

TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP INC.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 19th July, 2012

ITEM	DATE Initiated	DECISIONS/FOLLOW UP
ADMINISTRATION		
Members Present	19-8-10	Margaret, Sharyn, Dugald, Lionel, Janet, Geoff
Apologies	21-05-09	John
Ratify Minutes Of Previous Meeting	21-05-09	Moved: Margaret Seconded: Lionel that the Minutes as amended for changes in teh Treasurer's report be accepted.
Memberships	21-05-09	Nil
Treasurer's Report	21-06-12	See Attachment 1. Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted. Moved: Geoff Action: Geoff to contact Goulburn Bowman re their un-presented cheque from Apple Day. Seconded: Sharyn There was extensive discussion on the Treasurer's report for the AGM. This will be amended and distributed for comments. Action: Geoff to contact Crisp Insurance re insurance of the Community Sign. Action: An assets register should be set-up by the new committee.
Secretary's Report Correspondence In	21-05-09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From GMC giving results of submissions on the footpaths in Tallong 2. From Rev. Jeremy Tonks re thanks for the Apple Day donation to St Stephens church, Tallong 3. Mike Kennedy report on Streetscape meeting with GMC reps - See Attachment 2.
Secretary's Report Correspondence Out	21-05-09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email to Veolia_Mulwaree Trust on progress with the Community Sign. 2. Letter to Crisp Insurance re changing the location to be insured from the Tallong General Store to the Memorial Hall. <p>Moved: Dugald Second: Lionel that Incoming mail be received/Outgoing be endorsed.</p>
Articles and Publicity in the Local Papers	21-05-09	Leader – John: Articles could include the prompt construction of the footpath on Bumballa St leading up to the school and the improved safety for pedestrians as a result. The renewal of the surface on Highland Way. Seeking further input from residents on their use of the Tallong Railway station and any improvements they see as necessary. Contact secretary@tallong.com.au or place submissions in the TCFG letterbox for collation by the TCFG.
Newsletters	18.12.08	Leader: John: See Attachment 3 for the July Newsletter. Next Newsletter to include 1. article on Tallong Railway station soliciting written input from Residents e.g. level of the platform, timetable, etc. (see above details); 2. Any dust noticed recently from trains carrying ore from the South Marulan quarry?; 3. Encourage with a warm invitation to participate in the next TCFG and Apple Day committees; 4. a registration form for TCFG Membership; 5. Oct 4 meeting "Little known treasures of Tallong Bush" (see details below); Community sign installation (see below and recognise Mark Jellicoe's contribution). Next one by early August
COMMUNITY PROJECTS		

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Tallong Apple Day Festival	26-11-09	Leader: Sharyn – Initial meeting probably September after the new TCFG committee formed. Then need representatives from the Tallong school and RFB to be nominated.
Tallong History Booklet sales/reprint	22- 5-08	Leader- Janet/Margaret: Shop sold four copies. A reprint probable before Christmas.
Marulan South Quarry – CCC	17- 9 -08	Leader Geoff. Next meeting due on August 1. Ask if the Community Consultation Plan can be distributed.
Website development	21.05.09	Leader: Geoff: The major changes suggested by Margaret/Janet have been done but some details still required. I am not sure about changing “The Southern Highlands” heading to “Tallong, NSW” – must consult further with Brigid Lombard.
Tallong Streetscape Volunteer Group		Leader: Lionel: See Attachment 2.
GENERAL BUSINESS		
Road numbering in the Village	17-12-09	Leader: Geoff: Waiting on GMC after the gazetting process.
Movies	17-12-09	Leaders: Lionel/Janet: In abeyance. Action: Janet to see what classic movies are available at the GMC Library. Still to be done.
Program of 2011-2012 events for the TCFG (to be publicised on the Website)	21-1-10	Leader: Committee: Action: John to follow up with Indira Naidoo and set the date. Dates to be confirmed with Hall availability before adding to the website.
Tallong Public School	16-12-10	Weekly Newsletters have been added to the website.
Tallong Recreational Reserve Trust	20-01-11	Lionel :
Highland Way clean-up	17-3-11	Leader Sharyn: Keep Tallong Clean signs have not been approved by councils Traffic committee. Need to rethink this one with full committee after the AGM.
Footpath on Highland St between Hope St and Mulwaree Drive?	16-6-11	Leader: Geoff: Delayed for further consideration in next year’s (2013-2014) GMC budget.
Road pot-hole patching – continued poor workmanship.	16-6-11	Geoff: Action: Geoff to contact Terry Cooper re the pot holes re-forming under the railway bridge on Highland Way following previous repairs.
NEW BUSINESS		
Vision for Vegetation in Tallong	15-9-11	Evening – Supper/talk with slides confirmed for October 4th. Hall is booked and speakers are President of Aust Native Orchid Society (ANOS) Alan Stephenson and Naturalist and member of ANOS Denis Wilson. Suggestion for name of talk “Little known treasures of Tallong Bush”. For catering purposes, RSVP to secretary@tallong.com.au or in the TCFG letterbox by Oct 1.
Veolia Mulwaree Trust grant for the Community Sign	15-9-11	Leader: Geoff: Need to overcome difficulties in installation (rock) so that can finalise this grant. Installation hopefully will take place on Sat. July 21 using Mark Jellicoe’s expertise.
Anzac Day commemoration in Tallong	15-3-12	Organisation for next year should take place in January 2013

