

TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP INC.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16th FEBRUARY, 2012

ITEM	DATE Initiated	DECISIONS/FOLLOW UP
ADMINISTRATION		
Members Present	19-8-10	Margaret, Sharyn, Dugald, Janet, Lionel, Geoff
Apologies	21-05-09	John
Ratify Minutes Of Previous Meeting	21-05-09	Moved: Margaret Seconded: Lionel that the Minutes be accepted.
Memberships	21-05-09	Four
Treasurer's Report	21-05-09	See the Attachment 1. Moved: Geoff Seconded: Janet
Secretary's Report Correspondence In	21-05-09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emails from Chris Stewart, GMC re approvals for community sign location. 2. Letter of thanks and certificate from Australian Red Cross for donation – will go towards breakfast clubs thru NSW and ACT. 3. Invitation to launch of the GMC Strategic Marketing Unit.
Secretary's Report Correspondence Out	21-05-09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Emails to Jodie Tremble re the Australia Day display. 5. Email to Terry Cooper and Col Davis, GMC re the road surfaces. 6. Email to Terry Cooper GMC re schedule of repairs to Highland Way and line marking. 7. Email to Lauren Evans/Chris Stewart GMC (now departed) re Tallong road numbering/naming sub-committee. 8. Email Chris Stewart, GMC re approvals for community sign location. <p>Moved: Dugald Second: Sharyn that Incoming mail be received/Outgoing be endorsed.</p>
Articles and Publicity in the Local Papers	21-05-09	Leader – John: Goulburn Post has run a couple of Tallong Twitterings.

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Newsletters	18.12.08	Leader: John: The February newsletter is Attachment 2. Will start on the March edition when I get back, but would welcome ideas from Committee members. Apple Day, Tallong PS solar grant, RFS item, a report on Collins' speech to Santa Sabina, Bush dance; Music classes and after school art project at the Tallong PS.
COMMUNITY PROJECTS		
Tallong Apple Day Festival	26-11-09	Leader: Sharyn – Marulan Pony Club have confirmed their spot for the day and will run a delivery service for bus passengers goods. The Granny trophy has been completed and looks fantastic (congrats to Mike). We have an extra 9 stall sites thanks to the removal of the hump near the pot. A Facebook page has been created for Tallong Apple Day. VIP invitations have gone out. Will be advertised in the Marulan Magazine. 20 confirmed stalls – using 26 sites. John has started a Facebook page for the Apple Festival but we need to get FB adherents to note it and/or write on the page.
Tallong History Booklet sales/reprint	22- 5-08	Leader- Janet: 1 sold and 3 are going to the Goulburn Tourist Information Centre.
Marulan South Quarry – CCC	17- 9 -08	Leader Geoff. Another meeting was held on February 1, 2012.
Website development	21.05.09	Leader: Geoff: Brigid Lombard now working on implementation of the new website on the NetRegistry web-host.
Tallong Streetscape Volunteer Group		Leader: Lionel: 8 people at the last day.
GENERAL BUSINESS		
Road numbering in the Village	17-12-09	Leader: Geoff: Action: Geoff to contact Lauren Evans, GMC to arrange a meeting. Done. Because of departure of Lauren Evans, now in the hands of Chris Stewart, Director of Planning at GMC.
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: John has been in touch with both Indira Naidoo and Andrew Fowler advising we would be better placed to invite them to speak in the latter part of the year. They too would prefer that, Indira because it gives them an opportunity to promote the book coming up to Christmas, and Andrew because he is flat out writing a new edition and in any case Julian Assange's situation seems to be a movable feast. Action: Committee to set dates at the next meeting.
Tallong Public School	16-12-10	Weekly Newsletters have been added to the website.

