

WHAT'S COMING UP ON COUNCIL'S CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS IN AUGUST

MONDAYS: Walking and Running Group, 7am Blackall.

Junior Cricket Training and **Kids Fit**, Blackall 4.30pm.

TUESDAYS: First 5 Forever at Blackall Library 10.30am - 11.30am.

First 5 Forever at Tambo Library 2.00pm - 3.00pm
Please note sessions will resume once construction at the site has been completed.

WEDNESDAYS: Qi Gong classes with Personal Trainer Rachael Sargood - 9am at the Tambo Dam.

THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS: Aqua Aerobics in Blackall at 7.00am.

THURSDAYS: Kids Fit in Blackall for 8s and over, 5pm - 5.30pm

SATURDAYS: Barcoo River Run, Tambo 7am start at Qantas crash site

Tambo Library now opening 10am -1pm

REMEMBER THESE DATES

5 AUGUST: Youth Council meeting in Blackall

7 AUGUST: Digital Workshop at Tambo Library 10am Introduction to the Internet. Bookings Essential Ph: 4654 6408.

11 AUGUST: Digital Workshop at Tambo Library 10am Internet Safety. Bookings Essential Ph: 4654 6408.

13 AUGUST: Billy Cart Nominations Close for Better In Blackall Festival. Nominations are open NOW! (at The Hub).

15 AUGUST: Triathlon for a Cause commences 4pm at Blackall Aquatic Centre, nominate NOW! (at the Hub) or phone 4657 4637.
Pioneer Day at Ram Park A day of demonstrations & damper.
Street Parade: From 4pm - Great prizes up for grabs phone the Hub.

20 AUGUST: Humphrey B Bear is visiting Blackall and Tambo Blackall Cultural Centre 9.00am - 10.30am

Tambo Shire Hall 12N - 1.30pm

21 AUGUST: Daffodil Day Morning Tea in Tambo, 10am at the Shire Hall.

23 AUGUST: Daffodil Day Walk for Charity Blackall 7am

15 - 19 SEPTEMBER: Bloomin' in the Bush garden judging week.

20 SEPTEMBER: Anglican Flower Show Harts Lane.

30 NOVEMBER: Anglican Church Christmas Tree Festival

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS

[PHONE 4520 9746](tel:45209746) to book these services at [TAMBO's MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE \(MPC\)](#)

REMEDIAL MASSAGE CLINIC

Tuesdays: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th AUGUST

PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

Fridays: 8th AUGUST and 22nd AUGUST

RENIE REFLEXOLOGY

Enquiries: 11th & 25th AUGUST
- Phone 0405 848 099 -

CHIROPRACTER VISITING

Wednesday, Wednesday AUGUST 20th
- Ph David 0438 030 688 -

THE LOOK by BRITNEY

Wed & Thursday: 12th and 13th AUGUST

COMING IN SEPTEMBER!!

North West Remote Health
Exercise Physiologist and OT – 3rd SEPTEMBER
PH: 07 4652 7100 or **FREECALL: 1800 221 131**

Podiatrist – 11th SEPTEMBER (Book at the MPC)



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[PHONE 4657 4637](tel:46574637) to enquire

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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CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's General meeting is on FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd in Blackall at 8.30am

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

COUNCIL CATCH UP

An insight into Council activities during **JULY 2025** Issue 65

BLACKALL

A busy month for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

July was an extremely busy month in both Blackall and Tambo with an array of events and workshops being hosted by Council along with some large numbers of tourist visits and VIC enquiries.

The **Community Grants Program** was released and information sessions were held in both Blackall and Tambo.

Council is excited to release this program and hopes that it highlights its commitment to support, acknowledge and strengthen the valuable contribution community groups and their volunteers make towards Council's vision for being a liveable, progressive and sustainable region.

Round 1 opened on August 1st and if you missed any of the information sessions and need to know more, you can phone 4657 4637 or email: grants@btrc.qld.gov.au.

