

WHAT'S COMING UP?

WEEKLY EVENTS IN JULY

MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS: **Walking and Running Group**, 6am Blackall.

MONDAYS: **Junior Cricket Training** at St Joseph's oval, Blackall 4.30pm

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

TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS: **Adult Swimming** Blackall. 4pm - 5pm.

WEDNESDAYS: **First 5 Forever** and Lady Gowrie **Tambo Community Playgroup** in Tambo Library commencing 10am.

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

REMEMBER THESE DATES

1 JULY: **A Minecraft Movie** - Tuesday, 6pm at the MPC, Tambo.

1 JULY: **Football Deadly Drills & Skills** at Blackall Showgrounds 3pm-5pm.

2 JULY: **Deadly Olympics Competition** in EE Parr Pk, Tambo 10am-12N

3 JULY: **Kids Fit** in Tambo (Thursday) at the cricket fields, 10am - 11.30am.

3 JULY: **Deadly Olympics Competition** in Banks Pk, Blackall, 10am-12N.

5 JULY: **Kids Fun Run** in Blackall, 8.30am at the start of the Pathway to Health near the Barcoo River Camp.

6 JULY: **Meat Tray Murder** in Blackall Cultural Centre. BYO snacks & drinks.

7 JULY: **Small Business Commissioner Dominique Lamb** visiting Tambo.

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11 JULY: **Craft & Pancakes** in Tambo. Friday at the MPC 10am - 12PM.

17 JULY: **Biggest Morning Tea** starts 10am in the Anglican Church Garden, Blackall raising money for Cancer Council.

18 JULY: Applications Close for **GCBF Super Round (Round 124)**.

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.



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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

Tuesdays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th JULY

PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

Fridays: 4th JUNE and 25th JULY

RENIE REFLEXOLOGY

Enquiries: JULY 14th & 28th
- Phone 0405 848 099 -

CHIROPRACTER VISITING

Wednesday, Wednesday JULY 23rd
- Ph David 0438 030 688 -

THE LOOK by BRITNEY

Wed & Thursday: 9th and 10th JULY
23rd and 25th JULY (Beauty)



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PHONE 4657 4637 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

BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL

BUS TIMETABLE

	Stop	Arrival	Departure
WEDNESDAYS & SUNDAYS BUS LINKS TO GREYHOUND SERVICE* IN JERICHO WHICH IS GOING TO ROCKHAMPTON**	Blackall	NA	5.35am
	Tambo	6.45am	6.55am
	Blackall	8.05am	8.15am
	Jericho	9.55am	10.45am
	Blackall	12.15pm	12.25pm
	Tambo	1.35pm	2.00pm
SATURDAYS & TUESDAYS BUS LINKS TO GREYHOUND SERVICE* IN JERICHO WHICH IS GOING TO LONGREACH**	Blackall	NA	10.45am
	Tambo	11.55am	12.05pm
	Blackall	1.15pm	1.25pm
	Jericho	2.55pm	3.45pm
	Blackall	5.15pm	5.25pm
	Tambo	6.35pm	7.00pm
*BOOKINGS are ESSENTIAL	Blackall	8.10pm	NA

** You MUST PURCHASE a Greyhound ticket prior to connecting with this service. www.greyhound.com.au

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's General meeting is on JULY 16th in Tambo

COUNCIL CATCH-UP

An insight into Council activities during **JUNE 2025** Issue 64

● BLACKALL

Community bus up and running

Prior to its handover in Blackall on Friday, June 13, Member for Gregory Sean Dillon was pleased to announce, "Residents in the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council area will have greater access to public transport through an innovative trial of a free bus service in the region.

"The Queensland Government is partnering with the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council (BTRC) to support a trial designed to increase transport connections to essential medical, education and community services," he said.

The new bus and its keys, supported by the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Translink Division, was handed over to Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Mayor Cr Andrew Martin.

It launched on Tuesday June 17 driving between Blackall, Tambo and Jericho. It will be doing this Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays so that it can connect to the existing Greyhound service operating between Longreach and Rockhampton.

Member for Gregory Sean Dillon welcomed the trial, saying "The Queensland Government is proud to be working with the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council to plan and deliver services that meet the needs of the community," he said.

When accepting the keys, BTRC Mayor Andrew Martin said council had been working with TMR to assess options for passenger transport services to link local communities adding

that a major part of Blackall's existence depended on services in Rockhampton and relating how the bus had already played a major role in getting someone to a badly needed medical appointment in Brisbane.

