



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 19 February 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

Cr AL Martin

Cr BP Johnstone

Cr JH Scobie

Cr DA Hardie

Cr GK Schluter

Cr AA Hart

Cr PW Skewes OAM

Please find attached the Agenda for the General Meeting to be held at the Blackall Council Chambers, Wednesday 19 February 2025 commencing at 8:30 am.

MJ Lollback

Chief Executive Officer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**March 2025**

19 March	Council Meeting – Tambo
26 March	Council 2025-2026 Budget Workshop

April 2025

16 April	Council Meeting – Blackall
18 April	Good Friday
21 April	Easter Monday
25 April	ANZAC Day
30 April	Council 2025-2026 Budget Workshop

May 2025

5 May	Labour Day
7 May	Council 2025-2026 Budget Workshop
21 May	Council Meeting – Tambo

June 2025

4 June	Council 2025-2026 Budget Workshop
18 June	Council Meeting – Blackall

July 2025

16 July	Council Meeting – Tambo
22 July	Work Camp Regional Forum

August 2025

20 August	Council Meeting – Blackall
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September 2025

17 September	Council Meeting – Tambo
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October 2025

6 October	King's Birthday
15 October	Council Meeting – Blackall

November 2025

4 November	Melbourne Cup Holiday
19 November	Council Meeting – Tambo

December 2025

17 December	Council Meeting – Blackall
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day

Held at Blackall Council Chambers
On Wednesday 19 February 2025
Commencing at 8:30 am

Order of Business

Acknowledgement of Country

Leave of Absence/Signing of Attendance Book

Apologies: Nil

Condolences: Nil

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest:

Deputations:

- 8.30am - Blackall Historical Society – Wendy Just, Judy Murray, Ian Murray, Elizabeth Russell

Public Participation:

- Dan Arthur, Emergency Management Coordinator – Longreach, Queensland Police

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1 Confirmation of the Meeting Minutes

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 January 2025 be taken as read and confirmed, and that the Mayor be authorised to sign same.



**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BLACKALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 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, Ms Jaimee-Lee Prow, Director of Lifestyle and Community, Ms Alison Lamb, Director of Organisational Performance, Mr Peter Fry, Group Manager of Town and Rural Services, Mr Wesley Phillips, Environmental Health Officer, Ms Piper Hansen, Minute Taker.

CONDOLANCES:

A minutes silence was observed to mark the passing of:

- Robert James Sutton
- Joyce Otto
- Cyril Couchie
- Sydney Kenneth Treasure

1 Confirmation of the Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie

Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone

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

GM 2025/01/266

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO:

4.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Information Report for December 2024

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

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MOTION: Moved: Cr Andrew Martin**Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter****That Council receive the Mayor's report for December 2024.****GM 2025/01/267****Carried 7 / 0**

ITEM NO:**5.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Councillors' Information Report for December 2024**

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr David Hardie**Seconded: Cr Boyd Johnstone****That Council receive the Councillors report for December 2024.****GM 2025/01/268****Carried 7 / 0**

ITEM NO:**6.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Chief Executive Officer's December 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 Grahame Schluter**Seconded: Cr David Hardie****That Council receive the Chief Executive Officer's Information Report for December 2024.****GM 2025/01/269****Carried 7 / 0**

ITEM NO:**7.1.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Correspondence Items January 2025**

The following correspondence has been received:

- Thank you from the Caldervale Campdraft for the sponsorship of their event.
- Albanese Government invest \$14.96 million for the Blackall Cultural Precinct.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie**Seconded: Cr David Hardie****That Council receive the correspondence as presented.****GM 2025/01/270****Carried 7 / 0**

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ITEM NO: 7.2.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Financial Report for the Month of December 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 December 2024 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 Alina Hart

That Council receive the Financial Report for December 2024.

GM 2025/01/271 **Carried 7 / 0**

ITEM NO: 7.2.2
SUBJECT TITLE: Operational Plan Review

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

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

That Council receives the 2024-2025 Operational Plan review for 31 December 2024.

GM 2025/01/272 **Carried 7 / 0**

ITEM NO: 7.2.3
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 Alina Hart Seconded: Cr Grahame Schluter

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

GM 2025/01/273 **Carried 7 / 0**

ITEM NO: 7.3.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Chief Operations Officer's Report

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr Boyd Johnstone Seconded: Cr David Hardie

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

GM 2025/01/274 **Carried 7 / 0**

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ITEM NO: 7.4.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Report - December 2024 Report

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

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter Seconded: Cr Alina Hart

That Council receive the Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Report for December 2024.

GM 2025/01/275

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO: 7.5.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Organisational Performance Monthly Report - December 2024

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

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

That Council receive the Organisational Performance report for December 2024.

GM 2025/01/276

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO: 7.5.2
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 Alina Hart

That council adopt this December 2024 report and endorse the officer's actions.

GM 2025/01/277

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO: 7.5.3
SUBJECT TITLE: Compliance and Enforcement Policy adoption

Transparency, respect, tolerance, fairness, and consistency are the principles underpinning this policy. The policy supports proportionality and transparency in decision making and an openness about how the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council operates in terms of its compliance and enforcement activities and how it values those that voluntarily comply with their lawful obligations.

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This policy has been developed to assist the Council, staff and our community are aware and understand how council approaches compliance and when enforcement activities may be used.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie

Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council approve the Compliance and Enforcement Policy in principle and request the CEO to have a public consultation program delivered to the community and report the results of the consultation to council at the May 2025 general meeting.

GM 2025/01/278

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO:

7.5.4

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 December 2024 to 31 December 2024.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Grahame Schluter

Seconded: Cr Jane Scobie

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

GM 2025/01/279

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO:

7.5.5

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 December 2024

GM 2025/01/280

Carried 7 / 0

ITEM NO:

7.5.6

SUBJECT TITLE:

Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Annual Report 2023-2024

Pursuant to section 142 of the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*, Council must provide the regulator a copy of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Annual Report within 120 business days after the financial year ends.

MOTION: Moved: Cr Jane Scobie

Seconded: Cr David Hardie

That Council adopts the Blackall-Tambo Council Drinking Water Quality Management Plan Annual Report 2023-2024.

GM 2025/01/281

Carried 7 / 0

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CLOSURE:

There being no further business to consider, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 9.59am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Confirmed by Council as a true and correct record at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2025.

Signed.....Mayor

2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

2.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

There is no outstanding business.

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

3.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Mayors Report for January 2025

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Andrea Saunders Group Manager Customer & Council Support

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

Information report from the Mayor for Council activities during the month of January and February.

Officer's Recommendation:

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

Background

ACTIVITY FOR JANUARY 2025	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QWool board meeting
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia Day
ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY 2025	
Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QWool delegation to Canberra (with CEO) RAPAD Board Meeting (with CEO) ALGA Meeting – Melbourne LGAQ Policy Executive Regional Transport Advisory Group RAPAD Board Meeting – Windorah Outback Regional Roads Transport Group – Windorah RAPAD Water and Sewerage Strategic Group - Windorah Regional Development Australia Central and Western Queensland Board Meeting
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qantas Community Forum

Link to Corporate Plan

Governance

Outcome 3 - Leadership - Responsible leadership with informed and transparent decision making.

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO: 4.1**SUBJECT TITLE:** **Councillors' Information Report for January 2025**

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE: Piper Hansen Administration Officer

AUTHORISING OFFICER: Andrea Saunders Group Manager Customer and Council Support

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential) N/A

Summary:

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

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the Councillors report for January 2025.

Background

The following information provides an overview of the activities of the Councillors of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

Councillor Jane Scobie

- January 16- Attended Destination 2045 Tourism workshop in Longreach.
- January 22/23- Q Wool dinner and presentation.
- January 24 – 27- Hosted Justine Christenson (Aust Day Ambassador) - met the plane, town tour, drove her to Tambo, showed her around our part of the world, took her back to the plane Monday.
- January 30 – February 2- Telstra Mobile outage – dealing with Telstra “help line” on behalf of the many people offline.
- February 3- Blackall CAN Meeting.

Councillor Alina Hart

- 2 x budget discussion meetings.
- Attended Outback Tourism consult workshop in Longreach, hosted by the Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Science and Innovation, and Director General, Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation.
- Attended breakfast with fellow mayors and councillors & CEOs, with Premier David Crisafulli and Sean Dillon, Member for Gregory.
- Met with Chrissy, coordinator of the Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive, and location scouted for event.
- Attended workshops, info sessions etc with QWool.
- Met with Justine Christenson, along with other CAN members, discussing PTSS in the region.
- Attended Australia Day celebrations in Blackall.
- Attended CAN meeting.
- Dinner with RESQ Executive Team.

Councillor David Hardie

- January 17- Spoke to local resident in Myrtle Street regarding potholes.
- January 20- Spoke to Tambo rural resident regarding sheeting of dirt road.
- January 22- Spoke with CEO regarding the Mt Playfair road condition.
- January 26- Australia Day celebrations- Tambo and Blackall.

- January 30- Spoke to CEO regarding the two grids near Athol Station needing attention on the Blackall-Isisford Road.
- January 30- Spoke with Ajay regarding the grids near Athol Station.
- January 31- Visit to Tambo.
- February 6- Flood inspection- Blackall Township.
- February 7- Inspected flood damage at corner of Shamrock and Marigold Street.
- February 11- Telephone call to the CEO regarding street flooding.
- February 12- Visit to Tambo for CAN Meeting.
- February 12- Dinner with RESQ.
- February 13- Meeting with RESQ in Council Chambers.
- February 19- Council Meeting in Blackall.
- February 19- QANTAS Community Meeting.

Councillor Boyd Johnstone

- Travelled to Longreach with Cr Hart to meet with the Premier to discuss issues affecting our region. The Premier was very obliging and offered insight and assistance with several matters; attended a meeting with Q-Wool regarding the Blackall Woolscour Project;
- Taken our Australia Day Ambassador, Justine Christenson, on a tour of Blackall;
- Arranged a visit to Blackall by our State Member Sean Dillon MP to meet with community group presidents and Council;
- Attended Australia Day Ceremonies in both Tambo and Blackall (including the opening of the Truck Museum);
- Attended meetings of the Blackall Tennis Club, the Blackall Historical Society and Barcoo Retirement Village;
- Met with representatives of Red Ridge, Council and the Blackall Historical Society regarding the Cultural Precinct Project;
- Attended dinner and meeting with RESQ;
- Attended Council Budget Meetings; and
- Attended Council Hub Meeting with sporting groups.

Link to Corporate Plan

Not Applicable

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implication

Nil

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Wednesday 19 February 2025
ITEM NO: 5.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Chief Executive Officer's January 2025 Report to Council
 AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE: Andrea Saunders Group Manager Customer & Council Support
 AUTHORISING OFFICER: Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)
 CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential) N/A

Summary:

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.

Officer's Recommendation:

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

Background

The following update is provided from the Chief Executive Officer:

QWool - Representation to Canberra

Councillors will be aware that between the 3 February and the 6 February I attended Canberra as an advocate for Council on the Q Wool proposal to establish a new nationally focused Wool Scour in Blackall.

I was accompanied by Andrew Martin in his position as an advisor to Q Wool, not as the Mayor of Blackall-Tambo. Council will recall that Mayor Martin has declared a Prescribed Conflict of interest in this project. Unfortunately, the CEO of Q Wool was unable to attend as planned due to flooding in Townsville. John, however, was in constant contact with us and we presented in each of our sessions.

During the trip we met with:

Senator, the Hon Anthony Chislm, The Assistant Minister for Regional Development
Senator Susan McDonald, Shadow Minister for Resources and Northern Australia
Senator, the Hon Timothy Ayres, Minister for Trade and Minister for a future MADE IN AUSTRALIA

The Hon David Littleproud, Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Leader of the Nationals
The Hon Darren Chester, Member for Gippsland and Shadow Minister for Regional development, Local Government and Territories.

Ms. Danielle Condon, Advisor on Local Government and Regional Development to the Hon Kristy McBain.

During the meetings, Council advocated with QWool for the recognition of the Wool Scour as a project of national significance and one of specific importance to the economic growth of Central Western Queensland.

As a result of the meetings, I have prepared a report to the office of Senator, the Hon Timothy Ayres, outlining the results of the council-initiated feasibility study of 2020 together with the reasons Council considers this project one of national significance.

Australia Day

I would like to pass on my thanks to the staff of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council who led the preparations for the Australia Day celebrations at both Blackall and Tambo. Led by Jaimee-Lee Prow and Vivienne Van Mosseveld, Council worked tirelessly from both towns in the preparation of the events. The Tambo event was held in conjunction with the opening of the Tambo Transport Museum. Congratulations to all our amazing Australia Day Award winners:

TAMBO

Carroll Abel
Leonie May
Dean Frousheger
Grace Hanks
Tambo Historical Association
Peter Sargood
Charles Turnbull

BLACKALL

Charlie Prow
Shane Allen
Glenda Tierney
Lindy Hardie
Roslyn Parminter
Mackenzey Schalter
Phoebe Shrimp
The Blackall Anglican Church

A special thank you also to Natalie Dendle and all the Council and community volunteers for the well-attended Australia Day Marathon. The day was run as a charity event for Mental Health.

Our thanks also to Richard Muir and Amy Webb and to Cindy and Jonno Holmes for their outstanding presentation and the welcoming atmosphere at the Blackall and Tambo Aquatic Centers for the fun activities that were run for the children of our region.

[Link to Corporate Plan](#)

Not Applicable

[Consultation \(internal/external\)](#)

Chief Executive Officer

[Policy Implications](#)

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

5.2

SUBJECT TITLE:

Work Camp (Employment) Policy Statement

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Andrea Saunders Group Manager Customer & Council Support

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

Queensland Corrective Services has long had a Work Camp in the Blackall-Tambo Council area. Since 1992 the regional workcamp has operated in direct partnership between Queensland Corrective services and the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council. In a Community Workshop held in Blackall in late 2024, participants listed the Work Camp as one of the top 5 things they valued across the Region.

Council has previously offered employment to prisoners upon their release. The offers made have been to those who have demonstrated a true sense of worth and commitment to the Region during their incarceration.

This Policy Statement formalises the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's position on assisting with the rehabilitation of prisoners by offering fixed terms of employment with Council to select prisoners who have demonstrated a sense of worth and commitment, and to assist them with their transition back into society.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council adopt the following Policy Statement:

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council proudly provides assistance to Queensland Corrective Service in the operation of a low security work camp in the Blackall-Tambo Region.

Prisoners provide immense and much needed assistance to Council and the community in a variety of tasks. The Work Camp Program is in high demand from local sporting groups, church groups and community associations across the Blackall-Tambo region.

Council values the important partnership it has with Queensland Corrective Services and is committed to the rehabilitation of participants in the Work Camp Program.

Upon the support of Queensland Corrective Services, Council may, on occasion, offer fixed term employment, where a job is available, to a suitable releasee, to assist in that person's re-integration into society.

Background

The Blackall Work Camp was established in 1992. The Work Camp provides a valuable source of labour and assistance to community groups and Council through many facets, such as general grounds maintenance to setting up of events.

The Work Camp program provides an opportunity to prisoners to develop skills and make reparation.

The Work Camp Program is one of the most successful prisoner rehabilitation schemes in Australia. There are currently 13 work camps operating throughout Queensland and the model of the Blackall Camp is regarded as a measure of best practice. They provide an opportunity for low security prisoners to develop employment skills and “give back” to regional communities through work projects that are unique to the location and the community's needs.

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is committed to assisting with the rehabilitation of prisoners and has enjoyed working in partnership with Queensland Corrective Services towards this goal.

There have been opportunities for prisoners to achieve gainful employment with Council and the Work Camp Policy Statement is Council's formal declaration outlining the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's position on the employment of people who are on parole.

Council is seeking to formalise a release/parole employment program for prisoners where a job might be available within Council that a particular releasee might be suitable for. This report seeks to formalise the already strong relationship that Council has long held with the Work Camp Program and formalise the offer of employment to select releasee's without the usual competitive processes that are usually involved. Council is asked to consider this proposal in terms of the offer of maximum term employment contracts for periods up to 2 years to be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

[Link to Corporate Plan](#)

Economic Development

Outcome 3 - Employment - Encourage regional employment growth and opportunities.

Governance

Outcome 2 - Accountability - Accountable, responsible, and transparent governance.

Outcome 3 - Leadership - Responsible leadership with informed and transparent decision making.

[Consultation \(internal/external\)](#)

Chief Executive Officer

Councillors

Mayor

Chief Financial Officer

[Policy Implications](#)

Nil

[Budget and Resource Implications](#)

Nil

[Risk Management Assessment](#)

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	The Policy Statement defines Council's position on working with Queensland Corrective Services through the Blackall Work Camp on rehabilitation of prisoners.	Low
Reputation	Low	Council is an equal opportunity employer.	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

Proposed Risk Treatment

There is no risk to Council in the adoption of the Work Camp (Employment) Policy Statement.

Attachments

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

5.3

SUBJECT TITLE:

2025 LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Andrea Saunders Group Manager Customer & Council Support

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) host the Civic Leaders Summit on an annual basis. The Summit is an opportunity for Queensland Mayors, Councillors, CEOs, senior officers and key stakeholders to discuss high-level leadership matters in an open forum. This year's forum will be held in Brisbane on the 12 and 13 March.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Blackall-Tambo Regional Council will be represented at the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Civic Leaders Forum to be held in Brisbane from 12 to 13 March 2025 by Mayor Andrew Martin and Chief Executive Officer Mike Lollback; and

Council is asked to nominate any additional Councillors they would like to attend.

Background

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is the peak body for local government in Queensland.

It is a not-for-profit association established solely to serve the state's 77 councils of which Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is a member.

The LGAQ Civic Leaders Forum is a unique event in local government in Australia which brings together Queensland mayors, deputy mayors, councillors and chief executive officers. The theme for this year's summit is Directions in Leadership, exploring trust-building and influence for Queensland's council leaders. The event is being held in Brisbane on the 12th and 13th March 2025.

LGAQ have provided a preliminary program, which is attached to this report.

Link to Corporate Plan

Governance

Outcome 3 - Leadership - Responsible leadership with informed and transparent decision making.

Consultation (internal/external)

Chief Executive Officer

Mayor

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Approximate cost per person \$4000.00 (registration, accommodation and flights)

Risk Management Assessment

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Approx \$4000 per person	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	The Summit is an opportunity for council leaders to openly discuss matters affecting their region.	Low

Proposed Risk Treatment

It is considered that attendance to the summit would be low risk.

Attachments

1. civic-leaders-summit-preliminary-program [5.3.1 - 8 pages]



Every Queensland
community deserves
to be a liveable one

2025 CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT

Directions in Leadership

Preliminary Program

Accelerating
Ideas

Driving
Progress

Road to
Impact

Steering
Progress

12 – 13 March
The Westin, Brisbane

Get in touch
Members hotline

Phone: 1300 542 700
Email: events@lgaq.asn.au



President's Invitation

The LGAQ's Civic Leaders Summit is the only event of its kind in Australian local government, bringing together Mayors, Councillors, CEOs and key stakeholders for a closed gathering – with the Chatham House Rule applied – allowing attendees to focus solely on professional development in a setting that is both confidential and collegiate.

The program abounds with valuable content, compelling guest speakers, sector experts and presentations from council leaders who will share their experiences and insights. This year's focus on 'Directions in Leadership' will explore how leaders build trust and leverage their relationships to influence on behalf of their communities in pursuit of a shared purpose.

Civic Leaders is a vibrant and informative platform for collaboration, designed to inspire, inform and energise local leaders as they navigate sector challenges. Time is set aside for networking with council colleagues and peers, affording ample opportunities to exchange ideas, address shared challenges and innovate solutions.

This, the second Summit of our four-year term, will be an exceptional event, empowering leaders to drive meaningful progress in their communities.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mayor Matt Burnett

Gladstone Regional Council

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**DAY
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Wednesday 12 March

Time	Session
9:00am	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country
9:05am	President's Welcome Mayor Matt Burnett LGAQ President, ALGA President and Mayor, Gladstone Regional Council
9:10am	Keynote Presentation Gerard Benedet Pharmacy Guild National Director, Former Chief of Staff and Former State Director
9:50am	Local Legends Building Trusting, Collaborative Relationships
10:30am	Brighter Super – Managing Our Biggest Asset: Superannuation
10:35am	Morning Tea
11:10am	State Government Update
11:20am	Red Tape Reduction Taskforce Lead on Improving Efficiency in Local Government
11:40am	Red Tape Reduction Taskforce Lead & Local Government CEO Panel
12:25pm	Telstra – Streamlining Local Government Operations
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	LGMS Update

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**DAY
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Wednesday 12 March

Time	Session
2:00pm	Workshop A Building Relationships with Key Stakeholders Lucy Greene, LGAQ Manager, Intergovernmental Relations, LGAQ Or Workshop B Council Leaders' Capability Series: Strategies for Sustainable Organisational and Workforce Change Elle Ackland, Manager, Workforce & Industrial Relations, LGAQ
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm	Workshop C From Strategy to Action Or Workshop D Leadership in Action: Mitigating Emerging Threats for Local Government in 2025 Daniel Fletcher, General Manager (Community & Liveability), Western Downs Regional Council
4:30 pm	Close Day 1
5:30pm	Pre-dinner drinks
6:30pm	Networking Dinner – sponsored by King & Company Solicitors The Westin, Brisbane

**DAY
2****Thursday 13 March**

Time	Session
9:00am	Welcome Back
9:05am	Keynote Why Projects Go Wrong....and How to Get Them Back on Track
9:35am	Local Government Major Projects Showcase
10:35am	Sponsor Address Hastings-Deering
10:45am	Morning Tea
11:15am	A Conversation - Lessons From a Life in Infrastructure
11:45am	Keynote Session
12:25pm	Close

Registration

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

5.4

SUBJECT TITLE:

2025 National General Assembly Call for Motions

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Andrea Saunders Group Manager Customer &
Council Support

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

The Australian Local Government Association is now calling for councils to submit motions for the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government. Motions are required to address specific criteria to be eligible for inclusion in the National General Assembly Business Papers.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council considers eligible motions for submission to the National General Assembly Business Papers.

Background

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is a federation of state and territory associations. Its mission is to achieve outcomes for local government through advocacy that impact and maximise the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of councils and our communities.

ALGA host the National General Assembly (NGA) annually in Canberra. The 2025 NGA signifies the 31st assembly and is an opportunity for local governments to come together, share ideas, debate motions and unite to further build on the relationship between local government and the Australian Government.

The theme for this year's assembly is "National Priorities Need Local Solutions". The President of ALGA, Mayor Matt Burnett, has written to Council asking for motions that align with this theme and identify opportunities for councils to deliver local, place-based solutions that will help address national priorities.

