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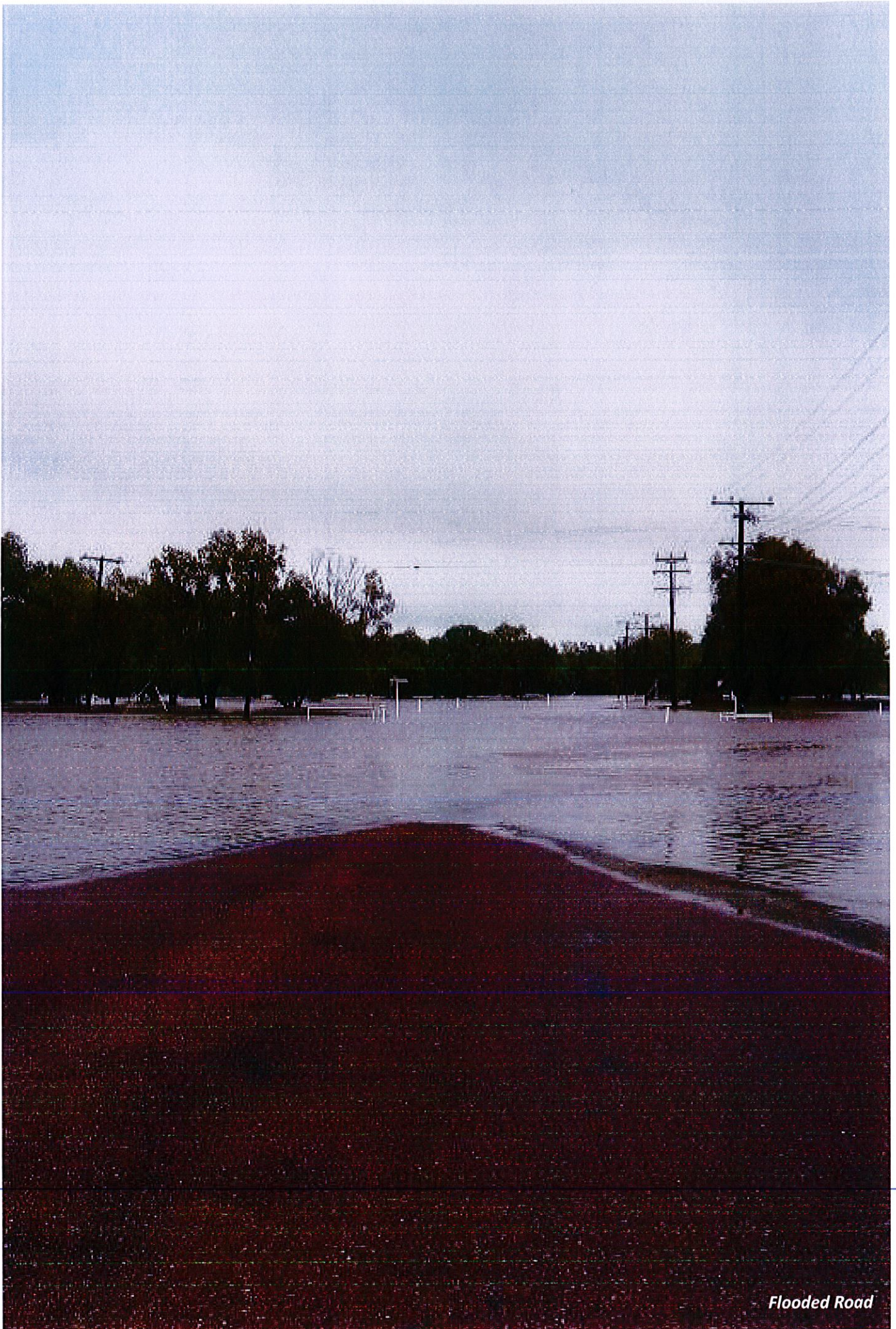
*Barcoo River in Flood - Tambo
Photo by Christine Bradshaw*

The Blackall and Tambo Local Community, Economic and Environmental Recovery and Reconstruction Plan

LOCAL PLAN

14 September 2011

Blackall and Tambo Local Community, Economic and Environmental Recovery and Reconstruction Plan for the communities of the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council



Flooded Road





Message from Mayor Jan Ross



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1.1 Distribution List

The Local Plan will be distributed to:

- Members of the Community Recovery and Reconstruction Committee
- Those involved in the plan development
- Barcaldine Regional Council
- Murweh Shire Council
- Quilpie Shire Council
- Central Highlands Regional Council
- Longreach Regional Council
- Blackall Library
- Tambo Library
- Related committees
- District Disaster Management Group
- The Queensland Reconstruction Authority

AMENDMENT RECORD

Proposals for the amendment or addition to the Local Plan should be forwarded to the Chair of the Community Recovery and Reconstruction Committee.

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1.1 Date of Adoption

The (Local Plan) was adopted by the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council on 14 September 2011.

