

Tallong Twitterings

What an Apple Day!

Congratulations to all who played such a major role in the success of yesterday's wonderful Tallong Apple Day Festival. In particular, would all our volunteers please take a bow! And our special thanks to guest celebrity chef Geoff Jansz who came down from his Bowral farm to judge the bake-off competitions and show his own wares on his stall.

Planning is already beginning for next year's Apple Festival and the organisers are looking for feedback – good and bad – on yesterday's ninth Festival. So, if anyone has any suggestions or ideas please send them to secretary@tallong.com.au and we will certainly see if we can make the next year's Festival even bigger and better.

ANZAC Day...

And while bouquets are being handed out, let us also thank the volunteers who helped make this year's ANZAC day ceremony such a moving event. The speeches were particularly emotional.

Tallong Public School Principal Sue Matthews said Tallong had given more than its share of sacrifice as shown by the War Memorial. Private John Samuel Gardiner, Private Clifford Tickner, Private Arthur Ernest Eirth and Private Everard Digby Rippon all died on the Western Front and Percy Malley died at Gallipoli.

David Leese, a past president of the Focus Group, recalled the 1915 Kangaroo recruiting March which will celebrate its centenary next year. The Kangaroos passed through Tallong in late December 1915. A Berrima newspaper reported that "the reception at Marulan was a very stirring one."

And David Woods, the inaugural Focus Group President, remembered his father, an original ANZAC who enlisted in September 1914 and was one of the lucky ones to return to Australia in August 1919. He saw action at Gallipoli and Beersheeba. He rose from being a private to a commissioned officer and survived all the horrors of the various campaigns.

The Tallong ANZAC commemoration also heard from fourth generation local resident and Goulburn Mayor Geoff Kettle. And the entire ceremony was organised locally by the Tallong Community Focus Group. Next year's promises to be even bigger!

Riding for fun...

The 5th annual Wingello Forest Endurance Ride will be held on the weekend of 25th to 26th May 2013. This year will be a celebration of family and fun, and a great opportunity for newcomers to have a go.

On Saturday 25th May there will be introductory ride distances of 5km, 10km and 20km, starting from 12 noon. On Sunday 26th May there will be a training ride of 40km with the option of increasing to 60km, and an endurance ride of 80km, starting from 7am.

The ride raises funds for the Tallong Rural Fire Service, and is generously supported by Wingello Village Store.

For entry details and other information, pick up a brochure at Wingello Village Store, visit the website www.highlandsendurance.com, find us on Facebook 'Wingello Forest Endurance Ride' www.facebook.com/wingelloforestenduranceride or contact Bec Hogan on 0412 600 173.

RFS Reminder....

The Annual General meeting of the Tallong Rural Fire Brigade will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2014 7.30pm at Memorial Drive, Tallong.

Everybody is welcome.