

TALLONG TWITTERINGS

Sprucing up the Bush Block...

The Tallong Community Focus Group is seeking community support to revive the Bush Regeneration Project (BRP).

Really, it is about beautifying the entrance and appearance of the village, in particular the Bush Block. This is land that consists of two rock ledges divided by a diagonal cutting opposite the bus stop of Highland Way between Caoura Road and Memorial Drive. The BRP has a history going back to 2007 when it was raised with the Department of Crown Lands in Goulburn. But the site was slashed in January this year by unknown hands.

More recently, TCFG President Margaret Bottichio and member David Leese had a meeting on the Bush Block with officials from the Goulburn Mulwaree Council when it was observed that a large amount of waste had been dumped and the site had been damaged by bikes. The outcome is that we need a publicly approved plan for the site.

The Focus Group wants to look at ways to clean up the Bush Block, complete pathways, find funds to enhance the Welcome signs at either end of Highland Way. In short, it's a campaign to spruce up Tallong village's appearance with perhaps some stone work and planting around the village signs. The aim is to make the Bush Block an attractive asset rather than a dumping ground. Other suggestions are for an ambling walkway through the cutting with native plantings and possibly a bush tucker garden.

Anyone with ideas about improving the Bush Block is invited to contact the Focus Group by email: secretary@tallong.com.au. All suggestions welcome.

Apple Day proceeds...

The good news from this year's Apple Day Festival on 4th May is that despite the cold weather the Festival was a great success and managed to raise much needed funds for the local community.

Distributions have been made for the Marulan CWA local school scholarship; for a new stove for the Tallong Rural Fire Service; to St Stephen's Church to paint the navigator's room; to the Tallong Public School centenary fund; and to the Tallong Memorial Hall Trust to buy three display stands and eight small tables for the supper room.

Two reminders...

The Focus Group is looking to sign up new members as well as collect membership subscriptions which are now due for the Focus Group. The fee is only \$2.50 per person and a small price to pay to help promote and improve the local community. So, please contact Margaret Bottichio or Lionel Willison and become a member if you're not already or rejoin to help the Focus Group's work. Email: secretary@tallong.com.au.

And the second reminder is for this year's Bush Dance at the end of this month: **Saturday 26th July at 6.30pm at the Memorial Hall**. The ever popular Mountain Dew Band will be playing with lots of toe-tapping tunes, the hall will be decorated with hay and gum trees but with maximum space left for dancing. Should be a great night!