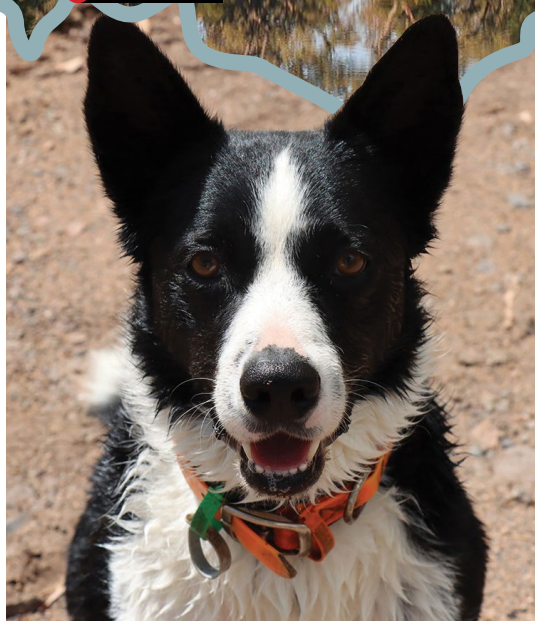


# COUNCIL CATCH-UP

An insight into Council activities during **May 2025** Issue 63



● **BLACKALL**



## FREE Registration for working dogs

At the May ordinary meeting held in Tambo, on 21 May, council resolved to invite rural and working dog owners to register their dogs at no cost to assist in returning found dogs to their owners.

Working dogs do escape from properties, vehicles and work areas at times. If the dogs are not registered it is difficult, if not impossible, to identify their owners.

Working dogs are very expensive to replace and perform invaluable work for property owners.

These dogs can be the backbone of a property, especially for stock control. They are also good pets.

So property owners, stockmen and women, contractors, please help Council get your working dogs home, get them microchipped and register them with council as working dogs, free of charge.

● **TAMBO**

## Blackall's Country University Centre (CUC) up and running



Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Mayor Andrew Martin praised the vision of CUC Founder Duncan Taylor, the Regional Education Commissioner Fiona Nash, and the seven RAPAD councils for backing the model that brought study hubs to life across the region when he assisted Centre Manager, Liza Cameron cut the ribbon to the Blackall facility recently.

BTRC agreed to support CUC RAPADCWQ in-kind and began negotiations with the executive of Barcoo Retirement for the use of the old kindergarten building at 76 Thistle Street, Blackall.

And look at it today!

All parties involved are extremely happy with the refurbishment. CUC RAPAD CWQ has taken huge steps to improving access to tertiary education for students living in remote and regional part of the Central West by opening eight study hubs since the start of the year. Over 70 students are registered, enabling them to stay in their local communities and study online with any university or training provider. Access is free.

Liza Cameron said, "The program is made possible through strong partnerships between the Australian Government, local councils, and the Country Universities Centre network."

The Blackall facility is open 24/7, has plenty of parking, reliable internet, a quiet study environment, and a sound proof room for use during examinations.

A Learning Support Advisor (LSA) is available part-time who can assist with enquiries and registrations.

If you would like to know more, go on-line to: <https://www.cucrapadcwq.edu.au> where you can register, or email: [degrees@cucrapadcwq.edu.au](mailto:degrees@cucrapadcwq.edu.au). The Centre would love to hear from you.

**GCBF SUPER ROUND:-** Following the impacts of recent natural disasters, the upcoming round of the Queensland Gambling Community Benefit Fund is opening on June 9.

The GCBF Super Round (Round 124) has been rescheduled to ensure impacted organisations have the time and capacity to apply for funding. It is offering grants of up to \$100,000, and will close 18 July 2025.



## Sometimes it takes a village...

Sometimes people just need a hand and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council was more than happy to help out recently when Scott Richards needed to get to Brisbane for urgent medical attention. All flights to Brisbane were booked, and the only flight available on the day that synced with his admission date was from Emerald. But there again rose a problem as driving is out of the question for Scott, (his wheelchair alone weighs 180 kilograms) and doesn't easily fit into just any vehicle.

An exercise in logistics involving Blackall-Tambo Regional Council staff and its Mayor, Cr Andrew Martin, Central West Hospital and Health Service Blackall, Adam Humphries from QantasLink and Outback Independent Living's community connector, Mardi Noonan began and when everyone came together a solution was worked out which proved beneficial for all concerned. *(turn to back page)*

## Blackall Cultural Precinct all set

Check out your invitation to the Turning of the Sod ceremony for the Blackall Cultural Precinct.

This project addresses the need for a dedicated space to house and showcase local art and culturally significant memorabilia relating to two of the oldest towns in the Central West - Blackall and Tambo.

It is the dreamchild of Mr Owen Stockwell OAM, who heads the Stockwell Webber Foundation and Louise Campbell from Red Ridge.

They got together and asked the question "What can we do for Blackall?"

