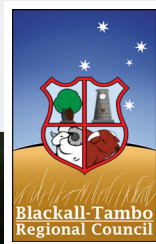


## WHAT'S COMING UP

- 2 MARCH: **Clean Up Australia Day** at Blackall starting 7am
- 3 MARCH: **Longreach RAFS Playgroup** at Mary & Martha's Coffee House, Tambo 9am - 12 N
- 3 MARCH: **Tambo Community Playgroup** at CWA Hall starting 9.30am
- 3 MARCH: **First Five Forever** at Tambo Library 10.30am - 11.30am
- 4 MARCH: **Moments & Mugs** 11am on the verandah at Fannie Maes, Tambo
- 4 MARCH: **First Five Forever** at Blackall Library 10.30am - 11.30am
- 5 MARCH: **Aust. Govt. Mobile Service Centre** at Tambo MPC from 10am.
- 5 MARCH: **Charge Up! Blackall** at Blackall Lifestyle and Community Centre. 10am and 3.30pm.
- 6 MARCH: **Aust. Govt. Mobile Service Centre** at Blackall near VIC from 9am.
- 7 MARCH: Digital Workshop Tambo Library from 10am - 11.30am
- 10 MARCH: **Tambo Community Playgroup** at CWA Hall starting 9.30am
- 10 MARCH: **First Five Forever** at Tambo Library 10.30am - 11.30am
- 11 MARCH: **First Five Forever** at Blackall Library 10.30am - 11.30am
- 7 MARCH: **Touch Rugby League Grand Final** at Showgrounds
- 8 MARCH: **Pretty in Pink Evening** (International Women's Day) at Blackall Bowls Club.
- 8 MARCH: **Junior Cricket Match** at Tambo Cricket fields starting 8.30am. Tambo vs Blackall.
- 14 MARCH: **RAFS Playgroup** at Scrubby Creek
- 15 MARCH: **Kids Fit** Tambo.
- 17 MARCH: **Tambo Community Playgroup** at CWA Hall starting 9.30am
- 17 MARCH: **First Five Forever** at Tambo Library 10.30am - 11.30am
- 18 MARCH: **First Five Forever** at Blackall Library 10.30am - 11.30am
- 19 MARCH: **Council Meeting** in Tambo
- 24 MARCH: **Tambo Community Playgroup** at CWA Hall starting 9.30am
- 24 MARCH: **First Five Forever** at Tambo Library 10.30am - 11.30am
- 25 MARCH: **First Five Forever** at Blackall Library 10.30am - 11.30am



### OFFICE OPENING HOURS and CONTACTS

Blackall & Tambo | Monday to Friday | 8.22am to 4.45pm  
Phone 4621 6600 | Email: admin@btrc.qld.gov.au | Mail: PO Box 21, Blackall Q 4472 | Website: btrc.qld.gov.au

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS



PHONE 4520 9746 to book these services at  
**TAMBO'S MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE (MPC)**

**REMEDIAL MASSAGE CLINIC**  
on every second Tuesday

**PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC**  
on every second Friday



Proudly supported by: Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

PHONE 4621 6600 to enquire

### MORNING WALKING GROUP

**Blackall:** every MONDAY & WEDNESDAY at 6am

**ADULT SWIMMING GROUP Blackall:** every Tuesday and Wednesday from 5pm-6pm

### JUNIOR CRICKET TRAINING

**Blackall:** every Thursday at the Indoor Cricket Centre at 4.30pm

**YINDYAMARRA YOUTH** Memorial Hall, Blackall.  
Every Wednesday from 3pm-5.30pm

**NURSING HOME CHAIR YOGA**  
starting at the end of March



# COUNCIL CATCH-UP

An insight into Council activities during **February 2025** Issue 60

● **BLACKALL**

## Council representation in Canberra

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's Chief Executive Officer, (CEO) Mr Mike Lollback attended Canberra from February 3 to 6 as an advocate for Council on the Q Wool proposal of a new woolscouring plant to be based in Blackall which would service the Australian wool industry.

The CEO was accompanied by Andrew Martin who went in his position as an advisor to Q Wool, (not as the Mayor of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council due to a prescribed conflict of interest in the project.)

Unfortunately, the CEO of Q Wool, Mr John Abbott was unable to attend as he was floodbound. Mr Abbott, however, was in constant contact with the duo as they presented the project to the following federal representatives:

- 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, Assistant Minister for Trade and Assistant Minister for a Future Made in Australia
- The Hon David Littleproud, Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Leader of the Nationals

## Council assists flood ravaged regions via C2C

During the torrential downpours as a result of early February's tropical low, which delivered disastrous flooding to places such as the Burdekin, Cassowary Coast, Townsville and Gordonvale regions, two of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's valuable local employees, were able to assist exhausted staff in both the Hinchinbrook Local Disaster and the State Disaster Co-ordination Centres, by providing much needed respite.

