

# TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP INC.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2011

ITEM	DATE Initiated	DECISIONS/FOLLOW UP
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Members Present	19-8-10	All present
Apologies	21-05-09	Nil
Ratify Minutes Of Previous Meeting	21-05-09	<b>Moved:</b> Janet <b>Seconded:</b> Lionel the Minutes be accepted.
Memberships	21-05-09	1 new/renewal memberships received.
Treasurer's Report	21-05-09	See the Attachment <b>Moved:</b> Geoff <b>Seconded:</b> Margaret that the report be accepted. Agreed: a cheque for \$50 to be drawn to cover the TCFG community prize for a student at the Tallong PS.
Secretary's Report Correspondence In	21-05-09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Email from Terry Cooper re pot holes requesting one of his staff to contact me – nothing as yet!!</li> <li>2. FRRR – stating our application is being assessed and we will have advice of outcome within 8 -10 weeks of closing date for applications.</li> <li>3. From Premier of NSW - inviting me to attend a meeting with a Minister in Queanbeyan on 31<sup>st</sup> October – RSVP by 20<sup>th</sup> OCT. We are “a key community organisation – the Government values our views and opinions on how to strengthen the local area and address some of the challenges facing our community.”</li> <li>4. Letter from J. Humphrey re no contact since the AGM.</li> <li>5. Email from Boral with the meteorological data</li> </ol>
Secretary's Report Correspondence Out	21-05-09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Email to Lauren Evans GMC re road naming/renumbering in Tallong Village.</li> <li>2. Email to Sharon Makin, Boral re getting the latest meteorological data from Boral.</li> </ol> <p>Moved: Sharyn Second: John that Incoming mail be received/Outgoing be endorsed.</p>
Articles and Publicity in the Local Papers	21-05-09	Leader – John: Mike has written his last article and now it is over to John, so please feed him information.
Newsletters	18.12.08	Leader: John: A Draft newsletter is Attachment 2 - for discussion. See amendments/additions below.
<b>COMMUNITY PROJECTS</b>		
Tallong Apple Day Festival	26-11-09	Leader: Sharyn - to be the liaison person with the Apple Day committee. Mike will discuss possible co-ordination of publicity with the Collector Pumpkin Festival committee.

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Tallong History Booklet sales/reprint	22- 5-08	Leader- Janet: We need to organise a new print run of the history book urgently as I have, today, put the last 5 copies into the Tallong shop. (3 copies sold in the last 2 weeks). I've spoken to Brian at Salmat, Goulburn and there should only be a small increase in price and 50 copies can be done quickly. Moved: Geoff Seconded Sharyn that another 50 copies be purchased.
Tallong Railway Station	30.08-07	Leader: Dugald. No action.
Marulan South Quarry – CCC	17- 9 -08	Leader Geoff: I was able to attend the meeting on Oct. 5 and to observe the dramatic changes in the site now that earth works have commenced. There was a 10m noise bund under construction along the northern boundary and so far 400,000 cubic metres of soil have been moved around the site; eventually 1.2 million m <sup>3</sup> to be moved before quarrying commences. Earth works will be completed by April 2012 and plant construction will commence in March 2012. Local people are being employed and more positions are becoming available. Dust and noise sampling surveys are underway. Community Stakeholder Plan now being developed by Sharon Makin the local Environment Officer. More details will be available at: <a href="http://www.boral.com.au/Article/ACM_Marulan_Welcome.asp">http://www.boral.com.au/Article/ACM_Marulan_Welcome.asp</a> It was mentioned that train dust had again been noticed recently – Janet gave Cheryl from the shop contact details at Boral for the complaint.
Website development	21.05.09	Leader: Geoff: <b>Action: Dugald to look at the IMB website to see if there are community grants that may cover development of a website.</b> Criteria fro Grants from IMB don't look encouraging. <b>Action: Geoff to approach a website development organisation to see how it could be enhanced and notional costs.</b>
Tallong Streetscape Volunteer Group		Leader: Lionel: Mike organised work group Mon 26/9, approx. 14 attended. Edges of paths along Highland St, Caoura Rd and the school end of Bumbala St were cut back. Long grass along fences around the hall were cut down. War Memorial and rosemary bushes were tidied. BBQ sausages and drinks followed. It was suggested that 4th Mon of the month be considered. Next working bee actually Tues Oct. 25.
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>		
Community Announcement Sign	1-5-09	Leader: Margaret: Awaiting outcome of FRRR grant application.
Road numbering in the Village	17-12-09	Leader: Geoff: <b>Action: Geoff to draft as letter to GMC re outcomes of the survey.</b> Done and circulated to committee prior to sending to Lauren Evans, GMC – see correspondence out.

