

STEEL. While there are other materials used by tank manufacturers, such as polyethylene, they really don't cut it compared to steel when subjected to bushfire conditions.

If you need convincing, put "Tanks on Trial for Home Defence" into a search engine like Google, which will take you to a page on the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre's website.

Tank Outlet

To enable the Fire Service to assist in defending your home, particularly if you are away, our ability to connect up to your tank outlet is essential.

To enable us to connect up you should have as a minimum a 38 mm. (1½") BSP male outlet or even better, a 64 mm. (2½") 5V male outlet.

Don't let your tank supplier talk you into some other size or thread pattern, claiming that it is the size or type used by the fire service. **It's not, if it's neither of the above.**

Adaptors are available to enable you to step down from these to smaller diameters to allow you to connect up your own pump or garden hose.
GIVING A CLEAR ADDRESS IN AN EMERGENCY

When you dial "Triple O" (000) to get help from Ambulance, Fire or Police services, it is vital that you give a clear address, including your street number and name **and your suburb.**

If you live in Summerleas Road, stating that you are in "Fern Tree" is doubly important.

If you are relatively new to Summerleas Road, you may not be aware that house numbering is duplicated from both the Fern Tree and Kingston ends of the road. From Huon Road, Fern Tree southward to the end of the bitumen, the numbers run from 1 to 155. These numbers are duplicated from the Channel Highway, Kingston roundabout, northwards

For practical purposes the numbers in Fern Tree, travelling southwards down Summerleas Road from Huon Road, run from 1 to 155 on the bitumen and from 793 to 636 on the gravel.

The importance of ensuring that the actual emergency service you are connected to understands where you are, was recently underscored. At a recent emergency, some of the emergency services resources mobilised were sent to a house number in Summerleas Road, Kingston, instead of the correct but same house number in Fern Tree. In this instance to outcome was OK, but it easily might not have been.

A further example of past confusion has been between Huon Road (in South Hobart, Fern Tree and Neika) and Huon Highway (elsewhere but nearby).

So take your time and be clear about where you are.

Looking for a plant for the garden?

Try the Jubilee Nursery and the Plants Of Tasmania Nursery at Ridgeway

THANKS to Duncan Kerr MHR for assistance in the printing of this Community Newsletter.

Fern Tree Community Association Inc., 8 Stephenson Place, Fern Tree. GST Registered. ABN 88 577 475 907. The Fern Tree Community Association is a non-profit group set up to serve and represent the community of Fern Tree. Meetings open to all residents elect a committee each year to conduct the Association's business.

Address all correspondence to: *The Secretary, Fern Tree Community Association, 8 Stephenson Place, Fern Tree 7054* or email <secretary@ferntree.org.au>. **Find us on the Web at www.ferntree.org.au**

Fern Tree Community Association Inc. Newsletter

September 2007

Upcoming Events

Another in the

Wellington Series



Sunday October 7th

2.30 pm at the Community Centre

The Wellington Quartet will play music for strings by Mendelssohn and Weber

Tickets \$10

Proceeds to FTCA

Tea, coffee and mulled wine will be available

Come and enjoy a ripper of a night at the Fern Tree Tavern, 7.15 for 7.30pm Saturday 20 October! \$15 per person.



Please put your name on the list at the Fern Tree Store or phone 6239 1206

Meals will be available at the Tavern between 5.30 and 7pm

Pip and Rick would appreciate diners booking in advance

Phone 6239 1171

Fun, prizes and a raffle - donations welcome!

Fern Tree Carols by Candlelight
Sunday December 16th, 8pm

February Street Parties in Fern Tree
- watch this spot!

Wanted – A President and Vice President for the Fern Tree Community Association

At the annual meeting of the Association in April this year Bruce Wilson accepted nomination for the position of President in the absence of another nomination. However he indicated that he would have to resign from the position later in the year as he was going overseas. Furthermore there was no nomination for the position of Vice President at the meeting.

Bruce has now gone overseas and other committee members are unable to accept appointment to either of these positions. Consequently the Association currently finds itself without either a President or a Vice President.

As Public Officer of the Association I am expected to carry the can for any breaches of the Association's Constitution or the Laws dealing with Incorporated Associations. While being without a President or Vice President does not seem to be in breach of these provisions it is not a satisfactory situation.

I am therefore appealing to all members of the Association for help in locating and nominating someone to fill these positions.

Please Can You Help?

If so please contact me on 0419 895 514.

David Roberts, Public Officer.

WORKING BEE at ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH, Sat 20th October, from 10am.

Can you lend a hand at the working bee on Saturday 20th October? The main tasks are the cleaning of the stained-glass windows, and some general tidying outside around the building. Bring some cloths and a ladder - if you have one - and let Marilyn know you are coming, as there will be a free sausage sizzle for helpers. Ring 6239 1142

ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL

There is **definitely** going to be an election soon and there is definitely going to be a **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CAKE STALL** on the day.

Let's make it a **HUGE** community event and a successful fundraiser! Please start thinking NOW about what you can contribute to the stall, remembering that **ALL food items must state the name and address of the cook and a list of the ingredients.**

HCC health regulations DO NOT PERMIT CREAM to be included.

Cakes, biscuits, bread, plants, craft items etc, may be left at the stall on the day, and offers of help with the stall may be made at the shop or through any committee member.

There will be no further notice of this event, so write a reminder on your calendar today.

AUSMAS DINNER - July 2007

This was a very successful community event: 48 people came to enjoy the food and the fun. To cap it off, we raised approximately \$700, which will be put to good use in the continuing refurbishing of the building.

Thanks are due to committee members and spouses who decorated, set up (and cleared up!) the Centre, and also took part in the organisation of the evening. In most cases the diners were also cooks, and the food was appreciated by all. Thank you to everyone concerned.

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*Re-Elect Eva Ruzicka
for Alderman
for Deputy Lord Mayor*

*for local representation
for values that support community and environment
for sustainable policies that care for people
for a strong strategic view of what makes Hobart tick*

Vote 1 Eva Ruzicka
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DOMESTIC WATER TANKS FOR HOME DEFENCE

Are you considering the installation of a water tank to take advantage of the rains and to be ready for this summer's bushfire season with a full tank?

If you are, then there are a couple of important factors that you need to consider to make your tank a fully effective part of your bushfire preparedness, namely:- the material that it's made from; and the type of outlet it has.

Tank Materials

In potential bushfire prone areas like Fern Tree, Neika, