

TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP INC.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19th APRIL, 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: Janet Seconded: Sharyn that the Minutes be accepted.
Memberships	21-05-09	
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. Terry Cooper re works on Highland Way (incl. The Dip) and footpath construction in Tallong village (see Attachment 2). 2. Email from Geoff Kettle re the budget process - late April until late May 3. Premier's Community Meeting re Plan for 2021 -invitation to attend at Mittagong RSL on 18th of April, at 6.30pm to 8pm (see later report on the meeting). 4. Veolia Mulwaree Trust off to pay 50% of the Tallong Community sign 5. Letter from Tallong Park Association re the Apple Festival Invitational Golf Tournament (Attachment 2) 6. Communications from Pru Goward MP and Geoff Kettle to Margaret Morris re Tallong Railway station access to train carriages.
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 to Terry Cooper re priorities for capital funding of roads, footpaths etc. 3. Email to Geoff Kettle re road surface edging machine deployment. 4. Email to Geoff Kettle re timing of the Council budget planning process. 5. Letter of thanks to Paul Holmes, Santa Sabina. 6. Proposal to Chris Stewart, GMC re road numbering in Tallong Village (see Attachment 3). <p>Action: Write to Terry Cooper re making the Dip on Highland Way a top priority for replacement. Done. Moved: Lionel Second: Dugald 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 April newsletter is Attachment 4. Next Newsletter scheduled for late May – mention the upcoming Emergency Response Meeting on June 26 as well as a wrap-up of the Apple Day Festival.
COMMUNITY PROJECTS		

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Tallong Apple Day Festival	26-11-09	Leader: Sharyn – now have in excess of 50 sites booked and more in the wind. An invitational Apple Festival golf tournament is to take place at the Tallong Park Estate course on April 29. Mike Kennedy is the co-ordinator as Apple Day Festival committee convenor. In regards to the letter from the TPA (Attachment 2), resolved to cancel the golf tournament if it is clarified that the TPA related to that event.
Tallong History Booklet sales/reprint	22- 5-08	Leader- Janet/Margaret: 8 Copies now at Tourist info centre Goulburn, though they did not have the papers ready to sign. 3 copies recently sold in the Tallong General Store.
Marulan South Quarry – CCC	17- 9 -08	Leader Geoff. Next meeting scheduled for May 2.
Website development	21.05.09	Leader: Geoff: The new website is continually being updated and software registration has been paid. There has been no update from the History sub-group as previously projected – leave until After Apple Day (AAD). No comments as yet.
Tallong Streetscape Volunteer Group		Leader: Lionel:
GENERAL BUSINESS		
Road numbering in the Village	17-12-09	Leader: Geoff: See Attachment 3. Met with Chris Stewart, Manager for planning and he agreed to start a process of consultation (through newspaper ads.) and gazetting of changes for those residents.
Movies	17-12-09	Leaders: Lionel/Janet: In abeyance until cooler months. AAD
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. AAD
Tallong Public School	16-12-10	Weekly Newsletters have been added to the website.
Tallong Recreational Reserve Trust	20-01-11	Lionel : Follow up on previous meetings request about TCFG Liability in this matter? Lionel still trying to get details.
Highland Way clean-up	17-3-11	Leader Sharyn: Still awaiting the kit from Jason Maroney.
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. This is due in April. Action: Geoff to find out where it is located and check for Works priorities. Geoff Kettle says that a TCFG is required by May 25 supporting the footpaths construction in Bumballa St (to the school) and on Highland St. Action: Geoff to prepare a submission AAD.
Road pot-hole patching – continued poor workmanship.	16-6-11	Geoff: Action: Geoff to follow-up. Have to follow-up again now that Col Davis GMC has returned to work after Easter. <i>Post meeting note: there was a road crew at 169 Mulwaree Dr doing a full repair on the road surface on 20/4/2012!!</i>
NEW BUSINESS		
Vision for Vegetation in Tallong	15-9-11	Delayed until after the Community dinner at Santa Sabina. Margaret has contacted Dennis Wilson – naturalist and member of Orchid Soc. Interest in midge orchid sites and knowledgeable about wild flowers and habitats. He would be happy to hold a talk about this subject. To be discussed AAD.
Veolia Mulwaree Trust	15-9-11	Leader: Geoff: Still awaiting the official approval letter from the Trust indicating that we have been given for 50% of the project. <i>Motion: That the TCFG fund the remaining 50% from its own funds (i.e. \$2613).</i> Agreed. Action: Send a letter in reply to the offer from the VMT.