Community Grants Program

We invite applications for funding (\$500-\$15,000) to support community groups/organisations initiatives that contribute towards:

- Healthy & Active Communities
- Vibrant Communities
- Inclusive Communities
- Connected & Resilient Communities
- Creative & innovative Communities

ROUND 1 CLOSES 31ST AUGUST

Round 1 (Financial Support) Opens 1st August

GET READY TO APPLY!

For Community Grants Program Guidelines &/or to submit an online application visit www.btrc.qld.gov.au
For questions or support Contact Blackall Lifestyle & Community Hub (07)46574637 or Tambo MPC (07)46216630 or email grants@btrc.qld.gov.au

This is a separate initiative from Council's In-Kind Support program which will still run each year. The MPC in Tambo held a **Movie Night** to kick off July and the school holidays, and those who attended were treated to A Minecraft Movie, free popcorn and dinner. There was also **Kids Fit** in the park and to finish off the holidays a **Craft Clearout** session along with **pancake decorating** (and eating!). Blackall's Lifestyle & Community Hub staff teamed with MPC staff to run some of these events.

The **Kids Fun Run** in Blackall attracted 10 keen participants and was a first for this event organised by Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer, Ms Natalie Dendle to keep youth actively engaged during the school holidays.

Naidoc Week activities - July 1st to 3rd

BTRC co-hosted and co-funded Naidoc Week activities during the first week of the school holidays in both Tambo and Blackall.

Those who participated were treated to some **Deadly Football Skills and Drills**, which everyone enjoyed. The Phil Dennis Academy was on board to lead the events which included the **Deadly Olympic Games** hosted at the end of the week in Banks Park, Blackall.

The yearly fundraiser for the Community Crisis Fund, the **Blackstump Bonanza** was held on June 14 for its third year in a row, and despite the cold, drew a big crowd which stayed on for the live music after a thrilling afternoon of competition. The **Local Celebrity Steer Ride** was a real crowd favourite with Dr Roop taking home the coveted buckle and the event raising \$20,000 for the fund.

The **Meat Tray Murder** production, which was part of this year's Western Touring Circuit (WTC) was a huge success and well received by all who attended. The community bus was utilised by the Tambo community to attend the event.

WTC is a network of local councils that collaborate to bring performing arts to their region which is facilitated by Red Ridge and funded by RADF funds which are provided thanks to a partnership between the State Government and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

The Blackall Lifestyle & Community Hub also supported **Yindyamarra Youth** which held three extended sessions over the school holidays, giving children more options for activities to participate in. It also assisted with an event for teenagers aged 12-17 years which unfortunately was poorly attended.

Over 100 community members and town visitors came together for the Cancer Council's **Biggest Morning Tea**, generously hosted by the Blackall Anglican Church with support from the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council.

An incredible \$5,000 was raised to support vital cancer research, prevention and support services.

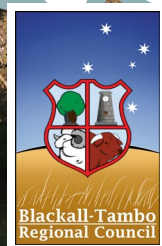
A **Public Speaking and Leadership Workshop** was held in Blackall with mentor and actor, Matt Young, and attended by a small group of enthusiastic youth and one mum who all found the workshop really helpful!

A **Cupcake Bake Sale** was held by members of the Youth Council at the Blackall Aquatic Centre. Cakes sold out in 10 minutes! Cr Boyd Johnstone and Chris came to the rescue with some goodies from The Lodge on Hawthorn. Every dollar this group raises will go towards directly supporting youth-led initiatives.

Work started on the **upgrade to walkways and the verandah** at the Tambo Library. Please take care when accessing this space and also note that First 5 Forever sessions have been halted during this time and will resume on Tuesdays from 2pm till 3pm, after construction is completed.



TAMBO



Community bus update

After the first month of operation, Council realises that having a booking system and a regular timetable clashes, so have decided to trial running the bus on the booking system only.

It will still pick up from, and get people to, the Greyhound bus when booked to do so, and will run on the booking system only.

In short this means as people need the bus, they book it with Council, and we will get them there, that is of course, providing it hasn't already been booked for another purpose.

