

Tallong Twitterings



Toilets for Tallong.

Great news for Tallong when the use of money from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund to upgrade the public toilets was approved by Goulburn Mulwaree Council. These are sorely needed replacements for the existing long-drop toilets in the park. The project must be completed by 30 June 2021, and hopefully in time for 2021 Apple Day.

Tallong Rural Fire Brigade.

The AGM for Tallong RFS took place on Tuesday 28 July. The President, Alan Weston, in his report, especially thanked Michael Trevisiol (past Fire Captain) whose business commitments forced his retirement from his RFS role in January 2020 and also Jen McNulty (Acting Fire Captain) who took over Michael's role just in time to cope with the end of the fire season as well the following floods and all the difficulties imposed by the restrictions due to COVID-19.

Elections were held for all positions and the results are as follows for 2020/21:

Operational: Captain - Jack Watling, Snr Deputy Captain - Troy Brown, Deputy Captain 1 - John Luke, Deputy Captain 2 - Jeremy Porter, Permit Issuing Officers - Jack Watling and Troy Brown, First Aid officers - Janice Harmond and Trish Jensen

Administrative: President - Alan Weston, Vice President - Lorraine Herring, Secretary - Mark Derwent, Treasurer - Cheryl Weston, Training Officers - Jack Watling and Troy Brown, Maintenance Officer - Peter Harmond, Catering Officer - Kerry Lawrence, Community Engagement Officers - Kerry Lawrence and Janice Harmond, Media Officer - Kerry Lawrence

Claiming the date: A "Get Ready" day will be held on 19 September 2020 from 10am-2pm at the Tallong fire shed, to provide information to help residents prepare for the coming fire season.

A Short History of Tallong Fire Brigade

In March 1933, Wingecarribee Shire Council received an application from Tallong to officially organise a bush fire brigade, which it agreed to. By 1936 the Tallong Bush Fire Brigade had a captain and 15 members though, in practice, all local men fought fires when needed, using privately owned equipment. Problems with the distribution of equipment paid for by the Bush Fires Advisory Committee occurred during the 1940s with a number of delegations sent to Council querying the whereabouts of promised items – knapsacks, beaters, rakes, water bottles and first aid kits. These items were often found after a search in the Council's stores. In 1945, Tallong was promised a pump and tank to use with a privately owned truck, and Council was working with the Railway Department to place a hydrant at their reservoir to allow the Brigade water access. After the transfer of Tallong to Mulwaree Shire in 1954, that Shire took over equipping the brigade, with a huge boost after the 1965 Chatsbury fire. In 1974 Tallong acquired its first Fire Shed and its first official fire truck. This was replaced in 1991 with a new truck called "Bill's Pride", named after long serving Fire Captain Bill Charles. The original Fire Shed was replaced in 1999. Under the 1997 Rural Fires Act the NSW RFS took over responsibility for local brigades from councils.



Jack Watling's father Jim Watling was Senior Deputy Captain of Tallong RFS when he retired in 1998.



Alan Weston, President Tallong RFS (left) with Jack Watling, Fire Captain Tallong RFS (right).