

The Doolans say good-bye with some gifts

Long-standing Fern Tree residents Geoff and Kate Doolan have sold their home at 'Doolan's Corner' and moved to the 'big smoke' downtown.

Geoff and Kate have been active in Community Association affairs since the days of the Kindergarten. In recent years Geoff was one of the team of talented amateurs who refurbished the Community Centre toilets and kitchen.

As a farewell gift to the Fern Tree Community, Geoff and Kate provided a working dishwasher for the Community Centre and made a very generous donation which has allowed us to replace the stove.

Many thanks Geoff and Kate, and all the best in your new location. We hope you will be able to join us from time to time at Fern Tree get-togethers.—*Dave Roberts*

Our thanks to the Newsletter team

This Newsletter comes to you through the efforts of a number of people in Fern Tree, to whom we owe thanks for their assistance. Una Harbinson gathers the information, Peter Boyer does artwork, page layout and final touch-up on his computer, and Duncan Kerr's office provides copying facilities.

Finally, a band of deliverers brings the Newsletter to your letterbox. They are Tom and Robin Errey, Bette and Dave Roberts, Doreen and Terry Gill, Brian Marriott, Marilyn and Dave Kremmer, Peter and Sandy Boyer, Una and John Harbinson, Bruce Wilson and Karin Molteberg, Doug and Melissa McDonald, and Sue Drake and Bruce Longmore

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Loyalty card for regular customers

Best-ever Lolly Run

The Fern Tree fire Brigade thanks all contributors to the 2007 Fern Tree Christmas lolly run. Weather wasn't brilliant but there were plenty of children to enjoy the lolly harvest.

Special thanks to organisations giving goods: Coles Supermarket, Sandy Bay; Chicken Feed, Sandy Bay; Woolworths, Sandy Bay; Skyline Service Station; and Fern Tree Store (which also hosted the lolly donation box) — *Chris Wagstaff*

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April 2007

Tuesday 17 April: a big night at Fern Tree...

1 FTCA Annual General Meeting



1881 STONE AQUEDUCT OVER DUNNS CREEK, FERN TREE

2 Our historic Mountain Water Supply System: a discussion about its future



...and on Wednesday 2 May...

Our changing climate

What we need to know, and what we can do about it.

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NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

Fern Tree Community Association 2007 Annual General Meeting will be at the Community Centre, 8 Stephenson Place, Fern Tree, at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 17 April 2007. **Have your say!**

Then at 8 pm hear all about plans to revise the management plan for...

MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

You are invited to a community consultation on Hobart's Mountain Water Supply System at the Fern Tree Community Centre at 8 pm on Tuesday 17 April, immediately after the FTCA Annual General Meeting.

This is an opportunity for the community to have input into the Hobart City Council's review of the 1994 Pipeline Track Conservation and Management Plan. The review consultant and members of the Mountain Water Supply Heritage Working Group will be present.

For more information about the review project, contact the Hobart City Council Cultural Heritage Officer, Brendan Lennard, on 03 6238 2883, or at <lennardb@hobartcity.com.au>.

Carols... and the Great Fern Tree Art Raffle

Patrons at the 2006 Fern Tree Carols by Candlelight on 17 December had the extra enjoyment of an outdoor event at Bower Park – in contrast to recent years when cool or damp weather has forced us indoors.

The big event of the evening was the drawing of the Great Fern Tree Art Raffle, which raised over \$1000 for the operations of the Fern Tree Community Association. Prize-winners were:

1st Tina Hollott (Photographic print by Peter Dombrovskis, *Hobart from the Summit of Mount Wellington, Tasmania*, donated by Liz Dombrovskis of West Wind Press and framed by Luke Wagner; printed on archival photographic paper, value \$1, 200)

2nd Peter Podolak (Framed collection of 10 rare and unusual examples of barbed wire from the lower slopes of Mount Wellington, collected and donated by Andrew Davie. Value: \$400)

3rd Kate Turner (Framed pen drawing of native flora by botanical artist Kris Schaffer. Donated by artist. Value: \$300)

