

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE TAMBO COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 9:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Councillors: Cr AL Martin (Mayor), Cr BP Johnstone, Cr GK Schluter, Cr PW Skewes OAM

OFFICERS:

Mr Mike Lollback, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Shalveen Dayal, Chief Financial Officer, Ms Alison Lamb, Director of Organisational Performance, Ms Jaimee-Lee Prow, Director of Lifestyle and Community, Mr Greg Nicholls, Group Manager Town and Rural Services, Mr Dallas Kowald-Dawson, Fleet Supervisor, Mrs Andrea Saunders, Group Manager Corporate Services, Assets and Projects, Mr Wesley Phillips, Manager Environment, Health and Compliance, Mrs Kaylene Carroll, Accountant, Ms Rebecca Walsh, Administration Support Officer & Records Management, Miss Tiffany Chapman, Executive Assistant and Minute Taker.

Leave of Absence

- Cr Alina Hart requested a leave of absence for the meeting.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

- That a leave of absence for Cr Alina Hart for today's meeting be granted.

GM 2026/09/785

Carried 4/0

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- Cr Jane Scobie requested a leave of absence for the meeting.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

- That a leave of absence for Cr Jane Scobie for today's meeting be granted.

GM 2026/09/786

Carried 4/0

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- Cr David Hardie requested a leave of absence for the meeting.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

- That a leave of absence for Cr David Hardie for today's meeting be granted.

GM 2026/09/787

Carried 4/0

CONDOLENCES:

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

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

2 Confirmation of the General Meeting Minutes

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 August 2026 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.

GM 2026/09/788

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO:

3.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Mayor's Information Report for August

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council receives the Mayor's report for the month August.

GM 2026/09/789

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO:

4.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Councillors' Information Report for August

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

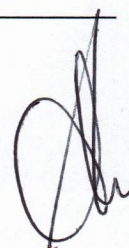
MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin

Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council receives the Councillors' report for August.

GM 2026/09/790

Carried 4/0



ITEM NO: 5.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Chief Executive Officer's August 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 and may include matters that are beyond the end of the previous month.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer's Information Report.

GM 2026/09/791

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 5.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Recognition of Council Officer

Council has received a letter from travellers expressing their appreciation for the assistance provided by Mr Gerard Holmes after they experienced mechanical issues with their caravan on the Landsborough Highway near Tambo.

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

That Council notes, formally acknowledges and congratulates Tambo Roadworks Foreman, Gerard Holmes for his outstanding service to members of the public and present a Certificate of Commendation in acknowledgement for his actions.

GM 2026/09/792

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 5.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Actions Arising from Previous 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

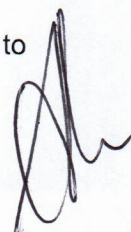
That Council notes the progress of actions arising from previous Council meetings as detailed in the report.

GM 2026/09/793

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 5.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Blackall Work Camp Community Engagement Committee Meeting August 2026

The Blackall Work Camp Community Engagement Committee has been established to support the Blackall Work Camp. The Committee meets up to four times per year.



MOTION: Moved: Cr Peter Skewes OAM Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

That Council receive the Blackall Work Camp Community Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes dated 25 August 2026.

GM 2026/09/794

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO:	6.1
SUBJECT TITLE:	Streetscape Upgrades - Community Consultation

The engagement of the community is an essential component in responsible governance and an important key to the development of a vibrant local community. The proposed streetscape upgrades for Blackall and Tambo are ready for community consultation.

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

That having been briefed by Council staff on the streetscape upgrades for Shamrock Street Blackall and Arthur Street Tambo, that Council endorses the commencement of the community consultation from 5th October 2026.

GM 2026/09/795

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO:	6.2
SUBJECT TITLE:	Excise of State Owned Land for Industrial Use - Tambo

Council is considering applying to the State Government to excise a portion of the Tambo Town Common Reserve for the future development for industrial purposes.

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

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make the necessary application with the Queensland government for the purchase of portion of Lot 3 on SP157686 for future development for industrial use.

GM 2026/09/796

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO:	7.1
SUBJECT TITLE:	Financial Report for the month of August

In accordance with s204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a monthly financial report must be presented to the Council. The financial report for August details the Council's current financial position and compares its performance against the adopted budget for 2026-27.

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

That Council receives the Financial Report for August 2026.

GM 2026/09/797

Carried 4/0



Adjournment:

At this point, 10.01 am, the meeting was adjourned for morning tea.

Resumption:

At this point, 10.23 am, the meeting was resumed.