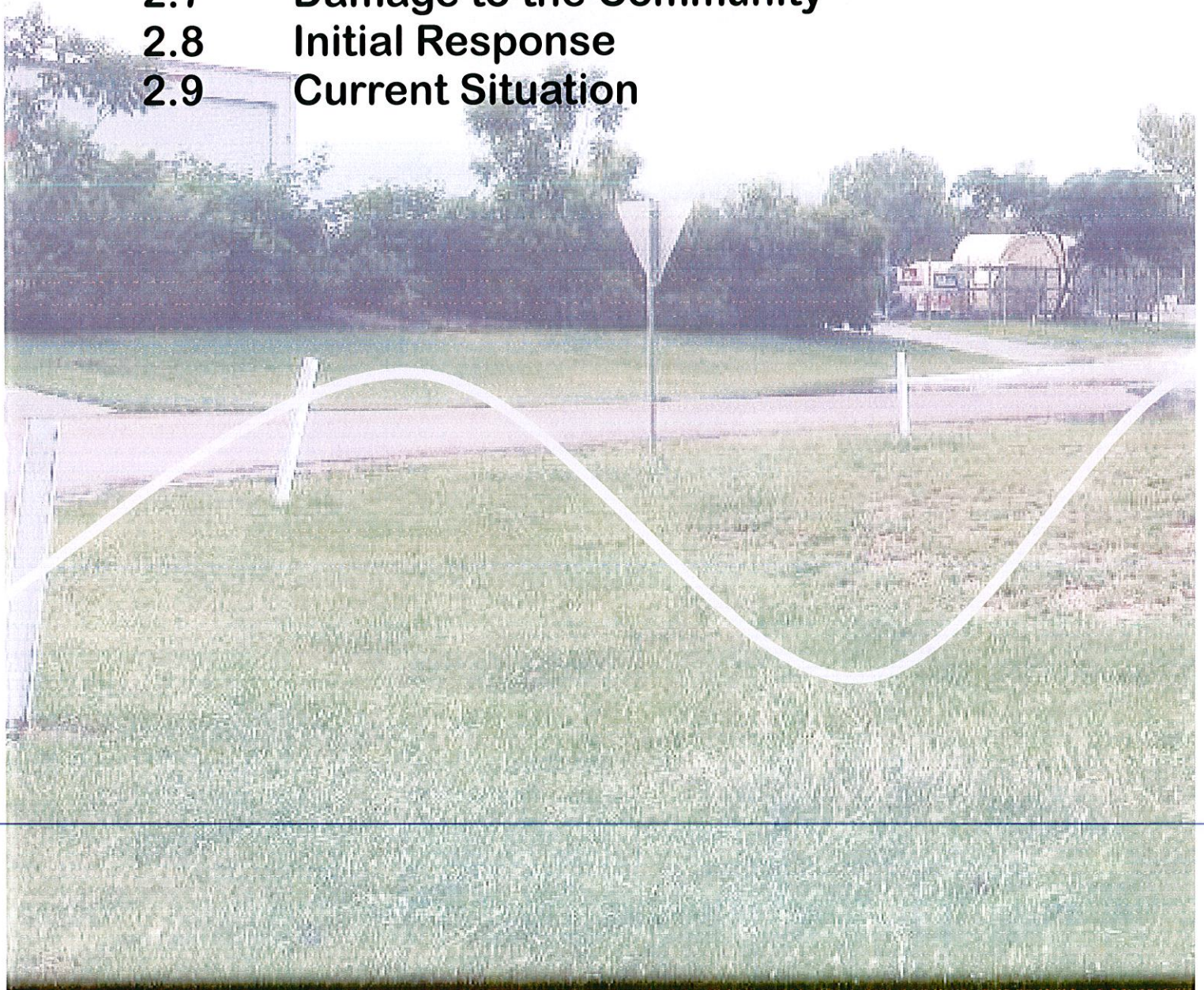


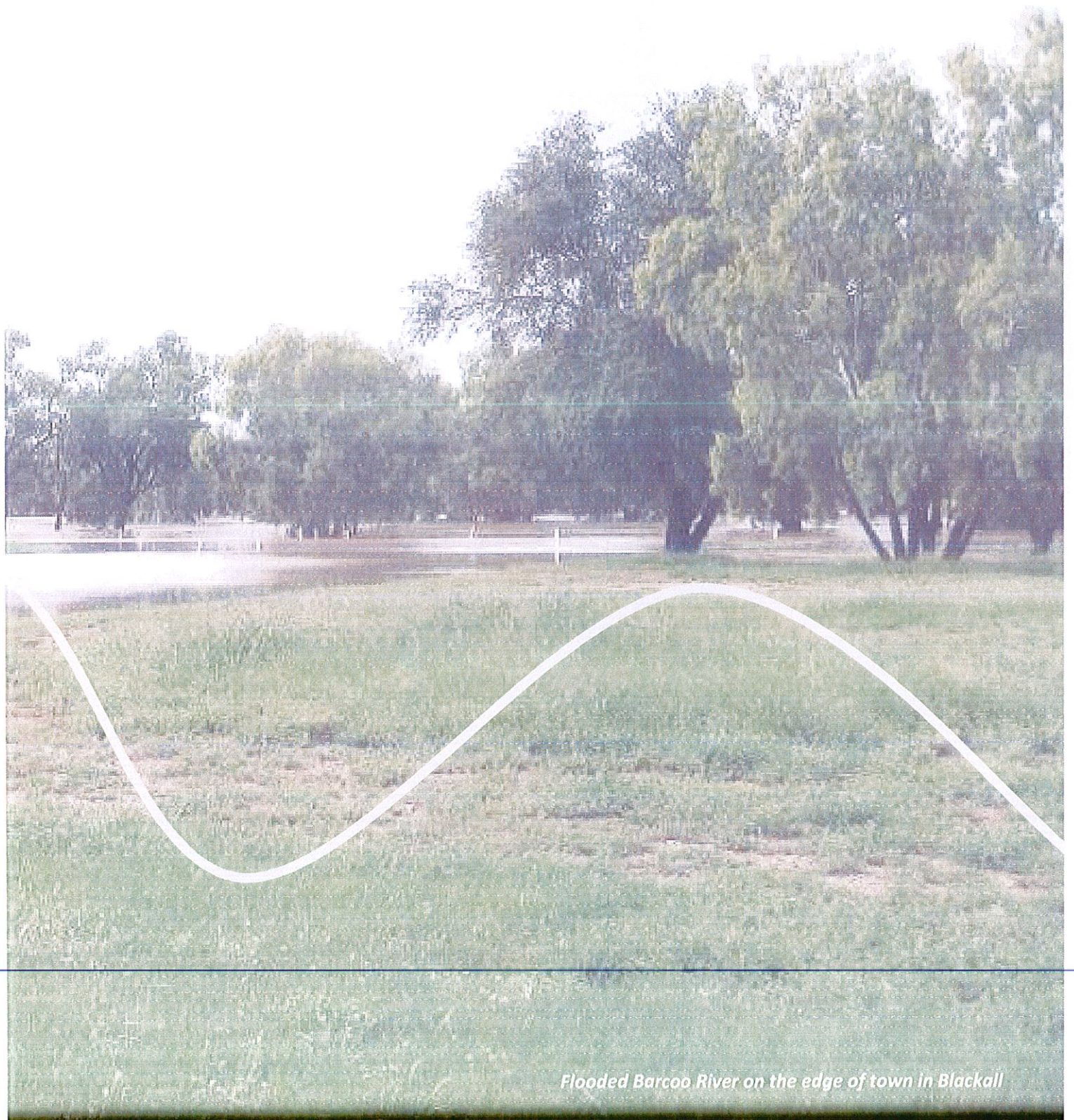
*Flooded Barcoo river at the back of Tambo homes
Photo by Christine Bradshaw*