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Movies	17-12-09	Leaders: Lionel/Janet: <b>Action: Janet to get a schedule of the movies from Mike/Vicky and to feed this to John for the Newsletter.</b> Hall now heated so a program can be developed. Mike and Vicki and are willing to run them on the 2nd Friday or Saturday of the month, whichever we prefer, starting in November (4th or 5th) with "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes". NB the 2nd Saturday in December is the 10th which is when we were proposing to have the Xmas party. Mike and Vicki to organise posters. Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> chosen and only one movie night scheduled for this year due to Christmas approaching.
Program of 2011 events for the TCFG (to be publicised on the Website)	21-1-10	Leader: Committee: Draft program circulated – to be approved and then posted on the website.
Building Communities Grant for Hall	17-6-10	Leader: Mike: Heating now installed and ready to go!! Moved Dugald Secoded Lionel that the TCFG pay the difference between the Grant and Invoice for the heater installation (about \$114).
Tallong Public School	16-12-10	Principal Sue Matthews attended in order to mainly thank TCFG members who had volunteered for helping at the Breakfast Club. She also said that all welcome to attend the End of Year Presentation at noon on Dec. 16. The school's NAPLAN results showed all students were above average with several in the high bands – an excellent showing. Four boys attended the State relay running event. TCFG was thanked for supporting the AFL gala day on Oct. 21.
FRRR grant application for a community sign	18-8-11	A FRRR grant application awaits determination.
Tallong Recreational Reserve Trust	20-01-11	Lionel to Liaise: <b>Action: Lionel to get an address for the Trust so that we can write a letter of enquiry about how the TCFG Grant has been used.</b> Have arranged for Aleta to send me a copy of the balance sheet of the Picnic Ground Trust. No money has been spent. Suggested the Streetscape Volunteer group might be able to help get things moving down there.
Highland Way clean-up	17-3-11	<b>Action: Sharyn to speak to the GMC Mayor re getting anti-litter signage for this section of road.</b> It is an RTA responsibility. <b>Action: Geoff: Contact RTA to find out the process for getting a sign.</b>
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	<b>Action Geoff: send an Email inviting the Senior Supervisor to visit the area for a site inspection: Done.</b> Suggested that the letter to the GMC Community Outreach meeting include a site inspection just before that meeting on Nov. 22.
AFL Gala Day carnival – volunteers required to help at the Tallong PS canteen.	16-6-11	Rescheduled for October 21.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		

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Tallong Community Christmas Party	15-9-11	Leader: Lionel/Janet: Should avoid clash of dates with the Marulan Carols, St Stephens carols, school function ( <b>Margaret to check</b> ), RFS Christmas party – our preferred date is Dec. 10 ( <b>Action: Lionel to check with Chris Boland</b> ). Consider a gold coin donation and having raffle tickets for baskets of goodies made up on the night from presents donated on the night. The money was a charitable Xmas donation to a local charity – Youth off the streets. RSVP are important for catering and the Santa and Xmas Tree items. Also games for the children. <b>Action: Geoff to approach Vicki Kennedy re could she run the games?</b> We need to know how many are coming 2 weeks before an event. I think you could include Janet's (48410613) and Margaret's (48410324) numbers, and our email addresses( for inquiry or booking details). See Newsletter for suggested details.
Community dinner at Santa Sabina	15-9-11	<b>Actions: Margaret to discuss with Paul Holmes if our 1<sup>st</sup> preference date of Nov. 26 is OK (2<sup>nd</sup> option is Nov. 19).</b> Now set for Feb 25, 2012 – with committee's approval. John has lined up Paul Collins as guest speaker (see Attachment 2 below for publicity).
Vision for Vegetation in Tallong	15-9-11	<b>Action: Margaret to show Paul previous GMC environmental plans for the region and to discuss his putting a proposal together for consideration of the committee/community.</b> I have talked to Paul and he thinks we should treat this as community awareness/education. We need further discussion and examine how useful this might be. Paul is not in a position to go further with his proposal. He has given it to the TCFG for further action. Suggested this be delayed until after the Community dinner at Santa Sabina.
Veolia Mulwaree Trust	15-9-11	Leader: Janet: Future project application: archiving of historical materials held by the TCFG. Spoken with Margaret - since the amount we would need is so small, we thought we might be better trying to get it from the Royal Australian Historical Society and save the Veolia Trust application for something bigger e.g. 1. Refurbishment of the Tallong War Memorial; 2. A booklet on the oral histories of Tallong residents.
Subsidence of Old Wingello Road	15-9-11	<b>Action: Geoff to Email Terry Cooper, GMC to arrange a site inspection with Margaret/John.</b> Done. Not sure if the Morrises have heard anything but I have not seen any action on other parts of the Email.
Community Outreach Meeting	20-10-11	Action: Geoff to send suggestions: 1. Have an independent person chairing the meeting to control running of the meeting; 2. Have a Secretary take Minutes of the Meeting; 2. Have a site inspection of pot-hole repair in the Tallong area plus the subsidence on Old Wingello Rd.

