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## FROM The Editor

Welcome to this edition of the Tieri News. Almost half of 2023 has disappeared behind us and we are only two months away from our 40th celebrations.

A special welcome to Tieri for our new resident police officer Wayne Harris and his partner Susan. We wish Wayne and Susan a long and pleasant stay in our friendly town.

There's plenty to see in this edition of the Tieri News.

A story I particularly like is the re-establishment of the rugby league team in Tieri. Axel Cutts and the committee have done a tremendous job to get the Peak Down Senior Pirates going again. They have put together a competitive team and to date have an unbeaten record at home ([see page 7](#)).

Keeping sporting teams going in regional areas with FIFO, DIDO and extended work rosters is very challenging and it is a credit to Axel and his team to have the Pirates back up and running and giving the Tieri community a team to support and get behind.

Speaking of community support, the Tieri 40th celebrations will be here before we know it. It's been fantastic to see the community come together to plan and prepare the festivities. There is a lot of activity happening behind the scenes to make sure all the events ([see page 6](#)) are a worthy celebration for our town.

Ray Christison has completed writing the history of Tieri and the book is currently going through the process to get printed. I'm looking forward to the book coming out and the book launch at the Tieri 40th celebrations.

There will be a special edition of the Tieri News out in the next month promoting Tieri's 40th. Keep an eye out for it and make sure you get your family organised to participate in the many events ([see page 6](#)) taking place over the celebration period.

Enjoy this issue.

All the best,  
*Paul*



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# Community EVENTS



Events are the heart and soul of Tieri. Come rain or shine, it's always fantastic to see everyone coming together as a community.

It takes a lot of hard work, dedication and passion to put on these events. We'd like to extend a big thank you to CTM Links, Glencore, and to the members of our community who create these events or volunteer at them, and for the resources and effort they provide to bring us all together in this top little town of ours!

Here's a snapshot of our community events from the last few months...

## Saturday, 15th April 2023 - Tieri Chillin & Grillin Event

Tieri Golf Club hosted the second biggest event of the year, Tieri Chillin' & Grillin' on Saturday 15th April.

Over 100 adults and nearly 30 children attended the social event designed to bring the community together for a good time. Music was provided by Luella, and local businesses Fat Daddy's Smokehouse and Cheese and Kisses served up delicious delights!

Cocktails were carefully crafted by KombiKeg Capricorn, with a host of other beverages supplied by the Golf Club.

A big thank you to Ashley Edler at Glencore for organising the event, to the suppliers for making it so delicious and to you - the Tieri community - for making it such fun!



0-2yrs 1st Place - NOVA



0-2yrs 2nd Place - HARLOW & 9-12yrs 2nd Place - MAYSIE



3-5yrs 1st Place - ALASKA



2-5yrs 2nd Place - EMILY



6-8yrs 2nd Place - AYLA



13+yrs 2nd Place - SAVANNAH

## It wouldn't be Easter without our Easter Colouring Competition!

For every entry, the Tieri Social Cohesion Project donates \$5.00 to the 'Save the Bilby' Fund. This year, we had 66 entries resulting in a \$330 donation!

Well done to everyone who took part in the competition and thank you to Tieri Foodworks for displaying the entries - they brought a smile to everyone's day as they did their grocery shopping.



9-12yrs 1st Place - NEVE



13+yrs 1st Place - SUMMER & 6-8yrs 1st Place SKYE



“There was so much energy throughout the morning, you couldn't help but smile at the excitement on the kids' faces,”  
 Kath Hema at CTM LINKS.



## Monday, April 17th - Tieri Easter Morning Tea & Easter Egg Hunt

It was a fun and chocolate-filled morning for all ages as locals gathered at the Shopping Centre playground for Tieri's Easter Morning Tea and Egg Hunt.

The annual event is funded by the Social Cohesion Project, a joint venture between Glencore and CTM LINKS that creates opportunities for the community to come together, form connections, support each other and make memories.

The Morning Tea kicked off at 9:00am with a huge variety of sweet and savoury options on offer, including sandwiches and cupcakes generously provided by Tieri Bakery and a fruit salad and savoury platter courtesy of Foodworks. Colouring in, playdough and other activities kept the kids entertained, but by 10.00am, they were eager to begin the Easter Egg Hunt.

Event organisers had hidden Easter eggs and other Easter objects around the community hall and park for kids to seek and collect. They could trade-in their findings for party prizes.

*“A big thank you to the volunteers from our Tieri Youth Group for helping put the event together and to the Tieri community for their support. All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting community projects and initiatives...including an even bigger and better Easter event for next year!”* says Kath Hema at CTM LINKS.





## Tuesday, 25 April 2023 - Tieri ANZAC Day

On Tuesday, 25th April, Tieri came together to commemorate the brave men and women who served and sacrificed for our country on Anzac Day.

The day started at 4:45am with coffee at Tieri Bar & Grill before heading to Tieri Cenotaph at 5:30am for a Dawn Service. OCC General Manager Damien Wynn laid a wreath as the community paid tribute to the Anzacs who fought in the Gallipoli campaign and other conflicts.

It was back to Tieri Bar & Grill at 6 am where proceeds from the sale of breakfast rolls were collected for Legacy, a charity that supports the families of veterans. At 7am, Tieri Golf Club opened up for people to relax and reflect on the significance of the day.

From there, the community assembled at Tieri State School for a march back to Tieri Cenotaph, where OCC HR Superintendent, Paul Gardner, laid a wreath and the Morning Service followed.

For the golf enthusiasts, it was back to the Golf Club for the Golf Ambrose tournament at 10:30am to help raise money for Legacy. Lunch was followed by the traditional game of Two Up, another Anzac Day tradition.

Anzac Day is a special day in our nation's history. It was heartwarming to see so many locals from Tieri and the surrounding communities take the time to honour and remember the sacrifices of our heroes.

A big thank you once again to local Al Barry for organising it all and to Tieri Bar & Grill and Tieri Golf club for donating proceeds of their sales to Legacy, over \$1,750 combined!





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## 40th anniversary events

### 25th Aug - 2nd Sept



It's the talk of the town - Tieri is turning 40!! Such a milestone warrants not just one event, but a whole fortnight's worth of events so everyone gets to celebrate. Get these dates locked in your diaries and join bring your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours along for the fun:

### Fri 25th - Tieri Book Launch

What better way to kick off the festivities than with the launch of a specially commissioned book documenting the history of our top little town?

Historian and author Ray Christison has been busy gathering photos and stories from Tieri residents past and present. You can expect to read tales about what makes Tieri such a great family town; most memorable moments; much-loved businesses and community characters; famous people who have visited Tieri; and countless yarns, facts, and snapshots of Tieri and its community throughout the last 4 decades.



### Sun 27th - Golf Ambrose & Open Air Movie @ the Golf Club

Dust off your clubs and get involved in this 2-person, 9-hole Golf Ambrose Tournament. Suitable for golfers of all levels and abilities, from the Pros to the Socials, to the 'I've Never Held a Club Before's'! There's no need to register or book, just show up at 1pm (for a 2pm tee off) with your clubs and \$10 to play. Don't have a partner? Don't worry! The team at the Golf Club will pair you up with someone on the day. Enjoy dinner and drinks (available for purchase) and music at the clubhouse afterwards.



### Fri 25th - School Fete

Tieri State School's P&C committee - Kylie Sullivan (President), Sharon Abell (Treasurer) and Sarah Robertson (Secretary) - love nothing more than organising events that bring smiles to the faces of Tieri's children. After working together for three years, they've got it down to a fine art, and the 40th anniversary School Fete is shaping up to be a festival of fun!

Held on site at the school from 5.30pm, there'll be rides for both adults and kids, a jumbo slide and jumping castle. Each class will take on a stall, including a bottle stall, cake stall and side-show alley stalls such as 'Guess the Jelly Beans' and 'Hoopla'.

You're bound to leave with something thanks to the lucky door prizes, show bags, glow products and a 'Cent Sale' where you buy raffle tickets and decide which prize you want to go into the draw for.

*"We're so grateful to the local businesses and services in the area who continue to donate generous prizes, including an inflatable kayak with paddle from Town Services and an amazing skin care and scents package for men and women from the Pharmacy,"* says Sarah.

There'll be a DJ, plenty of food and drink options and, of course, a fete wouldn't be complete without a Slushy machine!

