

Tallong Twitterings

She'll be a Big Apple this year...

Tallong's well-know landmark, the Big Apple, has been missing in action for a while but it is about to make a glorious freshly-painted reappearance at this year's Apple Day Festival on Sunday 1st May.

For some years, it has stood majestically outside the Watling apple shed on Caoura Road but since the death of Jim Watling the Big Apple has been waiting for a new home. Now, it is in the workshop of Tallong graphic and sign artist Alan Weston for a spray paint refresh... and it's already looking magnificent.



The history of the Big Apple goes back to the 1970s when it was crafted in fibre glass by local artist Karl Zeschke as a tribute to Tallong's apple tradition, which dates back more than a century. But the terrible 1965 bushfires devastated most of the orchards of the district. The Watling orchard was one of the few to survive and the Big Apple is a testament to that.

Now it's about to take its place of honour in the Memorial Park.

Remembering our veterans...

Tallong's ANZAC day ceremony promises to be very special this year. More than twenty descendants and family members of World War Two veterans are expected to be present.

The Tallong war memorial will be rededicated. New plaques commemorating the World War Two veterans are being installed with the help of a grant of \$4,000 from the Department of Veterans' Affairs and support from the Goulburn Mulwaree Council.

A highlight will be an exhibition and display curated by local historian Janet Black, featuring the activities of those Tallong residents who served in World War Two. Speakers on the day will include the GMC Mayor Cr Geoff Kettle recalling his Tallong family's connection with the war, David Leese, and David Woods. Children from the Tallong Public School will give readings from letters.

Author talk...

Tallong writer Jean Lombard is giving an author talk at the Goulburn Library on Wednesday this week, April 6, at 5.30pm. Jean is the author of both fiction and non-fiction books and she will discuss the differences in writing in the two genres, plus the challenge of having her books translated into another language.

For example, her novel Claudette, set in France and written in English, was 100 pages longer when it was published in French!

Jean will also talk about the increasing trend to self-publish as against using an established publisher. This is a free event, but bookings are essential. Phone 4823 4435. See you there!

Library on the move...

And talking of books, the Goulburn Library is about to begin an exciting new mobile library service. The BIG READ bus is coming to the Tallong General Store on Thursday 21st April at 12 noon and will be at the Brewers Centre in Marulan at 10.30am on the same day.

The mobile library will provide fast and easy access to adult, young adult, children's and large print books, magazines, audio books as well as e-books and e-audio books. To start borrowing, you need to join the library and this can be done on the day when the bus arrives.

Just bring proof of address with selected other ID. For more information, contact Michelle on 4823 4541.