If there is a need for the bus on weekends passengers can call the after hours' number, it is always monitored.

Please bear in mind however, that if someone rings on a Sunday asking for the bus in two hours' time, that may present difficulties, so if someone foresees needing it on the weekend, it is better to contact Council on Friday.

All office staff in Tambo and Blackall have been schooled up on how to use the booking system and there are multiple staff members who can make bookings for you.

Passengers need to be aware that if they are going to board the Greyhound bus, they must also have a seat booked on that service, you cannot just get on-board, you have to have booked your ticket. Council cannot do that for you.

The Greyhound bus arrives in Jericho at 3.15pm from Rockhampton on Tuesdays and Saturdays and leaves Jericho for Rockhampton at 10.05am Sundays and Wednesdays.

The service is there for us to help out with transport, in particular for medical.

Community is also advised to look out for posts about trips the bus may be making to any given destination. (even Longreach)

These go up on Facebook as the need arises (e.g. transfers for community events in either towns) when staff know they will be running a bus to assist people getting to an event or destination.

BLACKALL AQUATIC
CENTRE POOL
HOURS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

MORNING: 6AM - 8.30AM
AFTERNOON: 1PM - 5PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

10AM - 5.00PM

ADMISSION PRICES:
CHILD - \$1
ADULT - \$3
PENSIONERS - \$2.50
FAMILY - \$7



There has been an update to the admission prices for the above which became effective during July.

This small change in fees is due to a reflection of the inflation in operational and maintenance costs.

This is still amazing value for everyone who enjoys the pool and the operators appreciate



QI GONG

9am every Wednesday at TAMBO DAM with Rachael Sargood Personal Trainer
FREE Classes with a cuppa afterwards

Please check Facebook for any changes

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your understanding and continued support. Winter hours listed above are still applicable.

Are you prepared?



14th-17th
AUGUST

Blackall Lifestyle and Community Hub staff have been busy co-ordinating events for this year's Better in Blackall festival. It is not too late to enter in any of the planned events which include the Triathlon,

2025 Bloomin' in the Bush!

JERRY COLEBY-WILLIAMS IS BACK!

GARDEN JUDGING WEEK

SEPTEMBER 15TH - 19TH

COMPETITION ENTRIES OPEN NOW!



CALL INTO COUNCIL OFFICES FOR YOUR ENTRY FORMS



BARCOO RIVER RUN

TAMBO

3km or 5km track

Run/Walk every Saturday 7AM

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th AUGUST

Start and finish at Qantas Crash Site Car Park

EVERYONE WELCOME

the billy carts, Pioneer Day and the Street Parade.

You still have time to sign up for the **Triathlon for a Cause** (nominations close August 13) and there are two sections, Open and Mini.

Open incorporates a 400 metre swim, 10 kilometre ride and 5 kilometre run while mini is a 200 metre swim, with a two kilometre ride and run.

This is happening on Friday, 15th August and registrations are being taken from 3pm at the Blackall Aquatic Centre. The event finishes in Short Street.

Ram Park is hosting a **Pioneer Day** on Friday which features a packed calendar starting around 8am and consisting of demonstrations, static displays, damper making competition, the working goat competition and much more.

A re-introduction of an old style street parade is an addition this year and it is hoped the **Pioneers of the Past Street Parade** will attract a wide range of floats from business houses, community groups, sporting groups and individuals along with students and staff from the schools.

Everyone is welcome to enter a float in the parade. It leaves from Ram Park at 4pm and finishes in Short Street. There are also some wonderful prizes up for grabs.

The Blackall Lifestyle & Community Neighbourhood Centre Program is proud to be contributing towards bringing family fun to the Better in Blackall Festival by way of the **Amusement Rides** featured in a bid to make it more accessible and affordable for our community to enjoy!

It is also co-hosting the **Billy Cart Races** with Blackall Blue Light. Nominations close on Wednesday, August 13 for this event.