2 INTRODUCTION

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Flooded Barcoo River on the edge of town in Blackall



2 Introduction

This Local Community, Economic and Environmental Recovery and Reconstruction Plan has been prepared on behalf of the communities of Blackall and Tambo, and outlines our needs and priorities for community, economic and environmental recovery and reconstruction following the disaster events of November 2010 to February 2011.

The plan is our best effort to represent the diverse cross section of views in the communities we represent, and we submit it for your consideration and support.

2.1 Background

Months of heavy rainfall and flooding impacted the townships of Blackall and Tambo well before the devastating flooding events that commenced in November 2010. In the short term, road closures due to flooding in the Capricornia and Darling Downs regions affected supplies into western Queensland communities, including groceries, business supplies, mail, newspapers, magazines, building supplies and fodder for stock.

The heavy rain caused flooding in the river catchment areas which also caused many rural properties to be isolated throughout the region, local contractors and staff unable to access their work environments.

'Tired' of rain - Reporting by Paul Robinson, Sigrid Brown and Chrissy Arthur ABC Radio

There has been big rain and flooding in parts of the inland over several months this year

But Blackall-Tambo Mayor Jan Ross says the constant rain is also having an impact on small town economies.

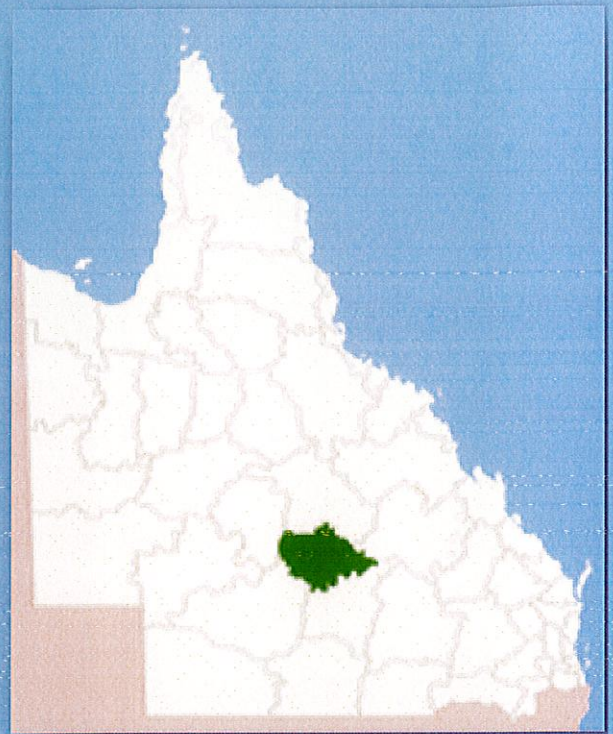
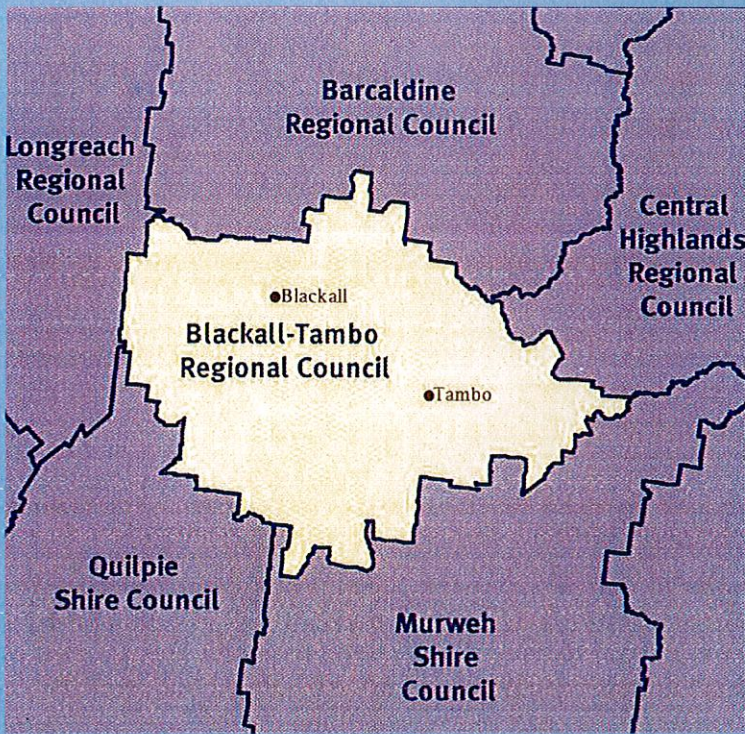
She says the wet conditions means graziers cannot move stock and kangaroo shooters cannot work.