This year's call for motions focusses on twelve priority areas:

- Intergovernmental relations;
- Financial sustainability;
- Roads and infrastructure;
- Emergency management;
- Housing and homelessness;
- Jobs and skills;
- Community services;
- Closing the Gap and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation;
- Data, digital technology and cyber security;
- Climate change and renewable energy;
- Environment;
- Circular economy.

The ALGA discussion paper asks that motions for this year's NGA consider:

- Any new practical programs or policy changes that can strengthen the system of local government nationally to provide the services and infrastructure required to support and strengthen our communities; and/or
- New program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver place-based solutions to national priorities.

Motions should be concise, practical and implementable and meet the guidelines for motions as follows:

1. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally
2. Not be focused on a specific jurisdiction, location or region – unless the project or issue has national implications
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA
4. Complement or build on the policy objectives of ALGA and their state local government association
5. Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association
6. Propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to act on something.
7. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.
8. Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian Communities.
9. Not seek to advance an outcome that would result in a benefit of one group of councils to the detriment of another.
10. Be supported by sufficient evidence and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to the local government nationally.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by ALGA Board's NGA Sub-committee, in consultation with state and territory local government associations, to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers.

Motions are to be received by ALGA no later than 11.59pm AEST on Monday 31 March 2025.

Further information on the Discussion Paper can be found at <https://alga.com.au/app/uploads/2025-NGA-Discussion-Paper.pdf>

Link to Corporate Plan

Governance

Outcome 3 - Leadership - Responsible leadership with informed and transparent decision making.

Consultation (internal/external)

Chief Executive Officer

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

Proposed Risk Treatment

There is no risk to Council should the Council decide to submit a motion to be considered for the NGA Business Papers.

Attachments

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

5.5

SUBJECT TITLE:

Qantas Heritage Trail

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Andrea Saunders Group Manager Customer & Council Support

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

This report asks Council to support the purchase of the two memorials to the original QANTAS mail and passenger flights from Cloncurry, landing at Tambo, Blackall, Longreach, Winton, McKinlay and Cloncurry on the 11 November 2022.

Officer's Recommendation:

- 1. That Council approve the purchase of two memorial signs for the Qantas Heritage Trail for:**
 - a. The Tambo Town Centre, and**
 - b. The Blackall Town centre**
- 2. That the placement of the two memorial signs for the Qantas Heritage Trail into the landscape designs of the Main Streets of both Blackall and Tambo**

Background

In November 1922 Qantas commenced the first regular passenger and mail flight from Charleville, landing at Blackall, Tambo, Longreach, Winton, McKinlay and Cloncurry.

Fergus Fysh, a direct descendent of Hydson Fysh, one of the original founders of Qantas, has worked with both Cloncurry and Winton Councils to have monuments to those flights placed in their townships. Both Longreach and McKinlay Councils are also in talks with Mr Fysh. Mr Fysh has contacted Blackall-Tambo Regional Council asking that we might consider having monuments included in both Blackall and Tambo. Each monument will be purpose built to reflect information in each township.

This report seeks council's endorsement to purchase a memorial for both Blackall and Tambo at a cost of \$16,000.00 in total (including delivery).

The timing of this requests allows the opportunity of the memorials being included in the main street landscape design and, to assist Council in their decision, the landscape architect sees this adding value to the broader landscape design.

Link to Corporate Plan

Economic Development

Outcome 2 - Tourism - Foster a sustainable tourism industry that delivers economic outcomes for the community.

Consultation (internal/external)

Chief Executive Officer
Mayor

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

\$16,000.00

Risk Management Assessment

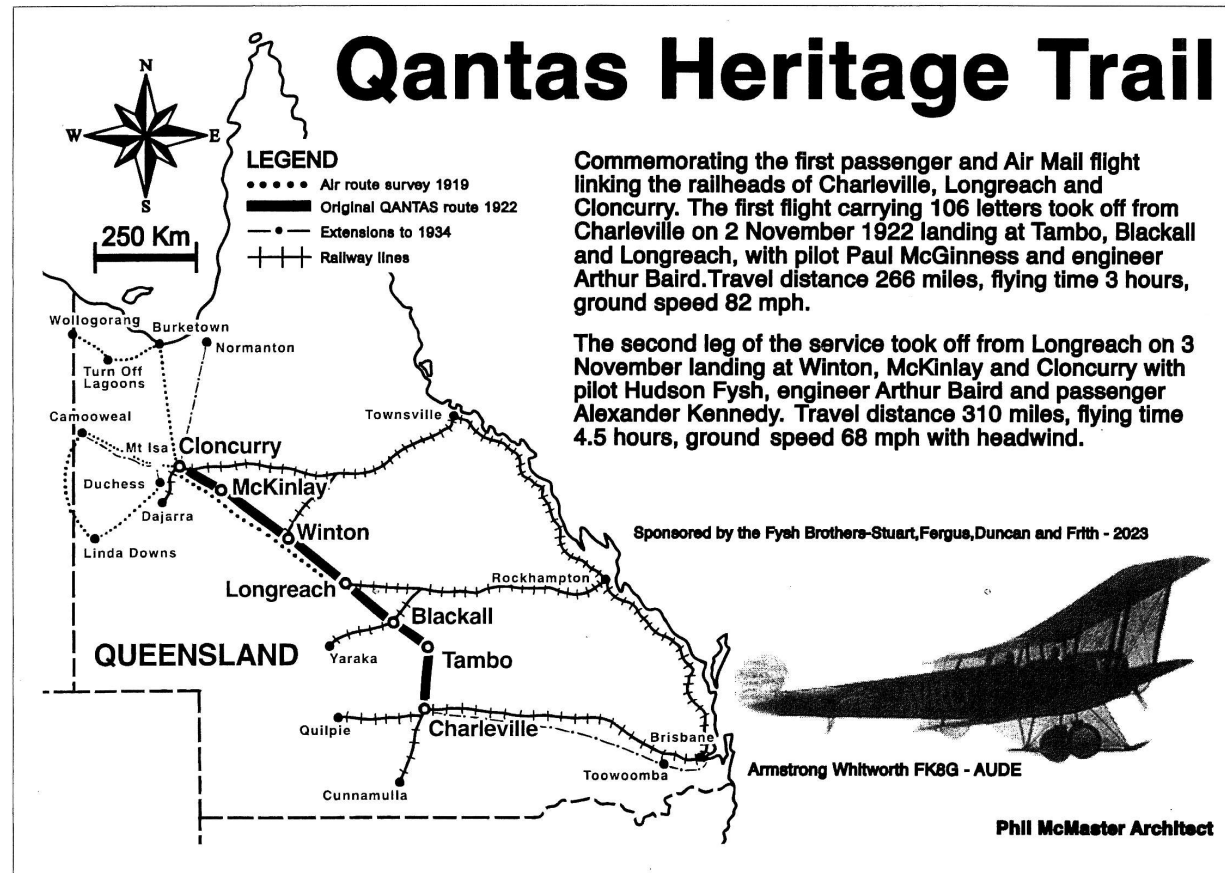
Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	The signs would be an addition to the main street landscape design	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Council will be required to install the signs	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

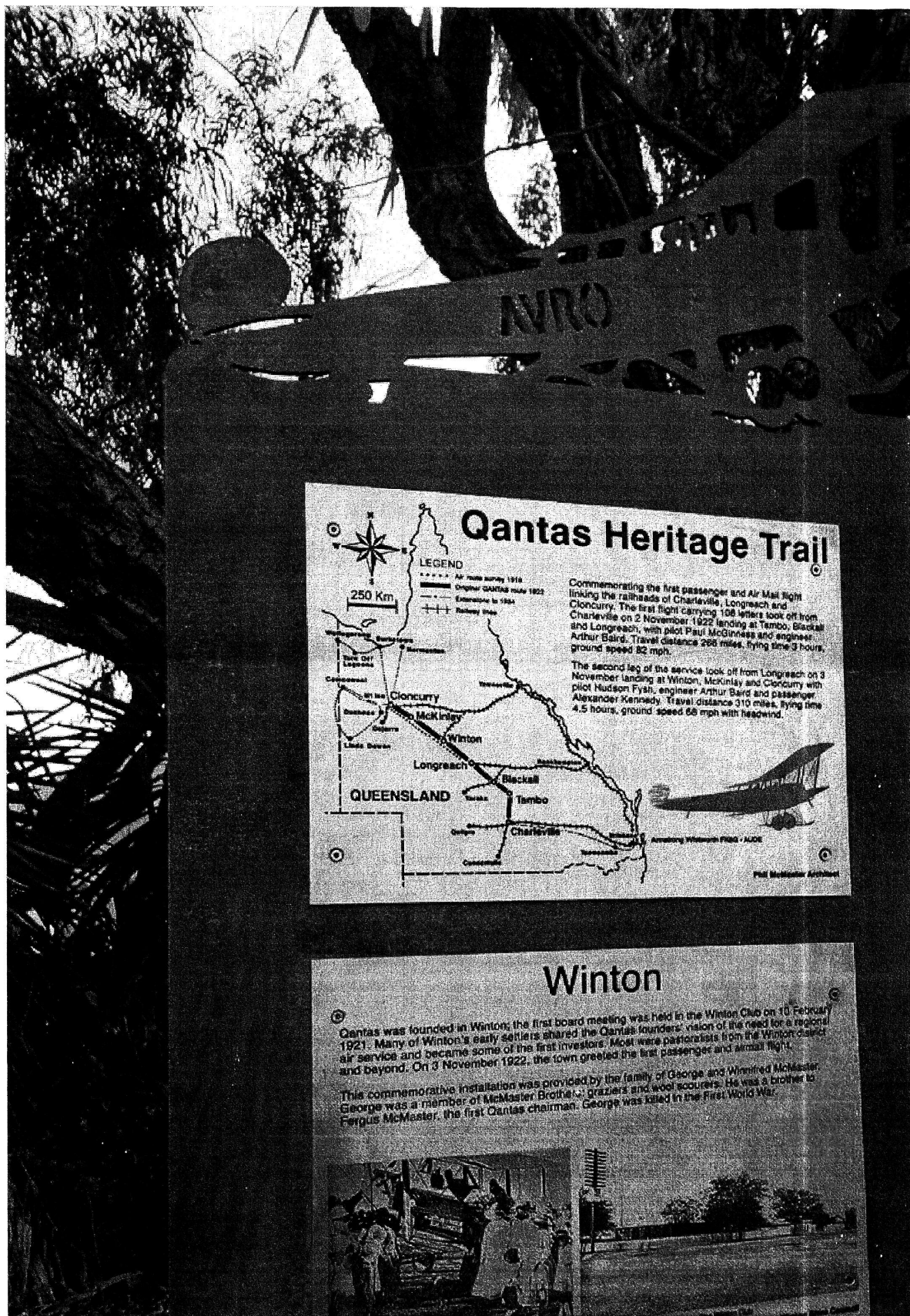
Proposed Risk Treatment

There is no risk to Council to have the signs as part of the region.

Attachments

1. Qantas Signs [5.5.1 - 2 pages]





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COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

5.6

SUBJECT TITLE:

2025 ALGA Conference and LGAQ Annual Conference

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Andrea Saunders Group Manager Customer & Council Support

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) hold the National General Assembly in Canberra in June and the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) hold a conference annually with year's event being held at the Gold Coast in October.

This report is to confirm the attendance for both events.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Blackall-Tambo Regional Council be represented at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra from 25-27 June 2025 and Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference from 20-22 October 2025 at the Gold Coast by Mayor Andrew Martin, Councillor XXXXXX, Councillor XXXXX and the CEO, Mike Lollback.

Background

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is a federation of state and territory associations. Its mission is to achieve outcomes for local government through advocacy that impact and maximise the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of councils and our communities.

ALGA host the National General Assembly (NGA) annually in Canberra. The 2025 NGA signifies the 31st assembly and is an opportunity for local governments to come together, share ideas, debate motions and unite to further build on the relationship between local government and the Australian Government.

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is the peak body for local government in Queensland and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council are a member.

The LGAQ Annual Conference will be held at the Gold Coast this year from the 20th to 22nd October.

The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council has representatives attend each of the events. Cr Boyd Johnstone and Cr Jane Scobie have expressed an interest in attending both conferences this year. This report is provided to the Council to confirm the representation of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council for each event.

Link to Corporate Plan

Governance

Outcome 3 - Leadership - Responsible leadership with informed and transparent decision making.

Consultation (internal/external)

Chief Executive Officer
Councillors
Mayor

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Approximate cost per person \$4000.00 (registration, accommodation and flights)

Risk Management Assessment

Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Approx \$4000 per person	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	Nil	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	Nil	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	The NGA and LGAQ Conference is an opportunity for councillors and leadership teams to network and discuss matters relevant to the community	Low

Proposed Risk Treatment

It is considered that attendance to the events would be low risk.

Attachments

Nil

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COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

6.1.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Correspondence Items February 2025

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Andrea Saunders {position}

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

The following correspondence has been received:

- Thank you from the Tambo Historical Association relating to the Tambo Truck Museum

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the correspondence as presented.

Background

The following correspondence has been received by Council:

- Thank you letter from the Tambo Historical Association relating to the Tambo Truck Museum

Link to Corporate Plan

Not Applicable

Policy Implications

NA

Budget and Resource Implications

NA

Attachments

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TAMBO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION INC

Unlock Your Past - Inspire Your Future!

PO BOX 183
TAMBO 4478
Email: tambohistorical@gmail.com

6 February 2025

Chief Executive Officer
Blackall Tambo Regional Council
PO Box 21
Blackall 4472

Dear Mike,

The Tambo Historical Association would firstly like to thank you all for the Cultural Award that was presented to our group. That was totally unexpected.

Secondly, we would like to give praise to Jaimee Lee, Vivienne and Ann and all the workers who put in a tremendous effort to the Tambo Truck Museum getting it ready for the opening in that dreadful heat.

We know and understand how many hours the women put into the research, copying photos and the story boards. It is certainly a credit to you all. The tourists are just going to love the Museum as much as we, the locals do. So well done everyone.

To all the Councillors and staff who attend Tambo functions, thank you for coming over.

Mike, if you could please pass this on to the staff. We value them all and their expertise and want them to know.

Kind Regards

Y L Finger

Yvonne Finger
Secretary

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

6.2.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Financial Report for the Month of January 2025

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Shalveen Dayal Chief Financial Officer

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

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

Officer's Recommendation:**That Council receive the Financial Report for January 2025.****Background**

In accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the financial report of Council must be presented at the monthly meeting of Council. This ensures adequate oversight of Council's financial position and performance against the latest approved budget.

Link to Corporate Plan

Governance

Outcome 4 - Financial - Manage Council's finances responsibly and sustainably.

Consultation (internal/external)

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Chief Operations Officer

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

**FINANCE REPORT TO A MEETING OF THE
BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD
ON 19 FEBRUARY 2025**

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**FINANCE REPORT TO A MEETING OF BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2025**

1. Cash Position as at 31 January 2025

Cash at Bank

Operating Accounts	\$ 4,143,588
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Short Term Investments

Queensland Treasury Corporation - Cash Fund	\$ 21,000,000
Bank - Term Deposits	\$ 5,000,000
	\$ 30,143,588

The following items should be backed by cash and investments, plus any increases in the surplus of Debtors over Creditors and unspent grants.

Cash backed Current Liabilities (Employee Entitlements)	\$ 2,726,028
Unspent Grants (Restricted Cash)	\$ 1,031,785
	\$ 3,757,813

	<i>Debtors</i>	<i>Creditors</i>	
Balance of recoverable debtors - estimated creditors :	65,044	56,587	\$ 8,457

Plus cash surplus	30,143,588	3,757,813	\$ 26,385,775
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Working Capital

\$ 26,394,232

2. Cashflow Estimates:

Feb. 2025

Mar. 2025

Apr. 2025

Total

Cash inflows

Rates & fees & charges	600,000	1,800,000	350,000	2,750,000
Rent & interest	110,000	110,000	110,000	330,000
Recoverable Works	600,000	700,000	600,000	1,900,000
Grants/subsidies	1,355,000	810,000	700,000	2,865,000

Cash outflows

Employee benefits	(950,000)	(950,000)	(950,000)	(2,850,000)
Materials & services	(1,700,000)	(1,800,000)	(1,800,000)	(5,300,000)
Net Cash inflow/(outflow)	15,000	670,000	(990,000)	(305,000)

3. Comparative Data:

	January 2025	January 2024
Cash position	30,143,588	25,724,596
Working capital	26,394,232	25,304,728
Rate arrears	36,642	25,657
Outstanding debtors	65,044	2,973,432
Current creditors	56,587	117,264

**FINANCE REPORT TO A MEETING OF BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2025**

4. Capital Works Summary: 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

	Budget	YTD Actual	% of Budget
Buildings & Other Structures	4,722,915	508,857	11%
Plant & Equipment	898,500	847,005	94%
Road Infrastructure	4,921,198	1,023,822	21%
Water Infrastructure	100,000	-	0%
Sewerage Infrastructure	600,000	-	0%
Total	11,242,613	2,379,684	21%

5. Road Works Expenditure : 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

	Budget	Expended YTD Actual	% of Budget Expended
1. Rural Roads	13,500,000	5,693,300	42%
2. Town Streets	500,000	532,208	106%
3. RMPC Works	2,323,174	977,096	42%
Total Roads Expenditure	16,323,174	7,202,604	44%

6. Rate Arrears Summary

Total Rates Outstanding Balance \$ 69,508

Rates Outstanding Breakdown	Total	No. of Assessments
Current	\$ 32,866	34
1 Year	\$ 24,089	13
2 Years	\$ 10,924	8
3 Years and over	\$ 1,629	3

BTRC 2024-25 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTS		1/07/24 to 30/06/25		SOURCES OF FUNDING		Degree of completion and relevant comments
Particulars (External Funding Source in brackets)	Budget	Expenditure YTD	% Expended	Capital Grants	(CC) Council Contribution	
BUILDINGS & OTHER STRUCTURES	4,722,915	508,857	11%	656,072	4,066,843	
Asbestos Pits Blackall & Tambo digging/fencing (LRCI P4)	70,000	22,456	32%	40,000	30,000	In progress
Blackall Airport - parking/line mark/crack seal (PTAIP)	151,072	1,156	1%	76,072	75,000	In progress
Blackall Rodeo and Campdraft Arena upgrade	96,000	15,086	16%	-	96,000	
Blackall Cultural Centre - macrosphere works (W4Q)	195,505	184,186	94%	195,505	-	Completed
Blackall Admin Office - wall matting (W4Q)	44,495	44,495	100%	44,495	-	Completed
Blackall Showgrounds - sound system	111,843	103,674	93%	-	111,843	Completed
Blackall Oval - replace faulty lights with LEDs	30,000	-	0%	-	30,000	
Blackall Saleyards - Build-in Hay Feeders	50,000	-	0%	-	50,000	
Blackall Saleyards - 1 Loading Ramp Catwalk	90,000	-	0%	-	90,000	
Blackall Pool Lift	20,000	-	0%	-	20,000	
Red Ridge Precinct Stage One Contribution	3,000,000	45,500	2%	-	3,000,000	
Rosclare Station Repeater tower	75,000	-	0%	-	75,000	
Shade Structures Blackall Carpark, Tambo Hall, TMPC	150,000	48,800	33%	-	150,000	In progress
Council Housing Rennovations	50,000	-	0%	-	50,000	
Tambo Admin Building renovations (W4Q)	300,000	8,485	3%	300,000	-	Tender stage
Tambo Airport - line marking/crack sealing	25,000	-	0%	-	25,000	In progress -crack seal complete
Tambo Courthouse -Library & VIC	100,000	-	0%	-	100,000	
Tambo LED Sign TMPC	24,000	11,797	49%	-	24,000	
Tambo Pool Heating	100,000	-	0%	-	100,000	
Tambo Scrubby Creek Building Contribution	20,000	20,000	100%	-	20,000	Completed
Tambo Shire Hall - repairs and sanding to floor	20,000	3,222	16%	-	20,000	In progress

Particulars (External Funding Source in brackets)	Budget	Expenditure YTD	% Expended	Capital Grants	(CC) Council Contribution	Degree of completion and relevant comments
PLANT & EQUIPMENT	898,500	847,005	94%	-	898,500	
Plant Replacement including committed orders	898,500	847,005	94%	-	898,500	In progress
ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE	4,921,198	1,023,822	21%	4,228,998	692,200	
Blackall & Tambo Main St Beautification (LRCI P4)	100,000	54,626	55%	100,000	-	Landscape design stage
Dahlia and Larkspur St stormwater - Drainage (W4Q)	520,000	8,383	2%	520,000	-	Design stage, under review
Edward Street Kerb and Channeling (W4Q)	100,000	-	0%	100,000	-	Design stage
Footpaths, kerb and channelling - Tambo (W4Q)	100,000	-	0%	100,000	-	Design stage
QRA Betterment Program (QRA)	1,308,152	914,705	70%	1,234,352	73,800	In progress, budget updated
Repair and Reseal (LRCI P4 -Part B) Garden St Tambo	774,700	-	0%	466,300	308,400	Variation with updated budget
Ravensbourne Rd Repair Reseals (LRCI P4)	418,346	42,275	10%	308,346	110,000	Variation with updated budget
Roads to Recovery - Ravensbourne Rd -rehab & widen	600,000	3,833	1%	600,000	-	Design stage
Roads to Recovery - Reseals	400,000	-	0%	400,000		Tender stage
St Andrews St Kerb, Channel and Footpath (W4Q)	200,000	-	0%	200,000	-	Design stage
TIDS 24-25	400,000	-	0%	200,000	200,000	Design stage
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE	100,000	-	0%	-	100,000	
Water Infrastructure Renewals	100,000	-	0%	-	100,000	
SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE	600,000	-	0%	500,000	100,000	
Capital improvements as required	100,000	-	0%	-	100,000	
IMHOFF tank & clarifier (LGGSP -Unsuccessful)	500,000	-	0%	500,000	-	Funding application unsuccessful
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAM 24-25	11,242,613	2,379,684	21%	5,385,070	5,857,543	

