

## Tallong Twitterings

### **She'll be Apples...**

Planning for next year's Tallong Apple Day Festival has moved up a notch with a meeting last week to prepare for a bumper event on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. It'll be the tenth anniversary festival and the Focus Group is aiming for a revival of the apple tradition in the village.

Tallong was once the centre of a thriving apple and pear industry. But the 1965 bush fires destroyed many of the orchards.

As usual, the Festival will feature a plethora of fun, games and competitions. The signature event is the Apple Sculpture competition involving children from primary and secondary schools in the region with two prizes of \$500. For the littlies, their challenge is to compete in the Apple Granny art competition.

Fresh from the success of its inaugural year, the Fleece to Garment competition will be on again. One of the most popular events, the Pie Eating competition, will be back and planning is well under way for the traditional Mrs T's Bake-off competition that will include a number of different categories.

Children of all ages will be well catered for, with some new exciting attractions... All will be revealed nearer the time!

### **Tree vandalism...**

Many Tallong residents are upset and angry that the two magnificent pine trees at the entrance to Memorial Drive have been vandalised by splashes of blue and red paint on the trunks. It is particularly annoying as the Focus Group is proposing to restore and preserve the historic trees.

They were planted probably in the early 1920s to remember people from the Tallong district who fought as ANZACs, in particular those who died and are buried overseas.

Why anyone would do something so disrespectful is hard to fathom.

### **Party time...**

Don't forget to book for this year's Focus Group Christmas Party at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December from noon to 3pm.

There will be a light lunch, BYO drinks and, as always, a visit from Santa who will be hitching a ride on one of the RFS's fire trucks. There'll be lots of children's entertainment.

Guests are invited to make a gold coin donation and all money collected will go to the Red Cross, Goulburn.

RSVP by next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. **Phone Margaret on 4841 0324 or [northman@goulburn.net.au](mailto:northman@goulburn.net.au)**

### **Pru's on the Road...**

Local State Member of Parliament Pru Goward is taking her electorate office 'on the road' to Tallong and Marulan. The Minister for Planning and Minister for Women invites constituents to meet her at the Marulan Community Hall 9.30-11am and at Tallong General Store at noon this **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**. No appointment is necessary.

Pru says it is not always possible for people to get to her electorate office in Goulburn, so she's asking people to "pop in to say hello or come and chat about state issues" that may be of concern.

Topics she's happy to discuss include the environment and the extension of mining activity, transport and the lack of local services, crime and safety issues like vandalism and malicious damage, and health and the wait for elective surgery.