"God forbid - after all the years of drought - but I think people are getting very tired of it," she said.

"But the other thing is, it's having quite an impact on the economics of our town.

"Roo shooters can't shoot and haven't been able to for the greater part of the year, so that's an economic impact that is quite marked."





2.2 Local Environment

The Blackall-Tambo Region is placed in the heart of Queensland's Outback approximately 900 kilometres north west of Brisbane. The Region is comprised of two towns, Blackall and Tambo both of which lie along the historic Barcoo River and are positioned on the Warrego Highway (Matilda Highway).

Blackall is an attractive town and is classed as a remote community with a population of approximately 1560 people.

Tambo is a rural and remote community with a population of around 620 people.

Barcoo Bridge under water during flooding in Tambo



The Langlo River runs north-south and is largely paralleled by the Ward River in the south-east. The Langlo joins the Ward in the south near Charleville and is part of the Murray-Darling Basin.

The Barcoo River rises near Tambo and flows firstly north to north-west as far as Blackall before turning west, then south-west to join the Thomson near Windorah. Creeks contribute to the Barcoo to the north. In the south-west a number of creeks join the Nive River, a tributary of the Warrego. This drainage flows to the Lake Eyre Basin.

The Barcoo catchment is part of the Cooper Creek drainage basin. It is tapped to provide water for stock on grazing properties, but equally importantly provides water for travelling stock along the stock routes which traverse the area.

With the region's vast contrast in landform from flat open down plains to the vast cliff lines and gorges of the Great Dividing Range, this backdrop offers the opportunity to visit Salvator Rosa National Park and Idalia National Park.

2.3 The Blackall-Tambo Region

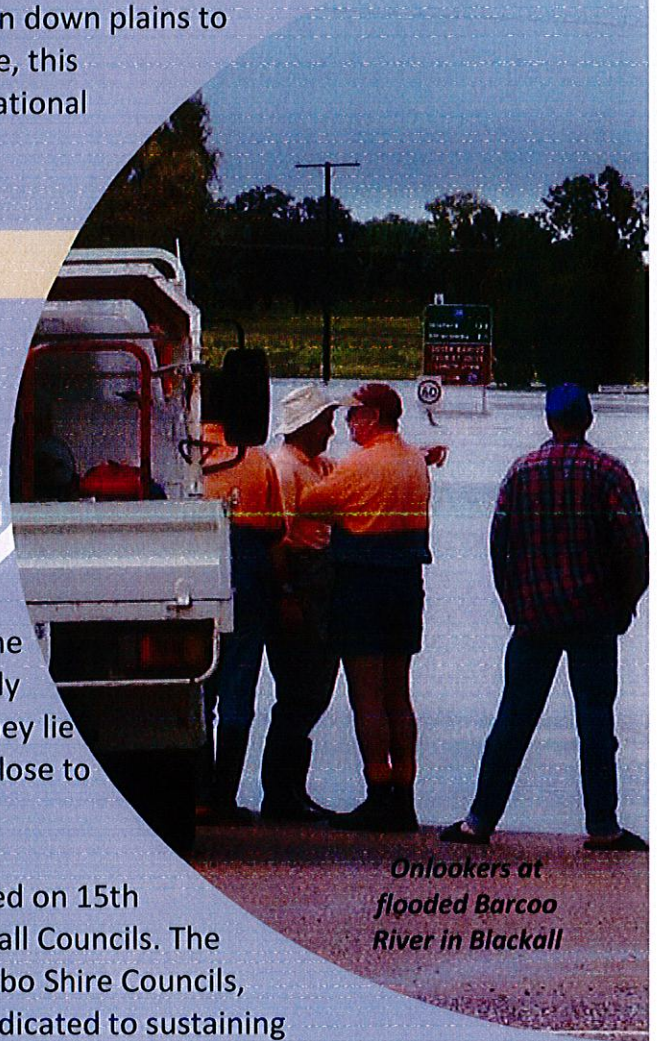
The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council is 30,489 square kilometers in area surrounded by The Central Highlands Regional Council to the East, Murweh Shire Council to the South and South East, Quilpie Shire Council to the South West, Longreach Regional Council to the West and Barcaldine Regional Council to the North.

Blackall and Tambo are located between Augathella to the East and Barcaldine to the North West and approximately 900 to 1000 kilometres North West of Brisbane. While they lie within the Mitchell Grasslands bioregion, they are also close to the boundary of the Brigalow Belt Southern bioregion.

The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council was formerly created on 15th March 2008 as part of the State Governments reform of all Councils. The new Council is comprised of the former Blackall and Tambo Shire Councils, with the main office located in Blackall. The Council is dedicated to sustaining and enhancing the appealing rural lifestyle within the Region through the provision of high quality services and facilities, and a collaborative and supportive community environment.

The Blackall-Tambo Region has an extensive history of cattle, sheep and wool production, having the well-known Jackie Howe live and work in the area. Today the cattle production has overhauled sheep as the major industry. The Region's economy has also diversified into other industries including cypress pine sawmilling, cattle sale yards, tourism, with a solid base of retail and general services.

The Region provides a range of services and programs for the youth, aged, families, sport and recreation, and education up to year 12. High quality facilities are available to support the many community organisations to provide a variety of sport and recreation activities including horse racing,



Onlookers at flooded Barcoo River in Blackall



2.4 Council Services

The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council covers approximately 30,489 square kilometers and provides a wide range of services including refuse collection, water supply, sewerage, drainage, roads, public health, child care, libraries, community halls, recreation, public toilets, parks, street lighting, and the provision of environmental health and community services.