Please call into The Hub at 108 Shamrock Street (the old Library) to get all your nomination forms for all events and/or to make further enquiries.

Remember:
YOU CANNOT NOMINATE AT THE HUB!
or email cdo@btrc.qld.gov.au to request entry/nominations forms or ask questions.

Fact Sheet Oil Drop Off



The Blackall Tambo Regional Council provides waste oil drop-off facilities at the Blackall and Tambo Council Depots, to support Local businesses in responsibly disposing of used motor oil and cooking oil. These facilities, help prevent environmental harm and promote recycling. Below are the key Do's, and Don'ts for businesses using this service.

OIL DON'Ts

- Do not overfill containers—leave at least 10% headspace to prevent spills or pressure buildup.
- Do not Use Old or Damaged Containers.
- Do not mix motor oil with cooking oil unless explicitly permitted by council staff, as this can complicate recycling processes.
- Do not use glass containers, as they may break and pose a hazard at the drop-off site.
- Do not arrive outside operating hours without prior arrangement, as facilities may be inaccessible.

Do not pour oil directly into bins or tanks without staff supervision - follow depot protocols to avoid contamination or safety risks.

- Do not leave oil containers unattended outside the depot if closed; this is considered illegal dumping.

OIL DOs

- Ensure oil containers are securely sealed and free of leaks to prevent spills during transport and drop-off.
- Use appropriate containers (e.g., plastic bottles, metal cans, or drums) that are clean and designated for oil storage.
- Allow oil to cool completely (especially cooking oil) before transferring to containers to avoid burns or container damage.

DROP OFF PROCESS

- **Blackall:** Visit the Depot Office between 8:00am and 2:30pm (Tuesday and Thursday ONLY) to sign in & notify staff of your arrival.
- If you require drop off outside these times, You MUST Call Council ((07) 4621 6600) to arrange drop off, ensuring staff availability.
- **Tambo:** Visit Tambo Council Office during business hours to arrange Oil Drop Off.

For more information call Council on (07) 4621 6600.



The Ravensbourne Road has been a hive of activity over the past months with widening works on a stretch of road already completed.

Currently the construction crew is working on a complete re-align of the road taking on a new route and including four new culverts. Once completed it will comply with current road standards.

It will join the recently widened stretch providing 6.5 kilometres in all of sealed road, six metres wide and eventually join the Isisford Road.

Work is expected to take around five more weeks, however winter rains make it hard to predict and this time could be extended.



IN KIND SUPPORT COMMITTEE DETAILS?

Have you received an email from Glenys in regards to updating your contact details post AGM and haven't replied?
Could you please do so in order for the database to be updated in preparation for 2026.

E: Glenys.Einam@btrc.qld.gov.au

The Youth Councillors
NEED YOUR HELP

They want to print a Recipe Book to sell to raise funds

Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to contribute?
PLEASE EMAIL IT TO: Natalie.Dendle@btrc.qld.gov.au
WITH WHY IT IS YOUR FAVOURITE



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Lease of tenancy space in the Grassland Building

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is calling for expressions of interest from community organisations or not-for-profit groups to enter a lease for the use of the space for a period of 2 years with an option to extend.

Community organisations or not-for-profit groups are required to submit a plan outlining their intentional use of the space.

Council encourages applicants to consider actively partnering with other community groups in the use of the space to the benefit of the local community.

The 125m2 area is fully airconditioned, with access to main foyer area.

Applications from commercial businesses will not be considered.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO BE RETURNED TO:
Expression of Interest OR tenders@btrc.qld.gov.au by 2PM BY THURSDAY 15th AUGUST
Chief Executive Officer
PO Box 21, Blackall Qld 4472

MJ Lollback
Chief Executive Officer

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
CLOSE 2PM
THURSDAY 15 AUGUST



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BLACKALL-TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

In accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012, notice is hereby given that the August General Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 20 August 2025 will now be held on Friday 22 August 2025 commencing at 8.30am in the Council Chambers in Blackall.

MJ Lollback
Chief Executive Officer