Meeting closed at 2125 EST.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 17, 2011

Attachment 1: Treasurer's report  
TCFG Balance Sheet 12Oct2011

## Balance Sheet

ACN 35027663

as at 12/10/2011

Inc No NSW INC9887110

### Assets

#### Current Assets

IMB Account (per passbook)	\$8,739.51
Cash in hand	\$69.70
Equipment at Cost (Projector & DVD)	\$3,880.49
	<u>\$12,689.70</u>

### Liabilities

#### Current Liabilities

Provision for Apple Day 2012	\$1,000.00
Depreciation of Equipment	\$2,586.99
Cheques to be written (for creditors)	\$0.00
Unpresented Cheques	\$50.00
	<u>\$3,636.99</u>

### Net Assets

\$9,052.71

### Summary of income and expenses (YTD)

Total income	\$855.00
Total expenses	\$5,938.76
Creditors	\$0.00
Income-expenses-creditors	-\$5,083.76

### Equity

Retained Earnings (notes 1&4)	\$12,842.97
Current Year Earnings (note 2)	-\$5,083.76
Equipment after Depreciation (note 3)	\$1,293.50
	<u>\$9,052.71</u>

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

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

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

Note (4) Retained earnings comprises:

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	
Less provision for Apple Day 2012	\$1,000.00	
	\$12,842.97	

## Attachment 2

# DRAFT

## Tallong Community Focus Group Newsletter Oct 2011

### **Coming in...**

The Tallong Community Focus Group has a new Committee elected at the annual general meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September. President is Margaret Botticchio; Vice President Lionel Willison, Secretary Geoff Clark, Treasurer Dugald Black and the Committee members are Janet Black, Sharyn Ward, John Lombard; Helen Wise (**resigned for personal reasons**).

The TCFG is an active community group that lobbies the Council and other regulatory bodies on behalf of all Tallong residents. It also helps to bring the community together in an enjoyable social setting. So, it has two important roles to play in the life of the community. And it costs only \$2.50 to be a member. What a bargain to have your say in what happens in your village!

President Margaret Botticchio told the AGM she thought the community spirit shown over the past year had been brilliant. She said the integration of various groups and the TCFG had been impressive and strong links have been forged between community individuals, groups and the TCFG. Special thanks were given to the Committee and office bearers, in particular to the outgoing Treasurer Mike Kennedy who has been playing an ever increasing role in organising the Newsletter, publicity in the Goulburn Post, as well as being the Apple Day convenor and the many other duties involved in being Treasurer.

John Lombard has taken over responsibility for the Newsletter and the Goulburn Post notes and he welcomes any contributions ([lombard.john@gmail.com](mailto:lombard.john@gmail.com) or ph 0424 956 534) at any time. Just drop him a line.

### **Coming up...**

Your Committee has an exciting program of events planned for the next 12 months. So, get out your diaries and jot down the following dates:

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 – Community Outreach meeting with Goulburn Mulwaree Council

10<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – Community Christmas party

16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – Tallong PS End of Year Presentation at 12 noon.