2.5 Economic Profile

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council's economy is predominantly agricultural production with service industries, cypress pine milling, tourism, saleyards and retail also contributing to the community wealth.

2.6 Demographics

Population:	2015
Median Age	41
Population Prediction	0.2% per annum (2006-2026)
Birthplace of respondents:	92.2% Australian Born

2.7 Damage to the Community

Council acknowledges that since November 2010, 99 percent of our state of Queensland was affected by unparalleled flooding and effects of tropical cyclones where 37 Queenslanders lost their lives as a result of this natural disaster.

We acknowledge the grief and hardships faced by our neighbours during this time and also in the exhaustive recovery effort.

The communities of Blackall and Tambo have been fortunate not to have experienced the extent of destruction and devastation of our fellow Queenslanders however we have not escaped unscathed by the experience.

Community members and businesses have been particularly hard hit by the disaster. Local contractors experienced weeks and months of restricted to no income due to the fact that they could not access work locations or materials because of general flooding from the Barcoo River which sweeps through both towns.

Employees of the Tambo Sawmill could not access their place of employment as the Sawmill is located north of the township and access is only via the bridge over the Barcoo River which was flooded for several weeks.

The rural industry was adversely affected due to extreme weather conditions that rendered machinery inoperable, and restricted management of the properties, including access to and transportation of stock to markets.

Council controlled roads were washed away or damaged and closed to all traffic for several weeks.



Council work crews were not operational and many Council employees were required to take annual leave. National Highways were cut at the Barcoo River in Blackall and Tambo where backlogs of road trains and vehicles carrying perishables and supplies to rural and remote communities were stranded. The macropod harvesting industry ground to a halt with the associated processing plant closed for several weeks.

The Blackall Sale yards were flooded rendering them inoperable for several weeks

2.8 Initial Response

Tropical Cyclone Tasha was initially analysed as a tropical low in the northern Coral Sea, southeast of Papua New Guinea on the 20th December. The low maintained a south westerly track towards the north Queensland coast over the forthcoming days. The low eventually moved into a very favourable environment for development on the 24th December and subsequently intensified to reach tropical cyclone intensity during the early hours of Christmas Day.

Tropical Cyclone Tasha remained as a category 1 system for only a matter of hours prior to its landfall along the North Tropical Coast near Gordonvale. Widespread rainfall in the order of 150-250mm was experienced on the southern side of the system as it moved onto the coast.

Tasha was the first tropical cyclone in the Queensland area of responsibility during the 2010/11 season.

ABC Central Queensland News – January 2011 Reported:

"Queenslanders from the tip of Cape York right through to the Gold Coast and inland can expect very heavy rain, thunderstorms and localised flooding and roads cuts for the next week."

State disaster co-ordinator and deputy police commissioner Ian Stewart urged motorists to take note of road closures and beware of flash flooding.

There are flood warnings for the following rivers: Mulgrave, Russell, Johnstone, Tully, Herbert, Ross, Don, Pioneer, Fitzroy, Burnett, Condamine-Balonne, Warrego and Thomson, **Barcoo**, and Cooper Creek.

To 9am this morning (Tuesday January 5) in the state's central west Winton recorded 65 millimeters while Longreach and Blackall received more than 30 millimeters each.

ABC Central Queensland News – January 2011 Reported:

There has been more big rain in Blackall, south-east of Longreach in Queensland's central-west, with more than 120 millimetres falling in a storm last night.

There is still a [severe thunderstorm warning](#) current for the central-west, the Channel Country and Maranoa and Warrego.

The Barcoo River has been in flood in recent weeks, at major levels in some areas.

Grazier Sally Cripps says with the catchment already saturated, river levels will rise again and people are continuing their preparations.

"Honestly it was like night had turned into day - the lightning was so extreme it was just incredible," she said.



"That will put a big lot of water in the river.

"We've seen the river on the edge of town here a couple of times in the last couple of months so I think it pays to be ... maybe not concerned but aware and ready for whatever comes."

Grocery shelves are also being restocked in Longreach and other central western towns.

Stocks of milk, bread and some fresh foods were running low after floodwaters cut the Capricorn Highway late last week.

A Council in central western Queensland that has been declared under natural disaster arrangements says it is worried the worst is still to come. Posted February 23, 2011 11:19:00

The State Government yesterday announced 11 Local Government areas are now eligible for relief and recovery funding, mostly in central and south-west Queensland.

Emergency Services Minister Neil Roberts said yesterday Councils from the Banana, Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Bundaberg, Central Highlands, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Fraser Coast, Lockyer Valley and Longreach shires can apply for funding.

Blackall-Tambo Regional Disaster Management Plan Activation:

The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Disaster Management Plan was activated in December 2010 due to flooding of the Barcoo River in both Blackall and Tambo. Emergency medical supplies were provided via boat to persons stranded on either side of the Barcoo River.

The Disaster Management Plan was activated a second time in February 2011 due to the flooding of the Barcoo River and the impacts on the communities due to medical resupply and lack of fresh food supplies.

2.9 Current Situation

Human-Social Recovery – The Communities of Blackall and Tambo were isolated through road closures and flooding of the Barcoo River at four separate locations. Months of heavy rain prevailed prior to December when personal hardships were identified due to the restriction of many community members in accessing their individual fields of employment.

The development of the Council works program has prioritized the maintenance and construction works required to rebuild and repair roads severely damaged and destroyed within the region.

The communities are slowly returning to normal. School children on rural properties can again access schools for educational purposes, contractors have access to their work environments, macropod harvesters can access rural properties, rural land holders can transport their stock to markets, sawmill staff are back to full time employment, materials and stores are being freighted in, and access to medical assistance is now available.

