

# TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP INC.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2012

ITEM	DATE Initiated	DECISIONS/FOLLOW UP
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Members Present	19-8-10	Margaret, Dugald, Sharyn, John, Lionel, Geoff
Apologies	21-05-09	Janet
Ratify Minutes Of Previous Meeting	21-05-09	<b>Moved:</b> Margaret <b>Seconded:</b> John that the Minutes be accepted.
Memberships	21-05-09	Nil
Treasurer's Report	21-05-09	See the Attachment 1. Since the statement was prepared, we have received a cheque for Apple Day sponsorship of \$500. <b>Moved:</b> Geoff <b>Seconded:</b> Sharyn
Secretary's Report Correspondence In	21-05-09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Email from Jodie Tremble re the Australia Day display.</li> <li>2. Email from Lauren Evans re the Tallong road numbering/naming sub-committee.</li> <li>3. Emails from Terry Cooper and Col Davis, GMC re the road surfaces.</li> </ol>
Secretary's Report Correspondence Out	21-05-09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft letter to the Hong Kong Rotaract Club re a visit.</li> <li>2. Email to Chris Berry re the Tallong road numbering/naming sub-committee.</li> <li>3. Emails from Terry Cooper and Col Davis, GMC re the road surfaces.</li> <li>4. Email to Belinda Bolding re source of the Tallong History book.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Lionel Second: Margaret that Incoming mail be received/Outgoing be endorsed.</p>
Articles and Publicity in the Local Papers	21-05-09	Leader – John: Goulburn Post ran a truncated version of items I sent them. Margaret: how to cover Santa Sabina Dinner in Newspaper Article?
Newsletters	18.12.08	Leader: John: The January newsletter is Attachment 2. Items for the February edition now welcome. Geoff suggestion – mention the Tallong Library(!); the Bush Dance; the Streetscape volunteer activities; subscriptions i.e. after successful Christmas Party we need you to re-subscribe; Donation to the Red Cross; Clean-up Australia Day on Sunday March 4; Apple Day – clarify TCFG stall requests vs. items for Bake-off.
<b>COMMUNITY PROJECTS</b>		

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Tallong Apple Day Festival	26-11-09	Leader: Sharyn – typically for this time of year the stall applications are a bit slow so Geoff will follow these up with further Emails; so far 15 stalls taking up 18 sites. Margaret: It has been relayed to me that there is confusion about the community supplying home cooked items for sale from our stall. People have the impression that the only way to donate home cooked items is through the Bake Off? Apple Day Committee should clarify –through the Newsletter (see above).
Tallong History Booklet sales/reprint	22- 5-08	Leader- Janet: There had been a sale (and payment) of 5 history books to the Berrima District Historical Society
Marulan South Quarry – CCC	17- 9 -08	Leader Geoff. Nothing new. Requested sponsorship for Apple Day. Reply positive but no money yet received – further Email sent.
Website development	21.05.09	Leader: Geoff: Brigid Lombard has been working on the project and has developed a new system which awaits inspection and installation.
Tallong Streetscape Volunteer Group		Leader: Lionel: Another working-bee held on January 10 during which the picnic/camping grounds near Barbers Creek was mowed and cleaned among other activities in the Village itself. 11 people attended.
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>		
Community Announcement Sign	1-5-09	Leader: Margaret: FRRR grant application failed! See Goulburn Mulwaree Trust later.
Road numbering in the Village	17-12-09	Leader: Geoff: <b>Action: Geoff to contact Lauren Evans, GMC to arrange a meeting.</b>
Movies	17-12-09	Leaders: Lionel/Janet: Next movie will be Happy Feet on January 24 and afterwards Red Dog on January 28 during the Community Picnic. We'll probably need to buy more soft drink (Lemon flavour) for next Tuesday - could Lionel check the cupboard please?
Program of 2011-2012 events for the TCFG (to be publicised on the Website)	21-1-10	Leader: Committee: <b>Action: John to seek out interested authors for a program of events after Apple Day 2012.</b> Had positive responses from Indira Naidoo (The Edible Balcony) and Andrew Fowler (bio of Julian Assange) to do author talks in Tallong but am having difficulty in pinning them down to dates. Naidoo is waiting for her Penguin publicist and Fowler is flat chat writing a new edition.
Tallong Public School	16-12-10	
Tallong Recreational Reserve Trust	20-01-11	Lionel to Liaise: Streetscape Volunteer group is looking after the picnic/camping area. <b>Action: Lionel to discuss with Sue Matthews, Principal Tallong PS whether they might have any use for the recreational ground.</b>
Highland Way clean-up	17-3-11	Leader Sharyn: Council Litter Prevention Campaign Resource Kit to Jason Moroney at GMC with highlighted areas for litter thrown from vehicles for our problem area on the Highland Way. Make contact in February if nothing received by then.
Footpath on Highland St between Hope St and Mulwaree Drive?	16-6-11	GMC considering for their next budget.
Road pot-hole patching – continued poor workmanship.	16-6-11	Geoff: Contact to be made with work's supervisor Col Davis.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		