17<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – Marulan Carols at 3pm

21<sup>st</sup> January 2012 – Community picnic

25<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – Community walk, talk and dinner at Santa Sabina

4<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – Clean-up Australia

24<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – Bush Dance

6<sup>th</sup> May 2012 - Tallong Apple Day Festival

### **Reaching out...**

The Community Outreach meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30pm at the Tallong Memorial Hall is an important event to meet Goulburn Mulwaree Council representatives and senior staff. It is a unique opportunity for the Tallong community to raise issues directly with **Council** representatives. So, if you have any questions contact the TCFG and we will submit a list to the Council prior to the meeting. Questions, please, in the TCFG letter box at the Tallong General Store or email to [secretary@tallong.com.au](mailto:secretary@tallong.com.au)

## **Walking out...**

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February next year we're planning a walk, talk and dinner at Santa Sabina on the theme of the Native Plants of Tallong. There will be a walk at 6pm followed by a three course dinner at Santa Sabina and an engaging guest speaker, Paul Collins, a historian, environmentalist, broadcaster, writer and former Catholic priest.

He is the author of twelve books including one many Tallong residents may know *Burn: the epic story of bushfire in Australia*. In March 2001, Paul resigned as a Catholic priest after 33 years active service because of a doctrinal dispute with the Vatican. A former head of religious broadcasting at the ABC, Paul is an inspiring and witty speaker. ~~These days, he is well known as a commentator on Catholicism and the papacy but also he is equally strong on environmental and population issues.~~ *He will be speaking from his experience as historian, conservationist and environmentalist*

We expect this to be a very popular evening and the numbers will be limited. More details about *pre-booking* in the next Newsletter but put the date in your diary: Sat 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

## **Firing up...**

Chris Boland, President TRFB, reports: During a quiet and fire free period, the Tallong Brigade received a call to attend a motor accident on Highland Way south of Glenrock Station. Tallong One Alpha responded to find a Holden sedan had lost control on a southbound bend and was lying upside down in a drainage ditch. Thankfully the driver had crawled free and was unhurt, but the vehicle was leaking so much raw fuel that the petrol had filled the rear wheel wells. While there was no immediate environmental threat to any waterways, brigade members swiftly applied a blanket of fire retardant foam over and around the car. This substantially reduced the risk of accidental combustion, especially from sparks when the towie arrived to extricate the vehicle from the ditch.

With the new fire season running from 1<sup>st</sup> October until 31<sup>st</sup> March, now is a good time to clear away all those piles of firewood from underneath your wooden veranda and have a close look at all those overhanging tree branches. Also from 1<sup>st</sup> October, a Permit is required before lighting any fires in the open. The procedure is very simple, just a phone call to the Tallong Brigade Captain, Kevin Roberts, on 0418 221 019. He can issue the Permit and will advise how to proceed with notifying surrounding neighbours and Fire Control local HQ.

## **Being Crafty...**

Calling all knitters, embroiderers and crocheters, all makers of jams and jellies, chutneys and relishes, all makers of items useful and funny – and we're being non gender-specific here!

As one of the highlights of next year's Apple Day, we want to have a Tallong Community Focus Group handicraft and produce stall selling items donated during the year. We are looking for help with donations. Can you assist us, please?

Perhaps before you put the knitting needles away for the year, could you make us an apple-themed beanie for instance? And whenever you make a batch of jam or chutney, could you make an extra one or two bottles for us? When the lavender blooms, would you dry some for making lavender bags later? If you enjoy wood-turning or pottery, could you give us a piece or two? Even if you don't have time to make the jam yourself, if you could donate the fruit, we can organise the making.

We will collect wherever, whatever and whenever! Make things in your own time and avoid the last minute rush. Contacts: Janet Black 48410613 or [jlm.black@bigpond.com](mailto:jlm.black@bigpond.com) or Vicki Kennedy 48410330 or [weathervane12@gmail.com](mailto:weathervane12@gmail.com)

## **Lights down... action...**

Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – Gentleman Prefer Blondes

## **Tallong Public School News**

### **Tallong Christmas Party – December 10th**

*Starts at 5.30pm - Santa will be coming!*

*Gold coin donation (to go to a Charity), donation of a Christmas item for the raffle (e.g. wine, food, nuts etc.); bring along a decoration for the Christmas tree.*

*TCFG/RFS will provide a BBQ sausage, salads and dessert. BYOG. Soft drinks will be on sale.*

*RSVP by November 26. We need to know how many Adults and Children will be attending. Call Janet (48410613) or Margaret (48410324) or Email [secretary@tallong.com.au](mailto:secretary@tallong.com.au).*

### **Subscriptions are now due!!**

With the new committee elected and the AGM over, subscriptions of \$2.50 per adult are now due. Please contact a committee member and/or drop your money and details into the TCFG letter box outside the Tallong General Store.

### **Get Involved – we need your suggestions!**

Section written by John