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Tallong Recreational Reserve Trust	20-01-11	Lionel to Liaise: Streetscape Volunteer group is looking after the picnic/camping area. Action: Lionel to discuss with Sue Matthews, Principal Tallong PS whether they might have any use for the recreational ground. Geoff made contact – they have no use as numbers too small and regional carnivals held elsewhere. Suggested use of the \$1000 given to the Trust from the TCFG – signage to the picnic/camping area; stone edging of the site with continual mowing. Action: Lionel to clarify the Reserve Trust’s liability and responsibility for the picnic/camping and sports ground areas.
Highland Way clean-up	17-3-11	Leader Sharyn: Make contact in February if nothing received by then. Has anything been received? Action: Sharyn to follow-up with Jason Maroney, GMC.
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.
Road pot-hole patching – continued poor workmanship.	16-6-11	Geoff: Contact to be made with work’s supervisor Col Davis. Done but no response. Action: Geoff to follow-up.
NEW BUSINESS		
Community dinner at Santa Sabina	15-9-11	Total so far is 69 (including the speaker and his partner). The tables will take 6, 7 or 8 people. Janet had bought 9 table clothes from Lincraft. Schedule: Dining area preparation at 2pm; Committee arrives at 5.30pm. Jobs: Margaret/Janet welcome and nibbles; Lionel direct cars at Old Wingello Rd.; Geoff organise parking up the top; Dugald manage unloading of cars at the entrance. Action: A final Email to be sent out suggesting everyone brings a cushion, torch and wine glasses. 69 people are attending – there were no special dietary requirements. Geoff to get a Tallong bag from Mike and Vicky plus two local wines from Cuttaway and St Maur wineries. Margaret to thank the speaker and then to make a few announcements about coming events e.g. Bush Dance, Apple Day, emergency services community meeting.
Vision for Vegetation in Tallong	15-9-11	Delayed until after the Community dinner at Santa Sabina.
Veolia Mulwaree Trust	15-9-11	Leader: Janet: Action: Geoff to prepare a grant application (for a Community sign). Done and submitted by the deadline. A copy will be available to read at the meeting.

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Bush Dance, March 24	19-1-12	Leader: Committee: Action: Geoff to contact Denise Tay re the ballroom dancers. Done but they cannot come this year! Starts at 7.30pm until 10.30pm. Agreed Mountain Dew Band to play for \$400. The band will be asked about breaks but suggest 9pm for supper – light slices, etc available with tea and coffee from the canteen. All ages will be welcome. Vicky Kennedy to be asked if she can assist with a “Children’s Table”. Geoff to update the poster from last year and make Lionel the contact. Application forms to go out with the March Newsletter and be available at the Store and on the website. \$5 per head. RSVP March 19.
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.
New NSW OH&S laws and their impact on Volunteer Groups	19-1-12	Recent publicity about changes to the way Volunteer groups are regulated in terms of the OH&S laws have caused great concern in the Volunteer communities around Australia. Action: Geoff to write to local MPs and GMC to ask what is the likely impact on the TCFG. Done. No reply from Pru Goward. I have had a conversation with Will Singleton from GMC – what we need to do is to define our various activities and then have another chat. Action: Geoff to follow up with GMC.
Clean-up Australia	16-2-12	Leader: Lionel: Set for March 4 between 9am and 12 noon. Bring your gloves. A BBQ will be held afterwards. Action: Geoff to send out a reminder on Friday, March 2.

Meeting closed at 2100 DST.

Next Meeting: Thursday March 15, 2012

Attachment 1: Treasurer’s report

TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP
Balance Sheet

ACN 35 027 663 679

as at 13/02/2012

Assets	<i>Current Assets</i>	
	IMB Account	\$8,211.52
	Cash in hand	\$327.05
	Equipment at Cost (Projector & DVD)	\$3,880.49
		\$12,419.06

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)	\$0.00
	Unpresented Cheques	
		\$3,586.99

Net Assets	(current assets minus current liabilities)	\$8,832.07
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Summary of income and expenses (Year to date)

Total income	\$3,873.53
Total expenses	\$9,177.93
Creditors (see list below)	\$0.00
Income-expenses-creditors	-\$5,304.40

Summary of income and expenses since last meeting

<i>Income</i>	Santa Sabina dinner payments	\$225.00
	Kiosk sales + Tallong bag	\$24.00
	Membership renewals	\$20.00
	Apple Day stalls	\$305.00
	Apple Day sponsorships	\$500.00
	Total income	\$1,074.00

