

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

An insight into Council activities during **SEPTEMBER 2025** Issue 67

BLACKALL



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Another busy month for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

It has been another busy month for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

It released its list of successful recipients for its first round of the inaugural **Community Grants Program** and was thrilled to be able to award all 13 applicants who applied the funding they requested. Over \$76,000 in funding was awarded which equates to a total community value of over \$230,000.

Council is proud of its investment in local projects, events and initiatives run by the region's local clubs and organisations.

Back in July BTRC invited not-for-profit organisations to apply for funding for a particular project or program starting from as little as \$500 and up to a maximum of \$15,000.

The In-Kind program is still being run as a separate stream of assistance available to community groups.

Two rounds of these Community Grants Program will be offered each year and Round 2 opens in February next year.

Meanwhile applications for Round 2 of the 2025-2026 **Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)** are being sought. This stream of funding, a collaboration between Council and the State Government, closes on 29th October.

If you have any queries about either grants, please phone Glenys on 4657 4440 or email her at: Glenys.Einam@btrc.qld.gov.au.

If you are on the executive of any community sporting groups or organisations, it is wise to also contact Glenys and update your association's contact details, so that they are on the mailing list for any information which can be shared re funding and other opportunities.

Successful sports applicants with the Community Grants Program were: Tambo Cricket Club who need to purchase a container for storage; the Blackall Pistol Club for disability access to their facility; funding for swim coaching clinics; Tour de Tambo Cycling Event; Enhancements to the canteen at Tambo Pony Club; and Blackall's Beef Producer's Race Day.

Tambo ICPA were successful in obtaining funding for camp activities for their students.

Both the Blackall Historical Woolscour and the Tambo Heritage Group were successful as well. The BHW for training for its volunteers and THG for new display cabinets.

Bushman's Gallery will be hosting a Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon and a retaining wall will be replaced at Barcoo Retirement Village. Blackall's RSL Sub Branch was also successful, along with two of Blackall's wonderful annual events, St Patrick's Fete and the Annual Christmas Tree Festival.

The annual **Bloomin' in the Bush garden competition** was held and judged over the past month, with a good scattering of winners in both towns.

They are as follows:

SECTION 1

1. Drought Defying Garden - Jenny Muir
2. Bush & Beyond – Outdoor Living & Leisure Spaces - Bob and Annette Kelly
3. Outback Orchard (Edible Gardens) - Alan Stevenson and Julie Darbey
4. Best Bloomin' Garden - Annette Kussrow

SECTION 2

1. Corporate Garden - Randall Ellison (Tambo)
2. Elder Flower Power - Senior's Garden - William Birse

3. My Magical Garden - Margaret Mears
4. Anything But Grounded - Jenny Muir
5. The Bird Bath Award (Attracting Nature) - George and Jane Turner

SECTION 3 (a winner from each town)

1. My favourite garden space:

Cherie and Hugh Macdonald (Blackall)
Randall Ellison (Tambo)

2. If These Plants Could Talk – Garden Stories of the Past

The Lodge on Hawthorn (Blackall)
George and Jane Turner (Tambo)

3. Lawn of the Year

Jackie Dillon (Blackall)
Sonya West (Tambo)

Courtney Richardson has been successful with her application to State Library Queensland to be accepted into the **Library Leaders Program for 2025-26**.

She is excited to be taking part in this program which develops library leaders of the future. State Library of Queensland (State Library), in partnership with Queensland Public Library Association (QPLA) invests in the development and support of local governments and their library staffs, interested in advancing library services at a local level.

Over the next eight months, Courtney will participate in a supported program which will introduce a breadth of ideas and knowledge, innovative strategies, and opportunities for growth.

She will be assigned a mentor to assist her with her chosen project. It all starts in mid-October in Brisbane and culminates in May next year in Sydney at the ALIA National Conference - with a lot of work in between!

Work at the **Cultural Precinct** continues to flow along nicely with all footings for the two storage sheds being installed in the coming weeks.

Almost all the electrical and hydraulic conduits have been completed at the site and the sheds will be up before Christmas however, the internal fitout of them will continue early into 2026.

The **Youth Council** were excited to witness the installation of the first of three planned water fountains recently. It was thanks to them identifying the need for fresh drinking water, that three 'bubblers' had been planned in three locations across the shire - two in Blackall and one in Tambo.