**If you'd like to get involved or make a donation, email Sarah and the P&C at [pandc@tieriss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@tieriss.eq.edu.au).**

### Weds 30th - Morning Tea



### Thurs 31st - Tieri Trivia

### Fri 1st - Golf Ambrose & Live Music @ the Golf Club

A repeat of the Golf Ambrose event from the previous week so both sides of the roster get to enjoy the fun! The only difference is this week, it's a 6 hole chook run with music at the clubhouse after with dinner and drinks available for purchase. Stay tuned to the Tieri Golf Club Facebook page for more details closer to the time!



### Sat 2nd - Music Event

We will have musicians who have been around for as long as Tieri performing on the night, including two great bands from before the birth of Tieri to provide a fitting finale to the celebrations. The Brewster Brothers Electric Band is essentially the engine room of the ANGELS. John and Rick Brewster will front the band and they have been part of the Australian music scene since the early 70's. The second band needs no introduction. Dragon, who have also been around since the 70's, will be bringing the evening's festivities to end with what promises to be an epic set. With food and fireworks, and music for all tastes, it's an event not to be missed!

*"We can't wait to see the kids' faces on the day. We want them, and the entire community, to have the best time whilst checking out the school facilities."*

Sarah

### Sat 26th - Billycart Derby



### Sat 26th - Tieri Markets & Kids Rides

# PEAK DOWN PIRATES Mid-Season Review

After more than 10 years, the Peak Downs Senior Pirates were voted back into the Central Highlands Rugby League competition for 2023. More than halfway through the season, we caught up with Axel Cutts, Treasurer and team member, to hear how things have been going.

## It must be great to get out on the field and play competitive football again. How many games have the Pirates played?

After nine rounds we have won three, drawn one and lost four. All three wins came at home which was brilliant. The draw we had was unfortunate as we had travelled 130 kms to Bluff for the game, but only got through 10 minutes of football before their field lights blew!

We also had to forfeit our game against Clermont because our own lights were not working and we were unable to reschedule the game, which was unfortunate. The positives being that we have really only lost three games and that we are matching it with the teams at the top of the table.

## Where does that place you for the season so far?

We're currently sitting 6th but it could've been 4th if we didn't have the Bluff draw. We're holding strong in the middle of the field and building nicely towards finals time.

## What's been the highlight for you?

The support from the people of Tieri! The home crowds have absolutely blown us away. So many people have come down to support us. We were proud to reward them with our first three wins at home.

## How are the players doing?

The playing group is doing well. It's been great bringing the young people of town out of their shell and seeing them mingle more with each other. It's also good for everyone to get back into training and build their fitness.

## How has the Tieri community responded to your comeback?

It's been the talk of the town the weekend of home games. Everyone looks forward to coming down and cheering the boys along. People at work always stop to ask if a game is on the weekend.

## When we last spoke you said that you wanted the sport and games to bring the community together - do you feel this has happened?

Very much so. We're also trying to get more involved with Peak Down Junior Pirates where we can and they are helping us as well. The community has really got behind us. Even people who don't really like footy are coming down to the home games to have a beer, catch up with old mates, make new ones and to just be amongst it all.

## How can the community get involved with the Pirates?

We're always looking for more volunteers at our home games! We can't thank our current volunteers enough as the Pirates wouldn't exist without them. Most of the players are doing the set up and clean up, so we need more volunteers to assist throughout the night. If anyone is keen to get involved, please contact us via [facebook](#).



Of course, the best way to get involved is to come and watch us play. We are so grateful to all our supporters for turning up in droves to the games so far. We now have Peak Down Pirates polo shirts, stubby coolers and hoodies available to purchase at home games.

Other ways to get involved are to follow us on [Facebook](#) or come and join us for training.

## Where and when do you train?

We still train at 6:30pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Because the lights aren't working currently, the location varies so if people are interested in joining, contact us on the [Pirates Facebook page](#) and we will let you know where the training will be happening that week. We still encourage all people to come and join - anyone who wants to build their fitness can attend.

## Are you still looking for players?

We're always looking for people, even though it's halfway through the season. If you're not quite sure yet, we encourage you to come to training, try it out and be around the team ready for next year.

## What are your goals for the rest of the season?

We hope to finish strong, with some more wins at home and to make the finals for our first year back. If we can take a good crowd of supporters with us to a final, well, who knows what could happen!!

## Can you share the details of the upcoming matches?

Home	Away	Date
Middlemount Panthers	Peak Downs Pirates	1/7/23
Springsure Mountain Men	Peak Downs Pirates	8/7/23
Clermont Bears	Peak Downs Pirates	21/7/23
Peak Downs Pirates	Emerald Brothers	28/7/23
Peak Downs Pirates	Emerald Tigers	4/8/23

## The Peak Down Senior Pirates Team includes:

Jaiden Amarant, Brandon Barnes, Tyler Barnes, Nick Barry, Riley Brodie, Michael Buckton, Riley Carter, Angus Cutts, Axel Cutts, Hunter Cutts, Ruben Cutts, Torrin Cutts, Tysen-Rose Enness, Tyson Farrar, David Francis, Alex Getley, Darcy Ginns-Larkin, Ben Harney, Zach Hokins, Alex Jacquet, Andre Joubert, Brad Laidlaw, Ben Lewis, Jack Louis, Justin Madden, Joe Olive, Tyler Pickett, Michael Plater, Mitch Reinke, Hoani Riley, Peter Robinson, Fraser Sampson, Jake Sealey, Zach Shanks, Harry Skinner, Spencer Smallcombe, Brock Smith, Tyson Stenner, Noven Tanedo, Jordan Vogler, Josh Watene, Mciver Watene. ●

# BKT SERVICES

**Founder/Owner:** Kim Hodgson

**Established:** 2014

**Locations serviced:** Tieri, Moranbah, Middlemount, Emerald predominantly

**Follow on:** [facebook.com/bktservices9876](https://www.facebook.com/bktservices9876)



## Tell us a bit about you and how your business began?

My business is BKT Services. It stands for BookKeeping & Taxation services. Although my children will tell you BKT is named after them because their names are Brodie, Kate and Todd! That was sheer coincidence though, I didn't realise until afterwards!

I worked in finance back in Tasmania, which is where I lived before moving here. After 20 or so years doing a variety of accounting work, I moved into bookkeeping and taxation.

My husband and I moved to Tieri in 2013, after a visit here to see my sister-in-law. We loved it and decided to relocate.

Within a few months of living here though, I realised there were no accounting services in town. People were having to use bookkeepers and taxation specialists in Emerald, Rockhampton or Mackay and were increasingly frustrated by the travel and at the lack of personalised service they were getting.

So I decided to set up my own business and lodged my first tax return under BKT Services in 2014. I was inundated from the outset and am proud to say that I've built many friendships with people who started out as clients.

## What services do you provide for the community?

I do everything from tax returns and bookkeeping to setting up companies, ASIC returns, internal accounting for big companies and training their staff how to use accounting software.

Whilst I predominantly service Tieri, Moranbah, Middlemount and Emerald, my clients stretch from the Gold Coast to Mackay as people who have moved away from the area still choose to work with me, which I'm grateful for.

I think that comes down to the personalised service I offer, and my charter to do the right thing. Yes, I aim to mitigate tax where possible but, above all, I do the right thing by my clients.

## What's the best part about your job?

I really like it when I can give clients a better outcome or better service than they thought possible. For example, most accounting firms operate nine to five, but for a small business owner in Emerald with small children, they need someone willing to work out of hours to help with their accounts and tax, so that's what I do. I provide a personalised service to make it as easy as possible for my clients.

I also love assisting people to grow their wealth. The majority of people don't have a comprehensive understanding of finance, so to educate them a little and help reduce their tax and grow their wealth is very rewarding.

## What's the most common mistake you see when people submit their own tax return?

Over claiming on travel. In the past, people might have gotten away with over claiming things due to a lack of benchmarking and reporting. But now the ATO has data-matching technology which means everything is registered. The AI they use now is making it impossible to do the wrong thing.

On the flip side, I often see clients who haven't been claiming for things they could have been, like home office expenses or telephone use for work purposes.

It's not surprising people get confused. It's a complex system that's always being tweaked somehow, which is why accountants study for years and stay abreast of things with ongoing education. Unless you've got an accounting degree, you're not going to be able to get the most out of your tax return by doing it yourself.

## What's the most challenging part about your role?

Explaining tax law to people without getting over complicated and making it even more confusing!

## What's your busiest time of year?

Tax time, which is essentially between the middle of June when we get ready individual tax returns, to the middle of May when company tax returns are due. So, with the exception of four weeks over Christmas and New Year, two weeks at the end of May and two weeks at the beginning of June, it's pretty much go, go, go all year round!