<i>Expenses</i>	Business Requisites (J Lombard)	\$26.00	Newsletters
	Bank fees	\$3.75	
	Total expenses	\$29.75	

<i>Creditors</i>		
	Total creditors	\$0.00

Equity	Retained Earnings (notes 1&4)	\$12,842.97
	Current Year Earnings (note 2)	-\$5,304.40
	Equipment after Depreciation (note 3)	\$1,293.50
		\$8,832.07

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
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Cash in hand at start of financial year	
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Less unpresented cheque 264	\$50.00	(presented 29/12/2011)
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Less provision for Apple Day 2012	\$1,000.00
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\$12,842.97

Assets*Current Assets*

Less provision for Apple Day 2012

\$1,000.00

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Attachment 2**Tallong Community Focus Group Newsletter Feb 2012****She'll be Apples...**

The annual Tallong Apple Day Festival may be still three months away (Sunday 6th May), but planning is well advanced... and on-going. A feature this year will be the "Cider Man" who will have alcoholic cider, sparkling apple juice, and apple cider vinegar for sale.

Another highlight will be an apple grinder/cider press for demonstrations during the day. Children will be invited to operate the pedal powered grinder, and later they'll be able to taste the fruit of their labours after the pulp is pressed. And as anyone who has tried it knows, freshly pressed apple juice is nectar of the gods! Any leftover pressed pulp will be fed to the ponies as their reward after the children's rides run by the local Pony Club.

As previously announced, we will hold the inaugural Apple Granny of the Year competition for Grannies with a Tallong connection. It will be based on grandchildren telling us in not more than 50 words why their Granny is the BEST. Nomination forms are available at the Tallong General Store.

The Festival Committee is looking for volunteers to help on the day. It won't involve more than two hours of work. And there will be a special draw for the volunteers with a thank-you prize for their efforts. Any volunteers interested, please contact Mike Kennedy on 0438 619 846 or email: weathervane12@gmail.com

We have now established an Apple Day page on Facebook and would welcome any contributions or comments. It is a way of promoting our Festival so we would encourage visitors to the site which will be updated constantly. To find it, just put Tallong Apple Day Festival into the Facebook search engine.

There seems to be some confusion about what home-cooked items can be sold through the Focus Group's stall at the Apple Festival. This is a reminder that home cooked items like cakes which include apples are for the Bake-off competitions. But donations of jams, sauces, bottled fruit and other cakes, scones, etc will be very welcome for sale at the Focus Group's stall and are quite separate from the Bake-off.

And finally, we would like to acknowledge the generous sponsorship of Essential Energy, Centennial Vineyards, Goulburn Ford, and The Good Guys Mittagong.

Dancing in the Bush...

We are planning another Bush Dance for the residents of Tallong and surrounding areas. All age groups are welcome.

It will be held on Saturday 24th March at the Tallong Memorial Hall starting at 7.30pm. Music will be provided by our favourite, the Mountain Dew Band. Dress code: smart casual to formal.

And a quick reminder that the Hall now has excellent heating. So those cold shivering evenings are all in the past!

School's back...

Tallong Public School Principal Sue Matthews is delighted that as a result of new enrolments the school has two full-time teachers this year. Sue writes: "It was so wonderful on Monday morning to see our five new kindergarten students bright-eyed and buzzing with enthusiasm as they embark on their educational journey. I was also very excited to have five energetic and eager boys arrive in the primary classroom ready to take on new challenges."

A new feature this year in the school program will be an art club on Thursday afternoons 3.15pm-4.30pm organised by the Tallong Focus Group President Margaret Botticchio. Keva Abotomey will continue to teach class recorder on Fridays.

Fighting fires...

The Tallong RFS Brigade has been busy recently with a spate of grass and brushfires. During this cool and rainy summer, it is easy to become complacent about the risk of fire but it takes just one lightning bolt striking a tall eucalypt on a ridge line to start a large scale fire.

