Tallong Twitterings



Midway through its 100th year, Tallong's War Memorial Hall is still the centre of community activities.

Since it was opened in May 1920, it has seen dances and wedding receptions, farewells and commemorations. It sheltered the community during and after the disastrous 1965 Chatsbury bushfire and has been the scene of many a card night and school concert even, during the 1970s, hosting local children roller skating on the polished floor. Only one unfortunate incident has been publically recorded when, after a village social in January 1935 while Messrs Davenport and Hoare were counting the takings, two men reached through the pigeon hole into the office and attempted to grab some of the silver! Mr Davenport (described in the newspaper report as "although not a young man") gave chase but the miscreants got away.

In the early 1920s the Tallong Horticultural Society held an annual Flower Show in the Hall and this morphed into Tallong

Agricultural and Horticultural Show which despite being discontinued during World War 2, was reinstated in the 1950s and continued for some years. Now of course we have the annual Apple Day Festival on the first Sunday in May.

Until June 1973, the Hall was run by a locally elected Hall committee. After this time the NSW Department of Lands took over with trustees being appointed for periods of 5 years (with the possibility of extension). The original trustees, appointed as of 15 June 1973 were: Joan Margaret Grace, June Margaret Lucre and Ethel Joan Johnston with Jean C. Bunt being appointed an additional trustee in August 1975. In June 1981, these trustees were replaced by Suzanne Maria Montgomery, Heinz Muenster and Kerry Ann Randazzo with Russell William Montgomery replacing Heinz Muenster in 1986. One of the suggestions that has been put forward to celebrate the centenary of the opening of the Hall next year is a new honour board to be erected commemorating the service of all the Hall Trust members to the Tallong community.

In the meantime, on Friday 6 December 2019, starting at 7pm, the old walls will resound with "Rootsy Rock N Roll" when Harry Hookey and his Desert Alien Band, supported by Southern Highlands local, Jo Caseley, return for one night only. Tallong Hall is a favourite with both Harry and Jo for its enthusiastic audiences and great acoustics. Tickets are \$25 per head and BYO your own drink and food. Fresh pizza will be available from The Midge, Tallong but pre-ordering is essential. Bookings can be made via TRYBOOKING:

http://www.trybooking.com/BGELF