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Anzac Day commemoration in Tallong	15-3-12	Action: Lionel will discuss with Cheryl and seek somebody to run a ceremony from the RSL. Answer from the Goulburn RSL, - they do not have any extra members to conduct such ceremonies. However, Janet said that any person with Service experience could conduct such a ceremony (e.g. her sister or brother-in-law). Agreed to look to organise a Tallong Anzac Day ceremony in 2013 with participation of the Tallong PS.
Report on Premier's Community Meeting, April 18, 2012	19-4-12	Rather than being lumped with the Illawarra the meeting considered there should be a separate Southern Highlands/Tablelands region. Politicians were urged to engage with the communities of this region. Priorities for the region were fix the Bowral Hospital, coal-seam-gas issues.
Special Community Meeting	19-1-12	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. Robert Bell of SES has confirmed and the RFS will be able to get someone closer to the event. There has been no news from the Men's Shed. Action: 1. Geoff to telephone the Shed. 2. Janet to check on the Hall booking.
New NSW OH&S laws and their impact on Volunteer Groups	19-1-12	Action: Geoff to follow up with GMC. Not yet done. This needs to be in place before next year's Apple Day Festival. Discuss the possibility of the GMC running a general course for volunteers.
Report of attendance at GMC Strategic Marketing Launch	15-3-12	Action: Geoff to look at linking our website to Goulburn's. Still to be done. AAD.
Bi-centenary of Tallong's discovery by European settlers/explorers	19-5-12	Leader: John: For discussion purposes to set-up a sub-group to co-ordinate activities for the 2018 celebrations. Needs community consultation. Discuss further AAD.

Meeting closed at 2040 EST. Next Meeting: Thursday June 21, 2012

Please note: The Secretary will be absent form this meeting.

Attachment 1: Treasurer's report

TCFG Balance Sheet 15April 2012

TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP	
Balance Sheet	
ACN 35 027 663 679	as at 15/04/2012
Inc No NSW INC9887110	

Assets	<i>Current Assets</i>	
	IMB Account	\$6,818.68
	Cash in hand	\$360.35
	Equipment at Cost (Projector & DVD)	\$3,880.49
		<u>\$11,059.52</u>
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	
		<u>\$3,586.99</u>
Net Assets	(current assets minus current liabilities)	<u>\$7,472.53</u>

Summary of income and expenses (Year to date)

Total income	\$5,179.73
Total expenses	\$11,843.67
Creditors (see list below)	\$0.00
Income-expenses-creditors+cheques	-\$6,663.94

Summary of income and expenses since last meeting

<i>Income</i>	Book sales	\$20.00
	Advert. in Newsletter	\$20.00
	Membership renewals	\$7.50
	Donation	\$50.00
	Bush dance tickets	\$190.00
	Cafe/kiosk sales	\$123.70
	Apple Day stalls	\$515.00
	Apple Day sponsorships	\$0.00
	Total income	\$926.20

<i>Expenses</i>	Business Requisites (J Lombard)	\$28.00	Newsletters
	Apple Day iMag ad.	\$240.00	
	Netregistry - hosting Tallong website	\$179.70	
	IMB - bank fees	\$1.25	
	Big L's - buns for Bush Dance	\$44.00	
	Bush dance - band fee	\$400.00	
	Santa Sabina Dinner	\$1,095.00	
	M Botticchio (dinner expenses)	\$261.89	
	Revamp Tallong website	\$300.00	
	Total expenses	\$2,549.84	

Cheques to bank

Total \$0.00

Creditors

Total creditors \$0.00

Equity

Retained Earnings (notes 1&4)	\$12,842.97
Current Year Earnings (note 2)	-\$6,663.94
Equipment after Depreciation (note 3)	\$1,293.50

\$7,472.53

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	

Attachment 2



Tallong Community Focus Group Inc

Secretary Mr Geoff Clark
476 Mulwaree Drive
TALLONG PARK NSW 2579

April 18, 2012

The Tallong Park Association Management Committee is gravely concerned by the distribution of a flyer advertising an upcoming event being hosted/organised as part of the Tallong Apple Day Festival, under the umbrella of the Tallong Focus Group.

We would like to know under what authority the Tallong Focus Group has made available and granted access to the privately owned facilities of the residents of Tallong Park?

Our Association has no wish to be in conflict with the Tallong Focus Group. We are very aware of its accomplishments and contribution to the Tallong community, and commend its members for their voluntary work and achievements. However, our Committee regrets that it must inform you that if this flyer is not immediately withdrawn, and the event cancelled, we will be forced to seek legal advice and assistance in retaining control of the privately owned facilities on behalf of the members of the Tallong Park Association.

