

## STATE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY AND COUNCIL REMISSION ON RATES PAYABLE BY PENSIONERS

Pensioners wishing to apply for the Government Subsidy and/or Council Remission on rates are advised that they should contact their Council Office by Friday 21 July 2023 so that the subsidies can be shown on their rate notices for the 2023/2024 financial year.

The application forms are available at both the Blackall and Tambo Council Offices.

Applicants will be required to present their pensioner/entitlement card as evidence and to also declare particulars of the property for which they are claiming the subsidy.

If you have already received the pensioner subsidy on your last rate notice you will not be required to reapply for these subsidies.



June 2023

# COUNCIL CATCH-UP

*~ an insight into what Council is working on in our region ~*



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE BLACKALL TOWN COMMON

Council is calling for expressions of interest for residents of Blackall who wish to agist horses or cattle on the Blackall Town Common. Current users must also apply.

The number of stock per household will be determined by Council and responses received from the expressions of interest.

To register your interest complete the form which can be found on Council's website or at the Blackall Administration office.

Post your expressions of interest to:

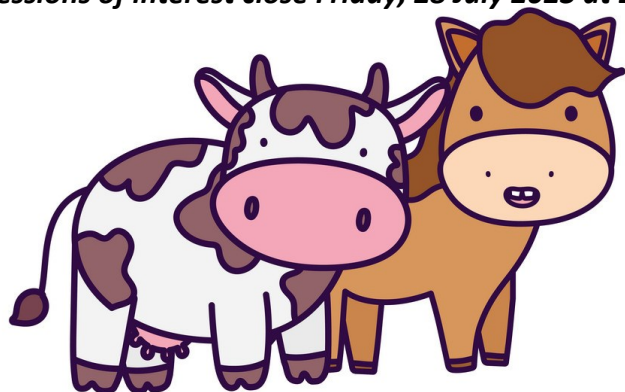
Blackall Town Common  
Chief Executive Officer  
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council  
PO Box 21  
Blackall Qld 4472

or email to:

[pa@btrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:pa@btrc.qld.gov.au)

The DRAFT Blackall Town Common Management Plan is available on Council's website. A final Town Common Management plan will be drafted after the expression of interest process has closed.

***Expressions of interest close Friday, 28 July 2023 at 2pm.***



## BUDGET ADOPTION

Blackall-Tambo Regional Councillors approved the budget for 2023/2024 at a special meeting held on Wednesday 21 June 2023. Mayor, Councillor Andrew Martin, said Council is pleased to present a balanced budget which would approve expenditure of \$59.6 Million over the 2023-2024 period for operational, capital works and services throughout the region.

Council voted for an increase of 5.5% in general rates and service charges including water, sewerage and cleansing.

Council has provided for two discount periods upon issuing of the relevant rate notices. A 15% discount applies if payment is received by Council within 30 days after the issue of rates and a 7.5% discount for the second discount period if payment is received within 45 days after the issue date.

The remission of general rates and services for eligible pensioners remain unchanged.

The capital works program of \$8.8 Million includes renewal and upgrade of community and economic infrastructure, town and rural road works and internal plant replacement program.

Councillor Martin concluded by stating that the current Council will continue to manage assets, improve efficiencies and focus on creating a sustainable community.

The full budget documents are available on Council's website.

## REGIONAL WORKS

- ~ Two floodways along Scrubby Creek Road have been upgraded from gravel to concrete. Another two are yet to be completed.
- ~ An 8.2km long section of the Dawson Development Road will receive a full gravel re-sheet. The gravel haulage and crushing has been completed with the pavement to be completed by mid-June.
- ~ Council is developing Queen Elizabeth Street, Tambo, East Walter and Petunia Streets, Blackall for future housing development.
- ~ The local government area entry signs are in the process of being renewed. The signs along the national highway have been installed and will be painted on site.
- ~ New poly composite bollards are being installed at the Tambo Dam.
- ~ Concrete work is continuing on the median strip for Shamrock Street, Blackall. The project is replacing the existing kerb with 200mm x 200mm kerbing to provide a consistent height on all four sections.
- ~ The reseal on Emmet Road has been completed.
- ~ Work is continuing on widening the Blackall-Isisford Road. This will increase the width from 4m to 8m, while there is a section of the road, approximately 110kms from Blackall, undergoing rehabilitation.



## Tambo Weighbridge

The Tambo Weighbridge has recommenced operations. To make an appointment please contact Nadine McLeod on 0498 130 659.

## Tambo Pool

Council is working to upgrade the power and pumping systems at the Tambo Pool. The work will be completed prior to the commencement of the swimming season.



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A revised Corporate Structure was adopted by Council.

Council will renew the lease for the Living Arts Centre with the Blackall Cultural Association for an additional 30 years.

The Wild Dog Barrier Fence calculation methodology is being reviewed by the Local Government Association of Queensland and Council has been asked to provide an option for future calculation methodology.

Council approved two development applications for 18 & 18a Edward St, Tambo and 1 Banksia and 3 Mulberry Street, Blackall.

Council will request a special holiday for 5 November 2024 for Melbourne Cup Day with the Office of Industrial Relations.

The UHF tower at Caldervale will be replaced as the current tower is damaged.

The RADF Committee's approval of the application from the Tambo Tourism and Business Association for the Teddy Bears Wonderland Picnic in 2023 was endorsed by Council.

*The full meeting minutes are available on Council's website*

Next Meeting: 19 July 2023, Tambo



**Blackall-Tambo**  
**Regional Council**

Council Catch-Up | June 2023

## Office Opening Hours & Contact

Blackall & Tambo **Phone:** (07) 4621 6600

Monday—Friday

**Email:** [admin@btrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@btrc.qld.gov.au)

8.22am to 4.45pm

**Mail:** PO Box 21, Blackall 4472

**Website:** [btrc.qld.gov.au](http://btrc.qld.gov.au)