

Tallong Twitterings

The Tallong Community Focus Group is planning a “touch up” of the village environs. It’s a plan that has been developed from last year’s request to the Goulburn Mulwaree Council for funds to complete footpaths and a provide a safe crossing on Highland Way.

Added to this are several projects, suggested by residents, who would like to enhance the appearance of the village centre. The idea is give people driving through a good reason to slow down and take note of the beauty of our village.

In the hope that funds will become available from the GMC, there will be a full plan available for discussion at the annual general meeting at 7pm on Thursday 18th September at the Memorial Hall so that members can contribute directly to the final design. Community organisations and other Tallong residents will also be asked to contribute.

Projects already on the agenda include the following:

- The welcome signs at each end of Highland Way to be enhanced with some stonework at the base with a raised garden bed and suitable plantings;
- The completion of the footpaths on the railway side of Highland Way from the station parking area to Railway Parade. This would not only provide a safe walkway through the village but would involve the cleaning up of overgrown edges, blackberry bushes and pine trees.
- A plan to complete the 2009 bush reclamation project carried out by residents on the Bush Block on Highland Way between Caoura Road and Memorial Drive. We hope to make this distinctive by clearing the rubble from the entrance and establishing a meandering walkway through the cutting with bush tucker plantings.
- The corner of Caoura Road and Highland Way to be highlighted with stonework, signage and plantings. A suggestion has been made to remind ourselves of the last apple orchard in Tallong by calling it the Jim Watling reserve, park or walkway.
- The restoration of two memorial pine trees at the entrance to Memorial Drive, which were probably planted to commemorate locals from the Tallong district who fought as ANZACs and particularly those who died and are buried overseas. These trees need some attention and could be part of next year’s centenary ANZAC ceremony.

All these projects will be a major agenda item for the AGM, an important opportunity for the community to provide constructive ideas on how to improve our village.

One hundred years on...

Next month over two days, Friday and Saturday October 10th and 11th, the Tallong Public School will celebrate a centenary of learning on its present site.

On Friday, the school day will re-enact the 1914 classroom and sporting activities.

There will be a memorabilia display with an old attendance register, reports, deeds, and collections of class photos over the years.

On Saturday, there is a luncheon in the Memorial Hall for past students and people with past connections with the school. After lunch activities will include a cricket match.

And local historian Janet Black is putting together a booklet of memories and stories that highlight school life over the last 100 years. A limited edition will be for sale.