ITEM NO: 7.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Fleet Report for the month of August

The Fleet Report provides information on the operation and serviceability of Council's fleet.

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

That Council receive the Fleet Report for August 2026.

GM 2026/09/798

Carried 4/0

At this point, 10.24 am, Chief Financial Officer, Shalveen Dayal joined the meeting.

ITEM NO: 7.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Saleyards Report for the month of August

The Blackall Saleyards Report provides an update on sale numbers and projects.

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

That Council receives the Saleyards report for August 2026.

GM 2026/09/799

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 7.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Internal Audit Recommendation Register

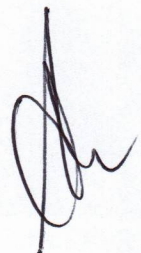
A register of internal audit recommendations has been prepared and presented to the Internal Audit Committee, outlining current implementation status and management comments.

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

That Council receive the Internal Audit Recommendation Register.

GM 2026/09/800

Carried 4/0



ITEM NO: 7.5
SUBJECT TITLE: Saleyards Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

A Saleyards Advisory Committee meeting was held on 11 August 2026 at the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Chambers. The Committee, comprising representatives from Council, Blackall Livestock Auction Association (BLAA), transport operators, primary producers and local livestock agents, to discuss matters relating to the Blackall Saleyards.

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

That Council receive and notes the Saleyards Advisory Committee Meeting minutes dated 11 August 2026.

GM 2026/09/801

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 8.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Purchase of New Plant

1. *Quotations were requested from 3 machinery dealers for the purchase of a Motor Grader to replace plant 1307, Caterpillar 12M Motor Grader.*
2. *Quotations were requested from 3 machinery dealers for the purchase of a Front End Loader to replace plant 3153, Caterpillar 938K Loader.*
3. *Quotations were requested from 3 machinery dealers for the purchase of 2x backhoe loaders to replace plant items 3105 and 3154, both Caterpillar 432F backhoe loaders.*
4. *Quotations were requested from 4 machinery dealers for the purchase of a Multi tyre roller to replace plant 2059, Ammann AP240T3 Multi Roller.*
5. *Quotations were requested from 4 truck manufactures for the purchase of 1 (one) 6x4 prime mover to replace plant 5023 Mack Granite.*
6. *Quotations were requested from 3 truck manufactures for the purchase of 1 (one) 6x4 Rigid 2-way Tipper to replace plant 5022 Hino 700 Tipper.*

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

That Council:

1. **Accept the quotation from Hastings Deering to supply a new Caterpillar 150 Motor Grader for \$680,100.00 (ex GST). This machine is preferred as it will provide operator familiarity, uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty. Local Buy (LB345) contract will apply.**
2. **Accept the quotation from Hastings Deering to supply a new Caterpillar 938 Front End Loader for \$472,900.00 (ex GST). This machine is preferred as it will provide operator familiarity, uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty. Local Buy (LB345) contract will apply.**



3. Accept the quotation from Hastings Deering to supply 2 (two) x new Caterpillar 432 Backhoe Loaders for \$542,800.00 (ex GST). These machines are preferred as it will provide operator familiarity, uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty. Local Buy (LB345) contract will apply.
4. Accept the quotation from Hastings Deering to supply a new Caterpillar CW34NN Multi tyre roller for \$241,400.00 (ex GST). This machine is preferred as it will provide operator familiarity, uniformity of plant, uniformity of parts and proven backup service and warranty. Local Buy (LB345) contract will apply.
5. Accept the quotation from WTG Rockhampton to supply 1 (one) Mack Trident prime mover for \$390,600.00 (ex GST). This truck would be preferred as it will provide uniformity of plant, value for money/resale, flexibility of use and proven backup service. Local Buy (NPN1.23) contract will apply.
6. Accept the quotation from WTG Rockhampton to supply 1 (one) Mack Trident Rigid Tipper for \$457,500.00 (ex GST). This truck would be preferred as it will provide uniformity of plant, value for money/resale, flexibility of use and proven backup service. Local Buy (NPN1.23) contract will apply.

GM 2026/09/802**Carried 4/0****ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:****9.1.1
Tambo MPC Policies and Procedures**

The Tambo MPC Policies and Procedures have been reviewed as part of Council's continuous policy review process.

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

That Council retire the Tambo MPC (Multipurpose Centre) Policies and Procedures as they are no longer relevant to the Tambo Hub service delivery.