They are off to Brisbane for a week long camp in October. One of the planned activities is a visit to Parliament House for a day to witness what goes on within parliamentary walls. They have a full five days of activities planned, one really exciting one is the Story Bridge climb.

Youth Councillor, Mayor Georgia Duncan attended the unveiling ceremony at the Tambo Dam recently for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's very first mayor, Janice Cecily Ross.

She travelled with Councillors Scobie, Hardie, Johnstone and Hart along with CEO Mike Lollback and other Council staff to attend the ceremony where Cr Skewes spoke.

She also attended the Super Hero Disco.

The Tambo Youth Council have a **Bake Sale** planned for Saturday October 11. This will be a busy day in Tambo as the junior cricketers have a Tambo versus Blackall match planned!

New look, same heart



Tambo's Multipurpose Centre has had a facelift and is sporting new signage.

It will now be known as the **Tambo Lifestyle & Community Hub**.

There will be an official launch of the new brand on Thursday 2nd October in the courtyard area starting 10am. Light refreshments, family games and activities will be on offer. Everyone is invited. Remember it's only the name that has changed, you can still come and experience the same great allied services and partake in community events. During September, the MPC team were kept busy. They acknowledged R U OK Day by visiting Tambo's local businesses for a chat, delivering some sweet treats and mental health resources at the same time.

In the lead up to Fathers Day a Kids Craft Session was held.



The big event was the family BBQ on Father's Day in the park. There was a great roll up, some delicious food and the footy got kicked around for a friendly game of touch.

Michaela Mulder, Exercise Physiologist from North & West Remote Health visited during Women's Health Week for an education session which covered topics such as menopause, healthy aging for bones, incontinence and pelvic floor. Visitors also participated by doing balancing exercises with her.

Tea & Talk returned with a great roll up at Mary and Marthas last week. Feedback received was very positive and next month's date is: October 22nd.

The Tambo Hub has a busy month ahead.

One event will be a visit to the winning gardens. Tambo gardens were very successful in the recent gardening competition (see winners on front page). Another is Halloween at the pool for the kids and the Youth Council's Bake Sale.

Free Legal Sessions have been added for October thanks to the team from Kanther Law (You can book online at: <https://tambooct.eventbrite>).

com.au for times).

Check out Council's Calendar on the back cover for all the events and allied health services times and dates for October.



Chair Aerobics for Blackall and Tambo

Chair Aerobics is low impact exercise which is easy on your joints, boosts circulation and lifts the mood. It's perfect for all fitness levels.

You will need to wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes and layers, so you stay warm during warm up and cool down.

Supportive shoes or non-slip footwear is recommended and you will need a water bottle in order to stay hydrated.

Available in Blackall and Tambo once a week, Chair Aerobics is starting soon.

Tambo — Every Wednesday at 11:00 am, starting 8th October at the Tambo Lifestyle & Community Hub.

Blackall — Every Thursday morning at 10:00 am, starting 9th October in the Memorial Hall.

Everyone is welcome.

Contact Natalie Dendle, Youth, Sport & Recreation Officer for more information, phone 4657 4637 or email: natalie.dendle@btrc.qld.gov.au.



Magpie Season

Magpies swoop, it is a defensive behaviour they use to protect their eggs and young during the breeding season, which typically occurs between August and November.

Identify Nesting Areas: Be aware of where magpies are nesting and avoid these areas during the spring months.

Use Warning Signs: If you discover a swooping area, you can place a temporary sign up to warn others or post on the Community page on Facebook.

And remember Magpies are protected, it is illegal to harm them or their young.

Big Map gifted to BTRC

Two informative evenings were held with the DRA Big Map crew and a Resilience Canopy representative in both Blackall and Tambo.

Councillors and Council staff members also attended a third session.

The presenters of the project work voluntarily to assist communities with disaster preparedness and hold these sessions across all regions in Australia.

Once the tour of this region finished, the map was presented to the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council to assist with disaster preparation and resilience.

More information on how the map will be utilised locally will be announced in the near future.



Libby App workshop

A workshop is planned to explain and demonstrate how to use the library app, Libby

on Thursday, October 9 from 10am to 11.30am at the Tambo Library.

Bookings are essential, please contact by phone or email. (see below)

Libby is a free mobile app, also accessible via a web browser, that allows you to borrow and read eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital magazines from your local public library for free using your library card.