People needing to use the bus are advised that they must book and they can do this by phoning the customer service staff at either of the Council offices on 4621 6600 or at The Blackall Lifestyle and Community Hub on 4657 4637. This is best done 24 hours before boarding.

If connecting to a Greyhound service travellers must purchase their tickets from off Greyhound's website: <https://www.greyhound.com.au>. Council cannot book Greyhound passenger tickets for anyone on their behalf.

You can catch the bus in Tambo at EE Parr Park where there is seating and a bus shelter or in Blackall where it leaves from the Blackall Lifestyle and Community Hub in the main street (the library) where there is also seating.

BTRC Mayor, Cr Andrew Martin said, "Remember this is only a trial service and we have to support it in order to justify the hard work that has gone into this project. I am hoping for as much support as we can get and I urge the community to find ways of using it to their advantage."

Tambo Cemetery gets a facelift

Saturday, June 14 saw the official unveiling of the memorial wall at the Tambo Cemetery. Thirty-three people attended.

Prior to the event Council assisted members of the Tambo Historical Association (THA) spruce up the amenity building and surrounds, by giving it what one local described as a "small, but elegant makeover". It also arranged the building of the wall. A ground penetrating radar survey was undertaken at the Tambo Cemetery by a generous donor who wished to remain anonymous which uncovered 503 un-marked graves.

Since that survey, members of THA have worked tirelessly and painstakingly to document those who lie in those graves.

Almost 400 have been identified and their names engraved onto plaques which have been mounted on the memorial wall pictured



Above: Councillors at the unveiling with members of THA.

below. There is still research to be done and more plaques planned. There are 12 areas plus the 'western section' in the cemetery. They are each marked and all have their own story.

Local Laws Information Sessions

BLACKALL - Wednesday 2nd of July
9am - 12pm at the The Hub

TAMBO - Thursday 3rd of July
10am - 1pm at the Tambo Library



There is room for more plaques with names still being researched for on the memorial wall

Reviewing the GABORA water plan

The current Great Artesian Basin and other regional aquifers (GABORA) water plan is set to expire in September 2027. It is currently being reviewed to make sure the region’s long-term water needs can be best met and managed into the future. To help Dept of Local Government, Water and Volunteers find ways to best meet the growing demands for water, while making sure existing water users, cultural values and environmental water needs remain supported, they would like to hear from you. Please peruse their website: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/mining-energy-water/water/catchments-planning/water-plan-areas/gabora/review/have-your-say/submission-form> via post or email by 30 August 2025. Post: Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers South Region, Water Planning Attention: Manager, Water Planning (MDB & GAB) PO Box 12898, 275 George Street BRISBANE QLD 4003 Email: GABORAWaterPlan@rdmw.qld.gov.au More details are available by phoning: (07) 4529 1310 (toll free) during business hours. Please note that a .pdf version of the submission is available for download from off the website. (Source: website of Queensland Government | Business Qld • www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/mining-energy-water/)

NOMINATIONS CLOSE on WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13th

BETTER IN BLACKALL Festival

BILLY CART RACE

Nominations OPEN

NOMINATE AT THE HUB (07) 4657 4637 or download https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GS11bL2tk-gwS-_dw4_tqTKzt1P2iuOUI/view?usp=sharing

WESTERN STANDARD PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

THE MEAT TRAY MURDER MYSTERY

4PM SUN 6 JULY

BLACKALL CULTURAL CENTRE 17 HAWTHORNE ST. BLACKALL

ALL ABOARD! Why not catch the Community Bus?

Better in Blackall events

Better in Blackall Triathlon for a Cause: AUGUST 15
This event is fast approaching and you won’t want to miss the chance to participate in some fun and fitness and help raise money to go towards a Chemotherapy Chair for the Blackall Hospital. Get your entry in now! Forms available from Blackall’s Lifestyle & Community Hub, please complete and lodge with staff at the Hub in Shamrock Street. Will you be travelling in? No worries – just bring your completed form and hand it in on the day!

Pioneers of the Past Street Parade: 4PM AUGUST 15
Join the Blackall Lifestyle & Community Hub in the street parade from 4pm, Friday 15th August. Business houses, community groups, clubs and individuals, schools and service providers are all invited to participate. There are some great prizes up for grabs. Nomination forms available at The Hub in Shamrock Street, Blackall.

