

# Tallong Twitterings

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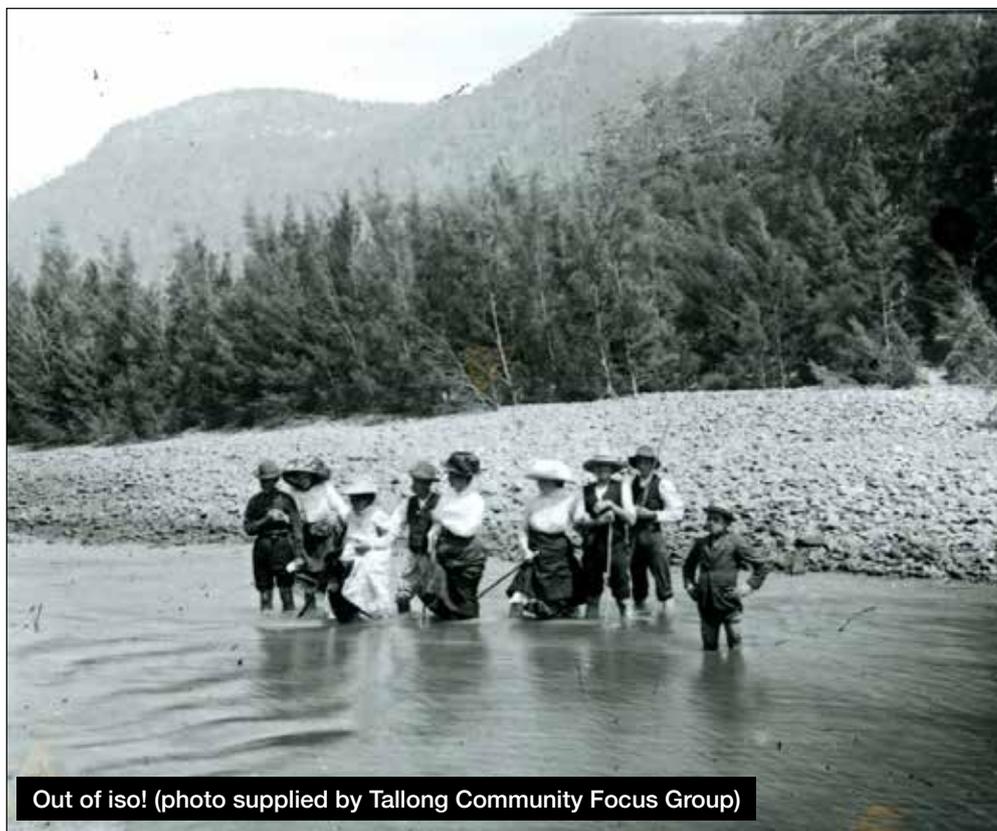
As life in the Southern Highlands gradually returns to something approaching normal, changes are occurring in the Tallong community.

First and most notably Tallong Public School has a new principal. Ms Emily Morrow has been appointed to the position following the departure of Mr Scott Osborne to Goulburn West Public School. We wish Mr Osborne all the best in his new role and welcome Ms Morrow to our community. Parents of prospective pupils should also note that Kindergarten enrolments for 2021 are now open. Please contact the Tallong Public School office on 48410292 for further information. At present, it is anticipated that Kindergarten Orientation will be held as usual during Term 4.

Training began again at the Tallong Rural Fire Service Shed in early June, preparing for the 2020-2021 fire season. Congratulations are due to Kerry Lawrence, Jo Squires, Christy Derwent and Nicholas Harmond who passed their exams on 21st June to move from probationary to fully-fledged firefighters. The Tallong RFS AGM, delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions in early April, is now rescheduled for Tuesday 28th July at 7.30pm at the Fire Shed.

Another noteworthy change in our community is the departure of Russel and Sue Montgomery from Ballanya on Long Point Rd. The Montgomerys have contributed so much to our village since they arrived in 1978, not only through the school's P & C but also as members of the Tallong Memorial Hall Trust, the first Apple Day Committee and as general "go to" community members. Russel remains a member of the Tallong Picnic and Recreation Reserve Trust. Thankfully they have not gone far, having bought a new home at Marulan (aka Tallong West), so we will hope to see them around frequently.

With some tourists venturing our way again local store/café, the Midge is once again offering limited in-store dine-in options in line with current distancing protocols. Potential patrons wanting to eat in are advised to phone beforehand to book a table and need to wait to be seated by staff as the numbers able to eat indoors remain limited. The ever popular pizzas on Friday night, however, remain take-away only.



Tourism has always been popular in the Tallong area with magnificent views to be had from Long Point and Badgery's Lookouts. However, while the road to Badgery's Lookout was developed at the end of the 19th century, developments at Long Point occurred somewhat later. A description of how to reach Long Point Lookout has been found in the Goulburn Evening Penny Post in January 1933 stating: "... turn to the right at "Long Point" fingerpost [off Highland Way] and take fair to good track bearing generally to the right through four gates about five miles to fingerpost in open paddock pointing left. Cross level paddock to left side of fence (near dam) and proceed on track through final gate. Turning left, drive generally right between lane of clearly blazed trees about a mile or so to the top of the cliffs." Ominously the report ends with "carry water"!