In fact, after an electric storm passes through the Tallong neighbourhood, you may well spot Captain Kevin in the RFS Land rover as he tours the most vulnerable areas looking for spot fires. The well-documented cigarette butt tossed carelessly from a car window can be a potential cause of a fire as well as hot trail-bike exhausts, particularly along narrow or infrequently used tracks

Tallong streetscape volunteers...

The verges along Highland Street between the western 50-km speed sign and Memorial Drive have been cleaned up and mowed, thanks to the Tallong Streetscape Volunteers Group which operates under the auspices of the Goulburn Mulwaree Volunteer Programme. Our aim is to work with the council to enhance the work that they do to improve the streetscape of our village.

The results of the most recent three clean-up days have been well worth the effort. Members of the group have also spent time cleaning up and edging around the Hall, Park and the "Pot". On the last clean-up day, one of our volunteers took a slasher and worked on the picnic ground on Barbers Creek. As more of the shrubs and small trees are removed along Highland Street, a ride-on mower will be brought into operation which will make the work much faster and easier.

If you would like to join the group please contact Mike on 0438 619 846. We have our working bees roughly once a month for about 4 hours.

Santa Sabina dinner...

There are still a few seats left for the Santa Sabina dinner and walk on Sat 25th February on the theme of Tallong and the environment. Guest speaker will be the well-known author, broadcaster and concerned environmentalist, Paul Collins.

The evening will begin at 6pm with nibbles and drinks followed by a Twilight Walk on the campus. Dinner will be served at 7.30pm. The cost is \$15pp and drink is BYOG. Anyone wishing to book should do so immediately to Geoff Clark tel: 4841 0577 or 0437 409 336 or email geoff_run@hotmail.com.

Red Cross donations...

The very successful Tallong community Christmas Party raised a magnificent \$220. The Tallong Community Focus Group decided we would donate the proceedings to the Red Cross as recognition of the great work they do in the district.

And by the way, if there is anybody who has not yet paid their annual subscription to the Focus Group, now would be a good time to do it. Membership is a bargain at a mere \$2.50 per person.

From the Library...

Many Tallong people may not be aware that there is an excellent library in the Memorial Hall with a great range of books to suit all tastes.

And they are available on loan free of charge to members of the Focus Group. The hall is open for books to be borrowed at the following times: Tuesday 9.30am to 2pm; every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month 2-4pm.

Clean up Tallong...

A reminder that Clean-Up Australia day this year is on Sunday 4th March. Volunteers should meet at the Tallong Memorial Hall at 9am. Please bring gloves.

*****Advertisement*****

Clearing Sale...

A huge clearing sale will be held at **127 Kettles Lane, Tallong, on Saturday 3rd March from 9.30am**

On offer are pure bred Arabians, a black stallion and a bay mare. Farm machinery includes a tipper, a backhoe, a John Deere tractor, a DC6 Dozer and 20-ft container. There are three HQ Statesman de Ville Holdens all requiring completion of restoration, a WB Statesman shell with chassis/motor and lots of Holden spare parts, including doors, motors, exhausts, mufflers, wheel arches, bumpers, bonnet radiator inserts, grills and hundreds of unused spares. Also motor bikes, road bikes & dirt bikes.

Among the building materials/household are timber, fridge/freezer, Kanga wood splitter, stainless steel benches with sinks & splashbacks, outdoor umbrella, Simpson washing machine, Westinghouse Avondale oven/stove, 30 double fluros, garden edger, new filing cabinet, Singer sewing machine, Singer professional.

There is workshop equipment and electronic material including hi fi systems, tuner, sub-woofer, Kenwood television, a printer and scanner. For recreation, an Eagle fish finder superpro 1D, a jet ski, a complete professional gym set, ride on mower. There are un-erected steel sheds of various sizes with complete components.

Terms: cash or approved cheque (no eftpos), 10% GST will be added to hammer bid.

Directions from Tallong 1 km along Caoura Rd, then down Kettles Lane for 1.3km.

Catering courtesy Tallong Bush Fire Brigade. Inspections Friday 2nd March 2 - 4 pm

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