

The Blackall Blue Light Association was honoured in the recent Blackall-Tambo Australia Day awards, receiving yet another community award.

Blue Light took out the prestigious “Community Event of the Year” award for the hugely popular annual Billy Cart Races held during the Blackall Heartland Festival in October.

The festival offered a great opportunity for local catering businesses and non-for-profit committees to generate some much needed income during what has been a long period of drought economic downturn.

The event is unique as it draws together entire families who build the carts throughout the year with the assistance of mums and dads, grandparents and local members of the Mens Shed, who work with local youth to share their knowledge and skills. All entries compete for coveted trophies in a multitude of

categories which are sponsored and presented by Blue Light. Participants range in age from 5 years old to our oldest competitor who is 84. Previous years’ event attracted a huge crowd with people lined 3 deep down the entire street to cheer on competitors and generally have a wonderful time. Members of the community were given the honour of identifying best dressed competitors and carts. Blackall-Tambo Regional Council Mayor, Cr Barry Muir congratulated “Blackall Blue Light on this family orientated initiative, which has become an event in its own right.”



*Sergeant Bruce Trickett & his wife Kim with their previous Australia Day Awards.*

*2018 Australia Day Award for Community Event of the Year.*