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(Accounts: 0100-0001-0000 to 5245-2000-0000. All report groups. 59% of year elapsed. To Level 2. Excludes committed costs)									
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council (Budget for full year)		Financial Year Ending 2025						Printed(SDAYAL): 12-02-2025 2:41:34 PM	
		REVENUE			EXPENDITURE				
		31 Jan 2025			31 Jan 2025				
		ACTUAL	AMENDED BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	AMENDED BUDGET	ORIGINAL BUDGET		
1000-0001	ADMINISTRATION								
1000-0002	Administration	179,118	46%	389,500	2,640,508	65%	4,046,000		4,046,000
1100-0002	Finance	8,934,329	79%	11,245,000	1,077,054	78%	1,376,600		1,376,600
1200-0002	Oncosts	0	0%	0	577,173	---	0		0
1300-0002	Stores/Purchasing	0	0%	0	10,531	239%	4,400		4,400
2000-0002	Corporate Governance	0	0%	0	420,399	53%	796,700		796,700
2100-0002	Business Activities	26,813	89%	30,000	43,145	57%	76,000		76,000
2150-0002	Saleyard Operations	644,375	71%	902,000	531,326	68%	780,700		780,700
2200-0002	Tambo Sawmill & Weighbridge	3,000	---	0	9,158	24%	37,900		37,900
2350-0002	Airports/Aerodromes	58,463	35%	167,100	231,959	66%	353,500		353,500
2450-0002	Tourism	29,154	66%	44,500	245,888	62%	396,600		396,600
2500-0002	Planning & Development	43,297	54%	80,000	65,587	57%	115,000		115,000
2580-0002	Grants Capital & Operating Other	149,144	3%	4,563,500	80,111	229%	35,000		35,000
2600-0002	Environmental	112,283	44%	256,300	190,286	58%	329,200		329,200
2650-0002	Animal Control	16,025	70%	22,800	26,769	142%	18,900		18,900
2700-0002	Stock Routes	85,237	43%	198,000	284,027	59%	482,000		482,000
3000-0002	Work Scheme and Community	10,549	53%	20,000	83,238	59%	141,800		141,800
3100-0002	Council Housing	124,780	69%	180,000	278,724	80%	348,200		348,200
3300-0002	Child Care Services	0	0%	0	9,931	54%	18,300		18,300
3350-0002	Sport and Recreation	4,735	---	0	62,296	111%	56,000		56,000
3400-0002	Youth Services	0	0%	0	13,806	28%	50,000		50,000
3415-0002	Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre	121,597	64%	189,400	264,038	75%	350,000		350,000
3445-0002	Disability	50,572	46%	110,000	35,069	50%	70,000		70,000
3460-0002	Community Services	264,700	94%	281,600	254,523	81%	312,600		312,600
3500-0002	Libraries, Education and Arts	35,375	295%	12,000	167,433	66%	253,000		253,000
3570-0002	RADF & Community Assistance	52,545	99%	53,300	103,200	22%	476,100		476,100
3600-0002	Halls and Cultural Centres	1,755	44%	4,000	348,793	66%	525,000		525,000
3700-0002	Showgrounds & Sports Facilities	7,507	36%	21,000	482,793	61%	788,200		788,200
3800-0002	Corporate Buildings	0	0%	0	69,914	48%	145,000		145,000
1000-0001	ADMINISTRATION	10,955,353	58%	18,770,000	8,607,669	70%	12,382,700		12,382,700
4000-0001	WORKS AND SERVICES								
4001-0002	Works Office and Depot	0	0%	0	1,951,106	61%	3,204,400		3,204,400
4100-0002	Town Street Maintenance	0	0%	0	532,208	106%	500,000		500,000
4200-0002	Rural Roads Maintenance	2,149,461	106%	2,025,400	799,346	80%	1,000,000		1,000,000
4500-0002	Recoverable Works	6,526,760	32%	20,147,000	7,018,518	35%	20,137,000		20,137,000
4550-0002	Plant Operations	2,164,422	59%	3,660,000	1,992,961	57%	3,511,500		3,511,500
4600-0002	SES - Disaster Mgmt	82,817	175%	47,400	195,633	138%	141,800		141,800
4700-0002	Cemeteries	2,694	11%	24,000	84,220	63%	133,500		133,500
4800-0002	Parks, Gardens and Reserves	0	0%	0	685,494	52%	1,306,100		1,306,100
4860-0002	Aquatic Centres	0	0%	0	473,076	81%	584,100		584,100
5000-0002	Cleansing	189,382	49%	387,400	184,669	55%	337,100		337,100
5100-0002	Water Supply	492,252	50%	976,100	266,084	51%	524,000		524,000
5200-0002	Sewerage Services	422,914	50%	846,600	306,192	82%	372,200		372,200
4000-0001	WORKS AND SERVICES	12,030,701	43%	28,113,900	14,489,508	46%	31,751,700		31,751,700
TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE		22,986,053	49%	46,883,900	23,097,176	52%	44,134,400		44,134,400

Account/Function Specific Comments for Revenue and Expenditure Summary Report

Account	Description	Revenue	Expenditure
1000-0002	Administration		
1100-0002	Finance	<i>Financial Assistance Grant Advance received in July 2024 instead of June 2024</i>	
1200-0002	Oncosts		<i>Annual insurance premiums paid in July for the financial year.</i>
1300-0002	Stores/Purchasing		<i>Additional costs incurred in upgrading stores warehousing facility.</i>
2000-0002	Corporate Governance		
2100-0002	Business Activities	<i>Includes lease of commercial property including Council paddocks.</i>	
2150-0002	Saleyard Operations		
2200-0002	Tambo Sawmill & Weighbridge		
2350-0002	Airports/Aerodromes		
2450-0002	Tourism		
2500-0002	Planning & Development		
2580-0002	Economic & Community	<i>Includes capital grants - State and Commonwealth - awaiting grant claim receipts to offset negative balance brought forward for receivables</i>	
2600-0002	Environmental		
2650-0002	Animal Control	<i>Animal registration fee levied for full year</i>	
2700-0002	Stock Routes		
3000-0002	Work Scheme and Community		
3100-0002	Council Housing		
3300-0002	Child Care Services		
3350-0002	Sport and Recreation		
3400-0002	Youth Services		
3415-0002	Tambo MPC		
3445-0002	Disability		
3460-0002	Community Services		
3470-0002	Miscellaneous Care		
3500-0002	Libraries, Education	<i>Increase in Library operating grant</i>	
3570-0002	RADF & Community Assistance	<i>RADF Grant annual allocation invoiced.</i>	
3600-0002	Halls and Cultural Centres		
3700-0002	Showgrounds & Sports		
3800-0002	Corporate Buildings		
4001-0002	Works Office and Depot		
4100-0002	Town Street Maintenance		
4200-0002	Rural Roads Maintenance	<i>Financial Assistance Grant (Roads Component) Advance received in July 2024 instead of June 2024</i>	
4500-0002	Recoverable Works		
4550-0002	Plant Operations		
4600-0002	SES - Disaster Management	<i>Includes new QRA flood action plan funding \$59,340</i>	
4700-0002	Cemeteries		
4800-0002	Parks, Gardens and Reserves		
4860-0002	Aquatic Centres		
5000-0002	Cleansing		
5100-0002	Water Supply		
5200-0002	Sewerage Services		

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

6.2.2

SUBJECT TITLE:

Planning and Development Report

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Kathy Dendle Rates Officer

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Shalveen Dayal (Chief Financial Officer), Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

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

Officer's Recommendation:

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

Background

The table below provides information for the approved development applications for January 2025.

APPROVAL DATE	NUMBER	DEVELOPMENT TYPE	LOCATION	DEVELOPMENT NATURE
21/01/2025	DA26-2024-2025	BUILDING	163 SHAMROCK STREET	SHED

The planning information has been provided by Council's Town Planner.

MONTHLY REPORT (JANUARY 2025)

This information report provides a monthly update on the planning services that Council provides to support planning and development activity across the local government area.

1. DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

No new applications have been lodged since the last monthly report. Two applications are currently under assessment.

An application has been made by William John Phelps and Alexandra Emma Phelps, seeking a Development permit for Reconfiguring a lot (boundary alignment) over land at Woodbine Road, Blackall formally described as Lot 4 on EV50 and Lot 7 on TA226260.

The proposed reconfiguration is required to reflect the current fencing arrangement between the two lots. The site is in the Rural zone by where Reconfiguring a lot (boundary realignment) is subject to Code assessment.

The application fee has been paid, and the application is now under assessment.

1.1	Council reference:	DA28-2024-2025
	Application:	Development Permit for Reconfiguring a lot (boundary alignment)

Street address:	Woodbine Road, Blackall
Property description:	Lot 4 on EV50 and Lot 7 on TA226260
Day application was made:	30 January 2025
Category of assessment:	Code
Public notification required:	No
Applicant:	William John Phelps and Alexandra Emma Phelps
Status:	Under assessment

An application has been made by James A & Bronwyn J Beck, seeking a Development permit for a Material change of use for Short-term accommodation and a Food and drink outlet over land at 3A Arthur Street, Tambo, formally described as Lot 2 on RP619340.

The proposal includes a food business contained in a food trailer with a covered dining area and Short-term accommodation for up to ten (10) people in modern buildings with a covered patio and undercover parking.

The application required referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) as the site adjoins a State-controlled Road. SARA issued its referral agency response with conditions relating to access on 13 December 2024.

The application has undergone public notification, and one (1) submission was received.

The application is in the decision stage and will be considered at the February General Council meeting.

1.2	Council reference:	DA23-2024-2025
	Application:	Development Permit for a Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation and a Food and Drink Outlet
	Street address:	3A Arthur Street, Tambo
	Property description:	Lot 2 on RP619340
	Day application was made:	30 October 2024
	Category of assessment:	Impact
	Public notification required:	Yes
	Applicant:	James A & Bronwyn J Beck
	Status:	Decision stage

2. GENERAL PLANNING SERVICES, ENQUIRIES AND ADVICE

2.1 CUSTOMER REQUESTS

The following customer requests have been received and responded to since the last monthly report:

PLANNING ENQUIRIES			
Date received	Customer Details	Details of Enquiry	Status
13/01/25	Landowner	<u>Proposal</u>	Closed

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquiry about running a business from an existing shed. <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is within Township zone. <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal is likely to be considered a Home-based business where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> limited to an area of 60m² no additional staff are hired no heavy vehicles visit the site hours of operation are limited to 7am – 5pm Where meeting the above requirements the proposal can be defined as a Home-based business A Home-based business is accepted development in the Township zone Accepted development means a development application is not required. 	
13/01/25	Building company	<p><u>Proposal</u></p> <p>Enquiry about establishing a temporary use.</p> <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is within Township zone The site is subject to flooding. <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A temporary use cannot be considered under the planning scheme The proposal will therefore be considered a material change of use and will require a development approval unless an exemption certificate is given As the use is temporary an exemption certificate is a potential pathway 	Closed

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The only issue is that the site adjoins a State-controlled Road, and the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) would have to agree to the giving of the exemption certificate. If SARA didn't agree a Code assessable application would be required. 	
16/01/25	Potential purchaser	<p><u>Proposal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquiry about establishing a house on a vacant lot. <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is within Township zone The site is subject to minor flooding. <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided the Dwelling house is located outside the flood hazard and is below 8.5m in height it will be accepted development Accepted development means a development application is not required Subsequent building and plumbing approvals will be required. 	Closed
16/01/25	State government entity	<p><u>Proposal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council received a request regarding flood levels for a specific lot. <p><u>Planning details</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is within Township zone The site is subject to flooding. <p><u>Advice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council does not have flood levels for individual lots, however provided information on flood mapping and the historic flood level for Blackall. 	Closed
28/01/25	Landowner	<p><u>Proposal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council received a request about establishing a self-storage facility. 	Closed

		<u>Planning details</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is in Industrial precinct of the Township zone. <u>Advice</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-storage is defined as a Warehouse Starting a new Warehouse is a Material change of use A Warehouse is subject to Code assessment in the Industrial precinct Code assessment requires the lodgement of a development application with Council A Warehouse is a supportable use in the Industrial precinct. 	
29/01/25	Potential purchaser	<u>Proposal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquiry about establishing a house. <u>Planning details</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is in the Mixed-use precinct of the Township zone The majority of the site is affected by flooding. <u>Advice</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Dwelling house is Code assessable where on a site affected by flooding Code assessable means a development application is required to be lodged with Council The dwelling will need to be set 300mm above the flood level (282m AHD) A dwelling house is a supportable use in the Mixed-use precinct of the Township zone Subsequent building and plumbing approvals will be required. 	Closed
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES			
Date received	Customer details	Type	Status
03/02/25	Conveyancing company	Council received an application for a Limited Planning and	Issued

		Development Certificate for a landholding in the Township zone.	
SURVEY PLAN APPROVALS			
Nil			
EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES			
29/01/25	Building company	Council received a request for an exemption certificate for landholding in the Township zone. The exemption certificate was issued as the effect of the proposal were considered minor and inconsequential.	Issued

[Link to Corporate Plan](#)

Economic Development

Outcome 4 - Land Development - Appropriate residential, commercial, and industrial land is available to meet community needs.

[Consultation \(internal/external\)](#)

Chief Executive Officer
Chief Financial Officer
Town Planners

[Policy Implications](#)

Nil

[Budget and Resource Implications](#)

Nil

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

6.2.3

SUBJECT TITLE:

**Development Application – DA23-2024-2025 –
Short-term Accommodation and Food & Drink
Outlet – 3A Arthur Street, Tambo**

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Kathy Dendle Rates Officer

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Shalveen Dayal (Chief Financial Officer), Mike
Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

The Applicants, James A and Bronwyn J Beck, seek a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation (5 units) and a Food and Drink Outlet over land at 3A Arthur Street, Tambo, formally described as Lot 2 on RP619340. The subject site is currently vacant.

The proposal involves a Food and Drink Outlet that is proposed to operate 7 days a week between the hours of 6am – 8pm. This aspect involves a semi-permanent large food trailer, covered dining area (with shade sails) and a separate amenities block. The trailer will be located under a 9m x 9m carport with the service window facing the road.

The other aspect of the proposal is Short-term accommodation for a maximum of 10 guests. The Short-term accommodation will involve five (5) modern buildings with a covered patio and undercover parking space. A camp kitchen will also be provided for guests. Each room will have its own amenities. The accommodation offering is targeting increased motorcycle travellers.

Under the *Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020* (the Planning Scheme), the subject site is in the Commercial Precinct of the Township Zone. The defined uses that have been applied for, being a 'Short-term accommodation' and a 'Food and Drink Outlet', is subject to Impact Assessment in the Township Zone.

A development application that is subject to Impact Assessment is assessed against the entire Planning Scheme and is required to be publicly notified for a minimum of 15 business days. During the public notification period, one (1) submission was received. The issues raised in the submission have been addressed in the report.

The proposal has been assessed against the entire Planning Scheme and is consistent with the intent of the zone and all other relevant assessment benchmarks. Council is advised to consider this application together with the information in 5.5.1 of this report regarding the result of public consultation.

Based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Impact Assessment process articulated in the *Planning Act 2016*, this decision report recommends approval of the development application, subject to the conditions stated herein.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Blackall-Tambo Regional Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation (5 units) and a Food and Drink Outlet over land at 3A Arthur Street, Tambo, formally described as Lot 2 on RP619340, subject to the following conditions:

1.0 PARAMETERS OF APPROVAL

- 1.1** The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.
- 1.2** Where these conditions refer to “Council” in relation to requiring Council to approve or be satisfied as to any matter, or conferring on the Council a function, power or discretion, that role of the Council may be fulfilled in whole or in part by a delegate appointed for that purpose by Council.
- 1.3** All conditions, works, or requirements of this development approval must be undertaken and completed prior to commencement of the use and to Council’s satisfaction, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
- 1.4** The cost of all works associated with the construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.
- 1.5** The developer is required to have repaired any damage to existing infrastructure that may have occurred during any works carried out for the development. To the extent the damage is deemed to create a hazard to the community, it must be repaired immediately.
- 1.6** Unless otherwise stated, all works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the relevant Council policies, guidelines and standards.

2.0 APPROVED PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

- 2.1** The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plans and documents, except where amended by the conditions of this permit:

Plan/Document Name	Plan/Document Number	Revision Number	Date
Site Plan	DA23-2024-2025	-	28/10/204 (Received date)

- 2.2** Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval must prevail.

3.0 LIMITATIONS OF OPERATION

- 3.1** Guests of the Short-term accommodation are limited to a maximum stay of three (3) consecutive months at any one time.
- 3.2** The Short-term accommodation is limited to a maximum of five (5) units.
- 3.3** The maximum number of guests must not exceed ten (10) guests at any one time.

- 3.4 Hours of operation for the Food and drink outlet are limited to 6am to 8pm, seven days a week.

4.0 ACCESS AND PARKING WORKS

- 4.1 Design, construct and maintain the Arthur Street crossover in accordance with the approved plans (see Condition 2.1) and generally in accordance with the standard drawing, Figure 1 or 2, from the General Development Code of the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme.
- 4.2 Provide and maintain a minimum of five (5) car parking spaces on-site for guests of the Short-term accommodation. All car parking spaces must be clearly delineated by either line-marking or signage.
- 4.3 Provide and maintain a minimum of two (2) car parking spaces on-site for customers of the Food and drink outlet. All car parking spaces must be clearly delineated by either line-marking or signage.
- 4.4 Design and construct and maintain all car parking and manoeuvring areas in accordance with the approved plan (see Condition 2.1) and *AS2890.1 – Parking Facilities* and *Austroads Publication AP-G34-13 – Austroads Design Vehicle and Turning Path Templates*.
- 4.5 All car parking and vehicle maneuvering areas must be either compacted gravel or concrete.

5.0 SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 5.1 Maintain and implement a site management plan for the Short-term accommodation. The site management plan is to include measures to manage operational aspects of the development including, but not limited to, hours of operation, noise management, site care and maintenance, complaints management and refuse management.

6.0 ROOF AND ALLOTMENT DRAINAGE

- 6.1 Discharge of all roof and allotment drainage such that it does not restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water or cause a nuisance to adjoining properties or infrastructure from the pre to the post-development condition.

7.0 STORMWATER WORKS

- 7.1 Undertake the development such that all stormwater, except for rainwater captured on-site in rainwater tanks, is to be drained from the site to a lawful point of discharge and carried without causing annoyance or nuisance to any person or property. All works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the *Queensland Urban Drainage Manual*.

8.0 SEWERAGE AND WATER

- 8.1 The premises must be connected to water and sewer services.
- 8.2 All works must be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the approved plans (refer to Condition 2.1), the *Plumbing and Drainage Act, Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA), 2011, "WSA 03-11 Water Supply Code*

of Australia” Version 3.1 and Queensland Department of Energy and Water Supply, 2010, Planning Guidelines for Water Supply and Sewerage.

- 8.3 Remove all redundant water supply and sewerage infrastructure, including but not limited to pipes and connection points.**

9.0 TELECOMMUNICATION AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

- 9.1 The premises must be connected to electricity and telecommunication services in accordance with the standards and requirements of the relevant service provider.**

10.0 WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 10.1 Store all waste within a waste storage area (for example, general waste, recyclable waste, pallets, empty drums etcetera). The waste storage area must be:**

- 10.1.1 Designed to not cause nuisance to neighbouring properties;**
- 10.1.2 Screened from any road frontage or adjoining property;**
- 10.1.3 Of a sufficient size to accommodate a waste bin/s suitable to service the Short-term accommodation and Food and drink outlet.**

11.0 AMENITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 11.1 Undertake the approved development so there is no environmental nuisance or detrimental effect on any surrounding land uses and activities by reason of the emission of noise, vibration, odour, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam soot, ash, wastewater, waste products, oil or otherwise**
- 11.2 Install and operate all outdoor lighting to comply with AS4282 – 1997 “Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting”.**

12.0 LANDSCAPING

- 12.1 Establish and maintain landscaping to all boundaries of the site.**
- 12.2 The landscaping must predominantly contain species consisting of native, drought tolerant groundcovers, shrubs, small trees and trees.**

13.0 SITE WORKS AND EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL

- 13.1 Site works must be constructed such that they do not, at any time, in any way restrict, impair or change the natural flow of runoff water, or cause a nuisance or worsening to adjoining properties or infrastructure.**
- 13.2 Prepare and implement an Erosion and Sediment Control Strategy (ESCS) in accordance with the *IECA 2008 Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control* (as amended).**
- 13.3 Implement the ESCS for the duration of the construction phase and until such time all exposed soils areas are permanently stabilised (for example, turfed, hydro mulched, concreted or landscaped).**

14.0 ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 14.1 Any alteration necessary to electricity, telephone, water mains, sewerage mains, and/or public utility installations resulting from the development or in connection with the development, must be undertaken and completed at no cost to Council.**

ADVISORY NOTES

- A. Prior to commencing any construction activities, the applicant/developer will be required to obtain further development permits for building work, and plumbing and drainage work, and potentially for operational work, as required under relevant legislation for this work.**
- B. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.**
- C. General environmental duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1994 and subordinate legislation prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.**
- D. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care”).**

Background**1.0 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUMMARY****TABLE 1 – OVERVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

PROPERTY DETAILS	
Site address	3A Arthur Street, Tambo QLD 4478
RPD	Lot 2 on RP619340
Site Area	1,012m ²
Landowners	James A and Bronwyn J Beck
Existing use of land	Vacant
Existing development approval	N/A - The site is currently vacant
APPLICATION DETAILS	
Application No.	DA23-2024-2025
Applicant	James A and Bronwyn J Beck

Application description	Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation (5 units) and a Food and Drink Outlet
Decision due date	7 March 2025
Main Issues/Resolution	Consistency of use in the Township zone – addressed in assessment report Submissions – addressed in the assessment report
STATUTORY DETAILS	
Planning Scheme	Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020
Overlays	Nil
Zone	Township Zone
Precinct	N/A
Land use definition	Short-term accommodation and Food and drink outlet
Category of Assessment	Impact Assessment

2.0 PROPOSAL BACKGROUND

TABLE 2 – OVERVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Application properly made	30 October 2024
Confirmation Notice issued	1 November 2024
Referral Agency Response	13 December 2024
Public Notification Period	16 December 2024 – 16 January 2025
Decision Due (Decision Stage)	7 March 2025

3.0 SITE AND SURROUNDS DESCRIPTION

The subject site is located at 3A Arthur Street, Tambo, formally known as Lot 2 on RP619340. The subject site has an area of 1,012m², and has a 20m frontage to Arthur Street.

The site is adjoined to the:

- north by a residential dwelling that fronts Albert Street
- south by Arthur Street (Landsborough Highway)
- west of Tambo Trucking Museum
- east of the Anglican Church.

The site is located in the Commercial precinct which contains a mix of commercial and community uses including the police station, library and post office. There are residential dwellings to the north of the site which are located outside of the Commercial precinct.