Their experience in using the GUARDIAN Disaster Management system, which BTRC has in place, enabled them to play critical roles in these centres.

They successfully monitored both our local situation (due to the Barcoo rising and other

minor flooding) and remotely assisted Hinchinbrook with the organisation and re-supply of essential goods, along with logistical solutions for the coordination of immediate restoration needs.

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, Mayor Andrew Martin contacted the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) with an offer of assistance for the flood ravaged shires saying, "I for one, will never forget the kindness shown during the drought and we, as a member of the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WQAC), repaid the South East Queensland kindness with a good lump of dollars toward the Premiers Flood Appeal. "BTRC can lead again to help our North

Queensland cousins."

The assistance was offered via the C2C program. This program was established after the 2022 Brisbane Floods and is designed to have councils assist each other with expertise, personnel and equipment when they are impacted by a disaster.

C2C is recognised by both the State and Commonwealth governments, who meet the costs of associated work conducted by supporting councils.

Being part of this program provides comfort to all the 77 councils in the state. If and when a local government area might need help, the program ensures there are those willing and able to offer their help in return.

## First 5 Forever, Blackall celebrates recycling

Best Day Ever! One mother was overheard saying this when they witnessed the absolute delight their child experienced at Tuesday's First 5 Forever session in Blackall.

In the lead up to Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, March 2, it was decided that the Under 5s would learn the finer art of recycling and BTRC's chief garbage collector, Terry Tapim was only too glad to offer his expertise in the field.

The children absolutely loved it! They filled their bins with the appropriate recycling materials, watched Terry operate the hoist and empty a grown-ups bin, sat in the truck cab taking in the view and then all posed for a photo in front of the hero item! And look at their little bins! Who said learning isn't fun?



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**\* Develop Skills \* Make Friends \* Stay Active**



## KIDS FIT

### Tambo & Blackall

**TAMBO:** Fortnightly Saturdays at Tambo Cricket fields 8am to 9am **STARTS MARCH 15!**

**BLACKALL:** Thursdays from 5pm at Blackall Showgrounds

**Contact Sport & Recreation Officer, Natalie Dendle by phoning 4657 4637**

There are a lot of Youth activities underway in both Tambo and Blackall, not just Kids Fit.

#### Tambo

Activities including fun physical fitness games such as hand ball and dodge ball in Tambo in the park have been a hit with the kids hosted by the Tambo MPC.

There has also been a healthy cooking session and Motivational Dance sessions which have been well attended.

Junior cricket has been a big hit, literally.

Youth Cricket Sessions were held at the end of the annual school holidays. Lots of young, enthusiastic cricketers from the region attended (21 children in Blackall and 19 in Tambo).

Saturday, March 8 sees another inter-town game on the fields in Tambo which will be preceded by a session of Kids Fit.

Contact BTRC's Sport and Recreation Officer, Ms Natalie Dendle should you need to know more information on the cricket and the other activities please make enquiries at the MPC. Between the two branches there is plenty for the kids in Tambo to do keeping them engaged, fit and healthy.

The Tambo Multipurpose Centre continues to offer allied health services to its residents in 2025.

It reached out to RFDS mental health team and has organized a "Moments and Mugs" gathering on the verandah at Fannie Maes for Tuesday, March 4 starting around 11am.

This will give mums a chance to unwind. Everyone is welcome and visitors will be treated to a coffee and a chat along with some well deserved relaxation.

**PLEASE NOTE:** First 5 Forever in Tambo and the Tambo Community Playgroup at the CWA Hall have changed days to MONDAYS. (See What's Coming Up for dates)

For what else is available this month, check out the full monthly calendar on the back page.

#### Blackall

In Blackall  
Yindyamarra Youth

restarted for the year and a lot of our junior members of the community have been busy playing sport, especially cricket. There has been swimming on offer as well, and the Library has been attracting large numbers on Tuesdays for First Five Forever.

This has prompted them to start another program for that age group on Tuesday afternoons, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, who cannot attend First 5 due to starting Kindy or Prep.

**Beyond Five Forever** has been introduced so that those relationships nurtured during those very young years can continue and the value of one's local library can remain front and centre in those little enquiring minds who are absorbing information at an amazing rate at that age.

It is hoped another session on a Thursday can be introduced at a later date.

Another date to watch out for anyone experiencing cost of living woes, is **Wednesday March 5** when two sessions (10am and 3.30pm) of **Charge Up Blackall!** will be hosted.

This series of educational visits are aimed at helping residents better understand their electricity bills, energy use and ways in which they can reduce their energy costs. Information packs will be distributed to attendees.

Members of sporting groups from Blackall were invited to the Lifestyle and Community Hub for an information session recently, where all the correct forms for both hiring BTRC facilities and the services of the QCS Work camp were explained and given out as a package.