4th Michael Swanton (Soft ground etching of kangaroo grass and hares tail grass by Suzi Tyson. Donated by artist. Value: \$100)

5th Caroline Heard (Selection of books by Fern Tree authors, each signed and donated by author: Sylvia Martin, *Passionate Friends*; Danielle Wood, *The Alphabet of Light and Dark*; Paul Pritchard, *The Longest Climb - Back from the Abyss*. Combined value \$60)

Your FTCA Committee

President: Bruce Wilson

Secretary: Ann Davie

Treasurer: Dave Roberts

Public Officer: Dave Roberts

Committee Members: Robin Errey, Brian Marriott, Karin Molteberg, Una Harbinson, John Harbinson

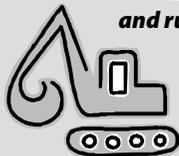
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FronD Café and Fern Tree General Store FOR SALE

This is a busy business and a great mountain lifestyle servicing locals and tourists. Fern Tree Store and FronD Café has been newly renovated and we are looking for the right people to take it on. A three-bedroom house is included.

Please speak to Lone or Chris within,
or phone (03) 6239 1406



What's happening to our climate?

What can we do about it?

The answer is... we can do a lot, and there is no need for despair. If we can get our act together, there is much to look forward to, like a better world for future generations.

Hear and see Al Gore's message about our warming planet. Get a Tasmanian perspective on this global crisis and learn how we can begin the task of limiting the impact of climate change.

The meeting will be led by Peter Boyer, one of two Tasmanian Climate Project Volunteer Presenters, who trained with Al Gore in Sydney last year.

When? Wednesday 2 May at 8.00 pm

Where? At the Fern Tree Community Centre
(8 Stephenson Place, to the right of the shop)

Ridgeway Bush Care needs some help

The Ridgeway Bush Care group is looking for more volunteers to tackle infestations of gorse, broom, Spanish heath, blackberry and other weeds in the Ridgeway Reserve. We meet from 2pm until 4:30pm using tools and herbicide provided by the HCC.

1 July 2007 Plant maintenance and Spanish heath follow up at McDermotts Saddle; meet at Telstra Cable crossing on Chimney Pot Hill Rd;

9 September 2007 follow up on areas of gorse near the Y junction at Ridgeway; meet at Larry's Paddock (Y junction, Ridgeway entrance)

11 November 2007 follow up on areas of gorse near the Y junction at Ridgeway; meet at Larry's Paddock

For more information call me on 6239 1468.

— Sue Drake

Your Community Centre

...is available for hire for private use (e.g. seminars, workshops and parties) at very reasonable rates. Ask at the Fern Tree General Store.

Classes in Yoga and Karate for children are presently running at the Centre. If you are interested, you can get more information at the shop.

How to look after our wildlife

Our last newsletter noted the death of a platypus at O'Gradys Falls, near Fern Tree, with injuries suggesting a dog attack – possibly a dog off a lead running ahead of its owner to the rivulet.

We recently heard of another (live!) platypus sighting in this area, underlining the value of the Park for wildlife habitat. Platypus appear to be happily breeding and feeding along the rivulet.

In Wellington Park dog walking is permitted on designated tracks, but dogs MUST be kept on lead at ALL times. Besides threatening wildlife, dogs off lead can cause others, especially children and the elderly, to feel intimidated. The requirement to keep dogs on leads is taken very seriously – offenders will be fined or prosecuted.

For more information on dog walking see the Wellington Park Dog Information sheet at www.wellingtonpark.tas.gov.au, or contact Wellington Park Ranger, Margie Jenkin on 0408 517534.

If you're lucky enough to see a platypus, look out for any sign of raw, red ulcers on their skin. This is an indication of a deadly aquatic fungus called *Mucor amphibiorum*. Report any sightings of infected animals to David Obendorf, 7 Bonnington Road, West Hobart TAS 7000; phone: 6234 5561 or e-mail davidobendorf@tassie.net.au.