates for 2025 as follows and they be advertised as such:

15 January 2025	Blackall
19 February 2025	Blackall
19 March 2025	Tambo
16 April 2025	Blackall
21 May 2025	Tambo
18 June 2025	Blackall
16 July 2025	Tambo
20 August 2025	Blackall
17 September 2025	Tambo
15 October 2025	Blackall
19 November 2025	Tambo
17 December 2025	Blackall


GM 2024/10/211

Carried 6 / 0

ITEM NO: 7.4.6
SUBJECT TITLE: Review of Governance Policies

Changes to the Model Meeting Procedures and Investigation Policy by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries necessitated the review and update of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council policies, while the change in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Corporate Structure triggered an update in the Acceptable Request Guidelines.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie Seconded: Cr Alina Hart



That Council adopt the revised:

1. Investigation Policy.

GM 2024/10/212

Carried 6 / 0

That Council adopt the revised:

2. Acceptable Request Guidelines.

GM 2024/10/213

Carried 5 / 1

Cr Skewes requested his name be recorded as voting against the motion.

That Council adopt the revised:

3. Meeting Procedures.

GM 2024/10/214

Carried 6 / 0

ITEM NO:

7.4.7

SUBJECT TITLE:

Opera Queensland Tour 2025

Opera Queensland have asked if the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council would like to host the proposed Festival of the Outback tour for 2025.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Alina Hart

Seconded: Cr Peter Skewes

That Council supports the 2025 Opera Queensland Regional Tour.

GM 2024/10/215

Carried 6 / 0

At this point, 12.03pm, Ms Jodie Richardson returned to the meeting.

ITEM NO:

7.4.8

SUBJECT TITLE:

Review of Council Policies

A revision of Council Policies has necessitated the update of the Work, Health & Safety and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Uniform Policies to reflect current practices.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter

Seconded: Cr Peter Skewes

That Council adopt the revised:


- **Work, Health & Safety Policy; and**
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Uniform Policy**

GM 2024/10/216

Carried 6 / 0

8 Confidential Reports

Nil

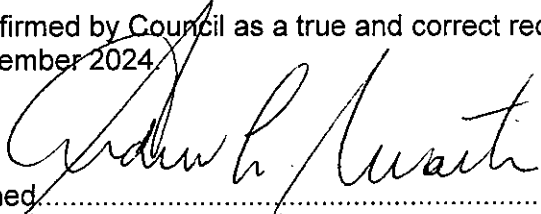


CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 12.08pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on 20 November 2024.

Signed  Mayor