When completed the complex will feature multiple gallery/exhibition spaces, a museum garden, significant storage for memorabilia, amenities and a car park.

The project has received the green light from Council along with \$14.96 million in funding from the Albanese Government.

The Turning of the Sod Ceremony on Friday, June 6 will see the beginning of a unique precinct in Blackall township which will be an ongoing partnership between Red Ridge, the Stockwell Webber Foundation and BTRC.

Everyone is invited to attend to witness this historic event.

### AN OPEN INVITATION

## Turning of the Sod Blackall Cultural Precinct

### CEREMONY

ON SITE 57 SHAMROCK STREET

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 9AM**

THIS PROJECT RECEIVED FUNDING FROM  
THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT  
STOCKWELL WEBBER FOUNDATION  
BLACKALL TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL



RED RIDGE INTERIOR QUEENSLAND LTD IS SUPPORTED BY  
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## GACCD stopping for a Sunday sesh

A team of drovers are moving 1,600 cattle from Longreach to Roma as part of the Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive (GACCD) and are stopping in Blackall for the ultimate Sunday Session!

The red carpet will be rolled out, they have their own chef travelling with them and it promises to be an event like no other. And all for a great cause!

This is a 'moving' charity event designed to raise both awareness of food insecurity and funds for Foodbank Australia.

**So get ready, Blackall! The mob will be in town on Sunday 8th June, and the long table style gala dinner is on at the Blackall Saleyards.**

The red (and no doubt dusty) carpet will be rolled out for the event. Shades above the rest, the iconic Blackall Saleyards Complex will be glammed up so that everyone who attends, gets to celebrate the Great Australian Cattle Drive's unforgettable stopover in style!

It promises to be a magical evening that tips its hat to Blackall's rich circus history, and will feature the following:-

There will be live circus acts thanks to Ashton Entertainment's, one being their first ever aerial performance in the Bull Ring.

A marvellous roving Magician will also be entertaining.

Roslyn is a pianist and vocalist who will be wooing guests with her live music act.

Foodbank's Celebrity Chef, James Fien has designed a three course menu which should complement the Boutique Bar that will be operating.

Emcee for the evening is S.T. Ruth from the CrackUp Sisters.

This is your chance to glam up and raise money for a good cause.

An evening where the  
magic of Circus &  
charm of the Outback collide

# BULLDUST & Sequins

Long Table Gala Dinner • Celebrity Chef • Entertainment

BLACKALL SALEYARDS	JUNE 08	TICKETS \$50 PP
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Bookings available online [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)  
or in person at the Blackall Lifestyle and Community Hub

This event is run in conjunction with the 2025 Great Australian Charity Cattle Drive



## Pop Up for Tambo Stock Show



State Library Qld (SLQ) held their Rural Libraries Conference/Workshop in Blackall on Thursday, May 1st which saw librarians from six shires all converge on Blackall. The next day they toured both Council libraries and squeezed in a Tambo town tour as well as a book launch. Steve Hawe launched his book "My Time of Eagles" a fictional story from

remote Queensland set in the 1970s.

Kaley Schelks (Coordinator of Capability) and Kristina Read (Library technician for Access and Discovery) were the representatives from SLQ who facilitated the RLQ & Small Libraries Workshop.

Kaley (pictured above) stayed on to assist Tambo Librarian, Sharyn Brigg and Bruce Dawson hold a Pop Up event at the Tambo Stock Show on May 3 in conjunction with the community playgroup who operate the same day as Tambo's First 5 Forever. Nikki Martin was the main facilitator from Lady Gowrie who brought some wonderful resources with her for the littlies. It was a wonderful and well utilised, collaborative event.

Kaley held Storytime, and the pop up show was strategically placed near the jumping castles and the petting zoo, so there really was a fantastic zone for the children who attended the Tambo Stock Show in 2025.

## CHECK THIS OUT!




### THE WELL-BEING SHOW

## MYRLE'S MAGICAL MEDICINE

### PRESENT BY RENATA JAYNE



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of June  
10am

Memorial Hall in  
Short Street

All children will  
receive a copy of  
**Myrtle's Magical  
Medicine.**

Call for any questions  
on (07)46574637

Open to all children from Kindergarten to Grade 4.

The wellbeing incursion gives students a tool belt of positive strategies to help us in everyday life.

We look at the Green, Yellow, Red and Blue emotional zones and the triggers that tip us to feel all the emotions. We give strategies to help us cope with the big angry and sad emotions we feel in our bodies.

Renata shows us how we can fill and dip into our invisible buckets of love and positivity, and the buckets of people around us.




## Local Legends Celebrity Steer riders announced

Blackall Lifestyle and Community hub is gearing up for the 'Black Stump Bonanza' on June 14 which raises funds for the Community Crisis Benefit Fund.

The Gill Bros Rodeo Xtreme Broncs Australia and Australian Professional Rodeo Association, (APRA- affiliated event) will bring the best in the business to Blackall.

