

# Tallong Community Focus Group Newsletter November 2016

**Reporting from the TCFG AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016** the President commended the work of the previous committee saying highlights were Apple Day and ANZAC Day events where Tallong hosted many visitors and with local support raised the profile of the Tallong community in the region. These events were sponsored by local businesses and run by organising committees made up of community volunteers.

## **Next Year's Apple Day Committee**

The 2016 Apple Day organising committee achieved an outstanding result. An invitation was extended to everyone with a Tallong connection to join next year's committee with the first meeting scheduled on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7pm in the Tallong Hall. Please come along and enjoy your involvement with this community event. For information please contact the Secretary, Email: [secretary@tallong.com](mailto:secretary@tallong.com) or Telephone: Chrissy on 0418648610 and Kim on 0438285095

**Also at the AGM the Treasurer reported** on the financial viability of the organisation and the success of efforts to support community events, maintain communications and interact with neighbouring organisations and government.

## **The election of a new committee:**

Elected were:

President - Margaret Botticchio

Vice President – Lionel Willison

Secretary - Christine Wurston

Treasurer – Jeremy Porter

Ordinary Members – Noel DeMamiel,

Sue Nagy, Kim Gray and Kerry Anderson

## **Information and discussion of Village Projects at the AGM**

For several years, since GMC set up discretionary Village funds the TCFG has at the AGM reported to members and residents the status of the various **Village Projects** the organisation has undertaken. This has been a lengthy process because we have sought to inform resident's and get their response to each project. At present, with additional grants, we have completed the ANZAC Centenary plaques project, the Restoration of the ANZAC Memorial project and plan to finish the Memorial Park project by year's end. The positive response to the repair and display of the Big Apple at Apple Day was an encouraging factor in supervising our biggest project to date. On completion of this project there are sufficient funds to turn our attention to the two remaining projects.

**The Station Car Park project** and its objective were outlined in the September Newsletter. The TCFG's aim in showing GMC our plan for more parking spaces and enhancing the appearance of the station area has drawn Councils attention to the poor condition of the road way, lack of parking spaces in the Village, lighting and drainage problems at the station. Council representatives when they visited said this work is within the scope of Council's budget and this would leave the village funds to go toward beautifying this central area with tree planting and clearing both sides of the station up to the railway fence. At this stage the TCFG is seeking community feedback before initiating the costing of these two aspects of the project.

**Welcome Walls Project** In the September Newsletter the TCFG asked for community input to develop this project. GMC has been contacted and we can confirm that the Council Welcome Signs will remain in place; they are not up for renewal due to the escalating costs involved. To some extent residents have become accustomed to them and they sit well in our bush setting.

At the AGM a fully costed design for additional village welcome signs was presented. Using the Big Apple image Alan Weston has rendered the signs in their planned location and these images are available for all to see on the TCFG website (under Village Projects) and on the TCFG noticeboard at the General Store. You are invited to view the designs and give your response by popping it in the TCFG letter box at the shop or by sending an email response to: Email to [secretary@tallong.com](mailto:secretary@tallong.com)

**There are a few things happening in November in Tallong. If you are interested or new to the area please come along and get to enjoy your community and show support for the following events.**

**Marulan and District CWA are offering a Melbourne Cup Luncheon at Tallong Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2016 at 12 noon for a 12.30 start. The cost is \$30 per head for a two course luncheon with B.Y.O.G. and glasses. Come and watch the "CUP" on the big screen and enjoy the special cup Sweeps, Trivia and win a prize or two for Best Dressed and Best Hat. RSVP to Faye by 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 – phone 48410727**

**Tallong Memorial Hall Community Trust is holding a Car Boot Sale and Quilt show on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.** For bookings phone Helen on 48410093. All proceeds to the Leukaemia Foundation

**Goulburn Mulwaree Council is holding their annual Outreach meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016 at 6.30 pm in Tallong Memorial Hall.**

Please take this opportunity to meet the newly elected councillors, the General Manager and Council Staff at the meeting or informally over a chat while partaking of a delicious supper. Bring your concerns and local information that you think would be of benefit to Councillors and Council Staff as they service this community.

**Plans are underway for a community celebration of the placement of the restored Big Apple on the Jim Watling Walkway in the Memorial Park in Tallong.** This is to coincide with the Tallong Community Focus Group and the Tallong Rural Fire Brigade's jointly hosted Village Christmas Party on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2016. The festivities will start at 12 noon and includes Santa arriving on the fire truck, distributing presents to all children, Tony Rodwell and his Mountain Dew band, dancing and games for children and adults and delicious Christmas fare, with the Firey's BBQ and the Pavlova Pudding we adopted last year. Please come and make this a truly memorable community celebration.

RSVP by 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016  
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