

Tallong Twitterings

It's always Apples in Tallong...

Next year's Tallong Apple Day Festival will be celebrated on May Day, 1st May... and planning is already well under way.

Apart from good weather, our biggest requirements are the stallholders and attractions. More details on the various attractions will be announced nearer the big day. But now is the time for stallholders to book their space. This is important because the number of stalls is limited. So, first in best dressed.

The organisers, the Tallong Community Focus Group, are looking for a wide variety of stalls including crafts and speciality goods, food and drink. Application forms for stallholders can be downloaded from the Apple Festival page at www.tallong.com.au or send your email to Apple_Day_Stall_Organiser@tallong.com.au.

One of the major attractions of recent years has been the Fleece to Garment competition where local spinners and weavers get together to create a garment in the shortest time possible, starting with the raw fleece to the end product.

This year, the theme is for the best scarf. Next year's 2016 May Day Apple Festival will be the 11th since they began. The Festival commemorates our apple heritage and raises funds for a range of local community groups.

And it's a fun day out for the whole family!

GMC reaching out...

A disappointingly small number of Tallong residents turned up for the Goulburn Mulwaree Council's Outreach meeting at the Tallong Memorial Hall. But discussion was lively and Council officials were on hand to answer questions. Goulburn Mayor Geoff Kettle, a Tallong landowner, introduced the meeting and the GMC General Manager Warwick Bennett chaired it.

Of interest was the announcement that the GMC is buying a mobile library van that will travel through villages in the shire next year with a stock of library books. Residents will also be able to use the van to pay Council accounts.

The Council is considering changes to the hours of operation of all Waste Management Centres. Of particular interest to residents of Tallong is the Marulan tip, which may be cut back to opening only on Saturdays and Sundays 8am to 4pm plus 8am to 12 noon on Mondays. All centres will be closed on public holidays.

Feedback on the proposal can be sent to council@goulburn.nsw.gov.au

The good news is that the Council has increased the road budget for 2015/16 by nearly 400 per cent. Officials say considerable additional effort will go into road maintenance, in particular grading and resheeting. Grading works in Tallong proposed for this year include: Bumballa Rd, Razorback Rd, Vincombes Rd, part of Railway

Pde, Old Wingello Rd, part of Caoura Rd, Blues Point Rd, Watling Cl, Davenport Cl, part of Kettles Ln, and part of Gold Field Rd.

Happy Christmas...

With Christmas approaching rapidly, the Focus Group held a hugely successful Christmas party at the Memorial Hall where dozens of children enjoyed themselves. The RFS provided a sausage sizzle followed by big servings of Pavlova and sponge cake for dessert.

Lots of games were played, but as usual the highlight was the arrival of Santa Claus. This year, Mrs Claus as Santa's helper accompanied Santa. They arrived on board a fire truck (see photo) to hand out presents.

A big thanks to Santa and Mrs Claus (aka Rob and Liz McDonald).