## What's your top tax tip for individuals?

Make sure you keep all your receipts, documentation, invoices, etc. because without those it makes it harder to make or validate a taxation claim. And be sure to diarise any travel for work, or keep a log book.

It's also worth noting that because we live in a remote area, you can claim for a Zone Rebate - a small reduction in your taxable income that the Government provides.

## We have a lot of small businesses in Tieri too, what's your tip for them?

You should already have a tax plan in place, so make sure you follow through with any tax planning initiatives you need





to implement, such as topping up your Superannuation to potentially reduce your taxable income.

And of course, if you don't have a tax plan, then my tip would be to work with a tax agent to create one for the new financial year.

### What's the most common question you get asked...and what's your response?

"What travel can I claim regarding a trip?"

My response is: you can only claim to the extent that your trip actually relates to work.

For example, in Tieri, if you need to go to Rockhampton, Mackay or Emerald to specifically purchase workwear, then that trip could be fully claimable. That means you could potentially claim the applicable 'cents-per-km' rate for the trip from Tieri, because we live in a remote environment.

If, however, you go to Mackay for a holiday and just happen to buy workwear whilst you're there, then travel is only claimable to the extent it relates to work. For example, let's say you're holidaying in Airlie Beach and you travel to Mackay town to buy workwear. You could only claim for the trip between Airlie Beach and Mackay, not from Tieri to Mackay.

In either scenario, you must have a receipt for the workwear purchased to support the trip.

### What should people look for in their tax accountant?

Always choose someone who has proper credentials with the TPB (Tax Practitioner Board) as a registered tax practitioner or tax agent.

### How can people book an appointment with you?

There are 3 ways to book:

- Facebook: [facebook.com/bktservices9876](https://www.facebook.com/bktservices9876)
- Email: [kim@hodgomanagement.net.au](mailto:kim@hodgomanagement.net.au)
- Phone: 0418 390 664

With the new STP (Single Touch Payroll) rules coming into play, the ATO is advising tax practitioners to wait until the end of July before doing tax returns to avoid any errors being made with STP. So I recommend booking an appointment for the end of July or early August.

We offer a friendly, personalised and honest service. People aren't just numbers to us. We genuinely care about the success of the people and the businesses we work with...that's why clients keep coming back. ●

*DISCLAIMER: The information contained in this article is general in nature and is not intended as financial advice. For financial advice based on your individual objectives and financial situation, reach out to BKT Services or another registered tax agent or financial advisor.*



## Flu Vaccines NOW AVAILABLE

**Flu vaccines are now available from  
Tieri Medical Centre.**

Aligned with recent years, the Glencore funded flu vaccine is offered to:

- Employees of Glencore (in camp and in town)
  - Families of Glencore employees
  - Tieri residents
- Contractors (in camp and town)

According to the Department of Health & Aged Care, influenza (flu) affects people of all ages but is especially serious for young babies, young children, pregnant women and people with underlying medical conditions. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to protect you from serious illness caused by influenza.

**For more information, visit**

[health.gov.au/topics/immunisation/vaccines/influenza-flu-vaccine](https://www.health.gov.au/topics/immunisation/vaccines/influenza-flu-vaccine).

### What you need to do

To receive the vaccine, you will need to make an appointment with Tieri Medical Practice by calling (07) 4984 8386.

This vaccine service is available at Tieri Medical Practice Monday – Friday from 8:30am – 5pm.

**Covid-19 Booster doses are also available and may be given at the same appointment.**

# Investing in Our Community

## APPLY FOR A GRANT TODAY!



Every year, Glencore invests thousands of dollars to help community-focused organisations get their ideas off the ground to the benefit and engagement of the people in Tieri and the surrounding communities. These ideas range from buying much needed resources or equipment, through to large scale events.

So far this year, the following organisations have received a SmartyGrant from Glencore:

- **Tieri Family Unit & Child Health Centre:** for accommodation and meals for 2023 visiting health services to Tieri
- **Tieri Daycare:** for their 2023 Paint & Sip Fundraiser - catering food platters and raffle vouchers
- **Peak Downs Senior Pirates Rugby League Football Club:** for the 2023 Season
- **Tieri Family Unit & Child Health Centre:** for student health and hygiene packs as part of the Tieri State School 2023 Human Relations Education
- **Capella & District Show Society:** for childrens face painting and Friday Night live band at the 2023 Capella & District Show
- **Capella Christmas in July Markets:** for equipment (chairs, tablecloths, vests) and entertainment (childrens train and singer) at the 2023 Markets Fundraiser
- **Tieri Golf Club:** for the 2023 Tieri Golf Pro-Am
- **Peak Downs Pony Club:** for event ribbons and fundraising snow cone machine at the 2023 Peak Downs Pony Club Gymkhana
- **Capella State School:** for costumes, set, props and equipment for the Whole School Extravaganza Theatre Performance, "Life Can be a Fairytail"
- **Capella Rodeo Club:** for the 2023 Capella Rodeo



## SmartyGrants available

Do you have an idea for a project, event or initiative that promotes healthier lifestyles, including physical and mental health?

Or encourages recycling and sustainable living, and the protection and care of our wildlife?

Or enhances the education experience, such as learning materials, resources or skills development opportunities?

Or an idea that fosters community spirit, such as events and activities that engage people and bring them together?

Do you represent a local not-for-profit club or organisation?

**Then you could be eligible for one of Glencore's Smarty Grants! There are a number of different grants available this year:**

### Oaky Creek Coal 2023 Local Community Investment Grants – 3 rounds per year

- **Round 2 is NOW OPEN!!**
  - Application cut off date is Midnight, 31st August 2023
  - Scan the QR code to apply for a grant today!
- Round 3 – opens 1st September 2023 and closes 15th December 2023.

[CLICK HERE](#)

### Oaky Creek Coal 2023 Local Community & Family Events Grants – 1 round per year

- **OPEN YEAR ROUND!!**
- Submit your application from 1st January 2023, through to 15th December 2023.
- Scan the QR code to apply.

[CLICK HERE](#)

### Glencore QLD Junior Sport Development Program – 2 rounds per year

- **Round 2 opens 1st August 2023!!**
- For more information scan the QR code.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**For more information on the Smarty Grants program scan the code or visit:**

[glencore.smartygrants.com.au](http://glencore.smartygrants.com.au)

[CLICK HERE](#)





## TIERI GOLF CLUB Something For Everyone

Tieri Golf Club is a firm favourite in town, with plenty of opportunities for everyone in the community to come and enjoy the facilities.

### **For the Pros and Golf enthusiasts:**

Annual membership is just \$300 - that's less than \$6 a week for 12 month access, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to practice and perfect your game before relaxing at the "19th hole" - the Clubhouse!

### **For the 'social golfers', amateurs and beginners:**

Not sure if golf is your thing yet? Don't want to commit to membership? No worries at all. You can play any day of the week, at a time that suits you, for just \$10 a game.

Simply scan the PayPal QR code, transfer the \$10 and tee-off.

### **For the juniors:**

Tieri local and one of the Golf Club Pros, Terry Price, runs Junior Golf sessions on Sunday afternoons ...for FREE!

Dates and times are announced on the Tieri Golf Club Facebook page. When a date is made available, just head on down to the golf club.

There's no need to bring anything - all equipment is provided. Just wear sun-safe clothing that's easy to move in (t-shirt, shorts, clean, comfortable shoes like runners), and don't forget a hat and plenty of water.



### **For event organisers:**

Did you know the golf club is available for hire for private functions, events or town fundraisers... even weddings?!

It's \$350 per day for the entire venue facilities - which gives you full access to the club house, including the inside bar and outside area - plus the cost of your preferred food and beverage package.

Email [club@tierigolfclub.com](mailto:club@tierigolfclub.com) to discuss the various options available with the Club's friendly team.

### **Speaking of events...**

Every Friday at 3pm in winter, 4pm in summer, it's the Chook Run at the Golf Club. \$10 a game and non-golfers are welcome!

Every Saturday at 9am, it's competition time! Check the Tieri Golf Club Facebook page for weekly details.

And don't miss our 40th Anniversary events ([see page 6](#)) to celebrate our top little town! ●



# TIERI POSSUMS PLAYGROUP

## The Importance of Play

Tieri Possums Playgroup is held at Tieri Library on Mondays from 9am – 11am. Their aim is to help children learn and grow through playing – one of the key elements in early childhood development.

With two new facilitators joining the team recently, we caught up with them for a chat...



### What role does 'play' have in a child's development?

Play is integral to a child's development. It is through play that children explore and learn about the world around them. It also helps to improve their sense of imagination, discovery and creativity. Play allows children to build resilience and learn problem solving skills, which in turn, helps with their emotional regulation. *"Play is the work of childhood."* (Jean Piaget, 1896-1980).