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY,  
MARCH 2nd at 7AM in BLACKALL**

## BULLDUST & Sequins

Long Table Gala Dinner • Celebrity Chef • Entertainment

BLACKALL SALEYARDS	JUNE 08	TICKETS \$50 PP
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Bookings available online [eventbrite.com.au/bulldustns](http://eventbrite.com.au/bulldustns) or in person at the Blackall Lifestyle and Community Hub

This event is run in conjunction with the 2025 Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive

## DIGITAL WORKSHOP

How to use your library card to access more resources

### TAMBO LIBRARY • FRIDAY 7 MARCH

10am-11.30am

*You already know how to use your library card to borrow books, however there is so much more available:*

- ORDER BOOKS
- MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR PURCHASE
- ACCESS OVER 4000 MAGAZINES
- BORROW E-BOOKS
- BORROW TALKING BOOKS
- DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS BOTH CURRENT & HISTORICAL
- FAMILY HISTORY
- ONLINE LEARNING COURSES
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**BOOK YOUR SPOT!**

Ph: 4654 6408  
Email: [tambolibrary@btrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:tambolibrary@btrc.qld.gov.au)

## BLACKALL'S ANNUAL BLACK STUMP BONANZA

**EXTREME BRONCS, BULLS, BARRELS & BAND**

**SATURDAY 14th JUNE 2025**

**ACTION FROM 3.00pm - BLACKALL RODEO GROUNDS**  
ADULTS \$15 KIDS 16 & UNDER \$5

**FEATURING**

- WRANGLER XTREME
- BRONCS AUSTRALIA
- GILL BROS RODEO
- OUTBACK BARREL HORSE CIRCUIT
- FOOD VENDORS
- LIVE MUSIC & BAR UNTIL LATE

## Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

### RETENDER

**2025 Wet and Dry Plant Hire**

**2025 Trade Services & Provision of Housing Maintenance Services**

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council has Registers of Prequalified Suppliers for engagement of Plant Hire, Trade Services and Provision of Housing Maintenance Services.

Council is retendering these Registers of Prequalified Suppliers to appoint more suppliers to the Registers.

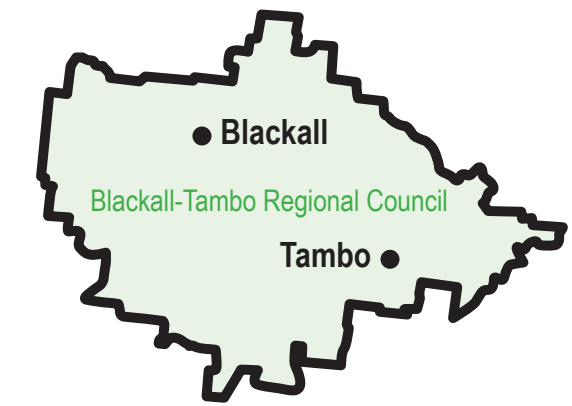
Suppliers who are on Council's current Prequalified Supplier Registers, **do not need to resubmit** a tender for the new round.

Should you require a tender package, please contact Andrea Saunders, Group Manager of Customer and Council Support Services on 07 4621 6600 or by emailing [andreas@btrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:andreas@btrc.qld.gov.au).

Tender submissions can be uploaded on the Vendor Panel portal or returned to [tenders@btrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:tenders@btrc.qld.gov.au) by the closing date.

**Tenders close 2.00pm, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 AEST.**

## DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE NEXT LOCAL PHONE BOOK?



If you do please pick up a copy of the form from your local Council administration office and register your details.

**Completed forms must be back in by FRIDAY, MARCH 28**

## BTRC formalises working arrangement upon parole

At a Rural Aid Community workshop held in Blackall, participants listed the Work Camp number five in the top things they valued in the region.

The QCS Work Camp has been operating in the area since 1992, assisting local sporting groups, church groups and community associations (and council itself) with invaluable assistance.

At Council's February meeting Council adopted 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.*

*The Policy Statement formalises the Council's declaration of its commitment in assisting rehabilitation to those in the Work Camp Program.*

There are 13 work camps operating throughout Queensland and the model of the Blackall Camp is regarded as a measure of best practice. It is hoped that other councils may follow Blackall's lead and introduce similar employment policies, if not already doing so, proving how valuable and beneficial these formal endorsements can be to both those on parole and to the community who is embracing their rehabilitation.

## Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

### BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS

Ratepayers of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council are hereby advised that rate notices for the period 01/01/2025 to 30/06/2025 were issued on 18 February 2025.

Please note: -

- Two discount periods will apply as follows:
  - Full discount closes on **Wednesday, 19 March 2025 at 4.30pm.**
  - Half discount closes on **Thursday, 3 April 2025 at 4.30 pm.**
- It is the responsibility of the property owner to advise Council of any change of address.
- Any person not in receipt of their rate notice/s should contact the Council Office immediately.
- Prepayment booklets can be obtained from the Council Office for those Ratepayers wishing to prepay rates during the year.

**MJ Lollback**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER