

# TALLONG COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP INC

Dear TCFG members,

This report is presented to members to advise of what the committee has undertaken this year. I would like to start by **Thanking the Committee** for their voluntary contributions over the past year. Each committee member contributes in different ways and they are all very much valued and appreciated. As the world is becoming increasingly busy and stressful it puts enormous pressure on volunteers, we are all so time poor! And all give and do what we can which is all that can be expected.

I am pleased to inform members that we have a full committee of 7 for 2023-4. I would also like to recognize our wonderful **Apple Day Committee**, who give so much time and energy to make TAD the successful event it has become. Apple Day gives many of our local groups and organizations the opportunity to raise significant funds which go back into our community, and to financially support the community events that TCFG organize. Thankyou to Kerry Lawrence, Troy Brown, Sharon & Jeremy Porter, Bel & Magnus Agren, Pam Cochrane, Geoff Schneider, Maureen and Rodney Hollow, Karen and Andy, Dennis and Jacqui, [any many other locals who contributed on the day] on a very successful 2023 Apple Day Festival. With extremely high expenses due to current economic situation it took great commitment and dedication from our committee to manage and cover all costs and make donations to local groups for support on the day. We look forward to a wonderful 2024 festival.

The TCFG Committee has continued to inform Tallong residents on local happenings, via our website, village noticeboard, noticeboard at The Midge, Newsletters and we continue to use the TCFG Facebook Page. We also have a Tallong Apple Day Facebook page and Instagram keeping everyone informed on Apple Day Happenings [**Thankyou** to Kerry for all your time communicating to our community] **Thankyou** to Janet and Dugald Black and Margaret Botticchio for producing articles each month for the Tallong Twitterings. I would also like to thank them for their continued dedication to documenting Tallong's history and working on updating the history book.

Since the 2022 AGM the TCFG completed many projects, applied for many grants and have worked closely with Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Boral, Gunlake and Holcim to benefit the Tallong community.

We had record numbers at this year's **Anzac Day Service** and we were lucky to have wonderful representation from Tallong Public School and Goulburn Mulwaree Council at all our community events. A special Thankyou to Geoff Kettle for returning to Tallong to assist on these special occasions.

The committee have also been working with GMC to complete a substantial grant that has been ongoing for nearly 2years, [thankyou to Kerry and Troy for all the research and installation of new items] and we are pleased to say the grant is now finalised.

Just recently we received the wonderful news that we have been successful in having funding increased for TAD and also a \$500 new sponsor McDonalds Goulburn. We are currently waiting on outcomes on 3 other grant applications.

On behalf of the TCFG I would like to thank the Hall Trust Committee, The Tallong RFS, St Stephen's Church, Tallong Public School and The Midge for their community contributions and for their support to TCFG and the community events.

I would also like to acknowledge Boral, for their continued help and support to Tallong and in particular the TCFG and Apple Day committees.

There are many who make contributions to our community, Thankyou to those wonderful volunteers.

If you have any spare time and would like to be involved in any way please contact any of the committee members.

Thankyou for your continued support for the Tallong Community Focus Group.

That's a wrap of what has been a very busy year!

**Christine Wursten [TCFG President]**

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