

TALLONG TWITTERINGS

Time for a Tallong touch-up...

The Tallong Community Focus Group is looking for input from the community for a TCFG plan that has been developed for the village. Funds may become available from the Goulburn Mulwaree Council but we need to formulate our request and we are seeking suggestions and thoughts from our members.

Projects already on the agenda include the following: new welcome signs on arrival and departure to and from Tallong. Also a raised garden bed to be built in stone with suitable plantings to define each end of the village.

We want to complete work on the footpaths on the railway side of Highland Way from the station parking area to Railway Parade to make it safe to walk through the village. This would also involve the cleaning up of overgrown edges, blackberry bushes and pine trees.

As has been mentioned before, it is planned to restore the Bush Block, to replant after slashing, to establish a bush tucker garden, and to turn the corner of Caoura Road and Highland Way into a feature area with stone work and plantings. A suggestion has been made to remind ourselves of the last apple orchard in Tallong by calling it the Jim Watling reserve, park or walkway.

And another suggestion, the new footpath could highlight a couple of magnificent Argyle Apple (native to the old County of Argyle) trees that are a native symbol of Tallong's Apple orchard heritage.

All these issues will form a major discussion item for the TCFG annual general meeting which will be held in the Tallong Memorial Hall on Thursday the 18th of September at 7pm. This is an important opportunity for members of the community to provide constructive ideas on how to improve our village. We already have the makings of a magnificent little corner of paradise in the southern tablelands, but there are areas which we could improve.

So, please come to the AGM. And if you haven't already paid your membership dues or haven't yet joined, please do so at the AGM. It's only \$2.50 per person, a small price to pay for playing your part in the Tallong community.

Dancing with the Stars...

This year, the Tallong Bush Dance, held as a Christmas-in-July event, was a huge success with about 80 people enjoying the music of the local favourites the Mountain Dew band, led by Tony Rodwell who called the dance steps. About half the participants were children who danced till they nearly dropped! Locals girls Sarah Gilson, Georgia Baker and Madison Chalker showed off their considerable talent by singing when the Mountain Dew band took a break.

And popular young local couple Magnus and Bel Agren led special dances for the children with lots of prizes.

We feel privileged in Tallong to have the Mountain Dew Band who are such hits at the Apple Day Festival as well as the Bush Dance. Thanks guys, you were superb...as usual! All in all, a great community night. Now next year, let's do it all again!