Figure 1 – Aerial of subject site (Source: QLD Government DAMS Mapping)

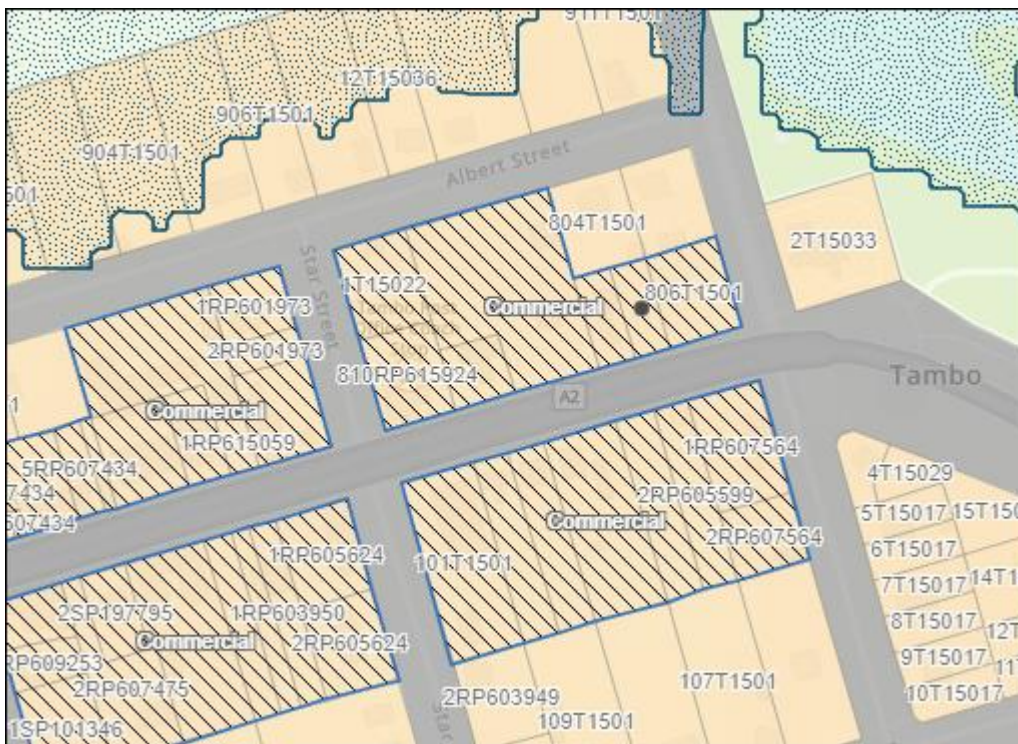


Figure 2 – Site location (Source: QLD Government Blackall-Tambo Planning Scheme mapping)

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

The proposal involves a Food and Drink Outlet that is proposed to operate 7 days a week between the hours of 6am – 8pm. This aspect involves a semi-permanent large food trailer, covered dining area (with shade sails) and a separate amenities block. The trailer will be located under a 9m x 9m carport with the service window facing the road.

The other aspect of the proposal is Short-term accommodation for a maximum of 10 guests. The Short-term accommodation will involve five (5) modern buildings with a covered patio and undercover parking space. A camp kitchen will also be provided for guests. Each room will have its own amenities. The accommodation offering is targeting increased motorcycle travellers.

Attachment A provides a copy of the proposal plan referenced in the recommendation.

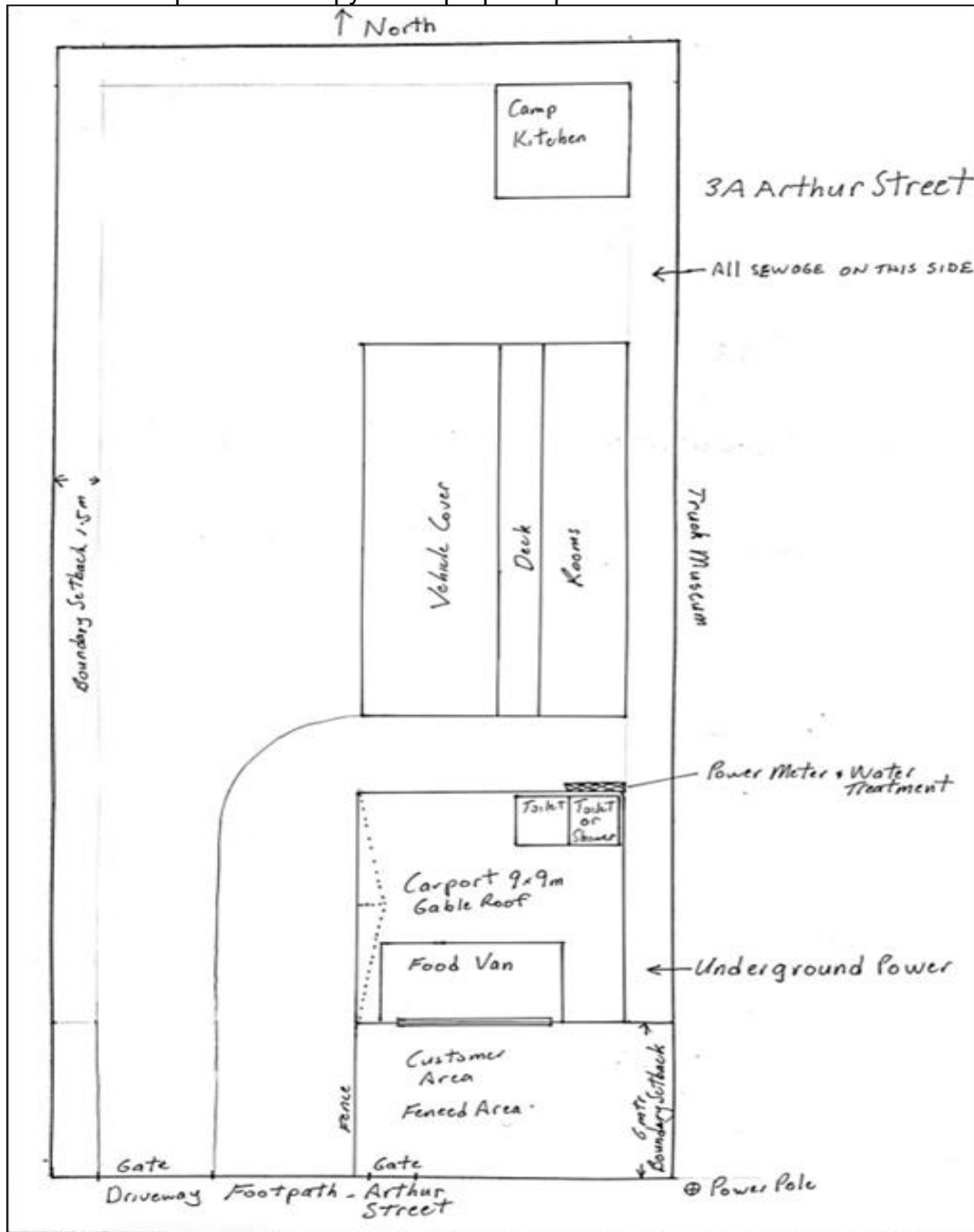


Figure 3: Site Layout (Source: Extract from approved plans)

5.0 PLANNING ASSESSMENT

In accordance with section 45 (5) of the *Planning Act 2016* (the Act), Impact Assessment is an assessment that:

- (a) **must be** carried out—
 - (i) against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development; and
 - (ii) having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this subparagraph; and
- (b) **may be** carried out against, or having regard to, any other relevant matter, other than a person's personal circumstances, financial or otherwise.

Examples of another relevant matter— a planning need

This framework for assessing impact assessable applications is clarified as follows –

The categorising instrument for the development is the *Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020*. The entire planning scheme must be assessed as relevant to the application. In this instance, relevant assessment benchmarks are encompassed by the Strategic Framework, the Township Zone Code, General Development Code, and corresponding mapping and planning scheme policies. These benchmarks are addressed in section 5.2.

Where a conflict may be evident between the application and above assessment benchmarks, Council can consider any other relevant matter, such as planning need, to override the conflict and justify the non-compliance. This typically relates to matters that Council deems to be in the public interest, as opposed to personal circumstances. Council has not considered any relevant matters.

The *Planning Regulation 2017* (sections 29-31) prescribes additional assessment benchmarks and other general assessment matters, which are addressed as follows:

The Central West Regional Plan and the State Planning Policy

The Regional Plan and SPP are identified as being appropriately integrated in the Planning Scheme and therefore do not require further assessment. The assessment of the proposal against the Planning Scheme in section 5.2 below also functions as an assessment of these State Planning Instruments.

The Local Government Infrastructure Plan

By Council resolution, there is no Local Government Infrastructure Plan in place for the Council Area and Council ceases to charge Adopted Infrastructure Charges for any new development. In turn, this assessment benchmark does not apply to the development and an Infrastructure Charges Notice does not form part of this recommendation.

Schedules 9 and 10 of the Planning Regulation

Schedule 9 relates to building work under the Building Act, which is not relevant to this application for material change of use but may be relevant to a subsequent building work application for the construction of the development.

Under Schedule 10, a referral to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) was required as the site is within 25m of a state transport corridor being Arthur Street (Landsborough Highway), which is a state-controlled road. The application was referred to SARA and on 8 November 2024, SARA issued a referral agency response with conditions relating to the access location on 13 December 2024.

Approval history / lawful use of the premises and adjoining premises

The site currently vacant.

While the approval history of adjoining premises has not been investigated in detail, a general understanding of existing surrounding uses has been considered in this planning assessment and has informed the recommendation with a view to ensuring a compatible land use pattern if the development is approved.

Common material

The application material and subsequent correspondence with Council officers and the applicant has been considered in the preparation of this recommendation.

The planning assessment of the development considers the above assessment benchmarks and matters to the extent that the assessment benchmark and matter is relevant to the development.

5.1.1 Public Notification

The development application required Impact Assessment, which means public notification of the application was required. Public notification was undertaken by Council on behalf of the Applicant in accordance with the requirements of the Development Assessment Rules.

One (1) properly made submission objecting to the proposal was received during the public notification period. The following table includes the issue raised and how it was addressed:

Matter raised in submission	Response to matter raised
The proposal will impact existing businesses in Tambo.	<p>Council has assessed the application against the assessment benchmarks contained within the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020 (Planning Scheme). The Planning Scheme does not include assessment benchmarks relating to commercial competition or limiting other commercial uses establishing where existing commercial uses exist.</p> <p>The development includes a commercial activity (Food and drink outlet) and five (5) Short-term accommodation units. It is not anticipated that this proposal will detract from other services provided in the Commercial precinct. It is anticipated that the proposal will allow additional tourists to stay in town and</p>

	support commercial uses in the township.
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5.1.2 Internal Officer Comments

The application was not internally referred to Council for comment.

5.2 BLACKALL-TAMBO REGION PLANNING SCHEME 2020

Under the Planning Scheme the development constitutes a Material Change of Use, which is defined in the Planning Act as:

- a) ***the start of a new use of the premises;***
- b) *the re-establishment on the premises of a use that has been abandoned;*
- c) *a material increase in the intensity or scale of the use of the premises.*

The establishment of a Food and drink outlet and Short-term accommodation will result in the start of a new premises on the site. Food and drink outlet and Short-term accommodation are defined below:

Food and drink outlet means the use of premises for—

- (a) *preparing and selling food and drink for consumption on or off the premises; or*
- (b) *providing liquor for consumption on the premises, if the use is ancillary to the use in paragraph (a).*

Short-term accommodation:

(a) *means the use of premises for—*

- (i) *providing accommodation of less than 3 consecutive months to tourists or travellers; or*
- (ii) *a manager's residence, office, or recreation facilities for the exclusive use of guests, if the use is ancillary to the use in subparagraph (i); but*

(b) *does not include a hotel, nature-based tourism, resort complex or tourist park.*

In accordance with Table 4.4.1 of the Planning Scheme, a Food and drink outlet in the Township Zone is subject to Code Assessment whilst Short-term accommodation in the Township Zone is subject to Impact Assessment, where not involving the reuse of an existing building. As a result of being a combined application the application is subject to the highest level of assessment, being Impact assessment.

In accordance with Table 4.5.1 of the Planning Scheme, the relevant assessment benchmarks for the development application is the Planning Scheme. When assessing this application, particular consideration has been given to the following assessment benchmarks:

- Strategic Framework
- Township Zone Code
- General Development Code

5.2.1 Assessment of Strategic Framework

The Strategic Framework sets the policy direction for the Planning Scheme. As per the Strategic Framework Map in Figure 5, the subject site is designated as 'Urban Land', being within the township area (coloured pink) of Blackall.

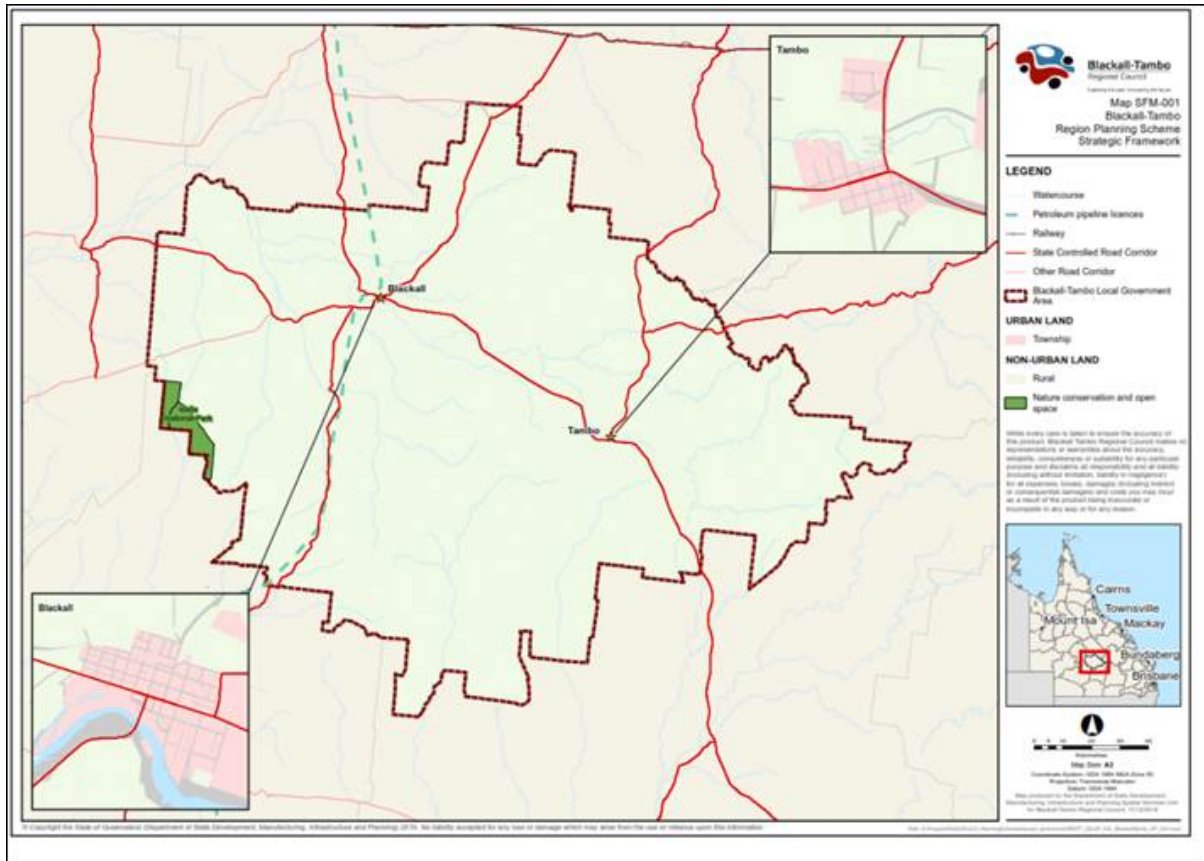


Figure 4: Site (denoted in blue) on Strategic Framework Map (Source: Blackall-Tambo Regional Planning Scheme)

The proposal is consistent with Strategic Intent statements relating to infill development in the township areas that result in high quality and inclusive living environments that meet a broad range of community needs and occur in serviceable locations. The Food and drink outlet and Short-term accommodation will contribute to the Region's tourism industry by adding an additional and different options for tourists. Relevant extracts from the Planning Scheme are as follows -

'The planning scheme seeks to provide for development which meets and is relevant to community needs...

'The planning scheme builds upon the region's established communities, existing natural and historical features and traditional economic strengths, which include agriculture and tourism'.

Infill and renewal development within the established towns of Blackall and Tambo is encouraged'

On this basis, there is no conflict between the development and the Strategic Framework as it relates to the site and the proposal development.

5.2.2 Assessment of Codes

The following codes are relevant to the proposed development.

Township Zone Code

The site is located in the Commercial Precinct of the Township Zone, as shown on the Zone Map for Tambo in Figure 5.

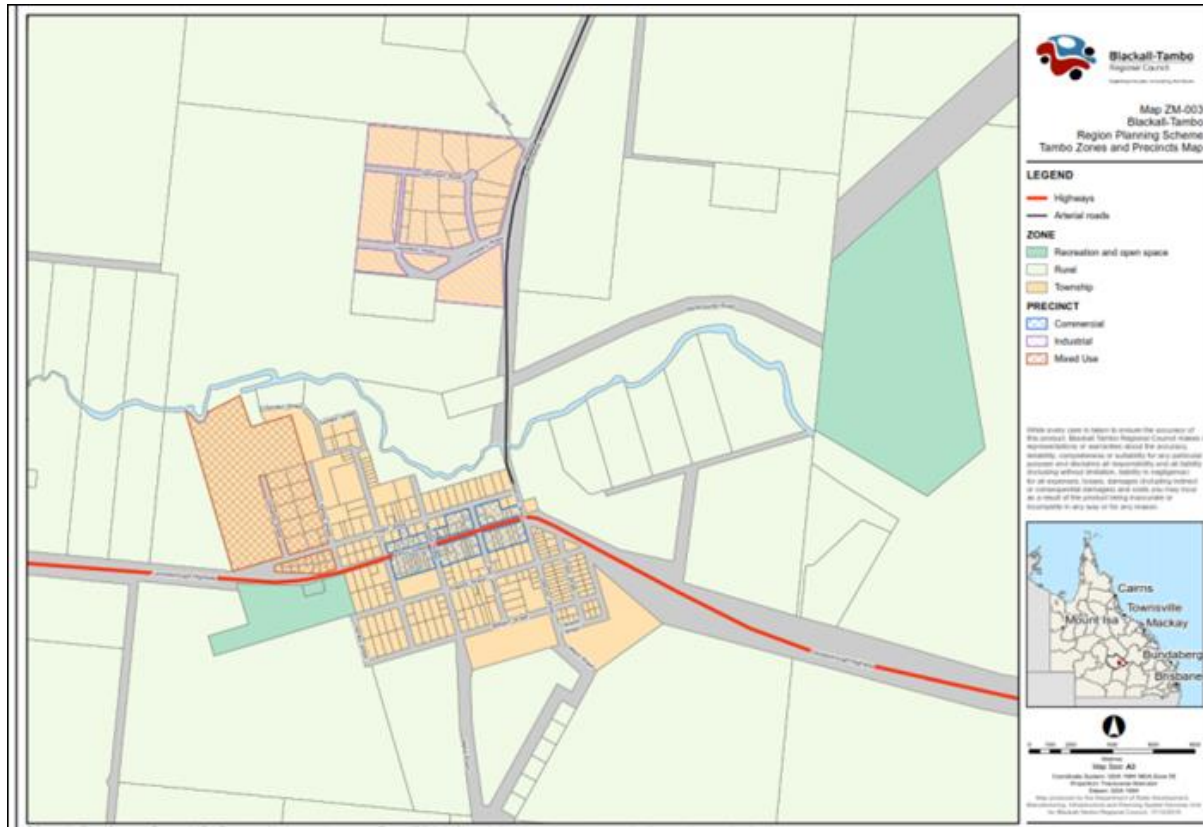


Figure 5: Site (denoted in blue) located within Commercial Precinct of the Township Zone (Source: Blackall-Tambo Regional Planning Scheme)

The development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the purpose, performance criteria and acceptable solutions of the Township Zone Code. In particular:

- The Purpose of the Township zone allows for and short-term accommodation, if appropriate for the area. The proposal is considered appropriate for the area due to the diverse nature of surrounding uses
- The Food and drink outlet is a commercial activity and is encouraged in the Commercial precinct
- A condition limiting hours of operation has been included to ensure the development does not impact on surrounding development
- Conditions have been imposed to ensure any impacts associated with the Short-term accommodation are appropriately managed
- The proposal will not compromise the safety or efficiency of the local road network
- The development is of a reasonable scale and will be consistent with built form in the locality

- With the imposition of conditions, the development will not cause adverse impacts on residential amenity in terms of privacy, safety, noise, odour and fumes, lighting and traffic generation
- The development will provide accommodation that is of a reasonable standard
- A condition has been included to ensure waste disposal areas are screened
- Conditions have been included to manage any impacts, including the provision of a Site Management Plan which will manage operational aspects of the development.

General Development Code

The development complies or can be conditioned to comply with the purpose, performance criteria and acceptable solutions of the General Development Code. In particular:

- The site cover is below the permitted 50%
- The proposal provides setbacks that can comply with QDC requirements
- A condition has been included to ensure landscaping is provided to all boundaries. The landscaping is particularly important on the northern boundary to reduce any potential impact from the camp kitchen
- The Food and drink outlet will be orientated to Arthur Street allowing for causal surveillance
- The proposal provides sufficient carparking for the scale of development. The proposal has been conditioned to provide 7 car spaces in total, which is sufficient for the scale of the development
- The proposed access point to the site will be provided in accordance with Council standards
- The development will be able to connect to water and sewer as well as telecommunications and electricity services
- A condition has been included to manage stormwater to ensure it is conveyed to a lawful point of discharge
- The site is not impacted by flooding
- The site is not located within a Bushfire prone area.

In summary, this planning assessment demonstrates that the development is consistent with the relevant assessment benchmarks of the Planning Scheme. Conditions of approval reflect the elements of the assessment benchmarks to ensure on-going compliance in terms of land use, amenity and servicing.

6.0 CONCLUSION

This Impact assessable Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation (5 units) and a Food and Drink Outlet over land at 3A Arthur Street, Tambo, formally described as Lot 2 on RP619340, is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions outlined in this report.

This recommendation is based on an assessment of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Act for applications requiring Impact assessment, which demonstrates the proposal's consistency with the Planning Scheme and other relevant assessment matters.

In accordance with the requirements for a decision notice under section 63 the Act, the notice must state the reasons for the decision. For this development, the statement of reasons, being the grounds for approval, will feature on the decision notice as follows:

- a) The Purpose of the Township zone allows for and short-term accommodation, if appropriate for the area. The proposal is considered appropriate for the area due to the diverse nature of surrounding uses.
- b) The Food and drink outlet is a commercial activity and is encouraged in the Commercial precinct.
- c) Conditions have been imposed to ensure any impacts associated with the Short-term accommodation are appropriately managed.
- d) The development is of a reasonable scale and will be consistent with built form in the locality.
- e) The development will be able to connect to water and sewer as well as telecommunications and electricity services
- f) Development does not conflict with the State Planning Policy 2017 and Central West Regional Plan 2009.

Link to Corporate Plan

Economic Development

Outcome 4 - Land Development - Appropriate residential, commercial, and industrial land is available to meet community needs.