Developed by OverDrive, the app offers a convenient way to access a large digital collection, with titles available to read or listen to on your phone, tablet, or computer, with features like offline access and synchronization across devices.

The workshop is brought to you as a collaboration between the Tambo Library and State Library Queensland.

Phone: (07) 4654 6408 or Email: sharynnb@btrc.qld.gov.au to book your spot.

Libby.
The library app.



3km or 5km track
Run/Walk every
Saturday 7AM
Start and finish at Qantas
Crash Site Car Park
EVERYONE WELCOME

Blackall's Lifestyle & Community Hub

The team at the Blackall Lifestyle & Community Hub were extremely busy during September.

The First 5 Forever sessions are still attracting strong numbers and some of the fun this month included a Father's Day activity where the youngsters made some delicious BBQ rubs for their dads one week and flower biscuits on another. They were a nod to Spring, the Garden Competition and Jerry Coleby-Williams' annual visit.

"Bloomin' in the Bush" judging took a week which The Hub co-ordinated the visits to gardens in Blackall and Tambo. Jerry and a Hub representative spent a lot of time in the field doing the rounds of some of the region's spectacular gardens and walking the Coolibah Walk in Tambo so he could advise botanical names for the new signage which is planned for it.

The Bloomin' in the Bush **Colouring-In Competition** was again hotly contested and proved a tough task for the judges to choose winners. They are as follows:

Aged 2 - 6: Ivy Fielder | Aged 7 - 9: Sammy Arratoon | Aged 10-13: Ella Mohr and Adults: Vy Nguyen

The Hub also hosted a bus tour of some of the Blackall gardens on the Thursday following the Anglican Flower Show as part of an activity for Seniors Month which was funded by the Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program.

It finished with a High Tea at The Lodge on Hawthorn and visited a lot of Blackall gardens. Tambo garden lovers can be assured they won't miss out as a botanical tour is also being arranged for Tambo.

Other events hosted were: The Briefs Brats which put on kids shows in both Tambo and Blackall, The Briefs International Adult Spectacular in Blackall, The Superhero Disco, school holiday activities with Mine Craft blocks (which were a hit with the kids) and pizza making, the heart-warming live performance of Every Brilliant Thing, a visit from Services Australia, and two new inductions into the library via the Read Together, Grow Together program.

Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer, Natalie Dendle also opened Yindyamarra so that those on holidays had somewhere cool and inviting to go for a couple of hours.

She also hosted the Super Hero Disco which was very well supported and saw an array of innovative costumes.

Jordan from the Blackall Caravan Park, very kindly offered his services to the children and took on the role of DJ extraordinaire with coloured, flashing lights and a smoke machine to boot! It really was a special night. Councillor Hart baked Super Hero cup cakes and each child got a Super Hero Hot Dog and a drink as part of their entry fee.

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Blackall-Tambo Regional Council
Regional Arts Development Fund



GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

Round 2, 2025-2026

Closing Date: 29th October 2025

- Developing Regional Skills
- Building Community Cultural Capacity
- Cultural Tourism
- Regional Partnerships
- Concept Development Arts Policy Development and Implementation

Applications forms and guidelines are available on the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council website or by contacting the RADF Liaison Officer

Glenys Einam - Phone 0488 574 703 or Email Glenys.Einam@btrc.qld.gov.au

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ATTENTION



1080 POISON BAITING IN USE

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council will be conducting its second coordinated 1080 baiting program for 2025



KEY DATES

25 September: Flyers distributed
14 October: Registration closes
27-31 October: Baiting campaign begins
27 Oct - Tambo (Ground baiting)
28-29 Oct - Blackall
29 Oct - Lisgool Rd
30-31 Oct - Aerial baiting



IMPORTANT NOTICES

No baits will be placed on public land or in towns.
Please keep pets enclosed within your property or on a lead when off your property.
Boundary warning signs will be installed in the coming weeks.
Properties participating in baiting must display warning signs on their boundaries.



PET SAFETY ALERT - IF A PET INGESTS 1080 BAIT

Seek veterinary help immediately or call the Australian Animal Poisons Helpline on  1300 869 738.

Induce vomiting (only if the pet is conscious and not showing symptoms) using table salt (1-3 tbsp) or dilute hydrogen peroxide (3-5ml)

There is no antidote for 1080 poisoning. Early treatment is critical and may include seizure control, IV fluids, and respiratory support.

