

TALLONG NEWS

TCFG: With the current COVID situation, it is not clear yet whether the Tallong Community Focus Group AGM due to be held on Monday 2 August 2021 at the Memorial Hall, will need to be postponed once again. Residents are advised to watch for up-dates on the community sign or enquire at The Shed at Marulan.

However, TCFG membership fees are now due, the cost being \$2.50 per person for 12 months. Membership slips are available at The Midge and completed forms (and money) can be placed in either the TCFG letterbox at The Midge or left with Sharon. Also on the form is a place to express interest in participating in a garden group to help maintain the walkway in the Memorial Park. What is envisaged is a meeting for a couple of hours perhaps once a month (when the weather warms) with morning/afternoon tea in the gazebo.

Tallong Rural Fire Service: Members of Tallong RFS were more fortunate in their timing and their AGM went ahead as planned on Tuesday 15 June 2021. Election results at that meeting are as follows: Captain - Jack Watling
Senior Deputy Captain - Jen

McNulty
Deputy Captains - Jeremy Porter, John Luke, Troy Brown
President - Jeremy Porter
Vice President - John Luke
Treasurer - Jo Squires
Secretary - Mark Derwent
Permit Officers - Jack Watling, Jen McNulty
Community Liaison Officers - Jen McNulty and Zeljka O'Malley
First Aid Officer - Trish Jensen
Maintenance Officer - Robert Harmond
Training Officers - Jeremy Porter, John Luke
Catering Officer - Kerry Lawrence.

Tallong residents would like to congratulate all the incoming office bearers and thank all the outgoing and returning office bearers for their commitment to the Tallong community over the years.

Tallong Memorial Hall and Park: Great news that along with Bungonia and Taralga, Tallong is to receive a grant under the Federal Government's Local Economic Recovery (LER) program. Announced on 30 June 2021, the funds will be used to provide disabled toilets in the Memorial Hall as well as a kitchen up-grade and recreational facil-



ities for young adults in the Park. Re the new public toilets in Tallong Memorial Park: unfortunately, work has temporarily halted because the construction crew hails from the Central Coast and is currently in lockdown! We have a septic tank, a construction area ... and a port-a-loo! Construction will continue, however, as soon as possible.

Tallong History: Sometimes delightful surprises drop out of the sky. One such happened a few weeks ago when a record written by Mrs Marjorie Johnson nee Brown was left at The Midge. Mrs Johnson visited Tallong frequently as a child in the 1920s and 30s and with her siblings stayed with the Rumseys at "Tyrol". Included in her

history is this description of the 1st Davenport Store:

Running parallel to the road, the original store was a very long building, entirely constructed of corrugated, galvanised iron, raised above the ground by piers, with a few steps at its entrance at one end. Inside, a long counter spanned one side, whilst stacked behind it, on it, around it and in every conceivable space was every possible type of goods which one might require. There were bags of animal feed, bags of sugar or flour, not packaged as today, but weighed up as required or just bought by the bag. There was food, clothing, manchester, farm equipment etc, truly everything from the proverbial needle to an anchor. To a child's

eyes, it was a place of unutterable wonder - especially if you had a few pence to spend and there were those enticing, beckoning jars of sweets on the counter, waiting to be decided upon. To come into this store, see all this before you and listen to the country folk passing the time of day or discussing some important local happenings was really living!

Coincidentally the Greg Watson photo collection held by the TCFG has a photo showing this building at about this time. Davenport's Store is the building shown in the centre of the picture with the small windows up near the roof line. The photograph was taken from the railway line looking across what is now Highland Way.

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TERMINUS HOTEL

MARULAN

Open 7 days the Terminus Hotel offers a friendly pub atmosphere with modern facilities including TAB, Keno and VIP lounge. Our bistro is open everyday offering a wide selection of meals ranging from pub favourites and pizzas to chef special selections.

Lunch 12pm-2pm Wednesday to Sunday
Dinner 6pm - 8.30pm 7 days



WHAT'S ON

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Tuesday

2 FOR 1 - Main Meals

Wednesday

Trivia 7pm

Thursday

\$15 Meal Deal

Friday

Meat Raffles - 5 trays

Smoko to You

Smoko to You, another new business for the town - every month there seems to be something else, very exciting!

Smoko to You has been run for many years in Goulburn by Justin Wakefield and quite recently he sold the business to a Marulan family. Spokeswoman Catherine says "At this stage we have two trucks servicing Goulburn and Marulan and have another smoko truck and a coffee van coming soon. At this stage our team consists of Norm, Erroll, Blake, Cat and Jaz. And our family will grow as the business grows."

Workers can have their smoko from a van that will travel to their workplace and the menu looks pretty good with things like the old favourites - pies, sausage rolls, bacon & egg rolls, and then hot meat rolls and gravy as well as fresh foods like sandwiches, meat and salad rolls, cakes, biscuits, slices, fruit, drinks and snacks and hot and cold drinks - something to please the fussiest tastes. Smoko to You is proud to announce that the CWA Marulan ladies hope to be providing all of their cakes, slices and biscuits (especially ANZAC biscuits). All profits received from these items will be donated back to the lovely ladies at CWA Marulan, to be dispersed back into the local community in such ways as providing support for local school children, supporting victims of domestic violence and homelessness as well as providing needs for the community such as the defibrillator located at the IGA.

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Bio security is a huge issue - at the moment Australia is free of disease, but the American foulbrood disease is as close as PNG. The Purple Hive Project is training bees to detect the disease and sentinel hives have been located around the coast, ports and airports to fight any risk of importation. Beekeepers must be registered to maintain effective biosecurity. Care should also be taken with herbicides - these can kill or maim bees, try not to use sprays especially those containing glyphosates. There are approximately two and a half thousand different species of Australian native bees, the most recognisable being the pretty blue banded ones. The ones farmed in hives are the European honey bees and a hive contains fifty or sixty thousand bees. Bees love blue and purple flowers but can't see red, and trials have shown that they don't distinguish between highly or non-scented blossoms. They also love flowering Australian natives. Pollen can be many different colours, depending on the blossoms, and can range from pale yellow to browns, pinks, blues, purples and greens through all the various shades of these colours. Even if you don't want to keep bees you can help in their survival by planting bee friendly plants, some of which are in the chart. Bees also need water and they are best served by having containers around the garden such as bird baths, but they can easily drown so place rocks so that they can reach the water safely.