### How does attending a playgroup benefit a child?

The enrichment and stimulation that a playgroup provides for a child is beneficial to their holistic development - socially, cognitively and physically.

Playgroups provide an opportunity for children to explore their world, playing and learning in a supportive and safe environment, which fosters their natural sense of wonder and curiosity.

Playgroups provide an environment for children to practice their social and language skills by interacting with other children.

They also encourage physical activity by providing activities that support the development of children's gross motor skills.

### How does it benefit the child's carer/family?

By attending a playgroup, parents and carers are able to meet and interact with other adults. It can also provide some inspiration for play experiences at home.

### Who runs the Tieri Possums Playgroup?

We have two facilitators who run the play sessions each week: Mikaela Storti and me, Molly Elliott.

### How long have each of you been there...where were you before TPP?

I've lived in Tieri for a little over 18 months, after moving here from Mackay. I used to work as a lawyer, then I had my children (aged 3 and 1) and now I'm enjoying raising them full-time. In a previous life, I worked as a dance teacher. I've always been passionate about the role of music and movement in early childhood and beyond.



Mikaela has been in Tieri for six months and prior to that, grew up and lived in Mackay her whole life. Before becoming a Mum, Mikaela worked as a Primary School Teacher and also holds a Diploma of Early Childhood Education.

### **What do you love about working with children and encouraging them to play?**

As we are both Mums, we appreciate the importance of playgroups to help nurture a child's natural desire to learn through play-based experiences. We love providing new experiences which encourage children to take risks and learn new skills. It really is incredible to witness the sense of joy that comes from a child when they learn something new.

### **You hold the playgroup sessions at the Library, what's the space like?**

Tieri Library is a beautiful play space, with an enclosed grassed area outside, including a playground and sandpit. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a lovely library space in our small town. Tieri Possums Playgroup also owns a range of toys and play items, which are stored in a shed at the library. If a child has a particular interest, we encourage caregivers to let us know, as we may have toys or activities to further encourage their curiosity.

### **How many children can attend the playgroup?**

There are no limits on the number of children that can attend - the more the merrier! We currently have a small group of regular attendees, however we would love to meet more families!

### **What age range is the playgroup suitable for?**

Our playgroup is for children aged 0 to 5 years, and for their caregivers.

Being a mining town, lots of families are on a 7/7 roster, and we would love to encourage more fathers, grandparents and other caregivers to attend with their children.

### **Do children need to be enrolled or can they drop in?**

Caregivers can just drop in with their child/ren. We keep a register of attendees.

For insurance purposes, we require everyone that attends to become a member of Play Matters Australia (our umbrella organisation). It's free to join, and quick and easy to do. Most people simply sign up when they first attend, and we can help with that. If anyone wishes to have a look prior to attending, they can do so here: [playmatters.org.au/membership/play-pass](https://playmatters.org.au/membership/play-pass).

### **How much does it cost to attend?**

The first two sessions are FREE and thereafter we ask for a small, \$2 donation per family. This donation goes towards purchasing resources, such as craft supplies.

### **What does a typical playgroup session involve?**

We always have some regular activities set up, such as trikes and cars, a mud kitchen and shovels for digging in the sand, and then we also have a theme or special activity for the week. So far this year we have done Easter crafts, farmyard animals, made "fairy soup", and explored musical instruments.

Children are encouraged to play freely, get messy, and explore whatever sparks their interest. Our activities are set up outside on the grass, however if it is raining, we can always head inside the library.

All that playing makes little ones hungry, so the children snack as they need and we have a large picnic mat for everyone to sit down on, which is a lovely space for caregivers to catch up and share stories and tips, such as a good recipe!

Towards the end of the session, we ask all caregivers (and kids, if they are old enough!) to help us pack up the activities and toys.



### **What are the most popular activities?**

Anything that involves getting a bit messy...or wet, especially during the warmer months!

### **What involvement do parents/carers have during the session?**

There's no formal structure, we simply encourage caregivers to play alongside their kid/s based on their own child's developmental and emotional needs.

### **Any advice or tips for caregivers on how to get the most out of a playgroup?**

Join in the play! Immerse yourself in the play opportunities and talk/play to your child to build their language and vocabulary.

If you need any more information, check out the Play Matters Australia website, which contains lots of useful ideas and tips: [playmatters.org.au/](https://playmatters.org.au/)

### **Do you have any upcoming (between now and September 2023) events or activities or promotions that you would like to promote?**

Join our Tieri Possums Playgroup Facebook group to find out the theme for the week and see what's on.

Some special events we have coming up include:

- Monday, 10th July - Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Monday, 21st August - Book Week celebrations where we encourage children to come dressed as their favourite book character
- Monday, 28th August - Father's Day craft and a morning tea

### **Do you have a website? How about a social media page?**

We have a [Facebook page](#) - Tieri Possums Playgroup.

### **Who should people contact if they would like more information or to have a chat?**

Give me, Molly, a call on 0488 032 720 - I'd love to hear from you. ●



# CTM LINKS Update



## Every Tuesday, Tieri Youth Group

Feedback from the Local Voices survey told us the community was looking for more ways to engage the young people of Tieri. So in September 2022, Kath Hema and the team at CTM LINKS created the Tieri Youth Group.

Every Tuesday, from 3:30-5:30pm, each room of the Tieri CTM LINKS office at 26 Talagai Av is converted into a dedicated Youth Space for Tieri's teens to come and hang out, play, create and connect.

The Youth Group is open to anyone aged 12-17 years, with Year 6 students welcome in Term 3. An average of 15-25 kids turn up each week to enjoy the wide range of activities on offer.

From Karaoke to Games to a Chill Out room, there's something for everyone. For the artistic, there's a Craft Table with a new activity and theme each week. So far, there's been pet rocks, slime, tile art, and gloop. For the energetic, the outdoor games and activities available include volleyball, mini basketball, cricket, badminton, and ping pong.

There's a laptop 'Gaming Zone' and an inspirational 'Learning Zone' where interested teens are currently undergoing an online Face Painting course.

It's hungry work growing up! Each week, food is provided. Selections ranging from make-your-own toasties, pizza, and wraps to hotdogs, bacon and egg rolls, hot chips with gravy and lots of TimTams! Then, to cap it off, twice a term the kids get to choose a takeaway treat from Emerald, such as Macca's, KFC, Sushi, Pizza or Subway.

“Tremendous thanks goes to our Tieri Parent Volunteers – Stacey Barry, Michelle Stallman and Krissy Watson,” says Kath. “More volunteers are always welcome so please let me know if you'd like to help out!”

“Thanks also to CHRC Youth Development Officer, Lauren Roberts for her fortnightly attendance and to the CHRC Youth Development Program for supporting Tieri Youth Group through the purchase of equipment, providing the take-away food from Emerald and external engagement activities for the youths such as the bus trip to Emerald for the Youth Summit Survey.”



## Student Wellbeing Program, Capella State High School (~ Year 10's)

Back in 2022, CTM LINKS ran a pilot wellbeing program with Year 7's in Term 3. The program was very well received by students and led to the program being repeated in Term 4. Feedback surveys at the end of the 2022 program showed that students really enjoyed the program, with teaching staff purported an improvement in student engagement.

The success of the 2022 Student Wellbeing Program led to CTM LINKS being invited back for the 2023 school year to provide the Wellbeing Program to a broader student body. 2023 will see Kath Hema and Kim Tompson – Tieri and Capella Community Development Officers - facilitate the program every term to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10's.

Based on the [Wheel of Wellbeing](#), the program is designed to highlight the importance of looking after your mental health as well as your physical health. The Capella State High School program runs for seven weeks and each week focuses on a different domain of the wheel: body, mind, spirit, people, place, planet. During the 80 minute session, students are engaged in fun activities, encouraged to share and listen to stories, and participate in group work, meditation and physical challenges.

“The aim is to show students how positive, intentional actions, activities and attitude can contribute to improved overall wellbeing and help build their ‘Resilience Toolbox,’” explains Kath. “This supports them not only when faced with life’s pressures and challenges, but also teaches them to be mindful and grateful in life’s moments of joy and awe.”



**HAPPINESS CHEMICALS**  
HOW TO HACK THEM

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How many of the above activities have you done in the last week to activate your DOSE chemicals?

Equally as Important

**Mental Health** = **Physical Health**

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## Events are just the beginning!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FRIDAY, 23RD JUNE - YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Celebrate the last day of Term 2 with a movie and popcorn!