Blackstump rodeo raises funds
Despite freezing conditions, the Blackstump Bonanza Rodeo was a huge success. \$20,000 was raised for the Community Crisis Fund. The local legends Celebrity Steer Ride was a favourite with the crowd and Dr Roop on *The Phantom* took out top honours with a most spectacular ride beating Dr Mikala (*Cardiac Arrest*) by a mere .03 seconds and three points. The rodeo had events which were part of the Wrangler Xtreme Broncs Australia Tour. Goondiwindi lad, Callum Clement won the Jackie Howe Xtreme Broncs Australia Chuteout and received his buckle from none other than Jackie Howe’s granddaughter, Jenny Muir. Other winners were:-
• Lee Shrimp Memorial Open Bull Ride - Jake Hawker from Goondiwindi
• Gleeson Family Bareback Bronc Ride - Jarod McKane.
• Open Barrel Race - Leanne Caban on *Akka Dakka*.
• Junior Barrels - Phoebe Shrimp on *Tucker*.
• Hank Woodard from Dingo won first place in the C.O.B. Bucking Bulls Junior Bull Ride and 2nd Division Bull Ride.
• Mini Bulls 11-14 years - Cody Prow from Cooladdi.
• Mini Bulls 8-10 years - Colt Seeds from Barcaldine.
Save the date in 2026 - Saturday 13th June!

Who will take home the bragging rights?

School holidays are upon us and thanks to the Phil Dennis Academy, there are Naidoc Week activities planned for both Tambo and Blackall. (see What’s Coming Up?) So for anyone at a loose end during the holidays, your children can partake in learning some deadly football drills and skills along with traditional art. Deadly Olympic competitions will be held in Tambo and Blackall. These are high

energy and will fill your child’s morning with a round of traditional Indigenous games. A sausage sizzle will follow. So who *will* take home the bragging rights? That’s a wait and see but sounds like lots of fun!

Back to Business Budget

Budget workshops have been held since December 2024. At the Budget Meeting held on 18 June, Council adopted the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council’s 2025-26 budget. This is an excerpt from the Mayor’s Statement (Agenda-Budget Meeting-18 June 2025 Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, pps 136-137). This budget reflects our core priorities: maintaining essential services, improving community infrastructure, supporting economic development, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our towns and rural areas. We’ve listened to our residents and shaped a budget that balances immediate needs with strategic investment in the future. In the 2025–26 financial year, Council will focus on:
• Roads and Infrastructure: Continued investment in road upgrades and maintenance.
• Water: Enhancing our water infrastructure.
• Community Wellbeing: Community programs that support the health, inclusion, and connection of our people.
• Economic Opportunity: Supporting local businesses, through partnerships and promotion.
This year’s budget has been shaped with care and responsibility, acknowledging the economic pressures facing households and ensuring Council remains financially stable without compromising on service delivery. To read information on the budget go to: www.btrc.qld.gov.au and click on *Meetings* tab then click again on *Council meetings agendas* tab. This opens to a page where you can open up agendas by year (go to 2025) and then open the *2025-2026 Budget Agenda* document.

JOIN US IN THE WEEKLY BARCOO RIVER RUN LET’S START THE WEEKEND RIGHT WITH A RUN/WALK EVERY SATURDAY!

BARCOO RIVER RUN

5KM OR 3KM TRACK

5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH JULY 2025 | 7:00 AM ONWARDS

LOCATION: START AND FINISH AT QANTAS CRASH SITE CAR PARK

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ERIN AT THE MPC ON 4520 9746 OR JUDE TAYLOR ON 0429 292 955

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

#TOTALLYTAMBO

AN INITIATIVE OF THE TAMBO TOURISM AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

DEADLY OLYMPICS COMPETITION

TAMBO: Wednesday July 2 EE Parr Park 10am to 12noon
BLACKALL: Thursday July 3 Banks Park 10am to 12noon

PRIZES FOR 1ST PLACE IN THE 2KM AND THE 3KM!

KIDS’ FUN RUN

Join the Fun, One Step at a Time! Please call to register your children!

5/07/2025 At 08.30AM

Contact Natalie Dendle Sport and Recreation officer (07) 46574637

Location: The Start of the pathway to health track near the Barcoo River camp

2km or 3km

BLACKALL LIFESTYLE & COMMUNITY HUB

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

When: 17th July 2025

Location: Anglican Church Garden

Time: From 10am

Cancer Council Queensland

Donations of prizes for a multi-draw raffle or food for the event would be appreciated. You can drop them off at the side door of the Anglican church or phone 0427 574 643 prior to the event.