

TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP INC.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15th MARCH, 2012

ITEM	DATE Initiated	DECISIONS/FOLLOW UP
ADMINISTRATION		
Members Present	19-8-10	All present
Apologies	21-05-09	
Ratify Minutes Of Previous Meeting	21-05-09	Moved: Lionel Seconded: John that the Minutes be accepted.
Memberships	21-05-09	Eight
Treasurer's Report	21-05-09	See the Attachment 1. Moved: Geoff Seconded: Sharyn
Secretary's Report Correspondence In	21-05-09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter from Veolia_Mulwaree Trust acknowledging our Grant application but seeking a formal letter from the GMC re approval to install on their land. 2. Letter from Crisp Insurance re updating our activities and estimated turnover for next year. 3. Letter from Chris Stewart approving the site for the community sign. 4. Invoice from Santa Sabina – passed on to Treasurer 5. Email State Govt's Community Meeting in Queanbeyan postponed – due to flooding in Region 6. Invitation to NSW Govt. Illawarra Regional meeting 7. Terry Cooper reassessment of road repair priorities.
Secretary's Report Correspondence Out	21-05-09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Another Email to Terry Cooper and Col Davis, GMC re the road surfaces. 2. Email Chris Stewart, GMC re approvals for community sign location. <p>Action: Write to Terry Cooper re making the Dip on Highland Way a top priority for replacement. Moved: Lionel Second: Janet that Incoming mail be received/Outgoing be endorsed.</p>
Articles and Publicity in the Local Papers	21-05-09	Leader – John: Goulburn Post continues to run Tallong Twitterings.
Newsletters	18.12.08	Leader: John: The March newsletter is Attachment 2. Re article about Library – What is the nature of Library? Reported dissatisfaction – Margaret Morris Offer.
COMMUNITY PROJECTS		

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Tallong Apple Day Festival	26-11-09	Leader: Sharyn – now have 34 sites booked and more in the wind. All plans are now in their final stages. Advertising has commenced with posters on display in many places and cinema advertising confirmed. Radio broadcast onsite of the day is being organised and radio advertisements locked in. 25 stall holders with 30 sites are booked, the days program of events is being finalised. The raffle still requires more prizes but is almost ready for ticket sales to commence. All competitions for the day have been organised and prizes finalised. Next meeting 4 th April then fortnightly after that. An Apple Festival golf tournament is planned at the Tallong Park Estate course for April 29 – the committee endorsed the idea – seeks clarification on the details.
Tallong History Booklet sales/reprint	22- 5-08	Leader- Janet: in Art Gallery and set up for payment – sell at \$25 – we retain \$20. One in Tourist Info Centre – need to negotiate sale of book with John Case – hope to hear from him before meeting. Two copies sold from the General Store.
Marulan South Quarry – CCC	17- 9 -08	Leader Geoff. Another meeting was held on February 1, 2012. Report: The modification of plans for the development has been approved by the NSW Dept. of Planning. The expansion of the borrow pit is 75% complete; northern end of the noise bund is complete; the dam wall commenced; processing plant area 95% complete. Env. Performance: some issues with dust during strong winds in Nov. 2011; noise < limits; native plants to be used in rehabilitation; community to be notified of blasts. Stake holder management plan in progress. Footing of process plant to be commenced in March and construction to start in May, 2012.
Website development	21.05.09	Leader: Geoff: The new website is live and will be updated in the near future. Moved: that a cheque be written to Brigid Lombard for \$300 as there has been lots of extra work involved - passed. Some of the old info re History is wrong or misleading and needs to updated by Janet and Margaret. In order to add new pages without limit to the website it was decided to upgrade the website plan with Net Registry to “Business + Cloud” for an extra \$2-3 per month.
Tallong Streetscape Volunteer Group		Leader: Lionel: Washed out this month! Next planned for March 19 th .
GENERAL BUSINESS		
Road numbering in the Village	17-12-09	Leader: Geoff: Have discussed briefly with Chris Stewart, Director of Planning at GMC re the issue. Another meeting with him is necessary to formulate a proposal to take to the Council meeting.
Movies	17-12-09	Leaders: Lionel/Janet: In abeyance until cooler months.
Program of 2011-2012 events for the TCFG (to be publicised on the Website)	21-1-10	Leader: Committee: Action: Committee to set dates at the next meeting.
Tallong Public School	16-12-10	Weekly Newsletters have been added to the website.
Tallong Recreational Reserve Trust	20-01-11	Lionel to Liaise: Action: Lionel to clarify the Reserve Trust’s liability and responsibility for the picnic/camping and sports ground areas. Have made contact with Aleta re obtaining copy of Trust Deed. She appears to be concerned as to why we want to see it. Discuss our need to inform Trust of any activity or program we wish to pursue. Follow up on previous meetings request about TCFG Liability in this matter? Lionel still trying to get details.

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Highland Way clean-up	17-3-11	Leader Sharyn: Action: Sharyn to follow-up with Jason Maroney, GMC. Sharyn has received a positive response from Jason Maroney – she has ordered the appropriate signage.
Footpath on Highland St between Hope St and Mulwaree Drive?	16-6-11	GMC considering for their next budget. Action: Geoff to remind GMC that this is still a priority and should be included in the budget. Action: Geoff to find out when the budget is being formulated and any community input. [Late news:
Road pot-hole patching – continued poor workmanship.	16-6-11	Geoff: Action: Geoff to follow-up. Done but Email coincided with the Goulburn floods so no response so far. Another follow-up Email has been sent also suggesting that they fill in the Dip at the same time when re-surfacing Highland Way.
NEW BUSINESS		
Community dinner at Santa Sabina	15-9-11	Total was 70 people. Feedback has been positive so far. Thanks to Margaret for her great “nibbles” and to Santa Sabina for their organisation and meal. If agreeable to Santa Sabina we will make it an annual event with the next suggested date late 2013. Action: Geoff to send a letter of thanks to Paul Holmes.
Vision for Vegetation in Tallong	15-9-11	Delayed until after the Community dinner at Santa Sabina. Too much on at present so delay further.
Veolia Mulwaree Trust	15-9-11	Leader: Geoff: Received the official letter from Chris Stewart giving GMC approval for the site to be used. Grant application which will be considered at their next meeting on March 22(?).
Anzac Day commemoration in Tallong	15-3-12	Cheryl Weston raised the question of whether we could arrange for an Anzac Day service to be held at the Tallong Memorial. In addition, Geoff Kettle has previously stated that there is Government funding for refurbishment of such memorials. Action: Lionel will discuss with Cheryl and seek somebody to run a ceremony from the RSL.
Bush Dance, March 24	19-1-12	Leader: Committee: Posters displayed and mentioned at the Santa Sabina dinner. Set-up time is 2pm; Tony Rodwell will be there to set-up as well. Easter buns will be purchased and Margaret has offered to bring some baked offering for the Cafe. Geoff to check with Mike and Vicky re decorations.
Special Community Meeting	19-1-12	In mid-2012 it is suggested a special community meeting be held to discuss: SES flood planning; RFS bushfire planning; the Men’s Shed with people from the Goulburn Shed. Action: Geoff to get agreement of presenters for a mid-June type date. All organisations have been notified with a proposed date of Tuesday, June 26 at 7pm.
New NSW OH&S laws and their impact on Volunteer Groups	19-1-12	Action: Geoff to follow up with GMC. Not yet done.
Clean-up Australia	16-2-12	Leader: Lionel: Despite the weather we had a reasonable turn-out.
Report of attendance at GMC Strategic Marketing Launch	15-3-12	The new tourism website (Goulburn-Australia) was launched. Three initiatives were: Goulburn wetlands, attract new business; attract “tree changers” to surrounds. Banners promoting the area with photos were displayed. Suggested extra banner themes would be the Festivals and villages. Look at linking our website to Goulburn’s.

Meeting closed at 2110 DST. Next Meeting: Thursday April 19, 2012

TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP
Balance Sheet

ACN 35 027 663 679 as at 10/03/2012
 Inc No NSW INC9887110

Assets	<i>Current Assets</i>		
	IMB Account	\$8,461.52	
	Cash in hand	\$321.15	
	Equipment at Cost (Projector & DVD)	\$3,880.49	
			\$12,663.16
Liabilities	<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
	Provision for Apple Day 2012	\$1,000.00	
	Depreciation of Equipment	\$2,586.99	
	Cheques to be written (for creditors)	\$261.89	
	Unpresented Cheques		\$3,848.88
Net Assets	(current assets minus current liabilities)		\$8,814.28
Summary of income and expenses (Year to date)			
	Total income	\$4,233.53	
	Total expenses	\$9,293.83	
	Creditors (see list below)	\$261.89	
	Income-expenses-creditors+cheques	-\$5,322.19	
Summary of income and expenses since last meeting			
<i>Income</i>	Santa Sabina dinner payments	\$15.00	
	Book sales	\$20.00	
	Membership renewals	\$30.00	
	Bush dance tickets	\$40.00	
	Apple Day stalls	\$50.00	
	Apple Day sponsorships	\$200.00	
	Total income	\$355.00	
<i>Expenses</i>	Business Requisites (J Lombard)	\$26.00	Newsletters
	Gifts for guest speaker @ S Sab dinner	\$49.00	
	Tablecloths, food covers for dinner	\$35.90	
	Laminate posters	\$5.00	
	Total expenses	\$115.90	
<i>Cheques to bank</i>	WR&CM Williamson	\$25.00	
	O'Bryan's Natural Products	\$25.00	
	Natural Bush Soaps	\$25.00	
	Total	\$75.00	
<i>Creditors</i>	M Botticchio (S. Sab dinner accoutrements)	\$261.89	
	Total creditors	\$261.89	
Equity	Retained Earnings (notes 1&4)	\$12,842.97	
	Current Year Earnings (note 2)	-\$5,322.19	
	Equipment after Depreciation (note 3)	\$1,293.50	
			\$8,814.28

Note (1) Includes provision of \$3,350 for solar array for hall brought forward from 2010-11

Note (2) Includes expenses of \$3,350 for solar array for hall + \$2451.46 for public liability insurance

Note (3) Basis of depreciation is one third of purchase price per year

Note (4) Retained earnings comprise:		
Bank balance at start of financial year	\$13,859.47	plus
Cash in hand at start of financial year	\$33.50	
Less unrepresented cheque 264	\$50.00	(presented 29/12/2011)
Less provision for Apple Day 2012	\$1,000.00	
	\$12,842.97	

Note: Invoice form Santa Sabina for \$1095 will appear on the next month Statement of Accounts.

Attachment 2

Tallong Community Focus Group Newsletter March 2012

Fantastic night...

The Focus Group's inaugural dinner at Santa Sabina has been acclaimed a great success by the large audience who came for the twilight bush walk and talk by author, broadcaster, and concerned environmentalist Paul Collins. One Tallong resident wrote to tell the committee she loved the evening: "Just as I thought it couldn't get any better, up came Paul Collins with his thought provoking speech. What a great guy. I loved every minute listening to what he had to say." Congratulations Paul. The committee also wishes to thank Paul Holmes and his team at Santa Sabina for a fantastic night. And we look forward to doing it again.

Dancing shoes...

Time to dig out the dancing shoes again for the Tallong Bush Dance, following the success of last year's Country Dance. So put Saturday 24th March into the diary, 7.30-10.30pm at Tallong Memorial Hall. Dress is smart casual to formal.

The Mountain Dew band will again provide the musical entertainment and there will be a caller. Tallong's celebrated *La Pomme Café* will be serving tea and coffee with a light supper also available. Kiosk food such as crisps, soft drinks, ice creams and lollies will be on sale at our usual low prices. BYOG for adults. Children are very welcome and flood lights will be set up outside if they wish to play on the playground equipment or in the park.

The cost is \$5 per head and for catering purposes we are selling tickets in advance. Please use the form below and leave it with payment in the Focus Group letter box at the Tallong General Store by Monday 19th March. For more details, see our website www.tallong.com.au or talk to Lionel on 0418 609 572.

School grants...

Tallong School Principal Sue Matthews is delighted to have won a grant of \$30,000 from the Federal Government's National Solar Schools Program to install a solar power system as an energy efficiency measure against climate change. The Government received almost 2000 applications, an indication that schools are serious about reducing their energy consumption. Applications were assessed on merit-based criteria, meaning schools had to demonstrate value for money as well as environmental and educational benefits. The Tallong school solar grant will be used for panels on the COLA roof, rainwater tanks in three locations and software for students to collect data. Sue says the school has also been allocated funding to place a new retaining wall around the playing field. "We are excited about these recent investments in our school and the benefits they provide to our students," she says.

Snake Bites...

The education officer for the Southern Tablelands branch of WIRES has warned of the dangers of snakes in the summer, particularly with domestic pets. The recent wet weather may move them away from sites they normally inhabit. When there is a lot of ground water lying around and the streams and rivers flood, they move to dryer ground. Should your dog or cat be unlucky enough to be bitten, you need to recognise the symptoms and get your animal to a vet as soon as possible. Tell-tale signs include sudden weakness followed by fainting, blood in urine, vomiting, dilated pupils, loss of bladder and bowel

control, paralysis, shaking/twitching muscles and difficulty in blinking. Nearest vet to Tallong is Dr Ruby Petersen in Marulan – Ph 4841 1838.

Tallong Apple Festival news...

It's getting closer!

Planning for the **2012 Apple Day Festival** is in full swing. This year we are having some new competitions for you to enter:

The Tallong Apple Granny of the Year – Get your grandchildren to write, in 50 words or less, why you are the best Granny in the world. Entry forms are available on the website, at Tallong General Store, and the Marulan newsagency.

The Apple Pie Eating Competition – there will be five heats of five contestants so places are limited. The winner will be determined by who can eat two apple pies in the quickest time. The winners of the five heats will eat-off in the final to determine the winner. The competition is sponsored by Goulburn Trophies & Sportswear. Entry forms will be available on the website and at Tallong General Store in late March.

The Shrunken Apple Head Competition – The three categories for the Best Shrunken Head Character are:

- Kindergarten to Year 2 (inclusive)
- Year 3 to Year 6 (inclusive)
- High School students

Shrunken head apples are fun to make and very easy. Entry forms are available on the website and at Tallong General Store.

Our two original competitions, **Mrs T's Bake-off**, sponsored by Marulan Newsagency, and the **Apple Day Photo Competition**, are still on and entry forms are available on the website and at Tallong General Store. Entries in the photo competition must have an apple somewhere in the picture.

Tallong Community Focus Group Stall

We hope people have not forgotten us and everybody is ready, able and willing to donate goods for us to sell. Just a few points to bear in mind:

- All homemade cooked items (jams, chutneys etc) must have a label attached clearly indicating ALL the ingredients.
- Pricing – it has been decided that if possible we would like the donor to price his/her own goods. Only you will know what price reflects the value of the ingredients and the time that has gone into an item. But please also remember that these are basically donations to the community. While some items must be valued at (and will hopefully be sold for) a higher price, the market we are aiming at is \$20 and under.
- We need to know what you want us to do if items do not sell. Would you be prepared for us to drop prices by 10% to 25% at 2pm? Would you like us to return to you unsold items at 4pm? We have no suitable storage facilities for items not sold. If we have no instructions for unsold goods, we will donate them to the Bundanoon charity shop.
- If at all possible, could we please have items delivered to us by Saturday 5th May?

The call has gone out for volunteers to help with the Festival. You won't be under any pressure on the day, you will enjoy yourself and you will be making a contribution to our community. We will have a draw of volunteer's names for two prizes that have been donated. If you are able to put in an hour or two, please contact Mike on 0438619846 or weathervane12@gmail.com.

We are very grateful to the sponsorship we have received from Essential Energy, Boral, Peppers Manor House, Centennial Vineyards and Santa Sabina College.

And don't forget to check our Facebook page...

RFS news...

The Tallong Rural Fire Brigade is looking for fire fighters. And to become one is easier than most people think. Just a question of calling down to the fire shed any Tuesday evening at 7pm to find out more. But Chris Boland, President of the Tallong RFS, says the Brigade is not just offering fire fighting roles.

"We have a multitude of areas that require volunteers, including communications, catering, logistics, planning and aviation support, all of which are critical," he says. "There is a job for

nearly everyone in the RFS, and we rely heavily on the support of people from all backgrounds and cultures in our community. The people that make up your Fire Service are as different as the society that we protect.”

The minimum age to join as a volunteer is 16. But for the under-16s, there is a cadet program. The RFS has a very useful website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and there are several publications you can download about living in bush prone areas. The Tallong Brigade has checklists and fact sheets at the Tallong fire station to help you protect your home and property. Don't hesitate to ask for a copy.

RSVP Form for the Tallong Bush Dance – March 24, 2012 at the Tallong Memorial Hall, 7.30 to 10.30pm

Name: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

Number of people: _____

Money enclosed: \$ _____

