

## TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP INC

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## \*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE 2020 TALLONG APPLE DAY FESTIVAL \*\*

On behalf of The Tallong Community Focus Group and Tallong Apple Day Committee that we wish to advise The 2020 Tallong Apple Day Festival has been cancelled.

Please note this decision has not been made lightly and has been in consultation with many involved in the organisation of our community event. The reasons for this decision were extensive and included:

- . Community and visitors safety and concerns
- . The committee rely on sponsorship, donations and volunteers to hold the event and we feel that with the recent enormous generosity from our local community members and businesses it will be inappropriate at this time to ask for support for the festival
- . Whilst to date the current fire season has had minimal property loss to our village, there has been enormous loss to our neighboring villages, enormous affects to our Flora and Fauna all which will take time to recover
- . Our hard working committee are also heavily involved in many other community organisations including the Tallong RFS, Marulan CWA, Memorial Hall Trust & Tallong Reserve Trust and have given so generously of their time to this current fire situation in our village that it would also be a huge ask for them to again give more of themselves to organise and hold such an event.
- . Our local groups who are an integral part of the festival are continuing to work hard and will be for many months protecting our community, supporting each other through this very difficult and unpredictable fire season and continuing drought

On behalf of the Tallong Community Focus Group and Tallong Apple Day Committee please accept our apologies and thankyou for your understanding.

The committee will use this time to continue to support our local RFS, rebuild our community and support each other throughout this crisis!

The Tallong Apple Day Festival will be back in 2021 [the 15<sup>th</sup> festival] and we promise to bring you another wonderful event that we can all enjoy!

The Tallong Community Focus Group and all our local community groups extend condolences and best wishes to all those affected by the fires.

Wishing you all the best for 2020 and we will provide updates on Tallong via our FB pages, websites and if you have any questions please contact <u>president@tallong.com.au</u>

With Regards,

Christine Wursten TCFG President Tallong Apple Day Convener



