



TALLONG NEWS

TCFG: The COVID- delayed Tallong Community Focus Group Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 2 August 2021 at the Tallong Memorial Hall in Memorial Drive, Tallong. The aim of the Focus Group is to facilitate community connections in Tallong and residents are urged to join and have their say.

All Tallong residents are, of course, welcome to attend the AGM. However, in order either to stand for a committee position or to vote at the meeting, current membership of the TCFG will be required. Membership fees are now due, and the cost is \$2.50 per person for 12 months. Membership slips are available at The Midge, Tallong and completed forms (and money) can be placed in either the TCFG letterbox at The Midge or left with Sharon.

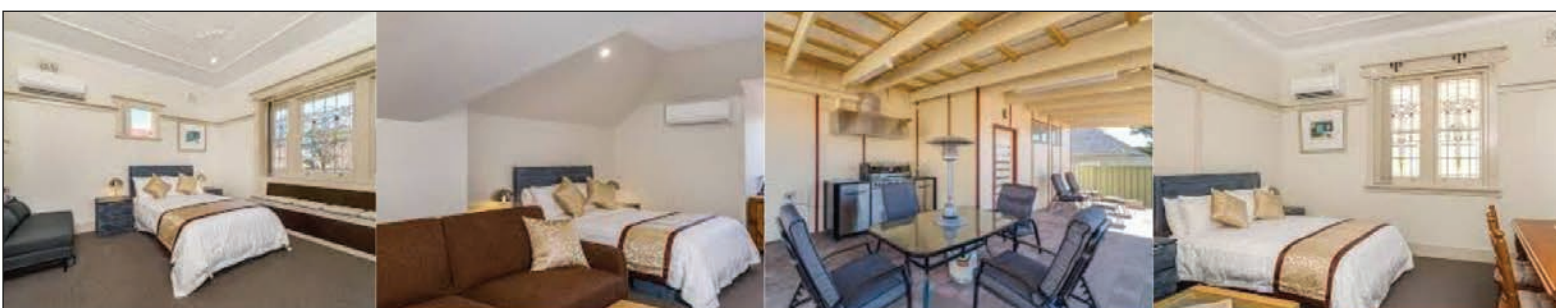
Tallong Memorial Park: There is movement at the Park! In the last few days the long-drop toilets at Tallong Memorial Park have been removed. However, at time of going to press, no information has been received from Council as to the completion date of the new conveniences.

Tallong History -Calling for help: In December 2020, Tallong Public School had an unexpected visitor. In 2014, as part of the centenary celebrations, a history of Tallong Public School was written but one teacher remained unidentified. In 1959, for the first time, pupil numbers had increased sufficiently for a second teacher to be appointed who joined Mr Brian Joyce to teach the Infant's class. No record of this teacher's name could be found until Mr Tony Re arrived at the school office and

it was discovered that this was our missing man.

Conditions in 1959 were not the best, apparently. Tony described how for the first half of his year at Tallong, he taught his class in Tallong Memorial Hall in freezing conditions before the verandah of the school building was enclosed and his class was transferred back. Despite the conditions, Tony greatly enjoyed his time at Tallong. He and Brian Joyce boarded with the Kettles at their property in Kettles Lane and participated to the full in the social and sporting activities on offer in the district.

In 1960 Tony transferred to a Sydney school and went on to have an illustrious career in the NSW Dept. of Education, becoming Director of Schools in 1990 and Chief Education Officer - Quality Assurance in 1995. Tony has recently sent a couple of photographs he took while at TPS but he has no record of the children's names in them. Does anyone recognise anyone in these photos?



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