



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2025 at 8:30 AM**

PRESENT:

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

OFFICERS:

Mr Mike Lollback, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Shalveen Dayal, Chief Financial Officer, Mrs Jaimee-Lee Prow, Director of Lifestyle and Community, Ms Alison Lamb, Director of Organisational Performance, Mr Greg Nicholls, Group Manager of Town and Rural Services, Mr Matthew Richardson, Group Manager Road Works, Mr Peter Mann, Manager Environment, Health, and Compliance, Ms Jodie Richardson, Group Manager People, Culture and Safety, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Group Manager of Customer and Council Support Services, Ms Piper Hansen, Minute Taker.

Attendance by Audio Visual Link

The Mayor asked if the Council agreed for the Chief Executive Officer to attend the May General Meeting by audio visual link.

Council agreed.

CONDOLANCES:

A minutes silence was observed to mark the passing of:

- Beres Birchley
- Leonard Russell
- Leslie Masters
- Alison Peut

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No conflicts declared at this time.

2.1 Confirmation of General Meeting Minutes

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 June 2025 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

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2.2 Confirmation of Budget Meeting Minutes

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

That the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 18 June 2025 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

2025/07/416

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ITEM NO:

3.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Information Report for June 2025

Information report from the Mayor for Council activities during the month of June 2025.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council receive the Mayor's report for June 2025.

2025/07/417

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO:

4.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Councillors' Information Report for June 2025

The report contains information from the Councillors for activities during the month of May 2025.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council receive the Councillors report for June 2025.

2025/07/418

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ITEM NO: 5.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Chief Executive Officer's June 2025 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 Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer's Information Report for June 2025.

2025/07/419

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO: 5.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Actions Arising from Council Meetings

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the actions arising from resolutions passed at previous Council meetings. This report aims to ensure transparency, track progress, and identify any issues requiring further attention.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

That Council notes the progress of actions arising from previous Council meetings as detailed in this report.

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ITEM NO: 6.1.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Correspondence Items

The following correspondence has been received:

- A thank you email was received from Holly Macdonald for the First Five Forever program on Tuesdays.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin Seconded: Cr Peter Skewes OAM

That Council receive the correspondence from Holly Macdonald thanking the Blackall Library Team for delivering the First Five Forever program on Tuesdays.

2025/07/421

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ITEM NO: 6.2.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Financial Report for the Month of June 2025

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That Council receive the Financial Report for June 2025.

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ITEM NO: 6.2.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Operational Plan Review

Section 174(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council to review their operational plans every three months. This is the final review of the 2024-25 Operational Plan and council will move to reporting on the 2025-2026 Operational plan as adopted by council as part of its current budget.

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

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

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ITEM NO: 6.2.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Planning and Development Report

The Planning and Development report provides a summary of building applications and planning and development activities in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area.

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

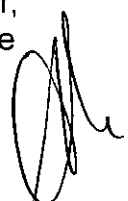
That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for June 2025.

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ITEM NO: 6.2.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Blackall Saleyards Advisory Committee

The Blackall Livestock Auction Association met with the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Saleyards Manager to discuss matters related to the



Blackall Saleyards. It was agreed that an advisory committee be re-formed to better inform Council on strategic planning and provide recommendations to Council in relation to the Blackall Saleyards on an ongoing basis.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Alina Hart

Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That under section 265 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council

- 1. Establish a Blackall Saleyards Advisory Committee, that will consist of two Councillors, an executive member of Council, the Manager of the Saleyards, the Blackall Livestock Auction Association livestock agents, a primary producer, a transport operator and Department of Primary Industries representative; and**
- 2. That Council requires the CEO to establish terms of reference for the Blackall Saleyards Advisory Committee; and**
- 3. That Councillors Martin and Schluter be appointed to the Advisory Committee as council representatives.**

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ITEM NO:

6.2.5

SUBJECT TITLE:

Tambo Multi-purpose Sports Court

Council has awarded a contract to Newlands Civil Constructions for the design and construction of a multi-purpose covered court at the Tambo Aquatic Centre, funded through the Play Our Way Program.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie

Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council endorses the CEO's decision to award the contract for the Covered Tambo Multi-purpose Sports Court to Newlands Civil Constructions.

2025/07/426

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ITEM NO:

6.3.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

**Director of Lifestyle and Community
Services Report - June 2025 Report**

The Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Operations report for June 2025 is presented to Council. The report includes Blackall Aerodrome, Libraries, Visitor Information Centres, Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program, Sport and Recreation, Communication and Media, Youth Council and Tambo Multipurpose Centre.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Alina Hart

Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That Council receive the Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Report for June 2025.

