

Tallong Twitterings

She'll be Apples in Tallong...

It is competition time for the Tallong Apple Day Festival on Sunday 1st May... and there are some exciting new ones this year.

One is a Photography competition with three categories: primary school, high school, and open. Photographs must have been taken in the last 12 months and can be in black and white or colour. There is a limit of two entries per exhibitor. Judging will be by Magnus Agren, well-known Tallong professional photographer (www.magnusagrenphotography.com).

Also new this year is a Creative Writing competition for a short story or a poem. Again, three categories: primary school, secondary school, and adult. Hard copy entries must be submitted by Sunday April 17 in envelopes at the Tallong General Store or the Marulan General Store. The judges will be local author, Jean Lombard, and journalist John Lombard.

Infant and preschool children from Tallong, Marulan, Wingello, and Penrose are invited to enter the Apple Granny Art competition by producing an artwork banner with a Welcome to Tallong theme.

As in past years, the Tallong Apple Festival commemorates the famous Granny Smith apple, an Australian discovery 148 years ago. It originated from a chance seedling propagated by Maria Ann Smith in 1868 and was classed as the best cooking apple in the country. Today, everybody knows and enjoys the fresh, crispy, juicy flesh of a Granny Smith apple. And as the Apple is the theme of the festival, it is appropriate that the good granny should be remembered.

Always popular is the Mrs T's Bake-Off competition open to primary schoolchildren producing a maximum of six small items per tray. In the secondary school and adult divisions, there are three categories: cakes, cupcakes or muffins; pies, tarts, pastries; and jams, pickles, chutneys, sauces or jelly.

And there is a Local Artist Exhibition at which locals are invited to show their original artworks in the Memorial Hall on Apple Day for display or for sale.

For more information about any of these competitions, please contact Christine Wursten (0418 648 610 wursten@bigpond.com) or Kim Gray (0438 285 095 kimgray@sctelco.net.au).

Open to ideas...

Residents of Tallong are invited to put Tuesday 16th February at 7pm in the Memorial Hall in the diary. That's when the Tallong Community Focus Group has its monthly business meeting. But this time it will start with an hour-long Open Forum to discuss four village projects to be completed this year.

They include four upgrades: to the Memorial Park; to the War Memorial; to the Tallong Railway car park; and to the Welcome to Tallong signs at each end of the village.

So, come and provide your input to the important improvements to Tallong

A fresh coat of paint...

St Stephen's Church in Tallong is 123 years old this year and is celebrating with a fresh coat of paint (see photo). St Stephen's is a beautiful real bush church.

Originally, parishioners met in a slab school with a bark roof. Then a local, Mr E W Molesworth gave an acre of land for a church. This was built in 1893 at a cost of £178 and opened either on 26th December (which is the Feast of St Stephen) or on Sunday 1st January 1894.

Today, St Stephen's is an active church, part of the parish of Sutton Forest.