Economic Recovery – Reports of lack of consumer confidence has been an issue which is still impacting on the economy of this small region.

Barcoo River in flood at Tambo

Photo by Christine Bradshaw



Persons impacted:

- Rural contractors
- Sawmill workers
- Tradesmen
- Council employees
- Retail outlets
- Sporting Clubs
- Motels
- Rural Land Holders
- Macropod harvesters

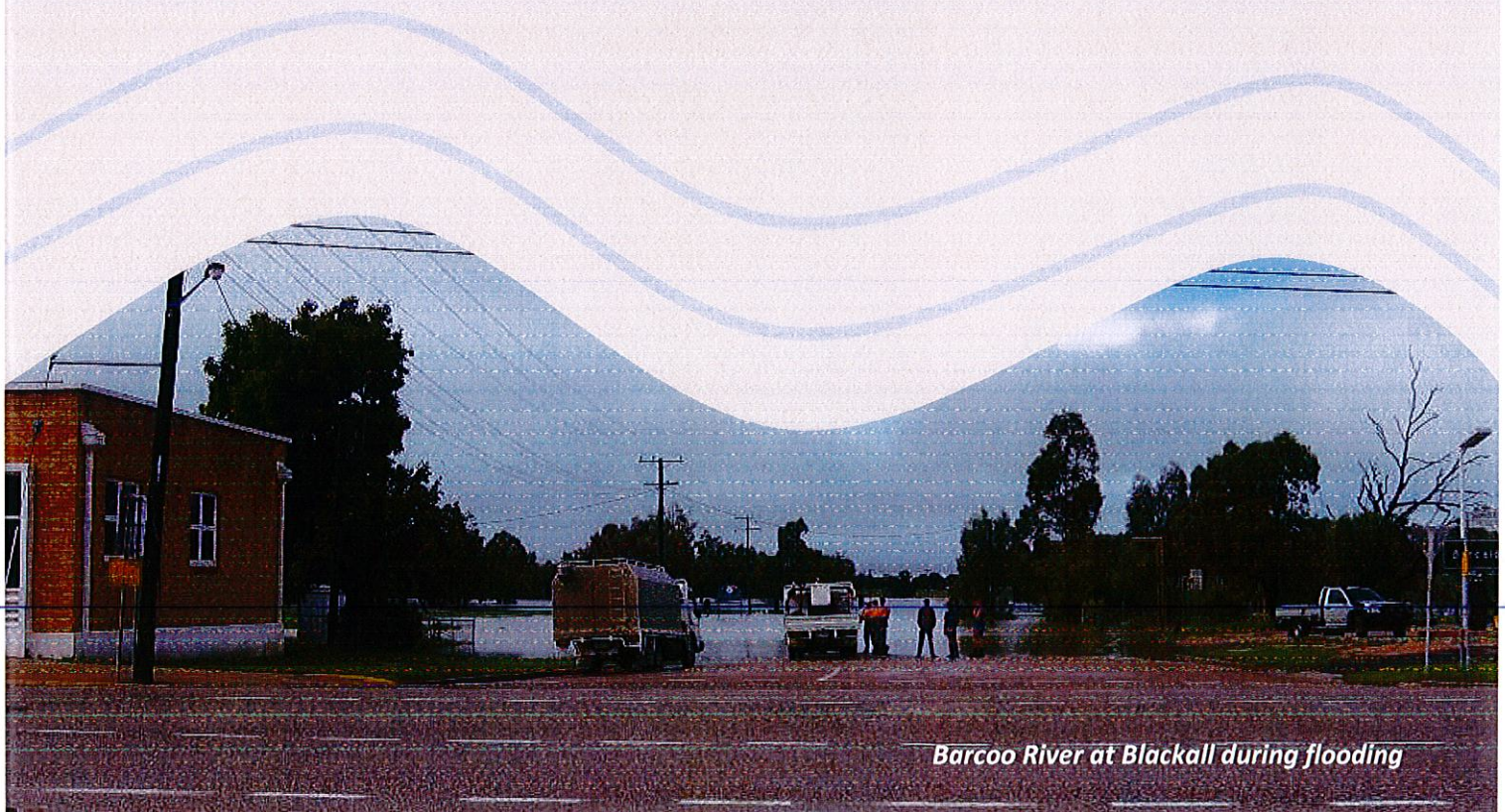
Due to the extensive time the community was unable to access their work environments and their inability to obtain assistance through social security, the economic recovery of this region has been and continues to be extremely slow.

Environmental Recovery – Unprecedented damage has been reported on all Council controlled roads and National Highways. The capacity to rebuild this infrastructure within an identified time frame is limited due to the size of the workforce and available plant.

- Rural properties have received damage to fences and buildings
- Access roads have been washed away
- Bridges have been damaged

Rebuilding of fences, access roads and bridges are currently underway.

Access to both town garbage disposal centres was severely disrupted as both sites are located north of the townships on unsealed roads. Consideration has been given to the development of sealed roads, however the dump north of the township of Tambo cannot be accessed when the Barcoo River is in flood.



Barcoo River at Blackall during flooding





3 OVERVIEW OF THE LOCAL PLAN

3.1 Process Undertaken to develop this Plan

3.2 People involved in preparing this Plan

3.3 The Community Recovery and Reconstruction Sub-Committee

3.4 Meetings



3 Overview of the Local Plan

Scope:

This Plan applies to arrangements for Community Recovery following disasters occurring in the Blackall-Tambo Region. The Plan links with the Blackall-Tambo Disaster Management Plan and the Central West Regional Disaster Management Plan.

Intent:

The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Local Plan has been developed to provide clarity about roles and responsibilities to all participating in recovery planning with a designated role under the Plan.