**6 – 10pm, Community Space at Tieri Shopping Centre Suitable for ages 12 – 17**

#### TUESDAYS AT TIERI YOUTH GROUP - BILLY CART BUILDING WORKSHOP/S, SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Are you 12-17 years old and interested in building a Billy Cart?

Are you an adult willing to offer some time to help teach kids how to build their cart?

Workshops would take place on **Tuesdays, 3.30 - 5.30pm at Tieri Youth Group**. We already have interested parents, but we need more!

We're also looking for any Billy Cart building materials that people are willing to donate to Tieri Youth

**Please contact Kath Hema at CTM LINKS on 0491 276 263 to express your interest.**

#### WEDNESDAY, 28TH JUNE – COMMUNITY WELLBEING SESSION

Introduction to the Wheel of Wellbeing - an evidence-based framework. This session combines informative research about wellbeing with interactive and fun activities. Open to the whole of community. Morning tea will be provided.

**9:30 – 11:00 am  
Community Space at Tieri Shopping Centre**

If you've attended an event about town, you might be familiar with CTM LINKS. But their service to Tieri goes far beyond hosting or supporting the many community events ([see page 3](#)).

CTM LINKS is a not-for-profit organisation that plays an important role in strengthening connections and generating social wellbeing across our local community.

Kath Hema, Tieri's Community Support & Development Officer (CSDO), works tirelessly to create a warm, welcoming & inclusive community and nurture this top little town we call home. Her key areas of focus include:

- Organising community activities, events (see page X), projects and groups for people to connect and engage with each other. CTM LINKS can also support you if you have an idea for a community activity, event or project. For example, they can provide:
  - Planning support
  - Assistance with grant submissions
  - Auspice awarded grants
  - Facilitate meetings
  - Spread awareness
  - Be a participating party.
- Connecting members of the community with social, local and government services.
- Establishing and maintaining a strong network of connections with local governments, local resource industries, emergency services, local businesses, human service sectors, schools and other groups to provide the community of Tieri with relevant, timely information and connections.
- Providing trusted, confidential and practical community support including, but not limited to:
  - Printing, scanning and uploading of documents
  - Assistance with applications, documentation and forms
- Internet connection for community members to access websites relating to government services, social services, study and employment opportunities
- Emergency financial relief
- Delivering a series of valuable, relevant community activities, programs, projects and events.

## Volunteering Opportunities - Your Community Needs YOU!

# YOU!



One of the many activities CTM LINKS does is facilitate volunteering opportunities.

"Through the Local Voices Pulse Survey, the community has told us they have the time and inclination to volunteer, but are unclear on how to go about doing so," explains Kath. "CTM LINKS is the best place to start, just send us an email, give me a call or pop in for a chat!"

There are plenty of volunteering opportunities within Tieri and the surrounding area, including:

- Tieri State School P&C ([see page 18](#))
- Tieri State School Tuckshop
- Tieri Sharks Swim Club ([see page 17](#))
- Tieri Possums Playgroup ([see page 12](#))
- Central Highlands Karate
- Peak Downs Junior Pirates Rugby League Club
- Peak Downs Senior Pirates Rugby League Club ([see page 7](#))
- Tieri Golf Club ([see page 11](#))
- Tieri Local Ambulance Committee
- Tieri Community Reference Group
- Tieri Catholic Caring Shop
- CQ Wildlife Carers Inc...
- ...and, of course, with so much going on, CTM LINKS is always looking for volunteers themselves!

Drop in for a cuppa and to chat through the various opportunities with Kath at 26 Talagai Avenue, call her on 0491 276 263 or email [tieri@ctmlinks.com.au](mailto:tieri@ctmlinks.com.au) for further details. Or check out the perpetual Community Directory on [www.tieri.com.au/business-directory](http://www.tieri.com.au/business-directory) or the profile picture on [Tieri Noticeboard Facebook page](#). ●





## New Concrete Path at TIERI SWIMMING POOL



Tieri Swimming Pool is now more accessible thanks to a new concrete path connecting the shed to the seating area and the main footpath.

Earlier in the year, the team at the swim centre recognised the need to make the pool equipment, facilities and BBQ easier for people to access. So, on 17th March 2023, a team of passionate locals and Oaky Creek Coal came together to make it happen.

Glencore supplied the concrete and labour, along with PCR Polyweld - Danny Manteit, Ashley Fleming, Jacob Hayward, Cooper Hickson - and Mick's Fairdinkum Concrete - Michael Black, Belinda Perkins (Tieri Swimming Pool instructor), Heath Perkins (Belinda's husband), Lachlan McKenzie.

Working together, it took around half a day to mark out the path, mix and pour the concrete and provide the finishing touches.

Now the pool is not only more accessible, it looks better and allows swimmers and spectators to move freely and easily throughout the space. ●



A big thank you and congratulations to all involved.

# Tieri State SCHOOL NEWS



It's definitely not a case of all work and no play at Tieri State School! Here's a little snapshot of some of the fun they've been having recently...

## Under 8s Day

The school opened its doors to the town's youngest residents on Friday, 12th May for its annual Under 8s Day.

Guests from C&K Kindergarten, Tieri Daycare Centre, Ladybugs & Rugrats (Tieri's Family Day Care), Tieri Possums Playgroup, and Mums n Bubs groups from the local area were invited to a morning of fun and entertainment whilst they explored the school.

Teacher and Coordinator, Taylor Hurst, described the objective of the day as *"supporting the next wave of kids to transition from their current environment to the school"*. She added that it was also about community engagement and getting whole families involved, even those whose kids have left the school.

From fire trucks to facepainting to footy drills and skills, there was plenty for the kids - and adults to explore.

*"We aimed to include a combination of activities that were fun, educational and sensory, and would expose kids to what they would do at the school,"* explained Taylor.

The Library showcased their under-5 agility program and books, there was an ambulance simulator, cupcake decorating, a playdough table, a photobooth, a collage group used *"The Very Cranky Bear"* to create an art piece, an obstacle course and Glencore gave kids a glimpse into a long wall mine using virtual reality!

Tieri State School sends a big thanks to everyone that supported Under 8's Day, including:

- Glencore (Michael McGrath and Ashley Edler) for their Virtual Reality of the long wall
- Bec Lines for baking 90 cupcakes to be decorated on the day
- Tieri State School P&C for their Mother's Day Stall
- Sarah Robertson and Mel Harris for setting up our balloon arch for our photobooth
- Peak Down Jr Pirates for running a drills and skills session
- Kath Hema at CTM Links for the face painting
- Tieri Library's Aimee Preston
- The Fire Brigade's Stacey Barry
- The Ambulance Service's Barry Phillips, Officer In Charge
- Yvette Martin, Khloe Head & Taylor Hurst for organising the day
- Year 5/6 students for helping out on the day, running various activities.



*"All the organisations helped to create a really special day, with such a positive, energetic vibe - we've received great feedback. You could see the enjoyment on the kid's faces, especially at the tackling stations set up and run by the Peak Downs Pirates, they were a huge hit!"*

Taylor





## Visiting Indigenous Artist, 'Deadly Arthur'

On Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May, Uncle Arthur returned to Tieri State School to run a series of art and dance classes with the students to help raise cultural awareness and embed the Indigenous perspectives.

'Deadly Arthur', the name he goes by for his work, designs such lessons for schools, communities, and organisations. Last year, he completed all of the artwork around Tieri State School.

This year, Uncle Arthur and Tieri's students brought new life to old picnic tables, painting them in traditional Indigenous designs. Be sure to check them out next time you pass the school.

"The kids - and teachers - love their lessons with Uncle Arthur, the vibe is electric. They love learning the history and ways of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and creating something that reflects their rich culture. We look forward to having Uncle Arthur visit us again soon."



## School Disco

Tieri turned tropical on Friday 9th June as students enjoyed a Hawaiian 'Splash'-themed disco.

The town was awash with splashes of colour as kids donned their best Hawaiian or ocean-inspired outfit, competing for the honour of 'best-dressed'.

Hawaiian-inspired accessories, snacks, lollies and drinks were available for purchase, along with games, a photobooth and, of course, music and dancing.

"A big shout out to our P&C for organising such a fantastic party for the kids, they had great fun...and so did the adults!"



## The fun doesn't stop there!

Coming soon at Tieri State School will be NAIDOC Day (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) in July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**And don't miss the School Fete on Friday 25th August, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Tieri! (See page 6) ●**



Our top little town is full of interesting people from varied backgrounds. Each edition, we'll be chatting to different members of the community to get their story and share it with you so you get to "Meet the Locals".

This edition, we met with Sarah Robertson, Secretary of the P&C for Tieri State School...



