

## Tallong Community Focus Group Newsletter March 2013

### Apple sculptures...

It all began with an Apple... and this year's 8<sup>th</sup> Apple Day Festival on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May has a new signature event: a sculpture competition. We are inviting sculptors to explore the apple symbol in a three dimensional form.

For the first year, entries will be by invitation to local art and educational groups in our region. The Focus Group has a vision that in the future we'll have a parade of large paddock sculptures along Highland Way. All sculptures this year will be displayed in Tallong as part of the Apple Festival.

The prize money in 2013 will be \$500 for the winning entry. It is acquisitive, meaning the winning sculpture will be donated to the Focus Group who will create a permanent and prominent display for it in Tallong.

As part of the Festival theme, all entries must feature a representation of an apple but the scope is limitless. They could include the planting, harvesting, transporting or any other use of the humble apple. It may start with a simple apple but end up depicting any aspect of life in Tallong. For example, early European settlement and development of Tallong involved growing apples. For inspiration, look in the Memorial Hall at the photographs of the apple pyramids which won prizes at the Royal Agricultural Shows in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

As the sculpture prize project develops, we will expand the competition through increased sponsorship, prize money and marketing. For more details, contact the Apple Day convenor Michael Kennedy on [weathervane12@gmail.com](mailto:weathervane12@gmail.com) or 4841 0330.

Other special Apple Festival attractions this year will include Kidz Zoo, a mobile petting

zoo with a variety of Australia's most popular animals, including an alpaca, a calf, a piglet, some kids & lambs, rabbits and guinea pigs, chickens and ducks. Children can enjoy feeding and playing with them inside a safe and secure enclosure.

And then there's Razor, the bucking Brahman bull which is completely safe for riders above the age of six years. The famous Brahman hump is padded and layered with real leather and the bull is covered in real cow hide. He is surrounded by a 2.4-metre high density foam fall mattress to ensure there are no injuries from being thrown from the bucking bull.

As usual, there will be a variety of other activities, including music, the famous apple bake-off and pie-eating competitions, lots of apple products and many stalls in a festive market environment. Please don't forget the TCFG stall. We're looking for donations of home-made jams and jellies, chutneys and relishes, home cooking, garden produce and any other craft items,

The Apple Day Festival Committee is grateful to Boral for their support as our major sponsor.

### Indira talks in Tallong...

Indira Naidoo, the well-known author, journalist, and broadcaster, will be in Tallong at 4pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to talk about her best-selling book, *The Edible Balcony*.

To help us with catering for a scrumptious afternoon tea, please RSVP - ASAP. Indira will also be speaking at the Goulburn Mulwaree Library at 12.30pm on the same day.

Indira's book is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> reprint. A quick tally of her last year's calendar shows she was

busy: 224 book appearances, talks, and demonstrations, 96 media interviews, photo shoots, radio and TV panel discussions, 23 flights, two stalkers, and one broken heel.

As Indira says ruefully: “And silly me thought writing the book was going to be the hard part...”

This will be a very popular event. So, **BOOK NOW!** [secretary@tallong.com.au](mailto:secretary@tallong.com.au) or Tel 4841 0324 or 4841 0613.

### **A wonderful opportunity...**

Our friends at the Tallong Public School are enjoying the benefits of the Community Noticeboard. Principal Sue Matthews has written to the Focus Group saying the School has found the Noticeboard “a wonderful opportunity” to communicate with the wider Tallong community. It has meant larger numbers of people attending Education Week last year, but particularly with the School playgroup and its P&C meetings this year.

“I believe the Community noticeboard is a valuable communication tool for our school and for the community of Tallong,” she says.

### **2103 Anzac Day in Tallong...**

The Mayor of Goulburn and Tallong resident Geoff Kettle will be at a special Tallong commemoration of Anzac Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.

The ceremony will include a poetry reading, a commemorative address, prayers, hymns, bugles sounding The Last Post, and the singing of the national anthem. Local groups such as the TCFG, the Church, the RFS, the Memorial Hall Trust, the Tallong Public School, the local Tallong store and the Goulburn Mulwaree Council have been invited to lay wreaths. The focus of the day is on our local community who supported the original ANZACs and who built the Memorial Hall. Morning tea with Anzac biscuits will be served.

### **Bush Dance...**

Put Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April in your diaries, please, for the Tallong Bush Dance at the Memorial Hall. As usual, the Mountain Dew band will be doing the honours and calling the steps.

Tea and coffee will be served with a light supper. Tickets are \$8 each and crisps, ice creams, soft drinks and lollies will be for sale at our usual low prices. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles and tables will be available.

### **RFS news...**

Tallong’s RFS President, Chris Boland, is warning against complacency with the easing of the bushfire threat. The Tallong brigade was called out twice recently to cope with grass fire outbreaks at Big Hill and Bigga. They showed that the speed of a grassfire on a hillside can easily outstrip a fire-fighter with a hose.

### **Open Forum...**

Last month, the Focus Group committee invited members to contact us if they would like to raise issues at an open forum held before our February meeting. We had no response, but the offer still stands. Please contact [secretary@tallong.com.au](mailto:secretary@tallong.com.au) or leave a note in our box at the Tallong store if you want to participate and tell us what topics you would like to talk about.

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