And by the best that means the best bronc riders, bull riders, barrel racers and the band, headed by Lee Kirby who has spent the last decade playing to rodeo crowds from Thargomindah to Rockhampton.

And back for another year is the Local Legends Celebrity Steer Ride.

Last year's winner, Adrian (Dude) Austin, is set to defend his title and is in training. He's serious about taking that buckle home for another year and has every faith in his ride, 'Whipper Snipper'!

However, he is up against some legendary, local cowgirls who are determined to give it their best shot and up-seat him.

Who will be victorious? The line-up this year reads like this:-

Amy Webb on 'The Cane' Dr Mikala on 'Cardiac Arrest'

Hanna Goode on 'Agent Mayhem' Dr Roop on 'Phantom'

Ava Batts will be riding 'Attitude Adjuster'

Alexi O'Donoghue has drawn 'Teenage Dirtbag'

Natalie Dendle will be riding 'Red Flag' and Steve Mainwaring

will take his chances on 'Smooth Criminal'.

Pistol Pete has drawn 'Buckshot'. Who will take home the buckle?

Remember! Saturday, June 14 - the action starts at 3pm.

# BLACKALL'S ANNUAL BLACK STUMP BONANZA

## EXTREME BRONCS, BULLS, BARRELS & BAND

### SATURDAY 14th JUNE 2025

ACTION FROM 3.00pm -  
BLACKALL RODEO GROUNDS  
ADULTS \$15 KIDS 16 & UNDER \$5

### FEATURING

WRANGLER XTREME  
BRONCS AUSTRALIA  
GILL BROS RODEO  
OUTBACK BARREL HORSE  
CIRCUIT  
FOOD VENDORS  
LIVE MUSIC & BAR  
UNTIL LATE









## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### WEEKLY EVENTS IN JUNE

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

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

MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS: **Walking and Running Group**, 6am Blackall.  
A great way to start your morning and stay active.

THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS: **Aqua Aerobics** in Blackall at 7.00am. Come and make a splash while getting fit.

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

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

MONDAYS: **Junior Cricket Training** at St Joseph's oval, Blackall  
4.30pm - 5.15pm

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

### REMEMBER THESE DATES

5 JUNE: **The Well Being Show** in Blackall, 10am Memorial Hall, Short Street

6 JUNE: **Turning of the Sod ceremony** at 9am, 56 Shamrock Street, Blackall

7 JUNE: **Kids Fit** in Tambo at the cricket fields, 8.30am - 9.15pm

8 JUNE: **Bulldust & Sequins** Long Table Gala Dinner at the Saleyards

14 JUNE: **Blackstump Bonanza** Action from 3pm in Blackall

## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATIONS

PHONE 4520 9746 to book these services at  
TAMBO's MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE (MPC)

### REMEDIAL MASSAGE CLINIC

Tuesdays: 3rd JUNE, 10th JUNE, 17th JUNE  
and 24th JUNE

### PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

Fridays: 6th JUNE and 20th JUNE

### RENIE REFLEXOLOGY

Enquiries: JUNE 9 & 23; JULY 14 & 20; AUG 11  
- Phone 0405 848 099 -

### CHIROPRACTER VISITING

Wednesday, Wednesday JUNE 18  
- Ph David 0438 030 688 -

### THE LOOK by BRITNEY

Wed & Thursday: 11th and 12th JUNE (Beauty)

### PODIATRIST

Tuesday, 19th JUNE



Proudly supported by: Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

PHONE 4657 4637 to enquire

### A MESSAGE FROM NATALIE DENDLE Sport & Recreation Officer

Calls are going out for the Winter Season of Touch Football, please register your interest to start the competition in July.

**Natalie.Dendle@btrc.qld.gov.au**



Council had not long taken delivery of a bus fitted with wheelchair access which presented itself as the obvious choice for Scott's mode of transport. It had come to the community after years of lobbying by Mayor of Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Cr Andrew Martin and Nikki Boyd who was the Assistant Minister for Local Government from 2020 to 2023 with the former Labor government. Her lobbying convinced the Government of her day of the need for some type of service for this region. The current LNP government endorsed the initiative once elected.

The bus will be available to the communities of Blackall and Tambo and is scheduled to start running mid-June between Tambo and Jericho via Blackall and return, to connect with the Rockhampton-Emerald-Longreach Greyhound service.

The bus also needed a check over at Cummins in Emerald so the trip served a dual purpose. Scott and his carer Jo, travelled as part of the contingent on the bus's maiden voyage. They were the 'guinea pigs' and were able to give feedback on the trip and the pros and cons of the vehicle. Scott liked the fact that he could see out as he travelled, saying that all the other vehicles he had ridden in were closed in.

He was also extremely grateful to go on its maiden run and is pictured here 'landing' safely in Emerald with driver Rod in the background helping him disembark.



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**Blackall-Tambo Regional  
Council's General meeting  
is on JUNE 18th  
in Blackall**