## MEET THE LOCALS... Sarah Robertson

Secretary of the P&C for  
Tieri State School



### **Sarah, how long have you lived in Tieri?**

We have lived in Tieri for almost 4 years.

### **Where was home before here?**

The Sunshine Coast.

### **You're Secretary of the P&C at Tieri State School - what does that involve?**

I take care of the administrative part of our P&C General Meetings. I prepare our agendas and transcribe our meeting minutes. I also collate and keep records of all information and correspondence that directly relates to our activities as a P&C committee.

### **Why did you volunteer to join the P&C?**

I volunteered to join the P&C as a way to contribute to projects and activities that directly benefit the students and the schooling community.

### **What sort of things do you do for them?**

We hold exciting fundraising events such as the Colour Fun Run, annual School Discos and the annual Pie Drive. We host a Mothers Day and Fathers Day stall every year for our students. They love browsing our pop-up stall every year to buy that perfect gift for mum or dad.

We've purchased a Defibrillator for our school, outdoor activity equipment for students of all ages and new lunch tables and chairs for the students, all of which were made possible through amazing grants from Glencore.

We helped run the Scholastic Book Fair during Book Week last year and we will again this year.

Also this year we are so excited to be organising a School Fete as part of Tieri's 40th anniversary celebrations!

### **What are the key ingredients to a successful event?**

A great team, volunteers and a common goal.

### **You clearly enjoy volunteering for the P&C, what do you find so rewarding?**

I enjoy being part of a team and I love creating exciting events for the students. Their happy smiling faces make it all worth it.

### **If members of the community want to volunteer to help the P&C, what type of things might they expect to be doing?**

Volunteering to help the P&C involves just an hour or two every couple of months assisting with things like serving people at the kiosk during a School Disco, helping wash



a few cars at our car wash, or helping decorate our obstacle course for our colour run.

Volunteers from the community must have a blue card, however parents of students at the school do not need a blue card to volunteer.

### **How does the P&C work? Do people have to commit to a set time period (e.g. 1 year)?**

The P&C consists of Executive Members - President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary - and then there are committee members. Only three meetings a semester need to be held as a minimum. Every year, before March 31st, the Executive Roles become available for nomination.

### **What's a common misconception about the P&C?**

That it is time consuming - it really isn't! Our fundraising events take up just 1-2 hours every couple of months.

We have a great Executive team, an amazing group of Parent and Community volunteers, and an incredible principal and teachers who all help out when needed at our events.

### **What advice or recommendations would you give to people considering volunteering?**

Jump in and give it a go. It is truly rewarding.

### **Tieri is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year; what's your fondest/funniest memory of the town and community?**

My fondest memories of my time in Tieri will always be how we were welcomed with open arms by this amazing little community when we first arrived. That, and how the kids could not believe that kangaroos hung out in our front yard at night. Their minds were blown! 😊

### **How do you describe yourself?**

Passionate and always up for a challenge.

### **How would your mates describe you?**

Loyal.

### **How do you spend your spare time...and with whom?**

I spend most of my spare time with my family and playing my guitars.

### **5 things you can't live without?**

My family, friends, good food, all my guitars, chocolate ...and possibly tequila.

### **Dead or alive, who would be your ideal BBQ guests?**

Doris Day, Robert Smith from the Cure, Daryl Summers from Hey Hey It's Saturday and all my family and friends!



Tieri Pharmacy has been serving Tieri since 2008. Locally owned and operated, Tieri Pharmacy's customers are guaranteed friendly and confidential service. You will find an extensive range of products including:

- **Prescription and over the counter medicines**
- **Cosmetics and perfumes**
  - **First Aid**
  - **Well-being and fitness supplements**
  - **Baby needs**
  - **Hygiene/personal grooming products**
  - **Essential oils and**
- **Gifts and homewares**

We also offer a **free same day delivery** service around Tieri and **shopping centre car park delivery!** Great for people who have tested positive for Covid and have to self-isolate, or for those less mobile or unable to get to the pharmacy.

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# CHRC Update



## CHRC Community Visioning Project

What do you love about the Central Highlands?

Where do you see our community going?

How do we get there and what needs to change?

These are just some of the big questions the Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) is calling on the community to help tackle in its 'Your Region, Your Vision' project.

The project aims to understand the wants and needs of the community and guide planning for the next 20 years, ultimately creating an overarching 2043 Vision for the Central Highlands, and a vision for each of the 13 communities within the region.

In a media release launching the project, Mayor Kerry Hayes says: *"No idea is too big or small...we need diverse and creative ideas to solve matters that are important to the region...how we attract more families to the region, how we will plan housing for new residents, what new industries can we attract, what are the jobs of the future, what are the best kept secrets of our towns that we can share with the world – anything that will help make the Central Highlands a vibrant and prosperous region."*

Council is calling for residents, workers and visitors to submit their ideas, from 'arts groups and sporting clubs, youth and senior citizens, charities and religious congregations, school students and apprentices, Indigenous communities, environmental groups, farmers and industry, businesses large and small, investors and visitors'.

## CHRC Community Grants Funding

Round 2 of the [CHRC Community Grants Program](#) opens in mid-July until the end of August. Through the grant program, Council aims to assist eligible local community groups and organisations in making positive contributions to the quality of life in their local government area.

Applications can be submitted in the following categories to the maximum indicated:

### Community assistance – up to \$5000

- Organisations with a community focus, not providing organised sport and recreation activities.
- The organisation's constitutions main objective is to provide community benefit.

### Sport and recreation assistance – up to \$5000

- Organisations providing organised sport and recreation activities.
- The organisation's main objective is to provide organised sport and recreation activities.

### Community improvement – up to \$20,000

- Organisations with a focus on completing aspirations of their community in alignment with Council Strategic documents.
- This category is open to both community-focused organisations and sport and recreation organisations.

For more information, visit

CLICK HERE

Community Grant Program applications can be completed online or you can contact a Grants Officer for a hard copy.

APPLY NOW

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Please contact the Customer Service Centre on 1300 242 686 or [chrc.qld.gov.au/about-council/contact-council/](http://chrc.qld.gov.au/about-council/contact-council/).



## How to share your feedback

You have until Sunday, 9th July, 2023 to submit your ideas and feedback.

Complete the survey online or on paper (available in the library and customer service areas)

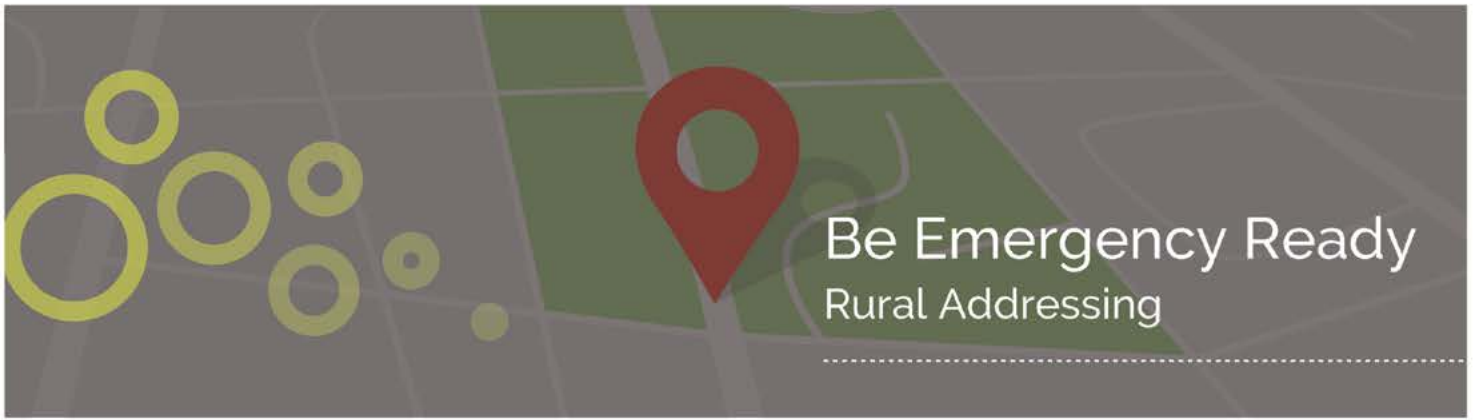
CLICK HERE

Or you can post an idea online here or on a postcard available at Tieri Library.

CLICK HERE

For more information, check out the 2043 Vision project page [haveyoursay.chrc.qld.gov.au/mychvision](http://haveyoursay.chrc.qld.gov.au/mychvision) and if you have any questions, please reach out to Council's customer service team, on 1300 242 686.