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Tallong Community Christmas Party	15-9-11	Leader: Lionel/Janet:
Community dinner at Santa Sabina	15-9-11	<p>Total so far is 58 (including the speaker and his partner) of which 56 have paid. The tables will take 6, 7 or 8 people. Janet had bought 9 table clothes from Lincraft.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nibbles to include a selection of cheese, crackers and fruit with water and a fruit punch type drink. It will be on the balcony outside so this can be under a cover cloth.</p> <p>Notice to be sent to attendees: see Draft as Attachment 3.</p>
Vision for Vegetation in Tallong	15-9-11	Delayed until after the Community dinner at Santa Sabina.
Veolia Mulwaree Trust	15-9-11	<p>Leader: Janet: Suggestion: Geoff re-jig the FRRR application for the Community sign and submit to the VM Trust. <b>Action: Geoff to prepare a grant application.</b> Need to prioritise and seek other funding for the other projects recently mentioned e.g. the archiving and oral history project; restoring the picnic area.</p>
GMC Strategic Plan	17-11-11	Leader: Margaret: After working with John this was submitted to GMC but so far without acknowledgement.

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Group buying power to slash our electricity bills	15-12-11	Notice placed in the January Newsletter – not sure of the response.
Bush Dance	19-1-12	Leader: Committee: The Hall and the band have been booked for the Bush Dance. More organisation required after the Santa Sabina dinner. John to include in the next Newsletter with an application form and RSVP details. Action: Geoff to contact Denise Tay re the ballroom dancers.
Men's shed	19-1-12	Margaret: This is a topic relayed to me and interestingly, coming from women, who believe that if we can get it going the men would be very willing to join up. Many older men avoid the stress of leading this type of group but are appreciative of the benefits such a group provides. The community service manager of Anglicare – Goulburn is experienced in getting a Men's Shed set up in a particular community. I have tried to speak to her but she may be on leave. I will keep trying – Do we resuscitate the Men's Shed? Geoff's comment – there seems to be nobody in Tallong willing to run with this. However, see what the Anglicare person comes up with.
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.
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. <b>Action: Geoff to write to local MPs and GMC to ask what is the likely impact on the TCFG.</b>

Meeting closed at 2105 DST.

Next Meeting: Thursday February 16, 2012

Attachment 1: Treasurer's report

<b>TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP</b>	
<b>Balance Sheet</b>	
ACN 35 027 663 679	<b>as at 15/01/2012</b>
Inc No NSW INC9887110	

**Assets**

*Current Assets*

IMB Account

\$6,955.27

Cash in hand

\$544.05

	Equipment at Cost (Projector & DVD)	\$3,880.49	
			<u>\$11,379.81</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<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>
<b>Net Assets</b>	(current assets minus current liabilities)		<u>\$7,792.82</u>
<b>Summary of income and expenses (Year to date)</b>			
	Total income	\$2,804.53	
	Total expenses	\$9,148.18	
	Creditors (see list below)	\$0.00	
	Income-expenses-creditors	-\$6,343.65	
<b>Summary of income and expenses since last meeting</b>			
<i>Income</i>	Santa Sabina dinner payments	\$270.00	
	Membership renewals	\$0.00	
	History book sales	\$95.00	
	Golf Club - salads (Xmas Party leftovers)	\$70.00	
	Apple Day stalls	\$495.00	
	Xmas Party entry donations	\$220.00	
	<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$1,150.00</b>	
<i>Expenses</i>	Business Requisites (J Lombard)	\$50.00	Newsletters (2)
	Tallong Memorial Hall Trust	70.00	
	Tallong General Store (Xmas Party food)	492.65	
	Harris Farm Markets (M Botticchio)	60.38	
	Bank fees	\$10.75	
	Red Cross Australia (Xmas Party don.)	\$220.00	
	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$903.78</b>	
<i>Creditors</i>			
	<b>Total creditors</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	Retained Earnings (notes 1&4)	\$12,842.97	
	Current Year Earnings (note 2)	-\$6,343.65	
	Equipment after Depreciation (note 3)	\$1,293.50	
			<u>\$7,792.82</u>