Goals:

To provide effective and efficient coordination and delivery of services to assist and hasten the recovery of our communities by commencing the recovery process as soon as possible after the event.

Priorities:

- To begin the recovery process as soon as possible;
- Coordinate the provision of all basic and necessary community services to affected individuals, families and community members as efficiently as possible and at the appropriate time so that recovery occurs effectively;
- Coordinate services which assist the recovery process;
- Support community involvement and ownership of the recovery process; and
- Provide clarity for all participating agencies on their responsibilities under the Plan

Risks:

- Economic - Employment issues and capacity of local businesses to operate
- Human-Social - Impact of flooding on human and social aspects including financial, psychological, personal and welfare support
- Infrastructure - Damage to rural structures and roads
- Environmental - Waste disposal; Animal welfare issues; Ecological impact

3.1 Process undertaken to develop this plan

The Blackall and Tambo Local Community, Economic and Environmental Recovery and Reconstruction Plan has been prepared in consultation with the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Local Disaster Management Group, the Blackall-Tambo Regional Councillors, Senior staff and the communities of Blackall and Tambo.

Both structured and informal consultation has occurred in the development of this Plan, with the final draft displayed on the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council website seeking feedback and input from the community.



3.2 People involved in preparing this plan

1. Members of the Blackall-Tambo Disaster Management Group
2. Tambo Emergency Services Unit
3. Blackall State Emergency Service
4. Barcoo Family Care Co ordinator
5. Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre Co ordinator
6. Environmental Health Officer
7. BTRC Councillors
8. BTRC Senior Staff

3.3 The Community Recovery and Reconstruction Sub-Committee

The Community Recovery and Reconstruction Committee will comprise of:

Committee Representative	Representing	Responsibilities
Jan Ross	Mayor - Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Media and Community updates as per BTRC Communication Policy
Peter Skewes	Councillor - Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Chairman of Sub Committee
Ken Timms	Chief Executive Officer - BTRC	Deployment of staff and resources
Les Edmestone	Manager of Works - BTRC	Infrastructure maintenance and capital works
Susan Jarvis	Manager of Corporate Services - BTRC	Public Relations
Darren Webb	Coordinator Tambo Emergency Services Unit	Deployment of ESU personnel
Virginia Wacker	Coordinator – Barcoo Family Care Centre	Community wellbeing and referral services - Blackall
Tina Nilon	Coordinator - Tambo Multi-Purpose Centre	Community wellbeing and referral services - Tambo

3.4 Meetings

Community Recovery and Reconstruction Sub-Committee meetings will be held weekly once this Plan has been activated to provide accurate information and support the recovery plan.

On completion of recovery efforts, regular quarterly meetings will be held in conjunction with the Disaster Management Committee to review and improve the plan where required.







4 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 Roles and Responsibilities
- 4.2 Key Local Recovery and Reconstruction Issues
- 4.3 Key Local Resource Assistance

Barcoo River in flood



4 Impact Assessment

It is essential that an assessment of the recovery and reconstruction requirements be conducted as soon as possible after the impact of the event. An assessment plan shall be developed in consultation with the committee to prioritise and coordinate the impact assessment so that all available resources are used effectively without duplication.

4.1 Roles and Responsibilities

Council involvement

Cleaning up and commencing the recovery process after a disaster is a very difficult and in a lot of circumstances absolutely demoralising process. A process of prioritisation in what receives the resources first and who is assisted first will be decided by the Sub-Committee. These include an engineering assessment if structural damage is suspected, health assessments particularly if water has ingressed or the water supplies have been compromised. Most importantly the power provider must assess each property in some circumstances before power can be returned.

Given that only very limited resources are available to the Blackall-Tambo Regional Council and the communities of Blackall and Tambo, the process of recovery will be instituted by a process of priority and needs assessment.

The Blackall-Tambo Regional Council executive will determine the priority of budget expenditure and will assist any other agencies affording financial support in the process of prioritising funding expenditure.

Welfare arrangements may need to continue after people have returned to their respective communities and the welfare coordinator should continue to liaise with community organisations to ensure any required services are made available.

Refer to Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Public Health Plan and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Welfare Plan in Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Disaster Management Plan.



4.2 Key Local Recovery and Reconstruction Issues

Issue	Possible Solution	Responsibility
Social-Wellbeing of community - low morale due to financial impacts caused by flooding and inability to derive an income	Community Celebration - acknowledging the community for supporting each other through and after the flooding. Celebration to lift morale by bringing the communities together in an atmosphere of friendship and common purpose	CEO
Bridges and road infrastructure	Apply for flood relief funding for road damage. Employment for extra staff as road construction and maintenance workers.	MOW
Stimulation of local economy	Develop a "Buy Local Campaign" to encourage economic growth through shopping locally	MBE
Counselling services	Distribution of information to community for support contacts	MPC, Barcoo Family Care

2km Gully during floods in Tambo

4.3 Key Local Resource Assistance

Resource assistance has been secured from the following stakeholders to implement this plan:

- Flexible Funding Program, Community Development and Recovery Package, Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements from the Department of Local Government and Planning - \$45,000
- Blackall-Tambo Regional Council – Disaster Management Budget 2011/2012





5 PUBLIC INFORMATION

Flooded road



5 Public Information

Public information shall be disseminated to both communities in respect to recovery and reconstruction measures and contact points by the Mayor or the Mayor's delegated official as per the BTRC Communication Plan, BTRC Communication Policy and the Local Government Act 2009.

Media releases will be provided to the Local Disaster Management Group by the Mayor.