# Be Emergency Ready Rural Addressing

## DO YOU HAVE A RURAL ADDRESS ALLOCATED TO YOUR PROPERTY?

To ensure Emergency Services can locate your property, please ensure that you have an allocated property address. If you do not have a property address, please contact council to request for one.

## WHO CAN APPLY FOR A PROPERTY ADDRESS?

A property address request can only be made by the property owner. If you are a tenant, you may ask your landlord to make a property address request to council. Mining claim holders and mining lease holders will not be allocated a rural address for their temporary tenure.

## WHICH LAND PARCELS QUALIFY FOR A PROPERTY ADDRESS?

For a parcel of land to be assigned a rural address, it must have a defined property access and infrastructure such as house, stockyards, shed, etc. If the property does not have a defined access but has acceptable infrastructure, then an application for the construction of a compliant access must be made to council.

## DOES YOUR PROPERTY HAVE A COMPLIANT ADDRESS MARKER?

To ensure uniformity throughout the region, council provides and installs the initial standard number

post with the reflective rural address number adhered to both sides of the post. Once the rural addressing post has been installed by council, its location is not to be altered. Any change to the location of the rural addressing post may alter the number assigned and must be referred to Council.

Where a replacement standard number post is required as a result of vandalism, theft, damage or otherwise, the property owner is responsible for all costs involved.

## HOW DO I GET MY GPS COORDINATES?

There are various mobile phone applications that can be used to get your exact location. The Queensland government and emergency services have also developed an application called Emergency Plus. This app can be downloaded to a smartphone and uses a smartphone's GPS functionality to help a triple zero (000) caller provide the critical location details needed to mobilise emergency services. Latitude and longitude details shown on the app can be relayed to an emergency operator, as well as the property address details.

## HOW AND WHERE CAN I KEEP MY GPS COORDINATES?

Once you have acquired your property's GPS coordinates, write your property's Latitude and Longitude on pieces of card and store them in accessible places in your

## USE OF GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) TO IDENTIFY YOUR PROPERTY

There are instances where Emergency Services may have difficulty in locating your rural address. In the event of an emergency, time and location accuracy are critical therefore council strongly advises that all rural property owners have their property GPS coordinates GDA94 handy in case of emergency. These GPS coordinates give you the exact Latitude and Longitude of where you are located.

home in the event of an emergency. Keep a card in your wallet, and also stick the other cards to the fridge or wall, whichever place is safest and easiest to access.

As you may require emergency assistance while you are away from home, it is also encouraged to download the [Emergency Plus](#) app on your phone so that you can provide the exact latitude and longitude of your location, wherever you are.



## YOUR FEEDBACK COUNTS New Community Space

The Oaky Creek Coal (OCC) Environment & Community team is constantly seeking feedback from locals for ideas on how the community can be improved.

*"Through the Local Voices Pulse Surveys, the Tieri Community Reference Group and general conversations with members of the community, you told us that it would be great to have an indoor space in town that the community can use for a variety of reasons,"* said Kate French, Environment & Community Advisor at OCC. *"You also told us that it would be good to fill the empty shops in the shopping centre. We combined this feedback to come up with the new Tieri Community Space."*

The new Tieri Community Space is located at Shop 1B, Tieri Shopping Centre. Provided by Glencore Oaky Creek Coal, the Community Space is a blank canvas that's available for the community to hire for any number of uses, for example: pop-up shops, group events, fitness



*"There's nothing like it in town so we're hoping the community is able to benefit from this blank canvas and host all sorts of fun activities, events and projects there that bring people together."*

Kate

classes, creative classes, youth groups, visiting services, displays, meetings, and anything else you can think of!

### And the best part? It's FREE!

That's right. Free. There is currently no bond or hire fee for the venue. The space itself is equipped with an air-conditioner, a 65" wall mounted TV/screen (7.5m HDMI cable, external TV aerial, no internet) and a small kitchenette with fridge/freezer, microwave and kettle.

The only things you need to pay for are any equipment you might need, such as tables, chairs, tea/coffee, catering supplies, etc. Additional charges such as cleaning, lost keys, damage caused, etc. may apply and misuse of the Community Space may prohibit future bookings.

## How can I book the Community Space? It's easy!

Simply contact OCC Tieri Town Services on (07) 4984 7700 or at [tieritownservices@glencore.com.au](mailto:tieritownservices@glencore.com.au) and provide them with following information with a copy of current public liability insurance certificate:

- Group/Business details
  - Requested period for hire
  - Intended reason for hire
  - How this benefits the Tieri community
- Town Services will review your request and notify you of the outcome. If approved, your booking will be locked in and arrangements will be made for you to collect the key from the Town Services office during their business hours.

To hire the space, you must also agree to the following guidelines:

- Have your own public liability insurance
- Intended use must demonstrate benefit to the Tieri community
- Booking period can be up to 1 week at a time
- The space must be left secure when not in use
- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times
- No blue tack or tape to be used on walls and no material to be hung over front glass windows
  - The space, including the kitchenette, must be returned clean and tidy, with all rubbish removed – additional cleaning charges may apply and future bookings disallowed. Fridge to be left empty and switched on.
  - All wilful damages must be paid for by the hirer.

*"We're so excited to see what the community brings to the space. It's already booked out for some of Tieri's 40th Anniversary celebrations, and people have suggested a Pilates class which would be great - if you or anyone you know is qualified to run a session, we'd love to hear from you!"* says Kate.



## OCC Apprentices VOLUNTEERED AT QMRS DINNER

Well done to the following Oaky Creek Coal apprentices and graduates who volunteered at a Queensland Mines Rescue Service (QMRS) dinner recently.

From left to right, back row: Patrick Mallinson, Jared Kennedy, Bailey Brown; and front row: Matt Davison, Trystan Martin, Kirrily McKie, Cameron McWhirter. Fraser Sampson also attended.

The team was responsible for serving finger food and the meals to guests, before quickly and carefully cleaning up.





# Planning for the Future OF OAKY CREEK COAL



In the last Local Voices Pulse Survey, nearly half (46%) of the community revealed that they were not that aware of Oaky Creek Coal's Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure Plan (PRCP).

Encouragingly, over two thirds (69%) said you were interested in receiving more information about the PRCP. So, Tieri News spoke to Joel May, Environment & Community Manager at Oaky Creek to get the lowdown.

## Joel, what exactly is a PRCP?

It's a plan that explains how Glencore intends to rehabilitate the land occupied by the Oaky Creek Coal mine and return it to a stable condition once the mine has closed.

## What do you mean by a 'stable' condition?

A 'stable condition' means the rehabilitated land is safe, structurally stable, non-polluting and sustainable for a post-mining land use, which, for Oaky Creek, is usually for grazing and/or native open woodland.

## Why does Glencore need a PRCP?

It's a legal - and I believe, environmental, ethical and societal - requirement for any mining organisation in Queensland to rehabilitate the land on which it operates and restore it to a suitable post-mining land use. It builds upon Glencore's own life of mine and closure planning processes and is in accordance with our values including Responsibility and Integrity.

## What does the PRCP include?

It includes details of what activities Glencore will carry out - as well as where, when and how - in order to successfully rehabilitate the land.

It also includes feedback from our consultation with relevant members of the community (e.g. local landholders, Government, Traditional Owners, etc.), results from our technical studies and our proposed suggestions for post-mining land uses, including analysis and justification and details of the rehabilitation methods and techniques we suggest to achieve this.

## Who approves the PRCP?

We have to submit the plan and schedule to the Department of Environment and Science (DES) for regulatory approval.

Once approved, it becomes a statutory document that includes time-based milestones Oaky Creek must comply with for the successful completion of rehabilitation.

## Has rehabilitation of the land already begun?

Yes, absolutely! Land rehabilitation is a core part of our business and an ongoing operation at Oaky Creek. We spend approximately \$10 million on average each year on rehabilitation activities. In fact, so far, we've successfully rehabilitated nearly 4,700 hectares of land - that's equivalent to nearly *triple* the size of Tieri township, something we're immensely proud of!

## What was the land used for prior to the Oaky Creek mine and what has the land been rehabilitated to?

Prior to mining, the lands were traditionally used for hunter/gathering by the ancestors of the Western Kanguoulu People and

Barada Kalbalbara Yetimarla People. More recently the lands were used by graziers for beef cattle raising.

## When is the mine due to close and what will happen to the land afterwards?

The life of mine is currently 2029.

As part of the PRCP we've held consultation sessions with local landholders, council and State Government, and other relevant members of the local community, including landholders, Traditional Owners and the Tieri Community Reference Group, regarding the closure of the mine and potential post-mining land use (PMLU).