The Tallong Park Management Committee represents 169 members of the Association, and no individual member of this Association has the authority to make decisions on the elected Committee's behalf, nor to make the facilities available to any outside body for public events. It must be remembered that all the private recreational facilities within Tallong Park have been purchased and are maintained by levies paid by Tallong Park Association members. The Committee's responsibility is to uphold the rights and privileges of all of our members according to our Constitution.

We respectfully request an immediate retraction of the flyer within 7 days, and expect that the distribution of that retraction would be in the same manner as that of the advertisement.

Yours faithfully

Jenny Eccleston
Secretary

cc Dr Margaret Boticchio, President
Tallong Community Focus Group Inc

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Attachment 3

Street numbering and signage in Tallong Village:

History:

The Goulburn Mulwaree Council (GMC) has decided the following:

Previously there has been discussion and some confusion, arising from certain situations, where a Street Name in a Village continues to a Rural Area.

The Mulwaree Shire Council, after giving careful consideration to this issue, has decided to implement the following policy in an attempt to best satisfy concerned parties.

“Where a road is contained within a Village Zoning, that road should retain its original name and become known as a Street (eg. Brayton Road, Marulan will become Brayton Street, Marulan - Highlands Way, Tallong will become Highlands Street, Tallong etc).”

The house lots will be numbered and addressed in the usual urban numbering method.

Once a street leaves the Village Zoning it will then become known as a Road and subsequently the Rural Addressing System will then be applied.

The Village boundary is defined by the Village sign on the roads entering the Village.

Common knowledge also tends to differentiate between the two by the mention of the word street which summons a mental picture of an urban built up area.

Current Problems in Tallong Village:

1. There is a confusion of house numbers/street names in the addresses on Highland Street, Tallong.
2. The numbers on Caoura Street run counter-intuitive to the rural numbering on Caoura Road which starts at the Village boundary (i.e. the largest number is at Highland Street where the rural numbering commences).

Suggested solutions to take to Council:

- I. Re-number all houses along Highland Street within the Village boundaries, starting with lowest numbers at the Marulan end boundary to be consistent with the sense of the rural numbering system on Highland Way.
- II. Install three signs on Caoura Street as follows:
 - a. At the Caoura St/Highland St intersection the Caoura St sign (facing South) should indicate house numbers run from 90 (or whatever is the number of the Tallong General Store) to 1.
 - b. At the Caoura St/Kettles Lane intersection the sign (facing North) should indicate house numbers run from 1 to 90 (or whatever is the number of the Tallong General Store).
 - c. At the Caoura Rd/Kettles Lane intersection the sign (facing South) should indicate Caoura Road should indicate house numbers run from 100 to 2121.

Geoff Clark,

Secretary, Tallong Community Focus Group Inc.

April 13, 2012

Attachment 4

Tallong Community Focus Group Newsletter April 2012

Apple Alert...

Tallong's Apple Festival on Sunday 6th May is fast approaching and the good news is that apples and apple products are more popular than ever. Did you know that while beer sales slumped four per cent last year, sales of cider soared 40 per cent to become the fastest growing section of the alcohol market? Cider, sparkling apple juice and apple cider vinegar will be a big feature of this year's Festival.

A special Apple Festival guest will be John Kerin, who was the Federal Member of Parliament for Macarthur in the 1970s which then took in Tallong at its furthest western end of the electorate. And he knows his apples.

In the late 1950s, John remembers packing up to 900 boxes of apples a year from 17 acres of orchard for sending to the Sydney Produce Market. In those days, the Penrose apple growers were at their peak with a large co-operative packing shed.

John is retired now and living in Canberra but greatly looking forward to coming to Tallong for the Apple Festival.

Get your entries in...

Nominations have started to roll in for the Tallong Apple Granny of the Year, Mrs T's Apple Bake-off competition, the Apple of My Eye photographic competition, and the Shrunken Apple Head Character competition... but we need more.

There is still time. Forms are available at the Tallong General Store. Or you can download a lot of information about the Apple Festival and all the nomination forms from our website:

www.tallong.com.au. The site has been recently revamped and the Apple Festival has its own special page with the forms.

Any feedback about the new site will be very welcome, bouquets and brickbats!

