

TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP INC

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Dear Tallong Community Focus Group Members,

On behalf of the TCFG committee, I would like to thank you for your continuing support and cordially invite you to the 2019 Annual General Meeting of The Tallong Community Focus Group Inc. The meeting will be held at the Tallong Memorial Hall on Monday 21st October, 2019 at 7pm. A light supper will follow the meeting.

All relevant documents have been emailed to current financial members. Nominations have been received and accepted by current committee, we will have 7 committee members for 2019-2020. To become a committee member you are nominated by existing committee members prior to AGM. Meeting's are held Bi-Monthly on a Monday night, 7pm. Being a committee member is a rewarding and enjoyable experience working to benefit our community or simply socializing and getting to know other members and residents in our community.

I take this opportunity thank you for renewing your membership for the coming year, your support is greatly appreciated. In order for The Tallong Apple Day Festival to continue and other community events such as, Anzac Day, Community Christmas Party, Bush Dance, Historic Celebrations and social events the TCFG needs a solid membership base to direct our community activities and the issues we support. Membership fees are kept to a minimal fee, so everyone in Tallong can afford to Become members. We ask you to consider becoming involved in the organization of The Tallong Apple Day Festival for 2020. The first meeting will be held on Monday 4th November at 7pm held at Tallong Memorial Hall. I look forward to seeing many members attend the AGM.

Best Regards,
Christine Wursten [President]
Kerry Lawrence [Secretary]

Tallong Community Focus Group 2019-2020 Membership

Name:
Phone:
Email:
Amount paid:

**Agenda for the
Annual General Meeting
Tallong Community Focus Group Inc.
Monday 21st October, 2019
Venue: Tallong Memorial Hall
Time: 7.00pm**

Opening:

Apologies:

Minutes of the 2018 AGM: posted on web site and emailed to members

Acceptance Moved:

Seconded:

Business Arising from:

Committee activity and President's Report 2019: posted on web site and emailed to members

Treasurer's Financial Report for period 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019: posted on web site and emailed to members

Hand over to Returning Officer:

Committee seats vacated:

Nominations for committee submitted and if called for Nominations from the floor.

Positions to Fill

President -

Vice President -

Secretary -

Treasurer –

Committee members -

Appointment of Public Officer:

Welcome to the new committee:

Hand back to President to Chair meeting:

Close – followed by supper and Thankyou for supporting the TCFG

TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP INC

Dear TCFG members,

This report is presented to members to advise of what the committee has undertaken this year. I would like to start by **Thanking the Committee** for their voluntary contributions over the past 12 months, Jack, Jeremy, Kerry, Troy, Mark, Lee, Guy, and Todd. Each committee member contributes in different ways and they are all very much valued and appreciated.

I am pleased to inform members that we have 1 new member who has been nominated to become a committee member as we farewell 2 members- Thankyou for your contributions to our community.

I would also like to recognize our wonderful **Apple Day Committee**, who give so much time and energy to make TAD the successful event it has become. Apple Day gives many of our local groups and organizations the opportunity to raise significant funds which go back into our community, and to financially support the community events that TCFG organize. Thankyou to Geoff Clarke, Kerry Lawrence, Troy Brown, Jeremy Porter, Faye Dankwardt, Bel & Magnus Agren, Pam Cochrane, Lesley and Geoff Schneider, Maureen and Rodney Hollow, Jack Watling, Todd Turner-Sow, Mark and Michelle Jellico on a very successful 2019 Apple Day Festival. We look forward to a wonderful 2020 festival, the 15th Apple Day Festival!

The TCFG Committee has continued to inform Tallong residents on local happenings, via our website, village noticeboard, noticeboard at The Midge, Newsletters and we continue to use the TCFG Facebook Page. We also have a Tallong Apple Day Facebook page and Instagram keeping everyone informed on Apple Day Happenings [**Thankyou** to Kerry for all your time communicating to our community] **Thankyou** to Janet and Dugald Black and Margaret Botticchio for producing articles each month for the Tallong Twitterings published in the Goulburn Post and Discover Marulan Magazine. I would also like to thank them for their continued dedication to documenting Tallong's history and working on the History Signs, Map and researching The Tallong Recreation Picnic Reserve to give residents information about these two very significant sites in Tallong.

Since the 2018 AGM the TCFG completed many projects, applied for many grants and have worked closely with Goulburn Mulwaree Council and Boral to benefit the Tallong community.