Based on these community consultations and the findings from our technical studies, the initial PMLU proposals that we are making to the DES include grazing land, open woodland and wetland areas.

The DES will review our PRCP and either approve our proposed ideas, or suggest alternatives.

Whatever the final classification, Glencore has a responsibility to rehabilitate the land impacted by our mining activities using leading-practice environmental management in order to achieve the post mine land aims, while minimising risks to the environment.

## When is the PRCP due to be submitted?

November of this year.

## When do you expect to hear back from the DES?

Following submission of the PRCP there is an Information Request (IR) stage where the DES provides a list of further information required and questions to respond to. Other sites have experienced this IR stage within months of submitting their PRCP.

## How will you keep the community informed on the status of the PRCP and anything relating to the closure of the mine?

We have already published articles in previous editions of [Tieri News](#) and on [www.tieri.com](http://www.tieri.com) and we'll continue to do so as things progress.

We also present updates at the quarterly [Tieri Community Reference Group \(CRG\)](#) meetings. I strongly encourage the community to join the Tieri CRG as it's a fantastic way to learn what's happening in our community and make sure your voice is heard. Meetings are held at Tieri Library and the proposed meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 are:

- 7 September 2023, 4.00pm
- 16 November 2023, 4.00pm

To join the Tieri CRG, simply contact the Central Highlands Regional Council via the QR code. →

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## Making sure our community is kept informed is really important to us.

In the next Local Voices Pulse Survey, we'll be asking how you want to receive information relating to OCC and Tieri, so keep an eye out for the launch of the survey later this year and be sure to have your say. We'll use your feedback to make sure we're communicating the latest news and updates on the PRCP, life of mine and all other relevant topics in the most effective way for you.

The public register of all PRCPs from all permit holders is available at the DES website via the QR code. →

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**OFFICIAL OPENING OF 40TH CELEBRATIONS**

Launch of 'A top little town' by Ray Christison, unveiling of time capsule & School Fete  
 Tieri Bar & Grill / Tieri State School

🕒 10:00 am start / 5:30 pm Fete

Sat  
**25**  
Aug

Sat  
**26**  
Aug

**BILLY CART DERBY**

Billy Cart Derby with markets, food stalls & prizes to be won! Roast & music by night  
 Anncrouye Street, Tieri / The Broлга Hotel

🕒 9:00am start / 5:00pm start

Sun  
**27**  
Aug

**GOLF AMBROSE FT. OPEN-AIR MOVIE**

Nine holes, delicious food from Fat Daddies Smokehouse & an open-air movie  
 Tieri Golf Course Clubhouse

🕒 2:00 pm tee off, 5:00 pm event

Tues  
**29**  
Aug

**OPEN AIR CINEMA**

The Super Mario Bros. Movie, 2023. BYO picnic rug, nibbles & watch under the stars  
 Lawn at Tieri Town Centre

🕒 6:00pm movie commence

Wed  
**30**  
Aug

**AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

Sweet treats, silent auction & fundraising for all those impacted by cancer  
 Tieri Shopping Centre

🕒 9:00am start

Thurs  
**31**  
Aug

**TEST YOUR TRIVIA ON TIERI**

Get the gang together & put your thinking caps on its Trivia Night, all funds go to ALC.  
 Civic Centre, Auditorium

🕒 6:00pm start

Fri  
**1**  
Sept

**GOLF AMBROSE & LIVE MUSIC**

Nine holes, delicious food from Fat Daddies Smokehouse  
 Tieri Golf Course Clubhouse

🕒 2:00 pm tee off, 5:00 pm event

Sat  
**2**  
Sept

**MUSIC ON THE FIELD**

Fire works, music from local talent, Brewster Brothers & Dragon, food trucks & more  
 Football Fields, Langerak Park

🕒 4:00 pm start



Australia Post Tieri .....	4984 8108
Bi-rite Electrical .....	4981 6650
BKT Taxation Bookkeeping Services .....	0418 390 664
Blackdown Accommodation Services .....	4984 8131
C&K Tieri Community Kindergarten .....	4984 8304
Capella Cultural Centre .....	4984 9300
Capella State High School .....	4988 7333
CHRC Library & Transaction Centre .....	4984 8270
Coalfields Spine Care Chiropractic .....	0402 974 801
DBS Recruitment & Labour Hire .....	1800 327 753
Foodworks Tieri .....	4984 8480
Furry Friends Hydrobath .....	0407 651 345
Hodgson Building & Excavations .....	0438 390 664
Marist College Emerald .....	4994 9100
McKie Pet Sitting .....	0407 651 345
Tieri Ampol Service Station .....	4984 8434
Tieri Bar & Grill .....	4981 6692
Tieri Bakery .....	0401 902 952
Tieri Brolga Hotel Motel .....	4984 8555
Tieri Daycare .....	4984 8554
Tieri Family Unit & Child Health Centre .....	4984 8366
Tieri Medical & Physiotherapy .....	4984 8386
Tieri Pool .....	4981 6131
Tieri Pharmacy .....	4981 6756
Tieri Police Station .....	4932 3970
Tieri State School .....	4981 7555
Tieri Trade Shed .....	4981 6088
Tieri Microbusinesses .....	Refer Tieri Noticeboard Facebook

## Community Information & Support

CTM LINKS Community Support & Development .....	0491 276 263
Justice of the Peace .....	Enquire Tieri Noticeboard Facebook
CH Wildlife Carers Inc. ....	0475 288 301
Snake Catchers - Allan Barry .....	0458 494 413
Brad Lane .....	0400 260 478
CFMEU Oaky North Lodge .....	0419 761 807
13 Health (Assessment, Referral, Advice) .....	13 43 25 84
LIFELINE (Phone Support) .....	13 11 14
1800 Respect	
(Domestic Family Violence Support) .....	1800 426 820
MensLine Aust. (Prof. Counselling & Support) .....	1300 78 99 78
Kids Helpline	
(Prof. Counselling & Support Ages 5-25) .....	1800 55 1800
CQ Financial Counselling Service .....	4928 1844
QLD Gambling Helpline .....	1800 858 858
QLD Alcohol & Drug Information & Support .....	1800 177 833
Tieri Community Church .....	tiericomunitychurch@gmail.com
Nearest Vets .....	Emerald or Clermont

**Social Media - Facebook**  
Tieri Noticeboard

### Oaky Creek Coal & Town Services

Town Services - Housing / Maintenance .....	4984 7700
Membership Golf Club / Gym Pool .....	4984 7700
Kids Club Creche Gym / Pool .....	4987 7700
Oaky Creek Coal Reception .....	4984 7100
Oaky North Comms .....	4984 7144
Oaky Surface CHPP Comms .....	4984 7292
OCC HR & Payroll .....	4984 7401
Oaky Creek Coal Community Hotline .....	1800 732 895
Employee Assistance Program (EAP) .....	1300 687 633

### Emergency Services

**In an emergency, call Triple Zero (000)**

Police Fire Ambulance 000  
Police Link 131 444 SES 13 25 00

### Central Highlands Regional Council

PH: 1800 242 686

#### WATERING DAYS (for Private Gardens)

Mondays	No Sprinkler use
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 4 - 8pm	Zone A (NW of Malvern Av.)
Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 4 - 8pm	Zone B (SE of Malvern Av.)

#### BIN DAY - THURSDAY

Red Lin Bin (General Waste) WEEKLY	
Yellow Lid Bin (Recycling) FORTNIGHTLY (Even numbered weeks)	

#### WASTE FACILITY - DUMP

Tieri - Capella Road (3km from town)  
Monday - Sunday 9:00am - 5:00pm (Closed 1:00 - 1:30pm)

#### TIERI LIBRARY & TRANSACTION CENTRE

Corner of Grasstree & Anncrouye Streets  
Monday Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm

### Community Groups & Volunteering

- Tieri State School P&C
  - Tieri State School Tuckshop
  - Tieri Sharks Swim Club
  - Tieri Possums Playground
  - Central Highlands Karate
  - Peak Downs Junior Pirates Rugby League Club
  - CTM Links Community Support Network Inc.
  - Tieri Golf Club
  - Tieri Local Ambulance Committee
  - Tieri Community Reference Group
  - Tieri Catholic Caring Shop
  - Central Queensland Wellbeing Hubs Inc.
  - Central Highlands Wildlife Carers Inc.
- Email: [tieri@ctmlinks.com.au](mailto:tieri@ctmlinks.com.au) for contact details

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## Share your story in Tieri News

Do you have news or a story to share with Tieri regarding your local business, service, community organisation or sports club?



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