

## Tallong Twitterings

The Tallong Community Focus Group is seeking community feedback to an ambitious plan that has been drawn up to revitalise the village. They are all significant projects that will improve the look and attractiveness of the village of Tallong.

The Goulburn Mulwaree Council allocated Tallong just over \$46,000 over three years under its funding of Village improvements in the local government area.

Projects for Tallong need to start and finish within this period. The ANZAC memorial project has already been completed.

The Focus Group has received encouraging letters of support from our local Federal MP, Angus Taylor, Gordon Wade OAM of Goulburn RSL, and Louise Wakefield, director of planning and development at the GMC.

An application for a grant of up to \$4000 has been lodged with the Department of Veteran Affairs under their Service Commemorations Program to cover the cost of replacing two World War 11 metal plaques and the building of a sandstone wall to house a raised garden bed with plantings of a rosemary hedge, red carpet roses, and prostrate rosemary at the War Memorial. It is hoped to have the work done in time for next year's ANZAC day ceremony.

Detailed drawings of the plans have been pinned on the notice board at the Tallong General Store. They have also been posted on the Current Projects page of the revamped Focus Group section on our website: [www.tallong.com.au](http://www.tallong.com.au).

The drawings relate to four projects: the Memorial Park upgrade; the Welcome to Tallong walls; the Tallong Railway Carpark upgrade; and the War Memorial upgrade. Please take the opportunity to examine them in detail.

### **“Pure vandalism...”**

After the hugely successful visit to Tallong of the Kangaroo Marchers, it was bitterly disappointing that just one week later the concrete kerbing around the memorials on either side of the entrance to Memorial Drive was smashed. Happily, the actual memorials were not touched.

But an angry Geoff Kettle, mayor of Goulburn and long-time Tallong landowner, described the attack as “pure vandalism of the worst kind.” For many Tallong residents, the damage was shameful and offensive, particularly to those whose relatives fought in two World Wars. The incident leaves a bad taste that anyone in the community would even consider such an act.

No more, please. Lest we forget!

### **Diary dates...**

Several items for the diary: the Goulburn Mulwaree Council's next Outreach meeting in Tallong is set down for 6.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the Memorial Hall. If there is a particular issue you would like to raise, please contact Amy Croker on 4823 4486 or at [amy.croker@goulburn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:amy.croker@goulburn.nsw.gov.au).

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm at the Memorial Hall, the first meeting will be held to plan next year's Apple Day Festival, which will be a May Day event on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May.

And the annual Children's Christmas party will be held at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. There will a RFS special sausage sizzle and a Pavlova dessert. There will be drinks for the kids, tea and coffee, BYOG for adults.

As usual, Santa with his sack of toys will make his grand arrival on board a fire truck.