Consultation (internal/external)

Rates Officer
Town Planners

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

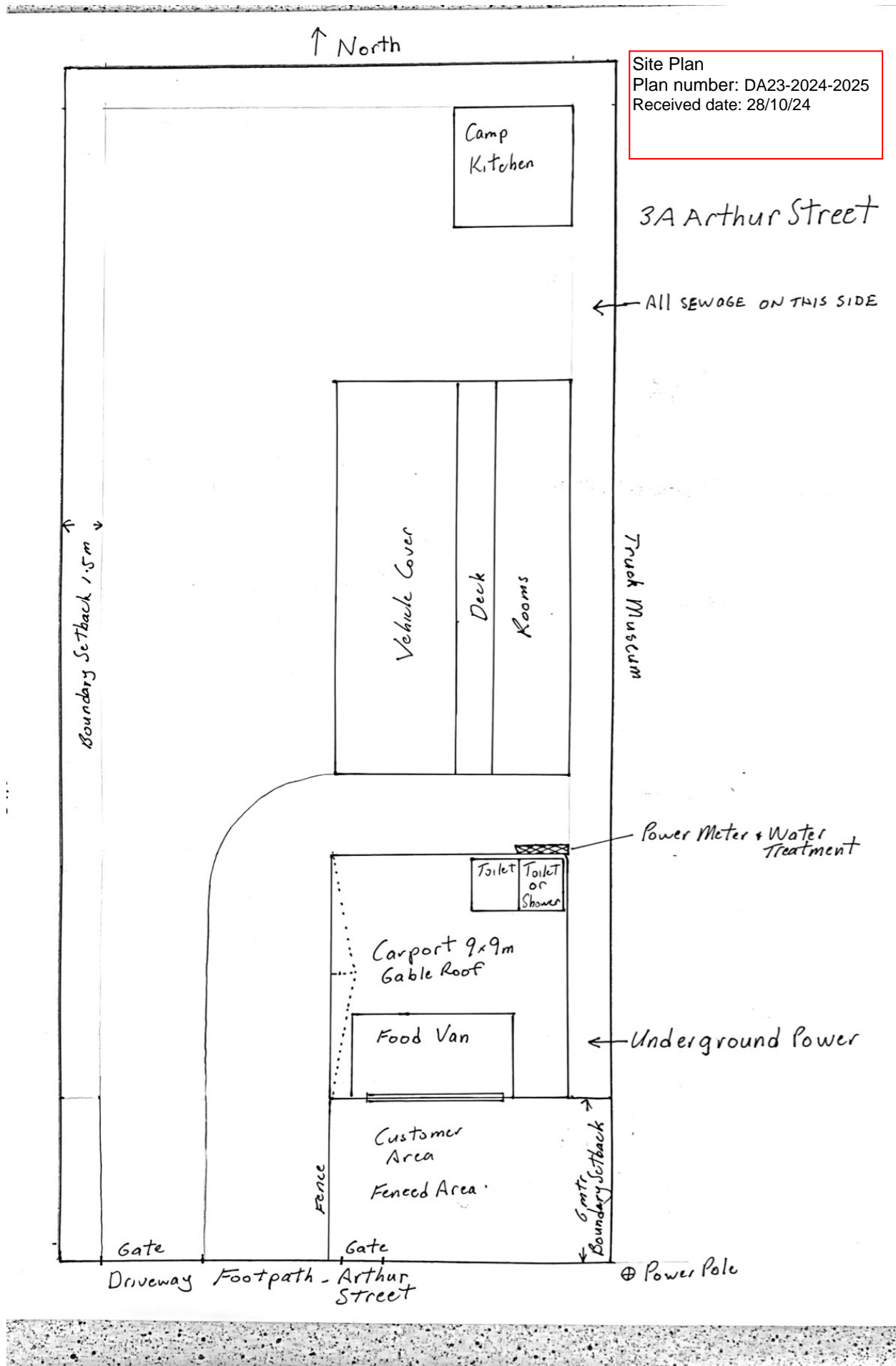
Risk Category	Risk Tolerance	Summary of Risks Involved	Risk Rating
Financial	Low	Nil	Low
Legal & Regulatory	Low	The application has been assessed in accordance with the Planning Act and the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council planning scheme.	Low
People	Low	Nil	Low
Operational	Medium	Nil	Low
Environmental	Medium	Nil	Low
Strategic	Medium	Nil	Low
Ethical	Low	The application has been assessed against the relevant requirements.	Low
Reputation	Low	Nil	Low
Leadership	Low	Nil	Low

Proposed Risk Treatment

Nil

Attachments

1. Attachment A - Proposal Plan [6.2.3.1 - 1 page]
2. Attachment B - SARA Referral Agency Response [6.2.3.2 - 20 pages]
3. Attachment C - Submission [6.2.3.3 - 1 page]
4. Attachment D - Submission Summary [6.2.3.4 - 1 page]



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SARA reference: 2411-43244 SRA
Council reference: DA23-2024-2025
Applicant reference: -

13 December 2024

The Chief Executive Officer
Blackall Tambo Regional Council
PO Box 21
Blackall QLD 4472
ceo@btrc.qld.gov.au

Attention: Kathy Dendle

Dear Sir/Madam

SARA referral agency response—3A Arthur Street, Tambo

(Referral agency response given under section 56 of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 8 November 2024.

Response

Outcome:	Referral agency response – with conditions
Date of response:	13 December 2024
Conditions:	The conditions in Attachment 1 must be attached to any development approval
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in Attachment 2
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in Attachment 3

Development details

Description:	Development permit	Material change of use for Short-term Accommodation and Food and Drink Outlet
SARA role:	Referral agency	
SARA trigger:	Schedule 10, Part 9, Division 4, Subdivision 2, Table 4, Item 1 (10.9.4.2.4.1) (Planning Regulation 2017)	

2411-43244 SRA

Development application for a material change of use within 25m of a state-controlled road

SARA reference: 2411-43244 SRA

Assessment manager: Blackall Tambo Regional Council

Street address: 3A Arthur Street, Tambo

Real property description: Lot 2 on RP619340

Applicant name: James A & Bronwyn J Beck

Applicant contact details: 24 Edward Street
Tambo QLD 4478
james.beck8@bigpond.com

State-controlled road access permit: This referral included an application for a road access location, under section 62A(2) of *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*. Below are the details of the decision:

- Approved
- Reference: TMR24-044213
- Date: 6 December 2024

If you are seeking further information on the road access permit, please contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads at barcaldine.office@tmr.qld.gov.au.

Human Rights Act 2019 considerations:

Consideration of the *Human Rights Act 2019* sections 15 to 35 has been undertaken as part of this decision. It has been determined that this decision does not limit human rights.

Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (s.30 Development Assessment Rules). Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 4**.

A copy of this response has been sent to the applicant for their information.

For further information please contact Tracey Beath, Senior Planning Officer, on 07 4924 2917 or via email RockhamptonSARA@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



Anthony Walsh
Manager Planning

cc James A & Bronwyn J Beck, james.beck8@bigpond.com

2411-43244 SRA

enc Attachment 1 - Referral agency conditions
 Attachment 2 - Advice to the applicant
 Attachment 3 - Reasons for referral agency response
 Attachment 4 - Representations about a referral agency response provisions
 Attachment 5 - Documents referenced in conditions
 Decision – section 62A of the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*

2411-43244 SRA

Attachment 1—Referral agency conditions

(Under section 56(1)(b)(i) of the *Planning Act 2016* the following conditions must be attached to any development approval relating to this application) (Copies of the documents referenced below are found at Attachment 5)

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
Material change of use		
10.9.4.2.4.1 – Material change of use of premises within 25m of a state-controlled road—The chief executive administering the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> nominates the Director-General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads to be the enforcement authority for the development to which this development approval relates for the administration and enforcement of any matter relating to the following condition(s):		
1.	The development must be carried out generally in accordance with the following plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site Plan received by SARA on 4 November 2024, as amended in red by SARA. 	Prior to the commencement of use and to be maintained at all times
2.	The road access location is to be located between the Department of Transport and Main Roads chainages 0.06 and 0.07 Landsborough Highway (Road ID 13C).	At all times

Attachment 2—Advice to the applicant

General advice	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> , its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) (version 3.1). If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

Attachment 3—Reasons for referral agency response

(Given under section 56(7) of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The reasons for the SARA's decision are:

- SARA assessed the development against the following code(s) of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP), version 3.1:
 - o State code 1: Development in a state-controlled road environment.
- The development complies with the assessment benchmarks of State code 1 of SDAP (version 3.1), subject to the implementation of conditions, in that the development:
 - o does not adversely impact the structural integrity or physical condition of the state controlled road
 - o does not adversely impact the function and efficiency of the state controlled road.

Material used in the assessment of the application:

- the development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- the SDAP (version 3.1), as published by SARA
- the Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

Attachment 4—Representations about a referral agency response provisions

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Attachment 5—Documents referenced in conditions

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Development Assessment Rules—Representations about a referral agency response

The following provisions are those set out in sections 28 and 30 of the Development Assessment Rules¹ regarding **representations about a referral agency response**

Part 6: Changes to the application and referral agency responses

28 Concurrence agency changes its response or gives a late response

- 28.1. Despite part 2, a concurrence agency may, after its referral agency assessment period and any further period agreed ends, change its referral agency response or give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, subject to section 28.2 and 28.3.
- 28.2. A concurrence agency may change its referral agency response at any time before the application is decided if—
- (a) the change is in response to a change which the assessment manager is satisfied is a change under section 26.1; or
 - (b) the Minister has given the concurrence agency a direction under section 99 of the Act; or
 - (c) the applicant has given written agreement to the change to the referral agency response.²
- 28.3. A concurrence agency may give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, if the applicant has given written agreement to the late referral agency response.
- 28.4. If a concurrence agency proposes to change its referral agency response under section 28.2(a), the concurrence agency must—
- (a) give notice of its intention to change its referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant within 5 days of receiving notice of the change under section 25.1; and
 - (b) the concurrence agency has 10 days from the day of giving notice under paragraph (a), or a further period agreed between the applicant and the concurrence agency, to give an amended referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant.

¹ Pursuant to Section 68 of the *Planning Act 2016*

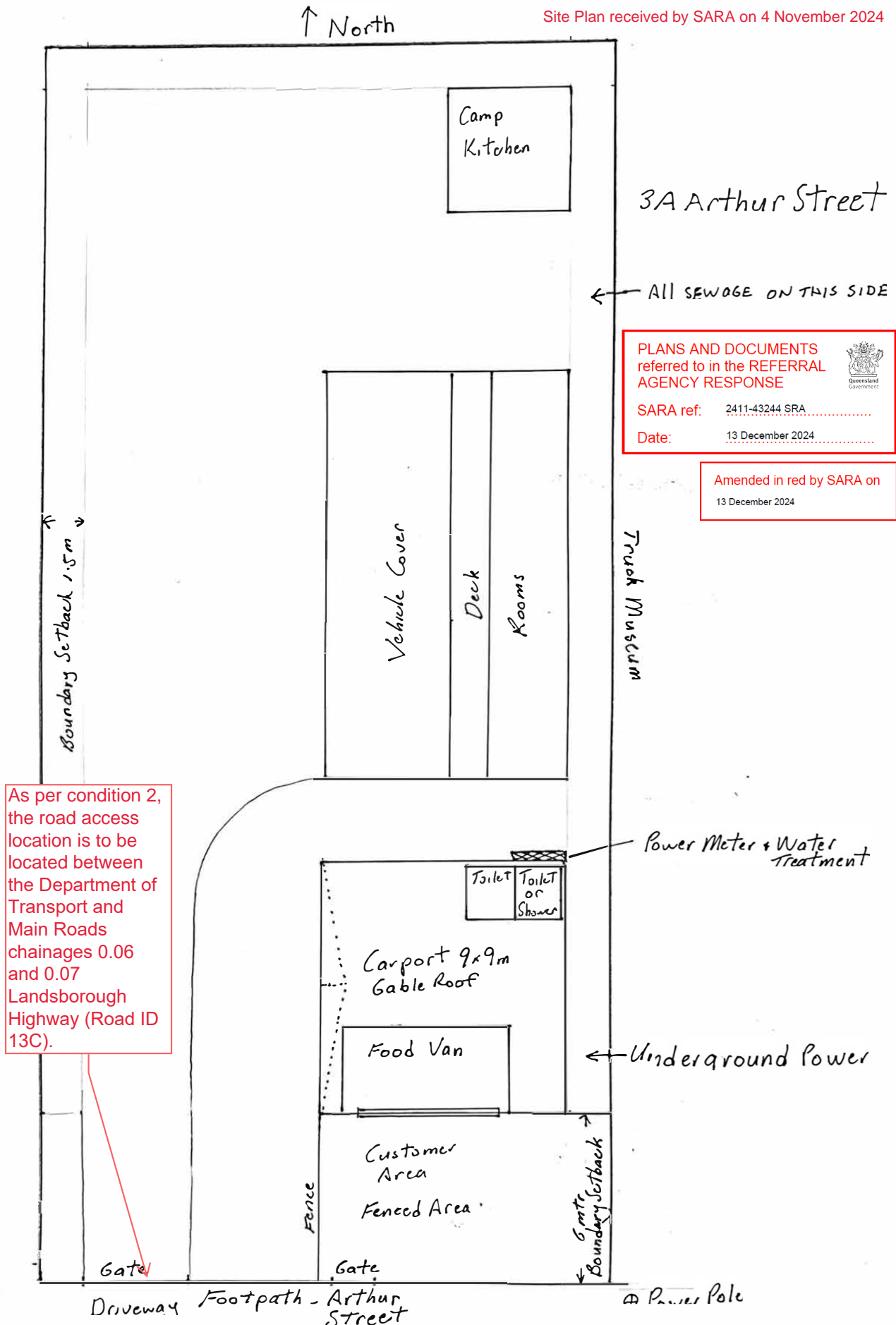
² In the instance an applicant has made representations to the concurrence agency under section 30, and the concurrence agency agrees to make the change included in the representations, section 28.2(c) is taken to have been satisfied.

Part 7: Miscellaneous

30 Representations about a referral agency response

- 30.1. An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response.³

³ An applicant may elect, under section 32, to stop the assessment manager's decision period in which to take this action. If a concurrence agency wishes to amend their response in relation to representations made under this section, they must do so in accordance with section 28.



Our ref TMR24-044213
 Your ref .
 Enquiries Alisa Evans



6 December 2024

Department of
Transport and Main Roads

Decision Notice – Permitted Road Access Location (s62(1) *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*)

This is not an authorisation to commence work on a state-controlled road¹

Development application reference number DA23-2024-2025, lodged with Blackall-Tambo Regional Council involves constructing or changing a vehicular access between Lot 2RP619340 the land the subject of the application, and Landsborough Highway (Road Id 13C) (a state-controlled road).

In accordance with section 62A(2) of the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* (TIA), this development application is also taken to be an application for a decision under section 62(1) of TIA.

Applicant Details

Name and address James A & Bronwyn J Beck
 24 Edward Street
 Tambo QLD 4478

Application Details

Address of Property 3a Arthur Street, Tambo QLD 4478
 Real Property Description 2RP619340
 Aspect/s of Development Development Permit for Material Change of Use for Short-term Accommodation and Food and Drink Outlet

Decision (given under section 67 of TIA)

It has been decided to approve the application, subject to the following conditions:

No.	Conditions of Approval	Condition Timing
Road Access Location		
A. General		
1	The Permitted Road Access Location is in accordance with <i>Site Plan</i> prepared by <i>Applicant</i> and received 11/11/2024.	At all times.

¹ Please refer to the further approvals required under the heading 'Further approvals'

No.	Conditions of Approval	Condition Timing
2.	<p>The permitted road access location for the development is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the permitted road access is to be located between TMR road chainages 0.06 and 0.07 Landsborough Highway (Road ID 13C). b) Road Access Works comprising an invert crossing for the subject land must be provided at the Permitted Road Access Location and must be designed and constructed in accordance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Blackall-Tambo Regional Council standards for kerb and channel invert crossings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) At all times. (b) Prior to commencement of use

Reasons for the decision

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- a) To ensure the road access location to the state-controlled road Landsborough Highway (Road ID 13C) not compromise the safety and efficiency of the state-controlled road.

Please refer to **Attachment A** for the findings on material questions of fact and the evidence or other material on which those findings were based.

Information about the Decision required to be given under section 67(2) of TIA

1. There is no guarantee of the continuation of road access arrangements, as this depends on future traffic safety and efficiency circumstances.
2. In accordance with section 70 of the TIA, the applicant for the planning application is bound by this decision. A copy of section 70 is attached as **Attachment B**, as required, for information.

Further information about the decision

1. In accordance with section 67(7) of TIA, this decision notice:
 - a) starts to have effect when the development approval has effect; and
 - b) stops having effect if the development approval lapses or is cancelled; and
 - c) replaces any earlier decision made under section 62(1) in relation to the land.
2. In accordance with section 485 of the TIA and section 31 of the *Transport Planning and Coordination Act 1994* (TPCA), a person whose interests are affected by this decision may apply for a review of this decision only within 28 days after notice of the decision was given under the TIA. A copy of the review provisions under TIA and TPCA are attached in **Attachment C** for information.
3. In accordance with section 485B of the TIA and section 35 of TPCA a person may appeal against a reviewed decision. The person must have applied to have the decision reviewed before an appeal about the decision can be lodged in the Planning and Environment Court. A copy of the Appeal Provisions under TIA and TPCA is attached in **Attachment C** for information.

Further approvals

The Department of Transport and Main Roads also provides the following information in relation to this approval:

1. Road Access Works Approval Required – Written approval is required from the department to carry out road works that are road access works (including driveways) on a state-controlled road in accordance with section 33 of the TIA. This approval must be obtained prior to commencing any works on the state-controlled road. The approval process may require the approval of engineering designs of the proposed works, certified by a Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ). Please contact the department to make an application.
2. General advice:
 - a) To ensure the road access location to the state-controlled road Landsborough Highway (Road ID 13C) not compromise the safety and efficiency of the state-controlled road.

If further information about this approval or any other related query is required to contact by email at barcaldine.office@tmr.qld.gov.au or on 07 4651 2777.

Yours sincerely



Nirianjan Seneviratne
Principal Officer (PP&CM)

Attachments: Attachment A – Decision evidence and findings
Attachment B - Section 70 of TIA
Attachment C - Appeal Provisions
Attachment D - Permitted Road Access Location Plan

Attachment A**Decision Evidence and Findings**

Findings on material questions of fact:

- Access will be from Arthur Street known as Landsborough Highway (Road Id 13C). The subject land proposed access is located at chainages 0.06 to 0.07. The road carries an AADT of 545 vehicles per day, in a posted 50 kph speed zone.

Evidence or other material on which findings were based:

Title of Evidence / Material	Prepared by	Date	Reference no.	Version/Issue
2411-43244 SRA — Request TA assessment (confirmation)	SARA	11/11/2024	2411-43244 SRA	-
Site Plan	James Beck	Undated	-	-
Vehicular access to state-controlled roads policy (version 1.0).	DTMR	July 2019	-	Version 1.0
Guide to Traffic Impact Assessment	DTMR	December 2018	-	-
Digital Video Recording Viewer	DTMR	-	-	5.0

Attachment B

Section 70 of TIA

Transport Infrastructure Act 1994

Chapter 6 Road transport infrastructure

Part 5 Management of State-controlled roads

70 Offences about road access locations and road access works, relating to decisions under s 62(1)

- (1) This section applies to a person who has been given notice under section 67 or 68 of a decision under section 62(1) about access between a State-controlled road and adjacent land.
- (2) A person to whom this section applies must not—
 - (a) obtain access between the land and the State-controlled road other than at a location at which access is permitted under the decision; or
 - (b) obtain access using road access works to which the decision applies, if the works do not comply with the decision and the noncompliance was within the person's control; or
 - (c) obtain any other access between the land and the road contrary to the decision; or
 - (d) use a road access location or road access works contrary to the decision; or
 - (e) contravene a condition stated in the decision; or
 - (f) permit another person to do a thing mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (e); or
 - (g) fail to remove road access works in accordance with the decision.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

- (3) However, subsection (2)(g) does not apply to a person who is bound by the decision because of section 68.

Attachment C
Appeal Provisions

Transport Infrastructure Act 1994
Chapter 16 General provisions

485 Internal review of decisions

- (1) A person whose interests are affected by a decision described in schedule 3 (the **original decision**) may ask the chief executive to review the decision.
- (2) The person is entitled to receive a statement of reasons for the original decision whether or not the provision under which the decision is made requires that the person be given a statement of reasons for the decision.
- (3) The *Transport Planning and Coordination Act 1994*, part 5, division 2—
 - (a) applies to the review; and
 - (b) provides—
 - (i) for the procedure for applying for the review and the way it is to be carried out; and
 - (ii) that the person may apply to QCAT to have the original decision stayed.

485B Appeals against decisions

- (1) This section applies in relation to an original decision if a court (the appeal court) is stated in schedule 3 for the decision.
- (2) If the reviewed decision is not the decision sought by the applicant for the review, the applicant may appeal against the reviewed decision to the appeal court.
- (3) The *Transport Planning and Coordination Act 1994*, part 5, division 3—
 - (a) applies to the appeal; and
 - (b) provides—
 - (i) for the procedure for the appeal and the way it is to be disposed of; and
 - (ii) that the person may apply to the appeal court to have the original decision stayed.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies if—
 - (a) a person appeals to the Planning and Environment Court against a decision under section 62(1) on a planning application that is taken, under section 62A(2), to also be an application for a decision under section 62(1); and

- (b) a person appeals to the Planning and Environment Court against a decision under the Planning Act on the planning application.
- (5) The court may order—
 - (a) the appeals to be heard together or 1 immediately after the other; or
 - (b) 1 appeal to be stayed until the other is decided.
- (6) Subsection (5) applies even if all or any of the parties to the appeals are not the same.
- (7) In this section—

original decision means a decision described in schedule 3.

reviewed decision means the chief executive's decision on a review under section 485.

Transport Planning and Coordination Act 1994
Part 5, Division 2 – Review of Original Decisions

31 Applying for review

- (1) A person may apply for a review of an original decision only within 28 days after notice of the original decision was given to the person under the transport Act.
- (2) However, if—
 - (a) the notice did not state the reasons for the original decision; and
 - (b) the person asked for a statement of the reasons within the 28 days mentioned in subsection (1)the person may apply within 28 days after the person is given the statement of the reasons.
- (3) In addition, the chief executive may extend the period for applying.
- (4) An application must be written and state in detail the grounds on which the person wants the original decision to be reviewed.