Committee Representative	Representing	Responsibilities	Contact Details
Jan Ross	Mayor - Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Dissemination of information to the media, LDMG and Community as per Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Communication Policy	07 4621 6600 0427 574 114
Peter Skewes	Councillor - Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Chairman of Sub Committee	07 4657 4568
Ken Timms	Chief Executive Officer - Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Deployment of Staff and resources	07 4621 6600 0428 507 025
Les Edmestone	Manager of Works - Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Infrastructure maintenance and capital works	0427 574 298
Susan Jarvis	Manager of Corporate Services - Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Public Relations	0427 546 133
Murray Hilton	Manager of Business Enterprise	Coordinator of community services	0417 702 021
Virginia Wacker	Coordinator - Barcoo Family Care Centre	Community wellbeing and referral services	0488 574 578
Tina Nilon	Coordinator - Tambo Multipurpose Centre	Community wellbeing and referral service	07 4621 6630



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6 PRIORITY RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION NEEDS FOR BLACKALL TAMBO REGIONAL COUNCIL



Flooding



Priority recovery and reconstruction needs for Blackall-Tambo Regional Council As at 14 September 2011

Priority	Issue or need	Project or initiative to address need	Support	Funding secured? Yes / No Estimated Cost	Who will implement the project	Community	Economy	Environment	Supporting Information
1	Support the human and social wellbeing of community members in the post November – March 2011 activated disaster events	Pre Christmas gathering in both townships that will support the emotional and social wellbeing of the communities after the November to March 2011 impacts on the small communities and the ongoing economic after affects still being experienced.	100% of both communities of Blackall and Tambo	Yes \$45,000 – Flexible Funding Program, Community Development and Recovery Package, Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) Queensland Government and Federal Government	Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Rebuild morale. Community sharing experiences with each other. Program will include preparations for the onset of another natural disaster. Instil confidence back into the community that has been hard hit by past events. Confidence building for the future	Instil confidence back into the community for people to spend locally. Seeding for future trends for economic recovery in the region	Not applicable	The social impact of the flooding in the region has weighed heavily on the communities of Blackall and Tambo. There appears to be a hangover from the flooding where community members experienced extended weeks of little to no income, merchants experienced no delivery of stores and equipment and local contractors could not access their work environments as this region relies very heavily on the rural industry for work. A project targeted at uniting the communities again whilst acknowledging their hardships but encouraging positive reinforcements for the future will assist with the capacity for these people to continue to build their lives for the future.
2	Flooding of Barcoo Bridge in Tambo	Seek funding to raise and upgrade bridge	Sawmill management and staff. Wild life harvesters, property owners, rural contractors, tradesmen, business owners north of the river, travellers, staff employed to manage reserves, private citizen (cemetery located on northern side of the river, separate from town.	No Approximately \$3 million	Contractors in bridge design and construction	The community of Tambo will benefit. On the eastern side of the river the Sawmill is located, wild game boxes, cement works, cemetery, town common, racecourse, golf club, clay target club, showgrounds, and route to tourist destinations	Local industry – Sawmill, tourism, community events (races, local show, clay target events, golf events) This is the highest indicator that impacts on the local economy as it restricts and stops residents from accessing their areas of work. It also stops landowners from accessing food supplies and medical supplies. Lack of access to work environments impacts heavily on the community. This impact lingers well after the offset of flooding conditions. It instils a lack of confidence in the spending capacity of locals.	Tambo Town Common borders river, 600 head of stock agisted. Dredging of river will assist with limiting erosion of edges and sides Vehicles will not need to use side tracks to access bridge	The Barcoo Bridge is located 500 metres from the main street of Tambo on the northern side. The bridge is one of the very few wooden bridges still in existence in Queensland. Its location requires travellers to descend down a culvert prior to entering or exiting the bridge. It is the main cause of restricting access to work and social needs as it is subject to continuous flooding. Project is subject to successful funding application



3	Flooding of Barcoo Bridge in Blackall	Seek funding for alternate options to access the township of Blackall via the Barcoo River ie Levy bank.	Property owners, residents residing in estate south of the township of Blackall, wild life harvesters, rural contractors required to work on rural properties, tradesmen required to work	No Approximately 1.9 million	Specialists in levy bank construction	The community of Blackall will benefit. On the northern side of the river there is a new housing development that is home to approximately one quarter of the township of Blackall. When the bridge is flooded not only the residents but rural property owners are cut off from medical supplies, stores and equipment. It is also impossible for the residents to access their dedicated work environments.	Lack of access to work environments impacts heavily on the community. This impact lingers well after the offset of flooding conditions. It instils a lack of confidence in the spending capacity of locals.	Continuous flooding of the Barcoo Rivers leaves in its wake environmental impact which also includes the onset of sand flies and mosquitoes. The flooding also causes extensive damage to the natural environment that surrounds the location	The Barcoo Bridge is located 20 metres from the main street of Blackall on the southern side. The flooding of the bridge which stops access to work, social and medical needs has been the key trigger in the activation on two occasions of the Disaster Management Plan. Project is subject to successful funding application
4	Waste Disposal	Seek funding to upgrade bridge and road to waste disposal site in Tambo. Seek funding to weather proof access road to waste disposal site in Blackall	Both communities of Blackall and Tambo and Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Road construction \$1.2 million	Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Road Construction Crews	Waste would be collected weekly and disposed of immediately	Costs to seal roads to make them weather proof and accessible in wet weather	Environmental and health risk when waste is not exposed of immediately	Waste left uncollected in the community increases the risk of disease but also impacts on the morale of the community and business owners.
5	Bitumen Feeder Roads	Works Program identifying Feeder Roads.	Rural Land Owners / General Community.	Approximately \$1.5 million.	Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Road Construction Crews.	Stakeholders would be able to access both townships for medical attention and resupply.	Access to local businesses would stimulate the local economy.	Sealed roads would alleviate the destruction of unsealed roads.	100% of properties within the Region have unsealed feeder roads which prohibit access to fundamental needs ie. medical supplies, restocking of stores





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