The committee organized many events over the year including Harry Hookey and Jo Cassely concerts. We had record numbers at this year's **Anzac Day** Service with Santa Sabina joining us, bringing baskets of Anzac Biscuits and a very well supported **Armistice Day**. We are lucky to have wonderful representation from Tallong Public School and Goulburn Mulwaree Council at all our community events. A special Thankyou to Geoff Kettle for returning to Tallong to assist on these special occasions.

The TCFG held 2 Election BBQ'S, Children's Movie Day, we also hosted a **Premiere of 'The Tallong Documentary'** which we were delighted to have The Mayor and councilors attend plus many of our valued Apple Day sponsors attend. The Documentary is a wonderful look at Tallong and the history of Apple Day and our Apple heritage. Thankyou to those who participated in the making of the Documentary, spending many hours during filming out and about in Tallong. The evening also included a wonderful presentation of over 700 photos from previous years Apple Day festivals and a delicious supper.

Work has continued on the Jim Watling Walkway and Nature Reserve, with Berrima spending many hours in Tallong volunteering on many of our projects. The **Gazebo** has been installed and surrounding gardens completed. The Hall water tank has been installed, and work on the hall electricals to be completed, all made possible from a grant application from the Stronger Communities Funding. **The History Signs** have been installed and a new Tallong **'Places of Interest Map'** installed next to the Big Apple. We are waiting on notification on the grant application for the Exercise Park, and news on the application for a 10 year lease on crown land in Tallong.

The committee have also been working with GMC to repair the park fencing and make a new entrance to the Big Apple and Walkway. We received new community garbage bins at the station and park and have

Just recently we received the wonderful news that we were successful in our application to Holcim to fund a **Community Defibrillator**, which will be secured at The Midge and available to all community members. This will be delivered shortly and we will hold a community meeting with a first aid professional to explain how to use it for those who are interested. More details over the coming months.

I was very surprised a few months ago to be invited to a function in Goulburn, where I was recognized as '**Community Member of the Year**' from the Department of Education, Director Kim Paviour for my contributions to Tallong Public School and the Tallong Community. It's nice to have the work TCFG does be appreciated and recognized. I was very proud to represent our community.

The TCFG has always been very involved with the school, and I thank all our committee members past and present for supporting our local school as they are a very important part of our community.

What's next-

We are holding a community **Garage Sale** in the park on the 19th October from 9am and at 2pm, which we will also have a sausage sizzle and raffle. Free site's for the Tallong Community.

We are pleased to announce back by popular demand **Harry Hookey**, along with his new band Desert Alien and our local Jo Cassely performing at Tallong Hall Friday 6th December 7pm, tickets on sale soon.

Over the next week, I will be meeting with GMC to start on our next project '**A Basketball Area**' in Tallong Memorial Park, we would like to try to have this completed ready for the Xmas school holidays to give the local children another outdoor option.

Recently we have submitted an application for funding to Install a selection of **Sculptures in our Nature Reserve**, which will highlight many of our local Flora and Fauna species. This will be a wonderful addition to what is becoming a very popular spot for locals and tourists, wandering through the Nature Reserve on The Jim Watling Walkway.

We will wrap up the year with our community **Christmas Celebration** on the 20th December at 5pm, which will include **Carol's in the Park**, Free Sausage Sizzle, Santa Claus and children's games. We invite all the community to attend, more info to come over the next few weeks once details are confirmed.

On behalf of the TCFG I would like to thank the Hall Trust Committee, The Tallong RFS, St Stephen's Church, Tallong Public School and The Midge for their community contributions and for their support to TCFG and the community events.

I would also like to acknowledge Boral, in particular Sharon Makin for her continued help and support to Tallong and in particular the TCFG and Apple Day committees.

There are many who make contributions to our community, Thankyou to those wonderful volunteers.

If you have any spare time and would like to be involved in any way please contact any of the committee members.

Thankyou for your continued support for the Tallong Community Focus Group.

That's a wrap of what has been a very busy year!

Christine Wursten [TCFG President]

October 2019

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Tallong Community Focus Group Inc.

Held: Monday 15th October, 2018

Venue: Tallong Memorial Hall

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm by President, Christine Wursten

Attendance: Todd Turner-Sow, Margaret Botticchio, Jen McNulty, Jim Humphreys, Kerry Lawrence, Janet Black, Dugald Black, Guy Lewis, Jeremy Porter, Cheryl Weston, Alan Weston, Jean Lombard, John Lombard, Pam Cochrane, David Leese and Christine Wursten

Apologies: Eva Humphreys, Mario Botticchio, Geoff Clarke, Troy Brown, Bel Agren, Jack Watling

Minutes of AGM 2017:

Minutes have been made available for viewing- emailed to members and posted on website. The president asked if there were any matters arising from the previous minutes.