32 Stay of operation of original decision

- (1) If a person applies for review of an original decision, the person may immediately apply for a stay of the decision to the relevant entity.
- (2) The relevant entity may stay the original decision to secure the effectiveness of the review and any later appeal to or review by the relevant entity.
- (3) In setting the time for hearing the application, the relevant entity must allow at least 3 business days between the day the application is filed with it and the hearing day.
- (4) The chief executive is a party to the application.
- (5) The person must serve a copy of the application showing the time and place of the hearing and any document filed in the relevant entity with it on the chief executive at least 2 business days before the hearing.
- (6) The stay—
 - (a) may be given on conditions the relevant entity considers appropriate; and
 - (b) operates for the period specified by the relevant entity; and
 - (c) may be revoked or amended by the relevant entity.
- (7) The period of a stay under this section must not extend past the time when the chief executive reviews the original decision and any later period the relevant entity allows the applicant to enable the applicant to appeal against the decision or apply for a review of the decision as provided under the QCAT Act.

(8) The making of an application does not affect the original decision, or the carrying out of the original decision, unless it is stayed.

(9) In this section—

relevant entity means—

- (a) if the reviewed decision may be reviewed by QCAT—QCAT; or
- (b) if the reviewed decision may be appealed to the appeal court—the appeal court.

35 Time for making appeals

(1) A person may appeal against a reviewed decision only within—

- (a) if a decision notice is given to the person—28 days after the notice was given to the person; or
- (b) if the chief executive is taken to have confirmed the decision under section 34(5)—56 days after the application was made.

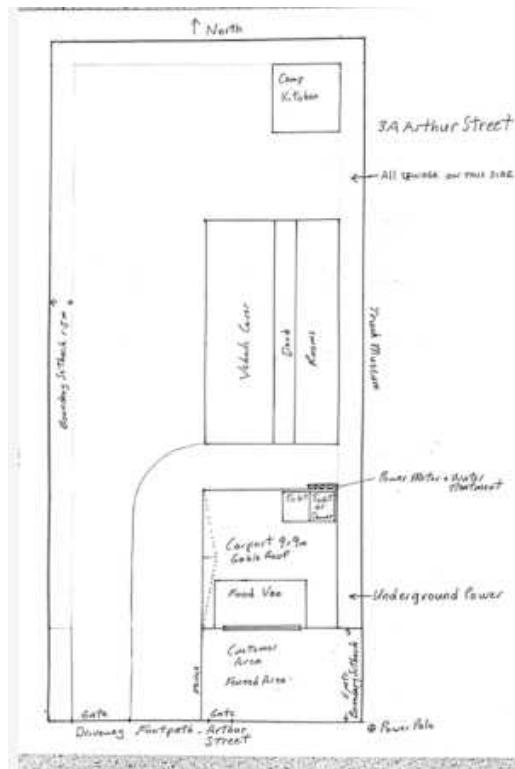
(2) However, if—

- (a) the decision notice did not state the reasons for the decision; and
- (b) the person asked for a statement of the reasons within the 28 days mentioned in subsection (1)(a);

the person may apply within 28 days after the person is given a statement of the reasons.

(3) Also, the appeal court may extend the period for appealing.

Attachment D
Permitted Road Access Location Plan



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Objection to Proposed Development

3A Arthur Street, Tambo

Lot 2 on RP619340

Approval Sought: Development Permit for a Material Change of Use

Short-term accommodation and Food and drink outlet

Application ref: DA23-2024-2025

Blackall/Tambo Regional Council has a duty of care to its citizens, especially those providing services and running businesses in our towns.

Accommodation and meals already available in Tambo as follows:

Royal Carrangarra Hotel

Tambo Tavern/Motel

Tambo Mill Motel & Caravan Park

Tambo Caravan Park

Max & Maple Food Van

Oakwood House Airbnb

Rosewood Cottage

Temporary accommodation development - Arthur Street - close to completion

Fanny Mae's Café

Mary and Martha's Coffee House

Tambo Roadhouse

It is imperative that the proprietors of these businesses are protected and that we, as Council and community recognise and value their contribution to our small town.

Adding more eateries and accommodation will put their businesses at risk of closure.

Attachment D - Submission Summary

One (1) properly made submission objecting to the proposal was received during the public notification period. The following table includes the issue raised and how it was addressed:

Matter raised in submission	Response to matter raised
The proposal will impact existing businesses in Tambo.	<p>Council has assessed the application against the assessment benchmarks contained within the Blackall-Tambo Region Planning Scheme 2020 (Planning Scheme). The Planning Scheme does not include assessment benchmarks relating to commercial competition or limiting other commercial uses establishing where existing commercial uses exist.</p> <p>The development includes a commercial activity (Food and drink outlet) and five (5) Short-term accommodation units. It is not anticipated that this proposal will detract from other services provided in the Commercial precinct. It is anticipated that the proposal will allow additional tourists to stay in town and support commercial uses in the township.</p>

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Wednesday 19 February 2025
ITEM NO: 6.3.1
SUBJECT TITLE: Chief Operations Officer's Report
 AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE: Naomi Gruber Engineering Assistant
 AUTHORISING OFFICER: Ajay Agwan (Chief Operations Officer)
 CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential) N/A

Summary:

The Chief of Operations report for January 2025 is presented to Council.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the Chief Operations Officer's report for January 2025.

Background

Projects

TMR Projects

CN 22216 Blackall Tambo Landsborough Highway

Project Budget: \$4,540,992.

Project Scope: Holding treatment. Rehabilitation to 8 and 9m seals

Current Status: Project completed including second coat of seal for Site 2 and Site 3. Waiting on TMR approval for second coat for Site 1.

General RMPC (Road Maintenance Performance Contract) FY 24-25

Project Budget: \$2,323,174. (GST exclusive)

Project Scope: Conditional agreement has been signed for 24-25 maintenance as required of the National Highway and State-Controlled Network within the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council boundary.

Current Status: Further maintenance works are being planned.

TIDS Project

Alva Road Rehab (Dumfries Property) Re-sheeting 24-25

Project Budget: \$400,000 (GST exclusive)

Project Scope: 1 KM road rehab and Seal from CH 15800 to 16800

Current Status: Design Complete. Work yet to commence.

W4Q24-27 Funding

Blackall Cultural Centre

Project Budget: \$240,000 (GST exclusive). W4Q funding.

Project Scope: Requires defects including foundation settlement in the kitchen and office area, and deterioration of the timber veranda.

Current Status: Tender assessment in progress

Tambo Administration Building

Project Budget: \$300,000 (GST exclusive). W4Q funding.

Project Scope: Repainting exterior and refurbishing the exterior and veranda area.

Current Status: Tender assessment in progress.

Tambo Playground - Repairs

Project Budget: \$300,000 (GST exclusive). W4Q funding.

Project Scope: This project involves the maintenance, repairs and upgrade of the Tambo playground to address safety and non-compliance issues, including improved park lighting.

Current Status: Under review and design.

Dahlia and Larkspur Streets Stormwater - Drainage

Project Budget: \$530,000 (GST exclusive). W4Q funding.

Project Scope: Design and construction of new stormwater drainage Infrastructure to eliminate the persistent ponding in Blackall on Dahlia and "Ticklebelly" Creek outlet.

Current Status: Tender closed. No submissions. Searching for alternate contractor.

Footpath Kerb Channelling - Tambo

Project Budget: \$100,000 (GST exclusive). W4Q funding.

Project Scope: Design and construction of new foot pathing and kerb in the township of Tambo.

Current Status: Under review.

Edward Street Tambo Footpaths, Kerb and Channeling

Project Budget: \$100,000 (GST exclusive). W4Q funding.

Project Scope: Design and construction of new foot pathing and kerb and channel to Edward St in Tambo township.

Current Status: Under review.

St. Andrews Street Kerb, Channel and Footpath from Thistle St to Shamrock St (East)

Project Budget: \$200,000 (GST exclusive). W4Q funding.

Project Scope: Design and construction of new foot path and kerb and channel in Blackall along St. Andrew Street from the intersection of Thistle St to Shamrock St on the east side.

Current Status: Under review.

RAUP

Airport Upgrade

Project Budget: Council \$72,450 TMR \$76,072 (GST exclusive)

Project Scope: Various upgrade works at Blackall Airport.

Current Status: Works yet to commence.

Roads To Recovery 24-25

Ravensbourne Road

Project Budget: \$600,000 (GST exclusive)

Project Scope: Rehab and Widening Ch 0 to Ch 6.

Current Status: Under design

Reseal Programme 24-25

Project Budget: \$400,000 (GST exclusive) R2R

Project Scope: Duneria Road, Lisgool Road, Mineeda Road, Mt. Macquarie Road, Ward Road, Woolga Road.

Current Status: Tender assessment complete.

LRCI Phase 4**Project Budget:** \$1.3M (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** Ravensbourne Road reseal - \$418,346 LRCI (Tender assessment complete)

Main Street Beautification - \$100,000

Garden Street Rehab - \$774,400

Current Status: Under review.**Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA)****QRA Betterment Projects Package 1-3****Project Budget:** \$1,900,000 (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** Various road works and concrete floodway.**Current Status:** All works under package 1, package 2 and package 3 are completed. Road works on package 3 Emmet Road to be done by Council crew. Work has been affected due to inclement weather.**Flood Study****Project Budget:** \$80,000 (GST exclusive). QRA funding**Project Scope:** Supply of a flood study for Blackall and Tambo through the Flood Risk and Management Plan.**Current Status:** Draft report submitted. Under review.**Town Projects****Shamrock Street Blackall | 7 Arthur Street Tambo****Project Budget:** \$200,000 (GST exclusive)**Project Scope:** Beautification of above town streets.**Current Status:** Landscape architect has finalized the design. To be presented to Council and community.**QRA Work Package 3 – Additional funding- \$213,900**

A-Impact of Flooding and Blackall drainage study

B- Flood Intelligence Module

Funding Successful. Work in progress.**Requests for Action**

- A total of requests 0 (Roads) were received by the Works and Services Department for the month.

	Received	Actioned
Town Streets	1	0
Highways	0	0
Rural Roads	0	0

Fleet Supervisor Report January

This month has consisted of preventative maintenance while machinery has been parked up over the Christmas period. Major servicing has been carried out on 7 pieces of plant along with defects that were reported and diagnosed during inspections of major earthmoving plant. Break downs were minimal over this period as majority of the Council fleet has been parked up while staff have been on leave.

[Link to Corporate Plan](#)

Environment & Heritage

Outcome 4 - Waste Management - Best practice waste management.

Infrastructure

Outcome 1 - Roads - Council's roads network is well maintained, and council's town streets are sealed with kerb, channeling and drainage.

Outcome 3 - Water and Sewerage Systems - Provide safe, reliable, and quality water and sewerage systems.

[Consultation \(internal/external\)](#)

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Operations Officer

Contracted Engineer

Fleet Supervisor

Works Supervisors

[Policy Implications](#)

Nil

[Budget and Resource Implications](#)

Nil

[Attachments](#)

Nil

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:

6.4.1

SUBJECT TITLE:

Director of Lifestyle and Community Services - January 2025 Report

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Jaimee-Lee Prow Director of Lifestyle and Community

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

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

Officer's Recommendation:

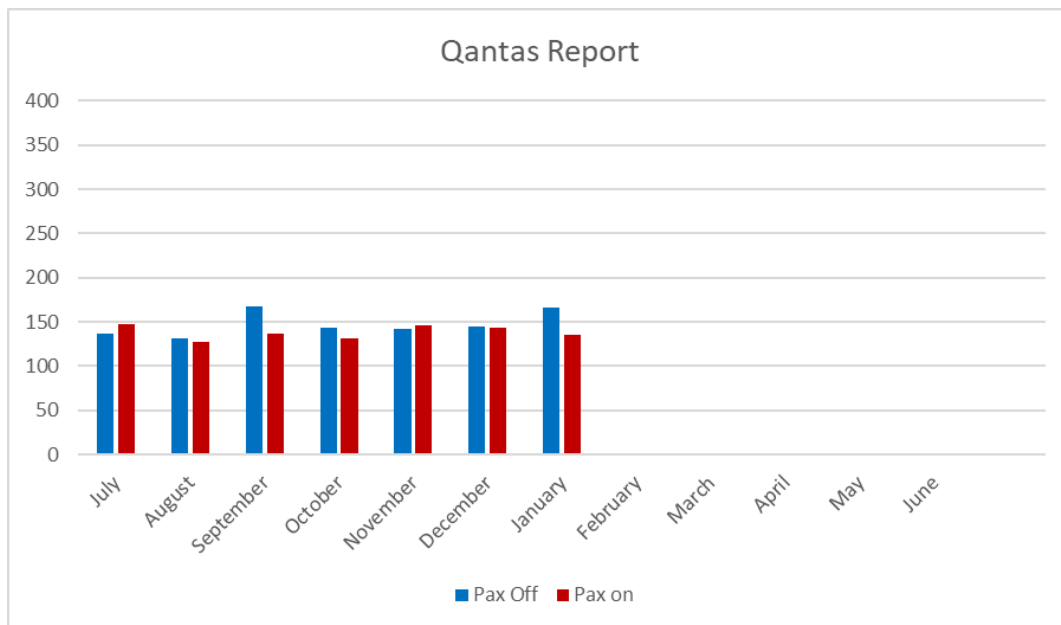
That Council receive the Director of Lifestyle and Community Services Report for January 2025.

Background**Director of Lifestyle & Community Services**

- Upon recommencement of duties after the festive season, the whole Lifestyle & Community Services team were busy planning for the Tambo Truck Museum Community Opening, and Australia Day celebrations in both Blackall and Tambo. Commendations to all the staff for the successful delivery of all events, whether it be the Tambo Truck Museum installation and opening, Tambo MPC Colour Run and activities at the Pool, the Project Hand 10km Marathon for Mental Health, and Blackall's award ceremony with the added excitement of the AquaFun Obstacle Course. All these events reflected the dedication, commitment and enthusiasm towards delivering safe, inclusive, social and impactful events for the Blackall-Tambo Region. It was also a great pleasure to host Mrs. Justine Christerson, Founder of Breaking Down Barriers for Rural Patients in City Hospitals, as our official Australia Day Ambassador. Justine's presence within our region certainly ignited conversations and highlighted issues with healthcare access for rural patients at the local level, and since returning to her home after her short but impactful visit, Justine has already commenced advocacy for PTSS issues particularly affecting this region, proving that she is committed to her 'ambassadorship' to our region way beyond Australia Day festivities.
- Internal advertisement for a P.T.E Grasslands Gallery Administration Officer commenced in January, to replace the position exited in December 2024. This position has been internally filled with commencement in early February.
- The expenditure of the Active Women's & Girls Grant received last year has been completed. Council applied for this grant to assist Jess Johnson Fitness with purchasing and upgrading gym equipment more suited towards women and girls, to the value of \$25,000.
- Hub staff, along with Cr Hart, Cr Scobie and CEO Lollback attended the Destination 2045 – 20 Year Tourism Plan Consultation in Longreach in late January. This facilitated strategic conversations regarding the direction and challenges Tourism operators in the Outback face and how to keep outback tourism and events viable well into the future.

- DLCS has been consulting with organisers of the Great Australian Cattle Drive regarding their upcoming stopover in Blackall (tentatively 8th June 2025). Planning is underway to deliver a unique event to coincide with the visit - 'Bulldust & Sequins' Twilight Gala Dinner at the Blackall Saleyards, featuring circus performers. Head Celebrity Chef and ambassador of Foodshare, James Fien has been curating the menu for the event. Thank you to Cr. Hart for giving the Great Australian Cattle Drive coordinator a tour of the Blackall Saleyards at their recent visit.
- Big Things Monopoly designs and commitment submitted. The big Blackall Sign features on the board, Woolscour and Tambo Teddies feature on the Community Chest Card. More details and proofs to come in the following months.
- Recent staffing changes have included increasing the Community Youth, Sport & Recreation Officer to F.T.E and 1x Administration Position to F.T.E to increase the capacity of the Lifestyle & Communities Directorate to cover both Visitor Information services over tourism season adequately, while still giving support to community groups and organisations. This also helps 'the Hub' deliver the requirements of the Social Prescribing Link Worker Function Grant received at the end of last year.

Blackall Aerodrome



Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program

Month	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Community Support/ Information or Referral Services	33	23	25	40	18	81
Emergency Relief Support	2	11	16	15	35	23
Food Vouchers	2	6	6	5	8	6
Emergency Relief Funds	0	0	0	0	0	1
Community Crisis Fund	0	1	0	0	0	1
Panel assessed/approved case	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Development Officer assessed/approved case	0	1	0	0	0	1
Programs/Activities and Events – Hub Hosted	5	17	10	5	4	9
Programs/Activities and Events - Outside of Hub	5	2	15	18	11	21
Number of Attendees	178	296	613	902	664	799
Programs/Activities and Events Supported	2	5	3	4	16	31
Community Development Projects	1	1	3	1	14	1
Empowerment Projects	1	1	22	17	14	10

Network Meetings	5	15	19	4	4	5
Volunteers	4	6	21	20	14	46

January was a busy and impactful month for the Blackall Neighbourhood Centre, as we continued to provide essential support and engagement opportunities for the community. With the start of the new year, we saw an increased demand for assistance, particularly in emergency relief, as families faced financial pressures associated with back-to-school costs. Alongside this, our regular programs resumed with strong participation, fostering social connections, well-being, and community spirit. Collaboration remained at the heart of our efforts, strengthening partnerships with local organisations to support key initiatives. As we move forward into the year, we remain committed to creating an inclusive, connected, and supportive community for all.

Emergency Relief and Crisis Support

The Neighbourhood Centre provided critical emergency relief assistance to 4 individuals and 5 families, equating to 23 people receiving vital support through food vouchers and material aid. The return to school as associated cost being the most prevalent cause in the increase in demand for these services, reflecting the additional pressures faced by vulnerable community members during this time.

Youth and Family Engagement Initiatives

- Junior and Youth Hub Programs: Throughout the month, our dedicated youth programs successfully engaged 35 young participants, providing a safe and supportive environment for social interaction, skill-building, and recreation. First 5 Forever, School Holiday Crafts etc.
- Yindyamarra Youth Centre Sessions: The Youth Centre reconvened for 2025 with strong participation to kickstart a new year, with an average of 25 attendees per session during its inaugural week, highlighting the growing demand for youth-friendly spaces within the community. This service continues to open at the centre once a week on Wednesday afternoons.
- Community Celebration – Australia Day Events (Blackall & Tambo): Families and young people came together to celebrate Australia Day with a range of interactive activities including the Tambo community opening of the Truck Museum followed by a family friendly colour run, while Blackall hosted a 10km Marathon and Pool Party.

Senior Programs and Social Inclusion Activities

- Seniors' Health & Wellness Classes: BTRC supported regular senior exercise sessions facilitated by NWRH continued, with 60 enthusiastic participants across weekly sessions over the past month participating. These classes support mobility, fitness, and social connection, contributing to improved physical and mental well-being among older adults and are hosted at the Blackall Cultural Centre space.
- Planning has commenced for 2025 regular Hub activities delivery such as Tea & Talks, craft mornings, Charge Up Energy Literacy sessions etc.

Sports and Recreational Community Initiatives

- Walking & Running Sessions: Held every Monday and Wednesday at 6 AM, these sessions attracted up to 12 community members per session, catering to both walkers and runners.
- Touch Rugby League Nights: Friday night games continued to be a community favourite, with a fantastic turnout of 40 participants, showcasing the spirit of teamwork and healthy competition these weekly sessions are fast becoming a social hit for the teen-young adult age cohort within the community.
- Adult Social Swimming Sessions: This initiative provided adults with an opportunity to stay active and socially engaged through structured swimming sessions held three times throughout the month. Aprox 8-10 adults attend every session.
- Mental Health Marathon (Australia Day Event): A special event dedicated to raising awareness and support for mental health. This marathon saw 31 participants and over 20 volunteers, successfully raising \$3,500 for Project Hand, emphasizing our community's commitment to raising awareness and support for mental well-being.
- Youth Cricket Sessions was held at the end of January school holidays. Lots of enthusiastic cricketers within the Blackall-Tambo Region, with 21 children

attending the Blackall session, and 19 children attending Tambo. The interest has led to fortnightly training sessions commencing in February in both towns, with a Tambo Vs Blackall competition being planned for March.

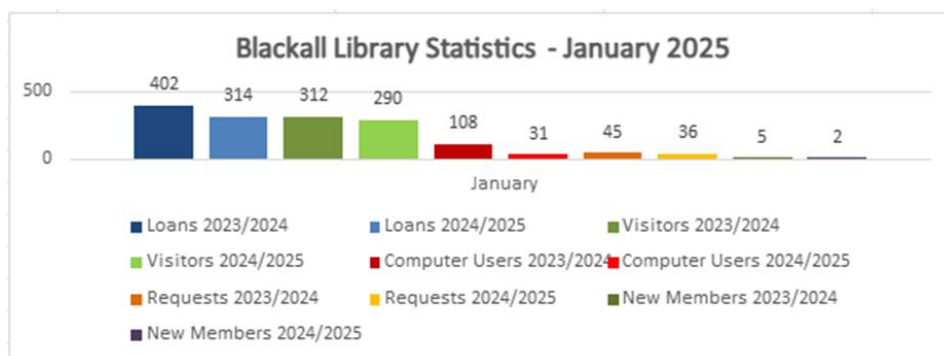
- Planning for other sport and recreation activities to commence at end of March include – Yoga and Water Aerobics.

Collaborations, Networking, and Cross-Organizational Support

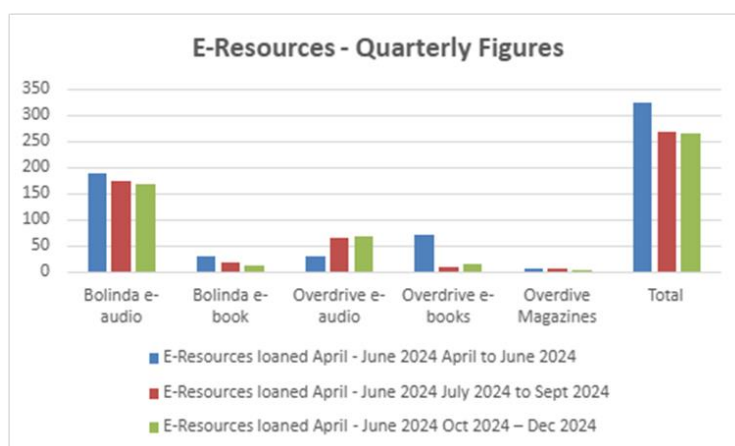
The Neighbourhood Centre remains dedicated to fostering strong community ties by collaborating with various organizations and stakeholders:

- Blackall RSL: Engaged in strategic planning for ANZAC Day preparations, assisting with resource booking, promotional materials, and sound system arrangements.
- Tambo Transport Museum: Our team played an instrumental role in finalising fittings and installing panels ahead of the museum's grand opening, contributing to local heritage preservation.
- Blackall Magpies: Worked closely with the Senior Magpies team to coordinate marathon logistics, including water station management and the provision of cooling and shade resources for participants.

