

Tallong Community Focus Group Newsletter November 2012

Party time at Tallong...

It's that time of the year again... and planning for Christmas events is in full swing. The Tallong Community Focus Group Christmas party will be held at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 8th December, starting at 5.30pm with a sausage sizzle BBQ organised by the RFS.

Nibbles, salads and desserts will also be provided. Adults should BYOG. Soft drinks will be available for sale. Santa will arrive at 7pm on board an RFS truck with a bag full of goodies. And there will be games for children from 7.30pm.

Entry is by a gold coin donation. But for catering purposes we need to know the numbers of adults and children. So please let us know by Friday 30th November at the latest if you are coming. Just fill in the form below and put it in the TCFG post box at the Tallong General Store or Email secretary@tallong.com.au

A week later, our friends in Marulan will be holding their family Christmas Carols at the soccer fields. The fun starts with markets at 3pm, carols at 7pm and it ends with fireworks at 9pm. Two great nights for all the family. So, mark the dates in your diaries: Tallong 8th December and Marulan 15th Dec.

RFS changes...

The ranks of Tallong's Rural Fire Service have been boosted with the arrival of four new members. Jason and Haley Smith, Adam Palk and Darren Williams have been welcomed into the Brigade and after a short probationary period, they will be ready for on-call fire-fighting duties.

The Smith and Williams families are recent arrivals to Tallong. Adam Palk's father,

Ian, is Senior Deputy Captain. And RFS President Chris Boland says with Jason Smith's skills as a highly qualified plant mechanic specialising in diesel and petrol engines and Darren Williams' earthmoving equipment background, the expertise available to Tallong's RFS has risen considerably.

Maurice Partridge, a member with an extensive background in military and industrial maintenance, has accepted the position of Equipment Officer and his enthusiastic approach is expected to be reflected in even higher vehicle readiness.

Don't forget new members are always welcome. The Tallong RFS meets every Tuesday at the Memorial Avenue Fire Shed at 7.30pm.

Apple Day changes...

The 2013 Apple Day Festival Committee has welcomed new members Sue Nagy, Leigh Mayhew, and Margaret Botticchio. Chris Boland is representing the Tallong RFS and Chrissy Wurston is flag bearer for the Tallong School P&C. The Committee would like to acknowledge the contributions of outgoing members Lyn Blazer and Ian Mitchell.

Apple Day convenor Mike Kennedy also wishes to pay tribute to the time and effort put in by members of all previous Apple Day Committees, especially the one that started the event. "From that foundation, we have built from a small community fun day into a well-recognised award-winning festival that brings thousands of dollars into our community every year," Mike says.

"We are already looking into ways of making the 2013 festival different from previous years and from other festivals in the area. We need new reasons for people to come to Apple Day again and again."

Please RSVP by 30th November for the Tallong Community Focus Group Christmas Party.

No of adults:

No of children:

Name :

Contact phone number or email address:

So anyone who has any ideas about how to improve the Apple Day Festival should contact Mike Kennedy on 0438 619 846 or at weathervane12@gmail.com

The Apple Pie Eating Competition will be on again though we will ask contestants to eat only one pie next year as many struggled to get through two, especially the younger kids. The winner from this year has vowed to return to defend his title. TPB and Goulburn Trophies & Sportswear will once again be sponsoring the event.

We are also hoping to have some local people busking in the park to entertain people having lunch and we are looking at various ways we can entertain kids while their parents look around. Any ideas would be welcome.

We will of course be requesting volunteers to help on the day and their names will go into a draw for a prize. Without those wonderful people to help out on the day it would not be possible to run the festival. If you're willing and free, please contact Mike.

And one more thing: The Focus Group craft and history stall made \$743.50 last Apple Day and it would be great to repeat our success in 2013. So please think of the stall when you are doing your craft work, making jams and chutneys (preserved lemon anyone?) or harvesting your lavender. More information on who will be collecting items closer to the day.

Community Outreach Correction...

The Mayor of Goulburn and local Tallong resident Geoff Kettle wishes to correct an answer he gave to the TCFG annual general meeting in which he said there would be a GMC Community Outreach Meeting in Tallong this year.

In fact, there will not be one in Tallong this year although there will be one in nearby Marulan on Tuesday 13th November. However, Geoff Kettle has assured the TCFG that Community Outreach meetings will resume next year in Tallong. In the meantime, Geoff hopes to see as many members of the Tallong community at the Marulan meeting next month.

Tallong Community Garage sale...

Please put Saturday 24th November in your diary for a huge Community Garage Sale in Tallong. It will be a great opportunity to clear out those cupboards and attics and at the same time get some cash in time for Christmas.

For more information, contact Lynn Blazer on 4841 0100 or 0431 772 712.

Building boats in Tallong...

One hundred years ago, a certain Mr Shimmon, Tallong resident, was honoured at a function in Tallong for his boat building skills... True!

According to a report in the Sydney Morning Herald in May 1912, Mr Shimmon using local Tallong timber and just an "axe, saw and hammer" built a boat weighing three tonnes. It was then trucked to Sydney where it began life as a trading ship between Sydney and Gosford.

The Herald says that as Mr Shimmon had decided to leave the locality he was presented with "a purse of sovereigns" by the people of Tallong.

But the punch line might raise a few eyebrows. The Herald's Goulburn Correspondent was of the view that: "Tallong is a most unlikely spot for the builder of a boat to select!"