WHAT'S COMING UP ON COUNCIL'S CALENDAR

ALPHABETICAL GUIDE TO REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

AQUA AEROBICS

Blackall on Tuesday from 4:00 pm | Thursday & Friday mornings from 7am

CHAIR AEROBICS (starting 8th October)

Blackall on Thursday in the Memorial Hall at 10am

Tambo on Wednesday in the Tambo Lifestyle & Community Hub at 11am

CRAFT SESSIONS

Tambo Sessions for seniors are held every Wednesday in the Tambo Lifestyle & Community Hub at 09:30am

FIRST 5 FOREVER

Tambo Library - Monday from 9.30am

Blackall Library - Tuesday 10.30am - 11.30am



JUNIOR CRICKET

Blackall - Monday from 4.00pm

KIDS FIT

Blackall - Monday 4.30pm - 5pm | Wednesdays from 4pm | Thursdays (10 & Over) 4.30pm

Tambo - Wednesday from 4pm

WALKING & RUNNING GROUPS

Blackall: Monday, 7am

Tambo: Saturday, 7am (Barcoo River Run)

REMEMBER THESE DATES

1 OCTOBER: **Highland Cow Pottery Workshop**, Living Arts Centre

2 OCTOBER: **Tambo**, Official launch of new look Tambo Lifestyle & Community Hub, starting 10am

3 OCTOBER: **School Holiday Fun** - Talent Show Memorial Hall, Blackall

4 OCTOBER: **Sunshine Coast Comedy Show (18+)** Blackall Cultural Centre
Bus available for Tambo residents who wish to attend, please book your place 4657 4637 or 4520 9746

5 OCTOBER: **NRL Grand Final on the Big Screen in Banks Park**

8 OCTOBER: **Dumplings Workshop** 2 Sessions 10am & 1pm Memorial Hall, Blackall

9 OCTOBER: **Digital Workshop** in Tambo Library on Libby App from 11am

11 OCTOBER: **Junior Cricket Tournament** in Tambo, Blackall vs Tambo

11 OCTOBER: **Youth Council Bake Sale** in Tambo

16 OCTOBER: **Festival of Small Halls** Memorial Hall, Blackall

16 OCTOBER: **Free Legal Sessions** with Kanther Law at The Hub Tambo. 9am – 4:30pm – Book online - <https://tambooct.eventbrite.com.au>

22 OCTOBER: **Tea and Talk** Tambo with Guest Speaker Brenda Moore, RFDS Mental Health

29-31 OCTOBER: **Three Day Advanced Leadership Workshop** (Leading in the Central West) in Living Arts Centre

31 OCTOBER: **Cuppa for Dementia** Memorial Hall Blackall 10am

31 OCTOBER: **Halloween Dive-In Movie** Tambo Aquatic Centre from 6pm



OFFICE OPENING HOURS and CONTACTS

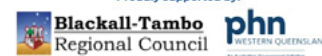
Blackall & Tambo | Monday to Friday | 8.22am to 4.45pm

Phone 4621 6600 | Email: admin@btrc.qld.gov.au | Mail: PO Box 21, Blackall Q 4472 | Website: btrc.qld.gov.au



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PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

Friday: 3rd, 17th & 31st OCTOBER

RENIE REFLEXOLOGY

Phone 0405 848 099

Monday: 13th, 20th & 27th OCTOBER

HEARING

Thursday: 16th OCTOBER with CQ Audio

PODIATRIST

DATE CHANGE: from Thursday 18th September to Thursday 2nd October

CHIROPRACTER

Wednesday, 15th OCTOBER

- Ph David 0438 030 688 -

THE LOOK by BRITNEY

Wed & Thurs: Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th

NORTH & WEST REMOTE HEALTH

(Exercise Physiologist, OT and Dietician) –

Wednesday 29th October

PH: 07 4652 7100 OR FREECALL: 1800 221 131



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Blackall Neighbourhood Centre Program

Library & First Five Forever Program

Youth, Sport & Recreation Services

Link Worker - Social Prescribing

Visitor Information Centre

RADF and In-Kind programs

All the programs are auspiced by the BTRC and/or funded by State and Local Government



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OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Wednesday 15th OCTOBER
in Blackall at 8.30am