Blackall Library



E-Resources Loaned



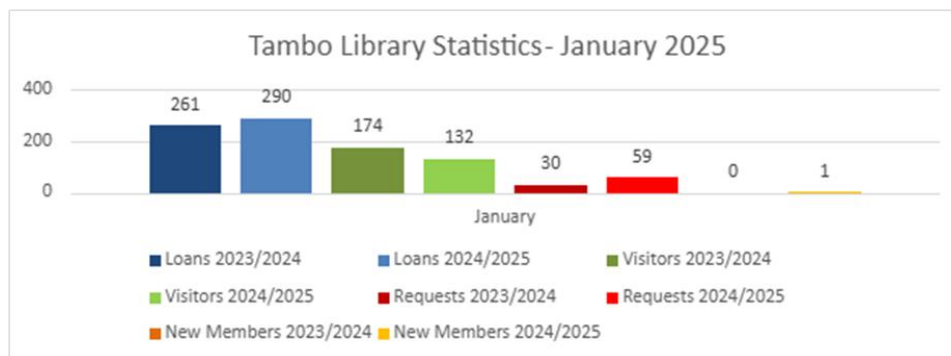
First 5 Forever

- Attendance numbers – 35 attendees to 1 F5F Session in January

Other Library Services

- Tech support - 9
- Program attendance numbers - 110
- Scanning and printing services - 15
- Research and material requests – 0
- Work or Study - 28
- Wi-fi access (Tracked visually, not a true representation) – 36

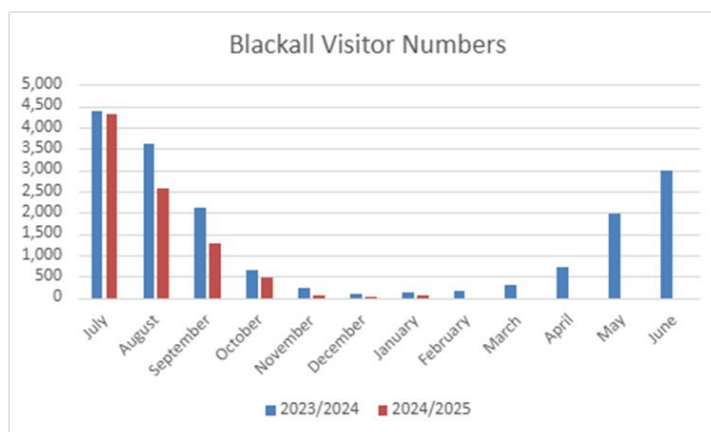
Tambo Library

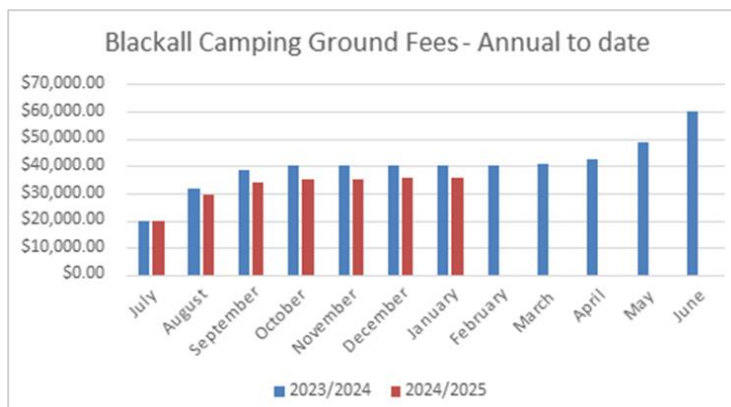
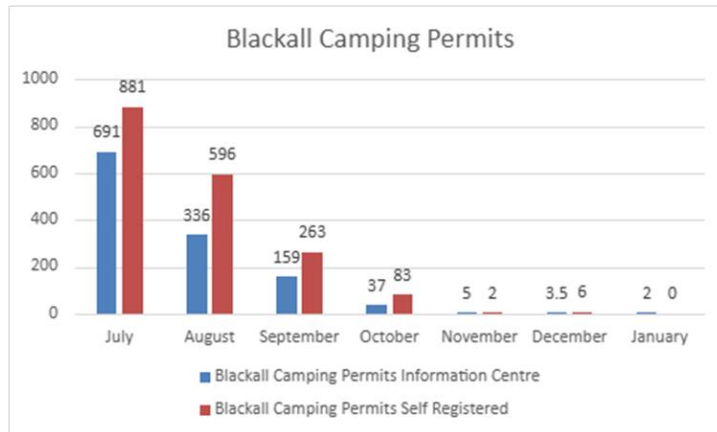


First 5 Forever

- Attendance numbers– 36, this is now hosted off-site at the Day Care Centre to capture more numbers and suit the needs of the Tambo Community.
- Tambo Playgroup is also hosted every Wednesday morning in the Library Space, between 10 and 15 attendees

Blackall Visitor Information Centre





Year ending 2023/2024 \$60,309.45

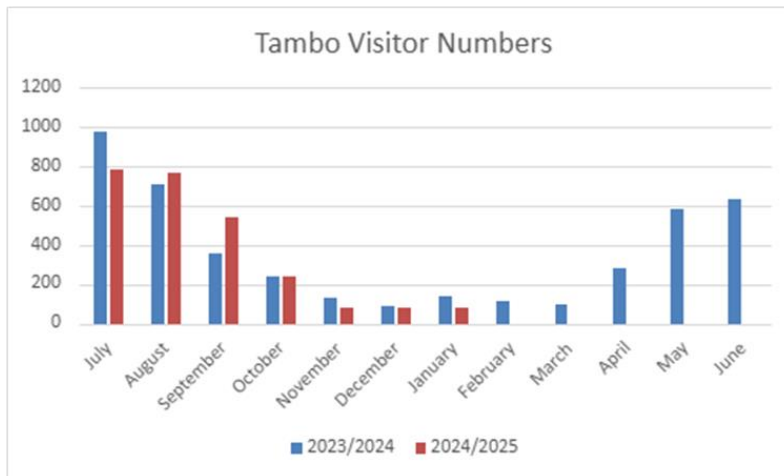
Large local events promoted to tourists and locals in the Blackall Visitor Centre for January:

- Blackall Australia Day – Aquatic Centre
- Tambo Australia Day – Colour Run and BBQ
- Tambo Transport Museum Official Opening
- Mental Health Marathon Fundraiser – Woolscour to Racecourse

Social Media Insights – Explore Blackall-Tambo Page

- Views - 1,747
- Reach – 875
- Interaction – 5
- Follows - +4
- Page Visits – 106

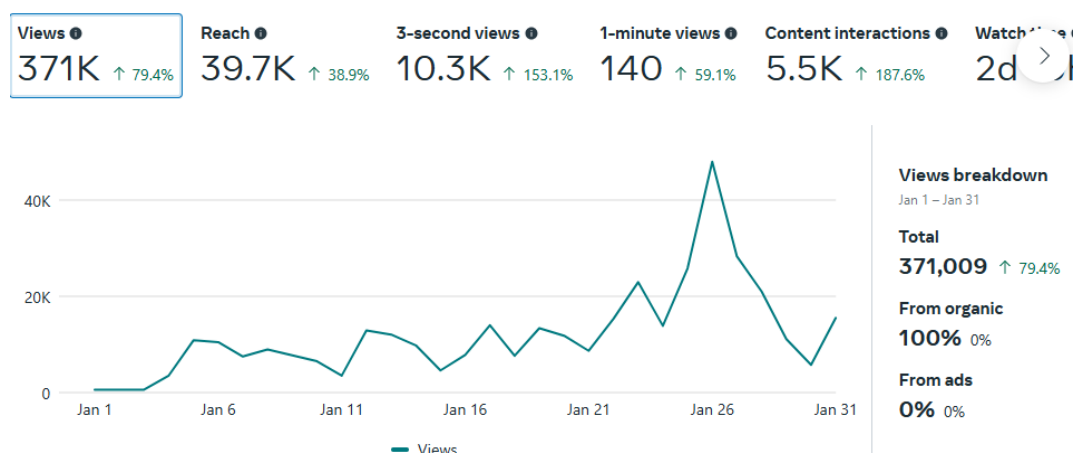
Tambo Visitor Information Centre



Communications & Media

- BTRC Media & Communications Officer assisted with the design, curation installation of the Tambo Truck Museum in the leadup to Australia Day.
- Council Catch Up shared information regarding Community feedback on the drafted 'Compliance & Enforcement Policy', QantasLink Community Forum, Tambo Truck Museum Opening, Australia Day Awards, Christmas Light Competition 2024 winners, In-Kind & Sponsorship Funding Applications open to public, RAFS outreach services to Scrubby Creek in 2025, and youth, sport and recreation activities.
- Weekly Council Corner in the Barcoo Independent and media releases
- Consulted with Murweh Shire Council about their community messaging system 'Whisper' to gauge whether to implement a similar system within the BTRC region. Murweh staff will be presenting a demonstration to BTRC staff in early February.

Social Media Insights January 2025 – Blackall-Tambo Regional Council



Tambo Multipurpose Centre

- The Tambo Multipurpose Centre has reopened and is once again offering allied health services for 2025. Initially, the uptake for these services has been slow this

month, likely due to some community members still being away. There have been several missed appointments (DNAs), but these have been rescheduled for a later date. MPC staff expect the demand for these services to grow and continue to support the health and well-being of the community. The Centre is committed to providing accessible and essential care for those in need.

- The Centre hosted a fun-filled colour run and BBQ at the local aquatic centre for Tambo community families. It was wonderful to see so many families participating and enjoying the event. The council would like to extend thanks to the local Tambo police sergeant and firefighters for their involvement, which added to the sense of community. Their support helped make the day even more special, fostering connections and encouraging everyone to take part in this enjoyable and inclusive event. The Centre looks forward to organizing more events like this to bring the community together.
- Community activities and events programming for 2025 has commenced, with a variety of initiatives to target both youth and seniors currently being planned. Recently, MPC held a bingo event that saw 42 attendees, providing a great opportunity for social connection and well-being. Youth activities are also underway, including fun physical fitness games at the local park and healthy cooking sessions at the multipurpose centre. Additionally, the council is exploring the possibility of hosting a family movie night in the park to bring the community together for a relaxed and enjoyable evening. These events are aimed at promoting health, social engagement, and community spirit.
- The Centre has reached out to the RFDS mental health team to organize a "Moments and Mugs" gathering at the local cafe. This event invites local mothers to come together and connect with a mental health specialist and learn stress-relieving techniques to help manage challenging times. It's a wonderful opportunity for mothers to receive support, share experiences, and gain helpful tools to improve mental well-being. The Centre aims to provide accessible resources for the community, fostering a supportive environment for mental health and emotional resilience.
- The partnership between local personal trainer and Council saw the re- launch of Aqua Fit for 2025. This council supported activity has been a great success so far. Twenty (20) senior participants are actively taking part, enjoying the benefits of fitness in the pool. This program has proven to be an excellent way for seniors to stay active while minimizing joint stress. The positive response highlights the demand for accessible and enjoyable fitness options within the community. The Centre is excited to continue supporting initiatives like Aqua Fit that promote health and well-being for all ages.
- This month at the Tambo Multipurpose Centre, the following allied health services were provided: The Longreach Physiotherapy made two visits, saw a total of 25 clients and remedial massage therapist saw a total of 16 clients.
- Nil people accessed the Services Australia Access Point in January.
- RESQ continues to visit monthly including January, providing an additional opportunity for community members to utilize these services.

[Link to Corporate Plan](#)

Economic Development

Outcome 2 - Tourism - Foster a sustainable tourism industry that delivers economic outcomes for the community.

Outcome 3 - Employment - Encourage regional employment growth and opportunities.

Vibrant Communities

Outcome 1 - Arts and Culture - Continue to grow our region as the premier arts and cultural

hub of Western Queensland.

Outcome 2 - Health & Wellbeing - The community has access to health services that meet their needs.

Outcome 3 - Community Services - Services and facilities that meet the needs of the community.

Outcome 4 - Youth - Engage, support and encourage youth to remain in and return to the community.

Outcome 5 - Indigenous Participation - Engage, support, respect and encourage indigenous participation within the community.

Environment & Heritage

Outcome 2 - Historical Heritage - Preservation of our past.

Infrastructure

Outcome 2 - Airports - Aerodrome facilities in both Blackall and Tambo are operationally safe and compliant with standards as determined by the civil aviation safety authority.

Consultation (internal/external)

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Multi-Purpose Coordinator

Library Officer

Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator

Tambo Library and Tourism Officer

Tourism Officer

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO:**6.5.1****SUBJECT TITLE:****Organisational Performance Monthly Report - January 2025**

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:

Alison Lamb Director of Organisational Performance

AUTHORISING OFFICER:

Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)

N/A

Summary:

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

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the Organisational Performance report for January 2025.

Background**Council Buildings and Housing**

- Monthly fire and safety inspection of Cultural Centre
- Air conditioning cleaning for all buildings and residences completed
- Air conditioning and light faults reported at Blackall Hub and Shamrock Street offices
- Air conditioning faults reported at 90 Thistle Street, Blackall showgrounds residence and Saleyards residence
- Pest control rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances
- Bond clean of hut 1 Bauhinia Lane, Blackall – minor repairs required prior to advertising
- Locks replaced at unit 2 11 Bedford Street, Blackall
- Plumbing issue reported at 97 Thistle and 22 Mimosa Streets, Blackall
- Addition of 2 new desks in the Blackall Administration office
- Quotes for painting of 7 Star Street, Tambo were called
- Bond cleaning finished at 8 26 Albert Street, Tambo

Blackall Aquatic Centre – Summary

(Please refer to the attached Blackall Aquatic Centre Report (BACR) for complete report)

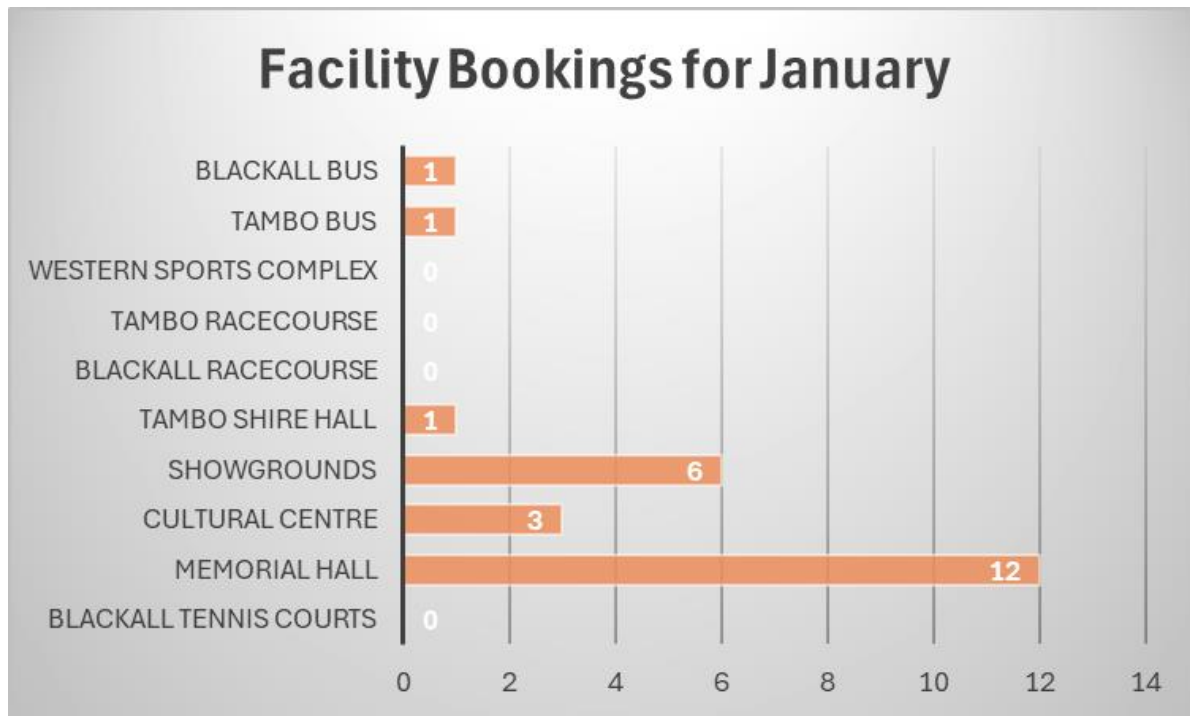
- **Gate Entries**
 - Passes 488
 - Adults 755
 - Children 815
- **Average Pool Temperatures**
 - Main Pool temperature maintained between 28-30 degrees Celsius
 - Spa average temperature at 40 degrees Celsius
- **Events, Initiatives and Upcoming Events**
 - Event - Australia Day Celebrations
 - Initiatives – Swim Coaching and Learn to Swim have commenced
 - New Initiative – introducing a dedicated inflatable session once a month

Tambo Aquatic Centre – Summary

(Please refer to the attached Tambo Aquatic Centre Report (TACR) for complete report)

- **Gate Entries**
 - Adults 393
 - Children 536
- **Pool Temperatures**
 - Morning temperatures vary between 28 to 31 degrees
 - Afternoon temperatures vary between 29.5 and 34 degrees
- **Events, New Initiatives and Upcoming Events**
 - Event - Australia Day Celebrations
 - Initiatives – Aqua Fitness; Squad and Swimming lessons with Stacey
- **Notices**
 - Tambo Aquatic Centre will be CLOSED to the public on **Saturday 1st March** for the Tambo Swimming Club's first Development Meet. This closure will also be advertised on our Facebook page.
 - **Un-scheduled Closure**
On Sunday afternoon (19th January) we were greeted with an inundation of ground lice. We experienced this “surprise” in March 2024, so we knew how to deal with this situation. With immediate intervention and correct treatment, the pool was reopened by Wednesday 22nd January.

Facility Bookings Information



Snap Send Solve

22 Snaps were lodged in January.

[Link to Corporate Plan](#)

Environment & Heritage

Outcome 1 - Disaster Management - Region is prepared and resilient to natural and man-made disasters.

Governance

Outcome 1 - Workforce - Council's workforce is trained and supported to competently manage themselves and their work.

Outcome 2 - Accountability - Accountable, responsible, and transparent governance.

Outcome 5 - Customer Service - Provide excellence in customer service.

Infrastructure

Outcome 4 – Aquatic Centres – Provide functional, accessible aquatic centres in both communities.

Outcome 5 – Council Buildings – Civic facilities that meet the needs of the community yet remain financially sustainable.

Consultation (internal/external)

Director Organisational Performance
Group Manager Customer and Council Support Services
Customer Service Officers

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

Tambo Aquatic Centre

35 William Street TAMBO Q 4478

MONTHLY REPORT

01/01/2025-31/01/2025

We have certainly “dived” into 2025 with gusto at the Tambo Aquatic Centre. We are now into the second half of the season. The weather has definently made it interesting for us with extreme heat, storms & rain and a cool change in amongst there as well.

Gate Entries

	Mon	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			01/01	02/01	03/01	04/01	05/01
am			CLOSED	7	9	3	CLOSED
pm			PH	0	0	5	am
				6	8	5	17
				15	5	4	25
	06/01	07/01	08/01	09/01	10/01	11/01	12/01
am	4	4	CLOSED	3	6	2	CLOSED
	0	0	am	0	0	4	am
pm	9	12	10	14	9	9	CLOSED
	15	14	11	16	9	8	(POWER)
	13/01	14/01	15/01	16/01	17/01	18/01	19/01
am	7	6	CLOSED	7	3	3	CLOSED
	6	9	am	2	1	7	am
pm	10	5	5	20	4	16	CLOSED
	16	17	5	26	19	25	LICE
	20/01	21/01	22/01	23/01	24/01	25/01	26/01
am	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	16	6	0	CLOSED
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am	CLOSED	13	CLOSED	17	9		
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pm	4	7	16	5	13		
	6	19	36	9	33		

TOTALS  393 Adults  536 Children  Dates

Pool Temps for January

Lowest morning temp 02/01 - 28 degrees

Highest morning temp 31 degrees

Lowest afternoon temp 18/01 - 29.5 degrees

Highest afternoon temp 34 degrees

Water Quality

Water quality levels remained within range for the whole month of January, except on the 12th January when we had an unscheduled power outage. Due to no filtration, we remained CLOSED for the afternoon. Water levels returned to normal overnight.

Events and Upcoming Events

***Thursday 23rd January** was the commencement of Aqua Fitness for 2025. Aqua fitness always attracts a great crowd, even in the rain. Aqua Fitness will run on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 7.00-8.00am until the water gets too chilly.

* The Aquatic Centre was also part of the Australia Day Celebrations on **Sunday 26th January**. After a busy morning celebrating, a crowd flocked to the pool to cool down and enjoy a BBQ lunch provided by the Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre.

***Wednesday 29th** was the first squad training session and club night for 2025 for the Tambo Swimming Club. The Aquatic Centre closes to the public at 5pm on these nights. Reminders are posted on the Aquatic Centre Facebook page about closure times.

*Swimming Lessons by "Swimming with Stacey" (Stacey Ryrle) commenced on **Thursday 30th January**. Stacey provides a four-week block of Lessons (Monday, Friday & Saturday) for children of all ages and abilities.

*Tambo Aquatic Centre will be CLOSED to the public on **Saturday 1st March** for the Tambo Swimming Club's first Development Meet. This closure will also be advertised on our Facebook page.

Maintenance and Upkeep of facility

*A new automatic vacuum was purchased in January. We are very appreciative of this as it is one of the most important pieces of equipment for us to ensure the cleanliness of the pool.

*Shade structure poles around the little pool are rusting. Will need inspecting.

*The pop-up sprinklers do not appear to be working to their full potential. We possibly require a new pressure pump.

Un-scheduled Closure

On Sunday afternoon (19th January) we were greeted with an inundation of ground lice. We experienced this “surprise” in March 2024 so we knew how to deal with this situation. With immediate intervention & correct treatment the pool was reopened by Wednesday 22nd January.

Cindy Holmes
Lessee
Tambo Aquatic Centre

Blackall Aquatic Centre

Monthly Report 1 – 31 January 2025

Introduction

This report provides an overview of the operations, attendance, maintenance and key activities at the Blackall Aquatic Centre for the month of January. As we continue to serve our community, we remain committed to ensuring a safe, enjoyable and well-maintained facility for all visitors.

Average Pool Temperatures

The average temperatures recorded for the main pool and spa are as follows:

1. Main Pool: We aim to keep the temperature maintained between 28-30 degrees Celsius, so it is not too cold for the pensioners in the morning but also not too hot for the lap swimmers throughout the day. This temperature provides an optimal environment for casual swimmers and ensures a pleasant experience for all.
2. Spa: The average temperature of the spa is maintained at 40 degrees Celsius, which is typical for spa settings designed to promote relaxation and therapeutic benefits. This temperature is within the recommended range for hydrotherapy and is ideal for soothing muscle tension and stress relief.

