

Western Queensland Development Clinic planned for end of August

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is cementing its commitment to health and wellbeing in the region by embarking on a collaborative event with Swimming Queensland, Darling Downs Regional Swimming Association (DDRSA) and Central Qld Swimming at the end of this month which promises to be a major event for the wider region.



Thanks to lobbying by BTRC's Youth, Sport & Recreation Officer Ms Natalie Dendle, a day of professional development for all ages and levels has been organised for Saturday August 30 with a Teams Mini Meet scheduled for Sunday (August 31st).

The Western Queensland Development Clinic is being hosted by BTRC over two days at both the Blackall Aquatic Centre and in the supper room at the Blackall Cultural Centre. This is a premier event designed for staff, parents, coaches, and swimmers and everyone is welcome but must register on-line.

On Saturday, August 30, swimmers, coaches, parents and volunteers can take advantage of team building activities, in and out of water, age-appropriate presentations, and demonstrations at both venues.

Coaches will receive professional development assistance thanks to some experts in the field such as Brendan Dowling and Matteo Melis from SQ Coaches and Gail Smail from DDRSA. Former world-record holder in 50 m breaststroke and founder of the ONCORE Academy, Jade Edmestone will also be in attendance to deliver advanced programs to parents, coaches, and swimmers.

This event is free and is completely funded by Swimming Australia and hosted by Council. The highest standards in coaching and skill development are assured.

Lunch on Saturday will be provided by Blackall's House & Garden while BTRC will provide a barbecue lunch at the conclusion of the mini-teams swim meet on Sunday.

This is a free event as well with no nominations required. Swimmers will be divided into three teams with points being given to teams for placings over a mixture of events. All swimmers will be involved in relays. There are 15 events planned.

This camp is open to interested persons from all towns across the Central West and it is hoped that swimmers from as far as Springsure and Longreach are able to attend.

A bus service will be arranged for those who wish to take part in the event who reside in Tambo.

It is hoped the weekend will strengthen community bonds with joint sessions and the network opportunities for everyone.

Should you require transportation assistance, such as use of the community bus, please email natalie.dendle@btrc.qld.gov.au or contact the Blackall Lifestyle & Community Hub by phoning 07 4657 4637.