

Tallong Twitterings

Party Time in 2018...

The Tallong Community Focus Group is planning to celebrate the bicentenary of an important survey commissioned by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1818. James Meehan, a pardoned Irish convict, led the expedition to find an inland route from Campbelltown to the south coast.

On 17th March 1818, St Patrick's Day, Meehan's party reached a swollen stream they called Paddy's River, a name that continues to this day. It is recorded that Meehan also looked down on the Shoalhaven Gorge in the vicinity of Badgery's Lookout.

A year later, Macquarie ordered road works 75 miles in length from Picton. And in 1820, he toured his new roadway. He decided to call the new settlement at the end of the road: Goulburn.

The Goulburn Mulwaree Council General Manager Warwick Bennett has suggested the bicentenary celebrations be organised by the local community but he has pledged GMC support and "maybe sponsorship."

The next move is to involve other villages in the region and to come up with a plan for 2018. All suggestions are welcome and can be sent to secretary@tallong.com.au.

Dance the night away...

A Big Event in Tallong this month is the annual Bush Dance. Note for the diary: Saturday 25th July 6.30pm to 9.30pm in the Tallong Memorial Hall.

Better still, book now because tickets are selling fast and they are limited. Only \$10 for an adult, \$4 for a child under 12 or \$30 for a family. Call Margaret on 48410324 or Christine on 0418 648610 or get tickets from the Tallong General Store.

As usual, the music is being provided by the local favourites, the Mountain Dew Band, led by Tony Rodwell (see pic). The Bush Dance is a joint Focus Group and Tallong Public School P&C presentation with net profits going to various school projects.

Another fund-raising event for the school is a monster all day shopping tour on Saturday 17th October. The cost of \$70 includes the coach trip, lunch, morning and afternoon tea!

The shopping choices will include Manchester Madness, toys, electrical goods, home and giftware, men's, women's and children's clothing, home décor, sportswear, liquor and confectionary. A deposit of \$20 will guarantee a seat.

RFS news

Even though the official fire season has ended, the Tallong Rural Fire Brigade advises that nobody is allowed to light a fire without notifying Yass Fire Control centre on (02) 6226 3100. Failure to do so may lead to charges by the NSW Police.

If you do have permission, it's important to light any fire safely by not leaving it unattended, by burning away from buildings and vegetation, and having appropriate tools and water on hand in case of an emergency.

Remember too that only working smoke alarms save lives. So, now is a good time to check that your home alarm is working and the batteries are full charged. Also check heating appliances and fireplaces are in good working order and are used safely – especially around children.

Reminder...

Finally, a reminder to renew Focus Group membership now. At only \$2.50pp, it gives all residents a say in helping to develop Tallong. Subs are due now, so it's time to pay up and join.