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 unpresented 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 Newsletter Jan 2012

## Dinner at Santa Sabina...

The Tallong Community Dinner at Santa Sabina College on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February is proving very popular. Numbers are limited and already dozens of bookings have been made. So, if you haven't yet done so, make up a table and book it in – as soon as possible.

The guest speaker is the well-known author, broadcaster, and concerned environmentalist, Paul Collins. He says: "If we respect the world, we will respect the environment. We will respect other creatures, other species, and in a way I think we will respect ourselves much better. Sadly, we cannot bring back what has already been lost to extinction."

The evening will begin at 6pm with nibbles and drinks followed by a Twilight Walk in the various ecological systems on the campus. Dinner is at 7.30pm. Paul will speak after the main course but there will be plenty of opportunity for questions and a chat after the dinner. The cost is \$15pp. Drink is BYOG. Please note that the whole Santa Sabina campus is **smoke-free**.

For catering purposes, we need to know final numbers. So, please fill in the form at the bottom of the page and hand it to the Tallong General Store. Please NO money or forms in the TCFG box.

## Movie Time

Our summer movie season continues with two films that will appeal particularly to children, but to adults as well. The first will be shown after the Tallong Community Picnic on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

The annual picnic is a popular event. Starting at noon, picnickers are invited to bring their own food and drink. BBQ facilities will be provided. It's a great opportunity for everybody in the village to get together.

The main feature after lunch is the exciting hit Australian movie Red Dog, based on a legendary true story. It tells the tale of the Red Dog who united a disparate local community while roaming the Australian outback in search of his long lost master.

But earlier in the week, at 2pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January is another Australian classic Happy Feet.

The story takes place in the world of the Emperor Penguins, who find their soul mates through song. But one penguin is born who cannot sing.

On the other hand, he knows how to tap dance, something the other penguins have never seen before!

Both films are ideal holiday fun for all audiences. So, roll up and enjoy Australian film-making at its best.

**BOOK NOW!!**

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Please use this form to RSVP to the Santa Sabina dinner on Sat 25 February.

Name

Contact phone number or email address:

Cost is \$15pp – no of attendees \_\_\_\_ (please enclose correct money)

## School Prize-winners...

Last month, the Tallong Public School held a very successful Presentation Assembly for 2011 before a large audience of appreciative parents, teachers and the Mayor of Goulburn, local Tallong resident Geoff Kettle.

Principal Sue Matthews welcomed the crowd and was full of praise for her pupils. The TCFG Community Citizenship Award was presented by TCFG President Margaret Bottichio to Tyson Lewis.

The Lions Club – Tony Cosgrove Award for emerging leadership was presented by Lion Walter Darda to Finlay Maguire. Brandon Porter won the TPS Citizenship Award and Alexander McDonald won the Pru Goward Award for reading improvement.

The Assembly opened with a music performance by the children under the tutorship of Miss K Abotomey. And the afternoon wound up with a Sing-A-Long and a visit by a large man with a white beard and a sack of presents who arrived on the Tallong Fire Truck.

### **Tango One Bravo...**

The Tallong Rural Fire Service is now the proud owner of a new Category 1 Fire Truck. The Isuzu FTS755 is an important upgrade for the Brigade as it has ergonomically designed pump outlets and increased tank capacity.

“Tallong One Bravo” has an extra 55 horsepower over the old tanker which means response times should be improved. With the Brigade having to deal with motor vehicle accidents and highway assistance as well as fires, every second counts.

The new truck is equipped with instant response 20 and 25-mm diameter reel mounted hoses on the rear deck and its 38-mm semi-percolating hoses coupled together can reach more than 300 metres.

One of the most dangerous aspects of the Rural Fire Fighter’s job is a fire over-run. This happens when a unit is caught out by a rapidly advancing fire front with no time to make a retreat.