Motion: The minutes of the 2017 AGM be accepted.

Moved: Jim Humphreys **Seconded:** John Lombard

Presidents Report 2018: Distributed and attached

Treasurers Report 2017: Distributed and attached

Moved: Alan Weston **Seconded:** John Lombard

Election of Committee for 2018-19

Dugald Black assumed position of returning officer.

Nine nominations were received before the meeting for the positions. As per previous year. It was proposed "that sub Clause 14 1 of the Model Rules be suspended for this meeting and the Committee is to consist of The Office Bearers of the Association and five ordinary members". It is the opinion that we should not decline a nomination of any good person who wishes to contribute to the community

Motion: To move to suspend the sub Clause for the meeting.

Moved: All members present accepted this motion

The following nominations for the positions were received:

President: Christine Wursten **Vice President:** Jack Watling

Treasurer: Jeremy Porter **Secretary/Public Officer:** Kerry Lawrence

Committee Members: Troy Brown, Mark Jellicoe, Guy Lewis, Todd Turner-Sow and Lee Mayhew.

Dugald Black declared the new committee duly elected. Dugald thanked the outgoing committee for a wonderful [very busy year] and wished the incoming committee well for the coming year.

The meeting was handed back to President Christine Wursten to Chair.

General Business:

Christine thanked Dugald for taking on the role of returning officer.

Christine Wursten thanked Margaret for all of her hard work over the years. Christine presented Margaret with a farewell gift. Christine thanked the new members for joining the committee and said she is looking forward to everyone working together as 2019 will be a busy year with all the projects from grants commencing. Margaret thanked Chrissy for all her hard work and the committee. Margaret wished the new committee the best for the coming year.

Christine reminded the members that the committee meet Bi-Monthly on Monday's and all members are welcome to attend meetings. It is requested that if you intend on attending to please notify secretary and if there is a matter you wish to discuss please inform Kerry so it can be included on Agenda in General Business. If there is a change of meeting date members attending will be notified.

Gazebo in Nature Reserve- This was funded by the stronger communities government grant. We are currently waiting to sign agreement with GMC to start proceedings on projects. Chrissy showed all present pictures of the design which will be installed in the reserve in the coming months.

History Signs- To continue with the plan to add history information to the Nature Reserve and park. Alan Weston has designed the signs and are currently at Programmed for a quote. Chrissy to meet with GMC to request permission to display in park and to see if engineer is required. Janet has been asked to provide information as she has extensive knowledge of the area.

Maintenance of walkway/reserve- The TCFG has been involved in a community program with Berrima Correctional Services, who have been providing many hours to Tallong. Tasks they have been doing consist of gardening, tidying up of corner block, removing curbing and planting new border .We must recognise their enormous contributions to Apple Day .They Recently changed to a female prison, and 2 weeks ago we had the team here planting 80 new tube stock in our reserve and moved mulch, they will return fortnightly[day cannot be confirmed due to security reasons] they are doing a wonderful job helping maintain our reserve and walkway.

Community Car Boot Sale & Music Session- Saturday 20th October from 10am at Tallong memorial Park, music session in hall from 2pm

TCFG & Marulan Coaches Shopping Trip – Saturday 27th October dep 6.30am from Tallong Memorial Hall

Armistice Day- Sunday 11th November from 10.30am

Harry Hookey and Family plus Jo Cassely – Friday 30th November 7pm

TCFG & RFS Christmas Party- To be held on Sunday 3rd December 11.30am

Community Outreach Meeting- 6TH December at 6:30pm at Tallong Memorial Hall. Numbers required for catering-please RSVP to Kerry. Chrissy tabled the minutes from the previous outreach meeting.

Tallong Community Carols in the Park- Friday 21st December

Those in attendance were asked if there were any matters to be raised?

David Leese suggested that a special meeting be called to amend the constitution regarding sub clause 14 1-To remove the number of TCFG committee members permitted. As we have had to move a motion to increase numbers for the previous 2 years, it should be changed to unlimited committee members by way of special meeting. All members in attendance agreed. Christine said she would call a special meeting in the new year.

There being no other General comments, President Christine Wursten declared the meeting closed at 7: 35pm. Chrissy thanked everyone for attending and invited everyone to partake in the supper provided and to join in Thanking Margaret for her service to our community.

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