

Tallong Twitterings



IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT TALLONG!

IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME:

Tallong residents are reminded that memberships are now due for the Tallong Community Focus Group. The TCFG Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 21 October 2019 at 7pm at the Tallong Memorial Hall. All are welcome but only financial members are eligible to vote. Please place a completed slip (from the most recent newsletter) and \$2.50 in an envelope and place in the TCFG mailbox or leave it at The Midge. It's a great investment in your local community!

COMING UP IN THE VILLAGE:

Over the coming weeks the gazebo will be installed in the Jim Watling Walkway garden and a new local map with places of interest in and around Tallong will be placed next to the Big Apple. The Tallong history information to be mounted on the four new signs in the Memorial Park is being finalised.

The TCFG is in the process of applying for a 10 year lease on the block of Crown Land at the corner of Caoura Rd and Highland Way, directly opposite the railway station. It is interesting to note in passing that residents 100 years ago hoped that this area would one day be used for civic buildings such as a post office and bank...

The TCFG will shortly commence applications to the GMC to begin work on the next community project – a basketball/handball area in the Park - with hopefully an exercise park to be added in the future.

COMING UP AT THE MEMORIAL HALL:

A new water tank will shortly be installed at the Memorial Hall and a full electrical upgrade for the building will then begin.

The year 2020 will mark the centenary of the opening of Tallong's War Memorial Hall (to give it its full name). When the Hall was officially opened, Mr J.W. Hatter, Chairman of the Hall Committee announced that after the end of WW1 the community had decided

to erect a memorial hall in honour of our heroic soldiers – such a memorial that would last for generations, so that the generations yet to come would see what had been done by their forefathers in honour and memory of the men who had sacrificed so much.



The TCFG will be working with the Memorial Hall Trust for a community celebrations next year. Already suggested are a celebration luncheon and the recreation of a photograph (held in our history collection) of the original opening.

COMING UP AT THE TALLONG PICNIC RESERVE:

Many new residents may not be aware of the Barber's Creek Picnic Area and Sport's Ground off Barber's Creek Rd. However the picnic area can be found just to the north of the railway viaduct and the remains of the old sports ground are further along Barber's Creek Rd. The area is managed by the Tallong Picnic Reserve Trust appointed by the NSW Minister for Lands and several new members have recently been appointed. Once an AGM has been held and a new Trust Board Committee elected, a community meeting will be held to discuss future plans.

A full history of the picnic area and sports ground will be covered in later Twitterings.