For the Focus Group stall, we need to start collecting all donations to Vicki Kennedy at 20 Bottlegum Close, Tallong, or phone Janet Black on 4841 0613. We need them by Saturday 5th May at the latest. Please remember to label clearly all the ingredients of homemade cooked items, price all items yourself if possible, and let us know what you want us to do with any unsold goods. Please let Mike or Vicki know if you can help at the stall at some stage during the day.

Also check out our Tallong Apple Festival page on Facebook.

Bush Dancing...

Congratulations to the organisers of the recent Tallong Bush Dance which was such a roaring success. There were so many young dancers on the dance floor and having a good time. And quite a few "mature age" dancers as well!

Many participants said they enjoyed themselves so much that they hoped it will be a permanent fixture on the calendar. A big thank you also to the members of the Mountain Dew band who led us through some hectic dance numbers.

The Focus Group is happy to fund the Bush Dance with such strong community interest.

RFS news...

The annual general meeting of the Tallong Rural Fire Brigade will be held on Tuesday 1st May at 7.30pm at 7 Memorial Ave, Tallong. Everybody is welcome, but nominations for positions need to be sent to the Brigade by Tues, 24th April.

RFS President Chris Boland reminds residents that although the official fire season ended on 31st March and permits to burn are no longer required, a phone call to the local Firecom on 6226 3100 and the local Tallong brigade on 0418 221 019 at least 24 hours ahead is still mandatory.

Notifying neighbours on all sides of the property is also essential 24 hours before the burn. If neighbours are difficult to contact, just drop a note in their mailbox to let them know about your burn.

Chris says this saves many false alarms and a few red faces when Tallong 1 Alpha arrives on your doorstep to find a tiny pile of smouldering leaves reported by a concerned neighbour!

As the cooler months arrive, it is easy to become complacent about the dangers of bushfires but with the huge increase in fuel due to our wet summer, this winter and the following spring may bring especially trying conditions.

The Tallong RFS is looking forward to seeing lots of people on Apple Festival Day at the Fire Shed where the Brigade's famous pork and beef rolls will be served.

Endurance Marathon...

The Tallong RFS will also be helping at this year's NSW state equine endurance championships at Wingello over the weekend of April 27 to 29. This prestigious event is expected to attract large crowds and residents are advised to keep a close eye out for the horses on the Bumballa Road.

The main 160km ride starts at 2am on Saturday 28th April and will include five loops, each returning to the ride base for the horses to be checked by the veterinary team before they can continue.

An 80km ride will be held in conjunction with the main event beginning at 11am and consisting of two loops. The ride officially finishes at 2am on Sunday 29th April. For more information, see the website: www.highlandsendurnace.com or see the Wingello Forest Endurance Ride on Facebook.

Focus on Fireweed...

Fireweed - *Senecio Madagascariensis* - is becoming a major problem in our district. And the Department of Primary Industries and the Goulburn Mulwaree Council are cooperating on a campaign to eradicate it. There will be a public workshop in Tallong on Saturday 21 April at 9.30am to work out a plan on how to contain the weed. Questions to be discussed include: How do I identify fireweed? What are my legal obligations? And how do I effectively control and manage fireweed?

The workshop is free. But participants are asked to register with the Department of Primary Industries by 13th April by phoning 4828 6600 or by contacting Cathy Crawford at the Goulburn Mulwaree Council on 4823 4410.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided and participants are asked to bring a mug, chair, hat and appropriate clothing to walk in a paddock.

With the discovery of a new weed like fireweed, the most cost effective way to deal with the problem is work out an immediate management plan to eradicate the infestation. So, call the Department or the Goulburn Mulwaree Council to register your interest for the workshop.

Calls to WIRES...

The Wildlife Information, Rescue, Education Service (WIRES) advises that the local phone number for the Tallong area is 4822 3888.

This is a 24-hour rescue line manned by volunteers on a roster system. Callers to WIRES will hear a recorded message giving the phone number of the volunteer on duty.

Note that WIRES doesn't deal with non-native animals but can refer callers to the relevant authority or person who could help them, for example bees, hares, foxes, racing pigeons, abandoned kittens etc.

School News...

That noise of bat on ball coming from the Tallong public school is the result of a fantastic job by Fred McKellar, Geoff Maguire, Jeremy Porter and Rob McDonald in finishing the cricket nets.

The children have been having a wonderful time honing their bowling and batting skills. So, to celebrate the completion of the nets and to thank Boral for supplying materials, School Principal Sue Matthews is planning a barbecue and cricket game early next term. Stay tuned!

School starts for Term Two on Tuesday 24th April.