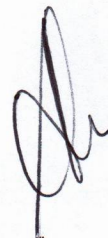
GM 2026/09/803**Carried 4/0****ITEM NO:
SUBJECT TITLE:****9.2.1
Review of Policies**

Policy reviews ensure current legislative requirements and practices are being met.

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

That Council:

1. adopt the following revised policies:
 - a. Councillors' Expenses Reimbursement Policy; and
 - b. Code of Conduct for Employees; and
 - c. Internal Audit Policy; and
 - d. Advertising Spending Policy.



2. Retire the following policies:

- a. **Mobile Phone Policy (Council); and**
- b. **Mobile Phone Policy (Personal Use)**

GM 2026/09/804**Carried 4/0****ITEM NO:****9.2.2****SUBJECT TITLE:****Tender for Supply of Precast Concrete Box Culverts Components**

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council recently tendered for the supply of Precast Concrete Box Culvert Component with tenders closing on 26th August 2026. There were five (5) submissions received.

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

That Council award the tender for the Supply of Precast Concrete Box Culvert Component to JT Cox Concrete & Precast Pty Ltd for \$423,400.00 (ex GST), delivered. JT Cox Concrete & Precast Pty Ltd provided the best value for money and are a proven supplier.

GM 2026/09/805**Carried 4/0****ITEM NO:****10.1.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Report for August**

The Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Operations report for May is presented to Council. The report includes Blackall Aerodrome; Libraries; Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program (Hub); Youth, Sport and Recreation; Tambo Lifestyle & Community Services (Hub); Tourism, Small Business, Communication and Media; Grasslands Gallery and Tambo Heritage Precinct.

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

That Council receive the Director of Lifestyle and Community Services report for August 2026.

GM 2026/09/806**Carried 4/0**

At this point, 10.51 am, Manager Environment, Health and Compliance, Wesley Phillips joined the meeting via teams.

ITEM NO:**9.1.2****SUBJECT TITLE:****Group Manager of Community Policy and Programs Report for August**

The June Community Policy and Programs Operations Report covers activities across the Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program, Blackall and Tambo Libraries, Youth, Sport and Recreation, Visitor Information and Tourism, Small Business, Communication and Media.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin**Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter**

That Council receive the Group Manager of Community Policy and Programs report for August.

GM 2026/09/807

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 10.1.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Group Manager Community Access and Infrastructure Report for August

The Group Manager Community Access and infrastructure report for June is presented. The report includes Blackall Airport Operations; Mable; Tambo Lifestyle and Community Hub; NDIS Program; Blackall and Tambo Cemeteries and Council and Community Grants.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

That Council receive the Group Manager Community Access and Infrastructure report for August.

GM 2026/09/808

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 10.2.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Organisational Performance Monthly Report for August

This report provides Council with an update for the Organisational Performance Department which includes an Executive Summary, the Blackall and Tambo Aquatic Centre Reports, Facility bookings, Snap Send Solve, Work Camp applications, Community Bus bookings, miscellaneous activities and outcomes.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Boyd Johnstone Seconded: Cr Peter Skewes OAM

That Council receives the Organisational Performance report for August.

GM 2026/09/809

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 10.2.2
SUBJECT TITLE: People, Culture & Safety Report for August

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

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

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

GM 2026/09/810

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 10.2.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Town and Rural Services Report for August

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

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

That Council receive the Town and Rural Services Report for August 2026.

GM 2026/09/811

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 10.2.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Roadworks Report for August

The Road Works report includes Transport & Main Roads (TMR) projects; Works for Queensland (W4Q); Residential Activation Funding (RAF) projects; Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA); Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) Work Package 3 funding projects; Flood Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets (REPA) Events and Visual Mapping of progressing works for August is presented to Council.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

That Council receive the Road Works report for August 2026.

GM 2026/09/812

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 10.2.5
SUBJECT TITLE: Assets and Major Projects Report for August

The update on projects is provided to Council.

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

That Council receive the Assets and Major Projects Report for August.

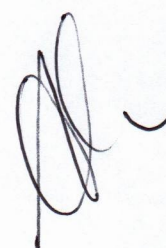
GM 2026/09/813

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO: 10.2.6
SUBJECT TITLE: Manager Environment, Health and Compliance Report for August

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

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



That the Environment, Health and Compliance August report be received.

GM 2026/09/814

Carried 4/0

ITEM NO:

10.2.7

SUBJECT TITLE:

Planning and Development Report for August

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

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

That Council receives the Planning and Development Report for August.

GM 2026/09/815

Carried 4/0

CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at this point 11.59 am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on 14 October 2026.

Signed.....Mayor