We aim to maintain effective temperatures to meet the comfort and the wellness needs of all users.

Average Gate Entries

Our highest average gate entries occur during Nat's swim coach days, which was currently every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:15pm (has now changed to Tuesday, Wednesday and every second Sunday). Majority of our pass holders come early in the morning from 6am-8am.

For an in-depth breakdown, please find attached recorded entries per day.

Events & Upcoming Events

Over the past couple of months, several significant events have been held, showcasing the community's engagement with aquatic activities and promoting the facility as a hub for sports and recreation.

1. Australia Day:

Australia Day at the Blackall Aquatic Centre was a fantastic success, with more than 250 community members enjoying the celebrations. The event created a lively and festive atmosphere, bringing families and friends together to make the most of the pool's facilities. The highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly the inflatable, which provided endless fun for the children and kept them entertained throughout the event. Lifeguards ensured safety protocols were followed, allowing everyone to enjoy the attraction with minimal wait times. Unfortunately, due to much needed rain and the lightning storm that rolled over later in the afternoon, community members were asked to leave the water as it was unsafe while the lightening was around. Due to this, we decided to keep the inflatable up the following day (Monday – Public Holiday), for the children to have a much longer and enjoyable time on. On the Monday we saw over 100 community members back through the gates.

2. Nat's Coaching Classes:

Blackall Aquatic Centre is pleased to offer coaching sessions led by Nat Dendle, catering to a wide range of swimmers, from children as young as seven to adult participants. These sessions are designed to enhance swimming skills, build confidence in the water and improve overall fitness for all age groups.

For younger swimmers (ages 7-18), Nat focuses on technique development, stroke correction, endurance building and race preparation for those involved in competitive swimming. Each session is tailored to suit the skill level of the participants, ensuring they receive the guidance needed to progress effectively.

In addition to youth coaching, Nat also runs adult sessions, catering to various abilities, from beginners looking to improve their water confidence to experienced swimmers aiming to refine their technique and fitness.

With Nat's expertise and passion for coaching, these sessions continue to be highly beneficial for our community, promoting water safety, skill development and a love for swimming across all age groups.

3. Amy's Learn to Swim:

The Blackall Aquatic Centre is excited to announce the launch of Amy's Learn to Swim Program, which has recently commenced following the decision by Alpha Learn to Swim not to return back to Blackall with their service.

Amy brings a wealth of experience and a passion for teaching water safety and swimming skills to swimmers of all ages and abilities. Her program focuses on building confidence in the water, developing strong foundational swimming techniques and ensuring that all participants progress in a supportive and encouraging environment.

The Blackall Aquatic Centre is thrilled to see an overwhelming response to Amy's Learn to Swim Program, with 48 children already expressing interest in joining. This strong demand highlights the importance of accessible, high-quality swimming lessons in our community.

The upcoming events are as follows:

1. Inflatable

We are excited to introduce a dedicated inflatable session once a month, providing a fun and engaging experience for our community members. To ensure safety and supervision, an additional lifeguard will be engaged for these sessions.

Chemical Report

The attached chemical report provides a comprehensive overview of the facility's water quality management, highlighting the measures in place to maintain safe and hygienic swimming conditions for all users.

Shade Cloth: New shade cloth has gone up, thanks to Greg for your work behind the scenes with this. The parents have thoroughly enjoyed the shade and the pool has seen an increase to numbers over the weekends.

Since the shade cloth has been installed and the cooler weather, our chemical consumption has decreased by over half.

Maintenance Report

This part of the report outlines the maintenance activities recently undertaken to ensure the smooth operation and upkeep of the facility.

1. Black Dosing Pump (that kept cracking and ceasing the pumps):
 - Has been fixed and shouldn't have any further issues. (As they were breaking every 2 weeks)
 - New one was installed at the start of the month with no issues.
2. Automatic pool cleaner: repaired pool cleaner has been working since been efficiently with no break downs.

Prevented Maintenance and Needed Upgrades

Prevented Maintenance is as follows:

1. Dosing pumps: would be worth having 2 pumps as back up for Blackall for main pool and spa and 1 for Tambo Aquatic Centre and 3 pump housing and gassing kits. (Discussed with works crew and potentially ordered upon approval). – **COMPLETED**
2. Flow pumps: 2 flow pumps for spa and main pool.
3. Spare pipe work and fittings for repairs. (Discussed with Council Plumbers). – **COMPLETED**
4. Sludge tanks broken and need replacing (Overflow runs pool side and over pipework causing corrosion to main pipework and contaminate soil, hence why there is no grass near the deep end of the main pool).
5. Automatic pool cleaner: has been repaired multiple times, back up cleaner required (has been quickly sent away for repairs by works crew and awaiting parts). – **COMPLETED**
6. Manual cleaner: Blackall and Tambo need a new manual cleaner as the one we currently have here in Blackall is the same one that Richard used to clean the pool after school with when he was 11 years old. It didn't work very well then and certainly doesn't work very well now. Automatic cleaners are great; however, they tend to miss corners and a lot of areas of the pool and not efficient in splash pools and spas.

Needed Upgrades are as follows:

1. Drinking Water Fountain: We are in need of a community water fountain for locals and sporting events (ordered by works crew and awaiting arrival). – **COMPLETED**
2. Toilets: Most of the toilets are the originals and the enamel has worn off, resulting in unremovable stains and rot (happy to install when funds are available).
3. Sludge Tanks: Need replacing as were broken when Birdie was leaser.
4. Cooling Tanks: For toilets, showers and pool (Original, water isn't tested).
5. Showers: Men's showers and back wall of female showers is rotted out painted fibro. Temporary fixed with 300ml of checker plate stripped around bottom. Full time fix, replace combos and sheets with lammy panel.
6. Pool Access: For elderly and disabled. Would look into railings and ramp instead of permanent electric lift. Refer to Longreach Pool (gives easy access to elderly and dignity to the disabled).
7. Canteen Kitchen: Stainless steel kitchen installed, but needs an industrial fan. Would be happy to install at no charge if provided.
8. Roller Doors in Canteen: Roller door broken. Would like class sliding doors like the rest of the canteen installed and canteen counter is old and rotted out (replace surface or upgrade to meet with food and service regulations).
9. Painted areas need painting and sealing in outdoor furniture and structures (Perhaps the work camp may be able to help with this).

Special Thanks

Big thank you to the ladies from the HUB, the Work Camp fellas, gardeners and other council members that helped with running and organising of the Australia Day event. A lot of time and effort goes into it, community, tourist and ourselves have had nothing but compliments to what a great job they have done and do consistently.

Greg, for his swift response in getting the water fountain and shade sail organised.

Cheers

Amy & Richard

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Wednesday 19 February 2025

ITEM NO: **6.5.2**

SUBJECT TITLE: **Town and Rural Services Report**

AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE: Greg Nicholls A/Group Manager Town and Rural Services

AUTHORISING OFFICER: Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer), Alison Lamb (Director of Organisational Performance)

CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential) N/A

Summary:

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

Officer's Recommendation:

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

Background

Town upkeep and maintenance TAMBO inc. parks and gardens (Town Manager)

Tambo Town Entrances

- Mowing of grassed areas and weed control in garden beds across Tambo.

Tambo Town Streets

- Mowing, whipper snipping & cleaning of gutters is ongoing as required.

Tambo Multi-purpose Centre

- Mowing of grassed area and weeding.

Tambo Racecourse

- General maintenance of the grounds has continued.

Western Sportsground

- General maintenance of the grounds has continued.
- Watering & weeding of lawn hills.

Tambo Dam

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.
- Fitness equipment is workable and in good condition.

E.E Parr Park

- General maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.
- Roof guttering on the shade structures has become clogged and will be removed permanently to prevent future issues.

Town Hall Grounds

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.
- Repairs carried out to decking.
- New shade sail has been installed on the rear deck.

Stubby Bend Camping Grounds

- All tourists are keeping the area in a tidy condition.

Coolibah Walk

- Weed spraying, mowing and whipper snipping along pathway.

Tambo Cemetery

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew is carried out as required.

Tambo Aquatic Centre

- Ground lice infestation has been treated and removed

Town upkeep and maintenance BLACKALL inc. parks and gardens
(Town Manager)

Parks and Gardens

Blackall Nature Strip Maintenance Pathway to Health

- Gardens have been maintained by our parks and gardens crew.
- Repairs to sprays and pathway surface is ongoing as required.
- Mowing and whipper snipping is being done on a weekly basis during summer.
- Vandalised light bollards along the pathway have been repaired or replaced as required.

Blackall Racecourse

- General maintenance of the grounds & facilities has continued by the Racecourse Caretaker.

Blackall Showgrounds

- General maintenance of the grounds has continued by the Showgrounds Caretaker.
- Timers have been fitted to most taps.
- Touch Football field is being maintained by the work-camp staff.

Blackall Aquatic Centre

- Mowing and whipper snipping of Aquatic Centre is being carried out as required.
- Delivery of chlorine & acid as required.
- The replacement shade sail over the main pool was fitted in time for the Australia Day celebrations.
- Replacement water drinking fountain and bottle filler has been installed & is being utilised by the patrons.
- New disabled chair lift has arrived and is waiting on installation.

Banks Park

- Pop up sprinklers have been adjusted and relocated as required to minimise the need for hand watering or the use of portable sprinklers.
- General maintenance and mowing are ongoing as required.

Albert Park

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew

Memorial Park

- General Maintenance by Parks and Gardens crew.

Cultural Centre

- Preparation and cleaning for events is carried out as required.
- Grounds maintenance is carried out as needed.

Blackall Town Entrances

- Mowing of grassed areas is ongoing as required.
- Tree watering has been increased to allow for the hotter weather.
- Roadside slashing is in progress.

Barcoo River Camping Grounds

- All tourists have been keeping the area in a tidy condition.

Blackall Airport

- Mowing and whipper snipping around the terminal and runways is ongoing as required.
- Watering of the roadside trees has been increased during the warmer weather.

Blackall Cemetery

- Mowing and whipper snipping of Lawn Section is ongoing, trimming of hedges is carried out when required.

Blackall Refuse Tip

- General Maintenance.
- Erection of fence for asbestos pit has been completed by the Work Camp.
- Measuring of the new tip area has been completed and request for fence quotes will be uploaded to Vendor Panel shortly.

Blackall Admin Office

- Mowing and whipper snipping is ongoing as required.
- Carpark shade sail has been installed.

Blackall Town Streets

- Mowing and whipper snipping is ongoing as required.
- Slashing of grassed areas has been ongoing.

Blackall Town Amenities

- Are being cleaned on a regular basis and maintained as required.

Rural Services

- Roadside slashing on the main roads has been in progress.

Snap Send Solve Requests

- 22 requests were received in January. 13 have been resolved with the remainder being prioritised for completion as soon as possible.

Water and Sewerage Services**Water testing for e-coli**

- Monthly water testing for e-coli in Tambo (no specimens detected)
- Weekly water testing for e-coli in Blackall (no specimens detected)

Blackall

Water consumption ML	19960
Call outs - Water	7
Call outs - Sewer	6
Broken Mains/Services	0
Private Works	0

Tambo

Water consumption ML	10848
Call outs - Water	0
Call outs - Sewer	0
Broken Mains/Services	0

Council housing maintenance

- 97 Thistle Street, Blackall – Temporary gate fitted on driveway.

Private Works delivery**Work camp delivery**

- Restoration of steam engine from Tambo is ongoing.
- Television retransmission and UHF repeater Audits have been completed and licensing agreements are being reviewed as required.

Link to Corporate Plan

Not Applicable

Consultation (internal/external)

Chief Executive Officer
 Director Organisational Performance
 Group Manager Town and Rural Services

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	Wednesday 19 February 2025
ITEM NO:	6.5.3
SUBJECT TITLE:	People, Culture & Safety Report
AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE:	Jodie Richardson Group Manager People, Culture & Safety
AUTHORISING OFFICER:	Alison Lamb (Director of Organisational Performance), Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer)
CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential)	N/A

Summary:

This report provides Council with an update of the People, Culture and Safety departments outcomes for the period of 1 January to 31 January 2025.

Officer's Recommendation:

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

Background

PEOPLE

The People Strategy focuses on the strategic theme of ORGANISATION and provides the framework for people and culture initiatives. Our approach is intended to support the efforts to RECRUIT, DEVELOP and RETAIN Council's most valuable asset, our STAFF.

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council:

- is an equal opportunity employer.
- recruit staff on a best fit basis with the required qualifications.
- provides training opportunities for staff to increase their knowledge and to meet operational and mandatory requirements.
- aims to retain a skilled workforce with staff appointed from our local region in the first instance.
- recognises the value of providing employees with opportunities to advance through the ranks, to reward diligence and excellence and to motivate staff to continue living and working locally.

New Employees

- Customer and Council Support Administration Officer – Trainee (Blackall)

Recruitment

Advertised Internally

- Assets & Major Projects Officer – Based in Blackall
- Gallery Officer – Based in Tambo
- Technical Officer – Based in Blackall

Recruitment

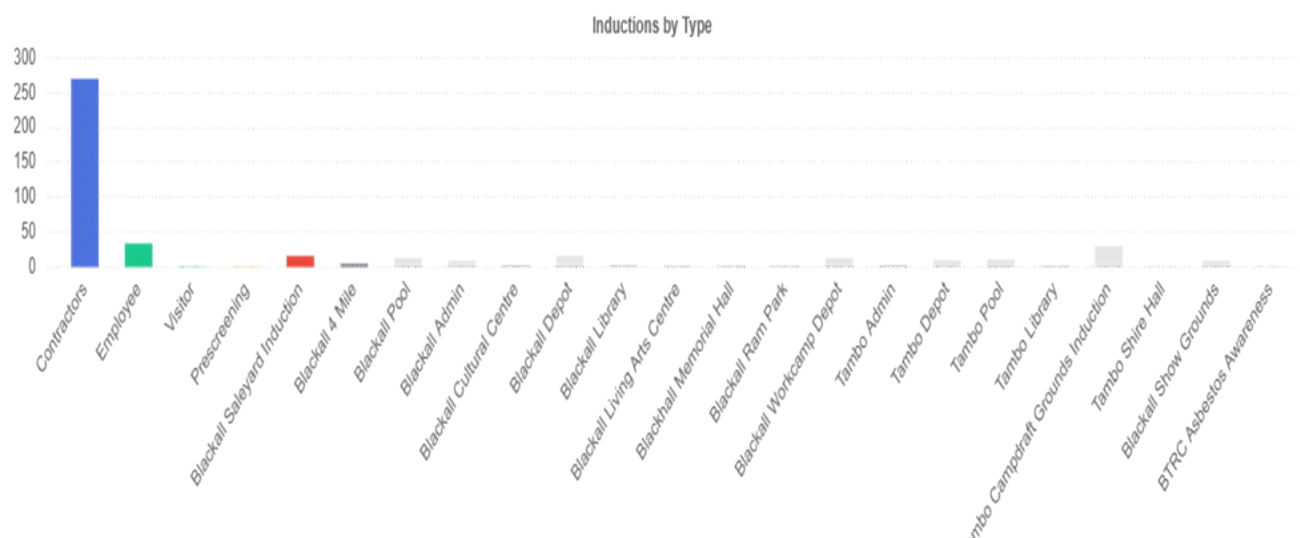
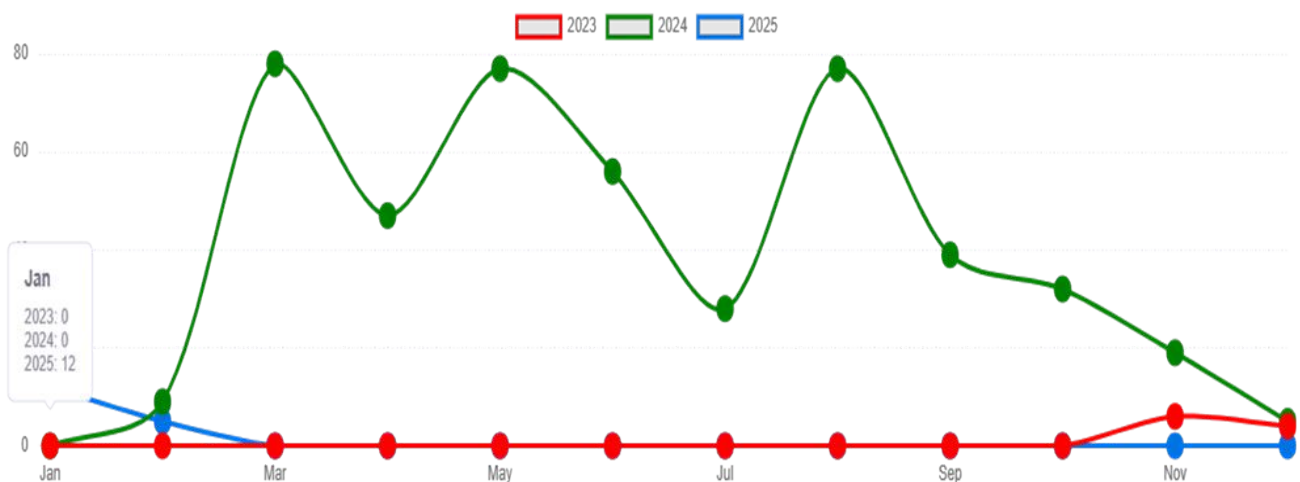
Advertised Externally

- Labourer/ Plant Operator – Based in Blackall

Inductions Completed

- Contractors – 11
- Employees – 1

Inductions by Month



Resignations

- 1 x Mechanic

CULTURE

- The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is an inclusive employer that aims to ensure that staff from Blackall and Tambo work in a cohesive manner and are seen and identified as a single unit. We embrace unity and safe working practices.
- The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council aims to provide excellent service and leadership for our residents.

These core values are fundamental to how Council carries out its activities and to the ultimate achievement of its long-term goals.

- **QUALITY SERVICE:** Highest levels of service provided by Council to residents.
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Initiation and maintenance of open lines and communication with all stakeholders.
- **EQUITY:** Provision of equal opportunities, fairness in decision making and the equitable distribution of resources.
- **COMMITMENT:** Dedication to the community and continuous organisational improvement.
- Council promotes staff access to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) with Outback Futures.

SAFETY

The most important responsibility of Council is the safety of our people.

Workplace Health and Safety promotion and practices are the RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL – Elected members, the Chief Executive Officer, Directors, Managers, Coordinators, Team Leaders, all staff including Contractors, Trainees, Apprentices and Volunteers.

- The Safety Team continues to work with staff and management to improve the overall safety of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council and to identify areas for improvement so that we aim for compliance in all areas of safety.

Sick Leave

- 102 days have been lost due to sick leave by staff for the month of January 2025. This number has decreased by 28 days since the previous month.
- Please note that this high amount of sick leave over the preceding months have been due to several staff members recovering from medical procedures and is not indicative of staff taking random sick leave.

Training

- First Aid – 11
- CPR Refresher – 24

Incidents Reported

- Nil

Workers Compensation Claims

- Ongoing Workers Compensation Claim – Tree Lopping Event – 03.08.2023
- Elbow Injury sustained whilst shovelling – 25.10.2024 - Returned to full duties
- Thumb/ Wrist strain whilst shovelling – 21.11.2024 - Suitable duties program
- 21 days have been lost due to injury and incidents in the workplace.
- All days lost are from an ongoing injury claim and 1 day from a separate claim where the workers have now returned to work on suitable duties programs.

Link to Corporate Plan

Governance

Outcome 1 - Workforce - Council's workforce is trained and supported to competently manage themselves and their work.

Consultation (internal/external)

Director Organisational Performance

Workplace Health & Safety Advisors

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

OFFICER REPORTS

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: Wednesday 19 February 2025
ITEM NO: 6.5.4
SUBJECT TITLE: Manager Environment, Health and Compliance
AUTHOR AND OFFICERS TITLE: Peter Mann Manager Environment, Health, and Compliance
AUTHORISING OFFICER: Mike Lollback (Chief Executive Officer), Alison Lamb (Director of Organisational Performance)
CLASSIFICATION (if Confidential) N/A

Summary:

The Environment, Health and Compliance branch is responsible for Environmental Health, Rural Lands, Local Laws and general Environmental requirements.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the Environment, Health and Compliance Branch report for January 2025.

Background**Branch**

The Blackall Tambo Local Laws have been reviewed and will be presented to Council for consideration at the March Ordinary Meeting.

Two (2) dog attacks have been investigated, one is completed, and the offending dog will be declared dangerous. The second is in the final stages of investigation.

Workshops have been scheduled for Boulia, Barcaldine and Quilpie.

Six (6) investigations are to be undertaken for Barcaldine and two (2) dangerous dog declarations have been reviewed for Longreach.

Environmental Health actions provided.

The not for profit community group food safety training has been developed.

General food safety training for licensed food businesses is in the development stage.

The draft temporary food business application form has been completed and distributed to all councils.

The Caravan Park Inspection and application form have been completed.

The pool water testing kit has been received council pools will now be tested on a scheduled basis.

A penalty infringement notice has been issued to one business for operating without a licence in another local government area.

Rural Lands

One (1) feral cat and one (1) aged dog were destroyed at Tambo when no owners were located.

A treatment was conducted on the mimosa behind the Tambo dam.

There are 149 cattle on agistment on Swan Hill reserve, permit GP19416 has been issued, this expires on 23/02/2025. The permit can be extended should the owner require an extension. The property which was holding these cattle was severely affected by fire which destroyed substantial pasture.

On 16/01/2025 850 head of heifers on permit TP48703 entered the Shire from the Barcaldine / Blackall boundary and travelling through to the Tambo / Murweh boundary.

The water facilities at 5 Mile and Blackall 4 Mile were cleaned. Blackall 4 Mile was not working due to a broken tap on the bore, this was repaired.

Link to Corporate Plan

Vibrant Communities

Outcome 2 - Health & Wellbeing - The community has access to health services that meet their needs.

Outcome 3 - Community Services - Services and facilities that meet the needs of the community.

Environment & Heritage

Outcome 1 - Disaster Management - Region is prepared and resilient to natural and man-made disasters.

Outcome 3 - Pest Management - Weeds, seeds and pests including wild dogs are effectively controlled.

Outcome 4 - Waste Management - Best practice waste management.

Governance

Outcome 2 - Accountability - Accountable, responsible, and transparent governance.

Outcome 3 - Leadership - Responsible leadership with informed and transparent decision making.

Outcome 5 - Customer Service - Provide excellence in customer service.

Consultation (internal/external)

Chief Executive Officer

Director Organisational Performance

Environmental Health Officer

Rural Lands Officer

Policy Implications

Nil

Budget and Resource Implications

Nil

Attachments

Nil

7 Confidential Reports

Nil

10 Close of Meeting