

The Blackall Blue Light Association was honoured in the recent Blackall-Tambo Australia Day awards, receiving 2 community awards.

Sergeant Bruce Trickett received the awards on behalf of his Blue Light Team which includes S/C Chris Ramey, Const. Joey Abbott and Const. Wallace Solomona.

Blue Light took out the prestigious “Community Event of the Year” award for the hugely popular annual Billy Cart Races. This initiative had its inaugural debut 2 years ago at the Blackall Heartland Festival and attracted 20 nominations in its first year. Last year the numbers increased to 50 nominations. 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. Last 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. 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 Australia Day Awards.*