This is an extremely rare occurrence, but crew safety is a highlight in the new Cat 1 with a spray system operated from inside the cab. With the touch of a button, a continuous spray of water flows over and under the cab, around the wheels and over the surrounding grass. And the crew are kept safe inside.

Tallong RFS meet at the Fire Shed every Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm. Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

### **Calling all Grannies...**

The Tallong Apple Day Festival committee is calling for nominations for the Tallong Granny of the Year award to commemorate Granny Smith apples. They originated in Eastwood, NSW, in 1868 from a chance seedling propagated by Granny Maria Ann Smith. We’re looking for nominations in fewer than 50 words for Tallong’s best Granny.

All nominated Grannies must be present at the Festival on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May next. The winner’s name will go on a perpetual trophy and she will get a replica to take home. Nominations please in the TCFG box at the Tallong General store.

So, all you Tallong grandkids: tell us who Tallong’s best Granny is for 2012.

### **Bulk purchase special deal...**

One member of our community is trying to organise a special bulk purchase discount with various electricity companies. If you are interested, please contact Julee

D'Alcorn: [jdalcorn@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jdalcorn@optusnet.com.au) or leave a note in the TCFG letterbox at the Tallong General Store.

### **Attachment 3**

Dear Attendees,

The organising committee for the Tallong Community Dinner at Santa Sabina College Campus (Old Wingello Road) on February, 25, 2012 would like to know if you or your friends attending might have any special dietary requirements. Please let us know by return Email so that we can make arrangements with the College catering staff.

Please note that the Santa Sabina College Campus is a Non-Smoking venue.

When you first arrive at 6pm you will be directed up the hill to unload and park your car (there will be about 30 parking spots up there); you are encouraged to carpool to ensure there are sufficient parking spaces up the top. However, if the parking area is full then additional spaces will be available off Old Wingello Road and you can walk back up the hill after depositing your guests and drinks. Your drinks

can be deposited in the dining area at the allocated tables. It would be best to bring a torch for later re-location of your vehicle.

In terms of the environmental bush walk prior to the dinner it will be about 1km and probably requires a moderate level of fitness. Those people who do not feel fit enough can stay in the dining area and enjoy the pre-dinner nibbles. Others will join groups of 20 for the guided walking tours followed by the nibbles. Dinner will be served at 7.30pm and the guest speaker, Paul Collins, will give his presentation between the main course and dessert.

If you have any further queries, please let us know.

We look forward to an enjoyable evening on February, 25th.

Best wishes,  
Geoff Clark  
Secretary, Tallong Community Focus Group Inc.

### **PAUL COLLINS Background**

Born in Melbourne and now living in Canberra, Paul Collins is an historian, broadcaster, and writer. For many years he has worked in varying capacities in TV and radio with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He has also acted as a commentator on the BBC, PBS in the United States, NHK Japan, Danish and New Zealand TV, Sky TV News, as well as SBS and commercial TV and radio stations in Australia. He has written regularly for most of Australia's leading newspapers and magazines, as well as for print media in the UK, the United States, Germany and Austria.

He has a Master's degree in theology (Th.M.) from Harvard University, and a Doctorate in Philosophy (Ph.D) in history from the Australian National University (ANU), and is a Fellow of Trinity College of Music, London. He has taught history and theology in Australia, US and Pacific countries and worked as a parish priest in Sydney and Hobart. He has wide experience in tertiary and adult education. Between 1986 and 1996 he was a producer-presenter in the ABC in radio and TV, and for three years he was Specialist Editor-Religion for the ABC.

In March 2001 he resigned from the active priestly ministry of the Catholic Church after thirty-three years service due to a doctrinal dispute with the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith over his book *Papal Power* (1997).

He is the author of twelve books including *Mixed Blessings*, *God's Earth*, *Papal Power*, and *Burn: The Epic Story of Bushfire in Australia*. His most recent book is *Believers. Does the Catholic Church in Australia have a Future?* It was published in mid-2007. A new book, *Judgment Day. The struggle for life on earth* has just been published by the University of NSW Press.

While he is well known as a commentator on Catholicism and the papacy, he also has a strong interest in environmental and population issues. Nowadays he works as a freelance writer, speaker and broadcaster on environmental issues, social ethics, theology, history and media.