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Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 9.32am.

Resumption:

At 9.59am, the meeting was resumed.

ITEM NO:

6.3.2

SUBJECT TITLE:

Blackall-Tambo Community Development Action Plans

As part of Council's participation in Stage 2 of the Rural Aid Central West Community Builders Program, Rural Aid and Bank of Ideas Facilitator Peter Kenyon engaged in conversations with community members of Blackall and Tambo region to collate, produce and publish a 'Blackall Community Development Action Plan' and 'Tambo Community Development Action Plan'. Both Action Plans will be used to provide strategic direction in the formation of Council's new Corporate Plan.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie

Seconded: Cr Alina Hart

That Council receives the report of Blackall-Tambo Community Development Action Plans (CAPS), acknowledging these as strategic documents, that represent and guide specific community initiatives, goals, and actions aimed at improving the wellbeing, resilience, and sustainability of the region.

2025/07/428

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ITEM NO:

6.4.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Organisational Performance Monthly Report - June 2025

This report provides Council with an overview/update of the Council's Organisational Performance in key activities and outcomes for the month of June 2025.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter

Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

That Council receive the Organisational Performance report for June 2025.

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ITEM NO: 6.4.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Group Manager's – Road Works Report

The Group Manager's – Road Works report for June 2025 is presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

That Council receive the Group Manager's Road Works report for June 2025.

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ITEM NO: 6.4.3
SUBJECT TITLE: People, Culture & Safety Report

This report provides Council with an update of the People, Culture and Safety Department outcomes for June 2025.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes OAM Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That the People, Culture and Safety Monthly Report for June 2025 be received and noted by Council.

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ITEM NO: 6.4.4
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 Grahame Schluter

That Council receive the Town and Rural Services Report for June 2025.

2025/07/432

Carried 7 / 0

At this point, 10.52am, the Group Manager of Customer and Council Support Services left the meeting.

At this point, 10.54am, the Group Manager of Customer and Council Support Services returned to the meeting.

ITEM NO: 6.4.5
SUBJECT TITLE: Manager Environment, Health and Compliance



The Environment, Health and Compliance branch is a very public facing function of Council, the branch has direct contact with residents and visitors on a continuous basis. The officers deal with customer requests, licencing, impounding, animal control, pest management, vector control, stock route management and many other aspects of Council's service provision.

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie

Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council receive the June 2025 Environment, Health and Compliance Report and endorse the officer's actions.

2025/07/433

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At this point, 11.05am, Cr Skewes left the meeting.

At this point, 11.07am, Cr Skewes returned to the meeting.

ITEM NO:

6.4.6

SUBJECT TITLE:

Local Law Review - Completion of Public Consultation

In accordance with the resolution of Council at the general meeting on 19 March 2025 **That Council approves the conducting of a community consultation program. GM 2025/03/21.** The public consultation stage has now been completed using two) methods, online submission and in person information sessions

This report outlines the results of the public consultation and recommends progressing to the anti-competitive assessment stage.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie

Seconded: Cr Alina Hart

That Council:

- 1. receive the report containing the results of the local law review public consultation; and**
- 2. approve progressing the assessment of anticompetitive provisions in accordance with National Competiton Policy element 6, that requires all government regulations must be reviewed to ensure they do not restrict competition; and**
- 3. accepts and considers submissions properly made.**

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ITEM NO:

6.4.7

SUBJECT TITLE:

**Information Privacy and Other
Legislation Amendment Act 2023 (IPOLA)
- Legislation Changes Update**



The changes incorporated in the *Information Privacy Act 2009 and Right to Information Act 2009* are known as the Information Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023 (IPOLA).

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie

Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

That Council receive the information report for the legislative changes to the *Information Privacy Act 2009, Right to Information Act 2009* and *Public Records Act 2023*.

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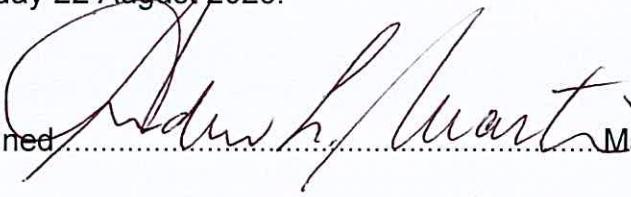
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CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 11.15am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Friday 22 August 2025.

Signed  Mayor