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Special Emergency Preparedness Community Meeting	19-1-12	See report from Dugald as Attachment 4.
New NSW OH&S laws and their Impact on Volunteer Groups	19-1-12	Action: Geoff to follow up with GMC. Not yet done. Discuss the possibility of the GMC running a general course for volunteers.
Railway station platform	21/6/12	Mayor Geoff Kettle reported that our request to have platform improved is ranked 285 of 307 similar requests. Suggests letters to Mathew Perry, Railway Transport from TCFG with back up from residents. Next Newsletter to include article on this?
Bi-centenary of Tallong's discovery by European settlers/explorers	19-4-12	Leader: John: For discussion purposes to set-up a sub-group to co-ordinate activities for the 2018 celebrations. Needs community consultation. Bring this up at the AGM and mention a new project for a History of Tallong Volume 2 booklet.
Date for the AGM September 6, 2012 at 7.30pm	17-5-12	Margaret: Broad details, Supper, in Hall or in smaller supper room, Paperwork to be distributed: Agenda, Minutes of previous AGM, President's report, Treasurer's report, Invitation/welcoming letter to the meeting, committee nomination form. Invitation letter should include getting others involved in both TCFG and Apple Day.
Lighting at the intersection of Hume Hwy and Highland Way – RTA submission?	21-6-12	Leader: Dugald – discussion re lighting change on Hume Highway a blind spot – carried over for meeting after the AGM.
Council elections on Sept. 8 – TCFG stall	19-7-12	Discuss at the next meeting having a stall at the Memorial Hall to solicit new memberships of the TCFG on the day of the Council Elections.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm EST. Next Meeting: Thursday August 16, 2012

Attachment 1: Treasurer's report
TCFG Balance Sheet 13Jul2012

TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP	
Balance Sheet	
ACN 35 027 663 679	as at 13/07/2012
Inc No NSW INC9887110	

Assets	<i>Current Assets</i>	
	IMB Account (passbook)	\$3,452.82
	Cash in hand	\$358.05
	Projector & DVD player at cost	\$3,880.49
	Community sign at cost	\$5,226.00
	Total	<u>\$12,917.36</u>
	IMB Account less unrepresented cheques	\$3,352.82
Liabilities	<i>Current Liabilities</i>	
	Depreciation of projector & DVD player	\$3,880.49
	Depreciation of community sign	\$0.00
	Cheques to be written (for creditors)	\$0.00
	Unrepresented Cheques	\$100.00
	Total	<u>\$3,980.49</u>
Net Assets	(current assets minus current liabilities)	<u>\$8,936.87</u>
Summary of income and expenses (financial year to date)		
	Total income	\$180.00
	Total expenses	\$4.00

Creditors (see list below)	\$0.00
Income-expenses-creditors+cheques	\$176.00

Summary of income and expenses since last meeting

<i>Income</i>	Book sales	\$180.00	
	Membership renewals	\$0.00	
	Bank interest (May)	\$6.21	
	Total income	\$186.21	

Expenses

Yass Signs & Lettering (Sign - 2nd pay)	\$2,613.00
IMB - bank fees for May & June 2012	\$11.75
Total expenses	\$2,624.75

Cheques to bank

Total \$0.00

Creditors

Total creditors \$0.00

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$3,534.87	See note 1
Current Year Earnings	\$176.00	
Projector & DVD player after depreciation	\$0.00	See note 2
Community sign after depreciation	\$5,226.00	See note 2
Total equity	<u>\$8,936.87</u>	

Note (1) Retained earnings comprise:

Bank balance at start of financial year	\$5,949.82	plus
Cash in hand at start of financial year	\$298.05	
Less unrepresented cheque 8059	\$100.00	
Less unrepresented cheque 8064	\$2,613.00	presented 3/7/12
	\$3,534.87	

Note (2) Basis of depreciation is one third of purchase price per year

Attachment 2

Mike Kennedy report on meeting of 12/7/2012

I had a meeting today with Will Singleton (HR Manager) & Rod (Parks & Gardens Supervisor) re the work that the Tallong Streetscape group do and want to see continue.

Will was there as the senior person ultimately responsible for the GMC's Volunteer programme. Jason Moroney could not make it as he had been called to another meeting at short notice.

We spent some time discussing what the Streetscape Group were doing, the reasons that we were doing it for, the GMC's issues with insurance and what work the GMC actually schedule to do in Tallong. We then went for a walk to look at the work that had been done and to look at what issues there would be for the GMC to take over the roadside work.

Will stated outright that the GMC would not allow us to carry out roadside work as part of GMC volunteer sponsored work. My reply was that I understand their reasons for this but we have valid reasons for what we see as essential work with regard to safety for motorists, safe access for locals and for aesthetics. I also stated that if GMC would or could not carry out the work or find a way for us to continue, then we would look to carry out the work as residents rather than as GMC volunteers. I told them that we do not wish to be in conflict with the GMC and Will replied that there is no wish on the GMC's part for the Volunteer Group to cease.

The end result of the meeting was that Will & Rod would get together with Jason & Rob and look at what the GMC can do to progress the issue.

I also broached the clearing up of the block behind the RFS shed. They asked for a letter detailing the level of clearing we wanted to carry out and how we could guarantee that we weren't damaging the ecology. I told them that we had experience at this with the bush regeneration carried out on the corner of Caoura Rd & Highland Way. I will send Jason a letter with the details.

As an aside I got the impression that within the GMC the Tallong Midge Orchid is being used as an excuse for a number of things not being done in Tallong. They seem to be under the impression that the Orchid grows all over Tallong rather than the only known crop that is growing in Tallong Park Estate. Rod stated that he was not allowed to spray in Tallong because of the Orchid. That included spraying the grass growing in the expansion grooves in the footpath! Isn't this one of the reasons we were given for not cleaning up the Cemetery and for the non mowing of the roadsides, at one of the Community Outreach meetings.

I eagerly await their reply and sincerely hope that I will not have to don a bandana, blacken my face and camouflage my mower & whippersnipper.

I will keep you up to date.

Cheers

Mike

Mike Kennedy

Co-ordinator, Tallong Streetscape Volunteer Group

Attachment 3

Tallong Community Focus Group Newsletter July 2012

What to do in an emergency...

How to cope with an emergency was the theme of an important meeting hosted by the Tallong Community Focus Group at the Memorial Hall.

Ian Marsh from Goulburn Men's Shed outlined the history of the organisation and its role in combating depression and suicides among men. As well as providing a gathering place for men, it does work for other charities in Australia and overseas. The Goulburn Men's Shed is at 67 Blackshaw Road, Goulburn and is open from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm Mon-Fri and from 10 am to 2 pm on weekends. For more information, go to www.mensshed.org

Flash flooding...

Robert Bell, SES Regional Controller, advised what to do when floods occur. The main problem in our area is flash flooding and his main message was to stay clear of the water even if it is not flowing. Sewage, snakes, trees and toxic chemicals can be in the water. Flowing water is surprisingly powerful and it does not have to be more than 300 mm deep before vehicles will float away. More information is available at www.ses.nsw.gov.au.

Norman Fountain from RFS Crookwell Fire Control gave a presentation on bushfire safety. This has three main elements to it: Prepare, Act, Survive, and these now include lessons learned from the Victorian bushfires of 2009. For more, go to www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or via the Bushfire Information Line (1800 679 737).

An important point he made was that if you see a fire start, phone 000. Do **not** phone the local Fire Captain as he or she may be responding to another RFS call out; also warn others of the danger.

The final speaker was David Tipping from the Red Cross, and his presentation was on their REDiPlan approach. This has four steps to it and these are (1) Be informed; (2) Make a plan; (3) Get an emergency kit; and (4) Know your neighbours. This is designed to be effective for all kinds of emergencies, including fire and flood, also events like storms. More information is available at www.redcross.org.au.

RFS news...

While listening to the SES's Robert Bell on the dangers and effects of flooding, Tallong RFS members were reminded of what they had witnessed as part of an RFS Task Force mobilized to assist the townsfolk of Griffith during recent flooding in that area.

Several fire trucks from Goulburn, Tallong and Taralga brigades were sent by Goulburn Mulwaree Fire Control.

The Tallong members operated from a base camp at Barellan (Evyonne Goolagong's home town) travelling each day to the badly affected small town of Yenda where they had the sombre task of helping residents with the removal of water-logged possessions from houses where the flood waters had risen inside to a depth of almost one metre. Carpets, floor coverings, furniture, clothes, fridges, washing machines and all other items

declared useless by assessors had to be dragged out and left in bedraggled piles outside every home to await collection by the tip trucks.

In the face of such heartbreak, the Team members said they were always impressed with the humour and resilience displayed by the townsfolk and were continually touched by expressions of gratitude as they hauled ruined carpets from houses while water was still being pumped from under the floor boards.

Sign up...

The new Tallong Community notice board sign is soon to be installed on Highland Street, opposite to the entrance to the railway station. Thanks to the Veolia Mulwaree Trust which contributed half of the cost of the sign.

It will provide regularly updated information about events in Tallong.

Footing it to School...

And while we're on the subject of streets, Public School Principal Sue Matthews is delighted with a decision by the Goulburn Mulwaree Council to approve a new footpath along Bumballa Street to the School's front gate.

Sue says this is a very positive outcome for the safety of the students as they travel to and depart from School by bicycle or on foot.

Unfortunately, another submission for a footpath along Highland Street between Hope Street and Mulwaree Drive didn't make it this time.

2012 Diary dates...

6th September: The Tallong Community Focus Group's annual general meeting. Everybody welcome. The committee is looking for nominations to join the Committee; in particular we would like new blood for the Apple Day Committee.

Please contact secretary@tallong.com.au

4th October: Local orchid experts and Tallong enthusiasts Denis Wilson and Allan Stephenson will give a supper talk with slides on the wild flowers and orchids found around Tallong. Particular attention will be on the Tallong Midge Orchid and its local habitat. Details later.

Fighting fireweed...

This well-known nuisance in the community was the subject of a recent field day meeting in Tallong.

Coming out of the meeting was a suggestion that a Landcare group be set up to deal with fireweed and other land management problems.

What we need now is community input. If you support the idea of a Landcare group, please contact Dugald/Janet Black on 4841 0613 or email jlm.black@binpond.com and we can get it going.

WIRES Course...

WIRES Southern Tablelands has organised a Rescue and Immediate Care Course for 19th and 26th August which still has vacancies for anyone interested in joining WIRES.

Further information can be obtained by emailing annwyn2@gmail.com or phoning 0408028675.

Attachment 4: report on the Emergency Preparedness Meeting by Dugald Black

About 20 people came to the community meeting at the Tallong Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening, 26 June, to find out more about what to do in various emergencies and to find out about the Men's Shed organisation. Speakers came from the Goulburn Men's Shed, SES, RFS and Red Cross. Their presentations were highly informative and everyone at the meeting appreciated the time and effort put in by the speakers and their support officers.

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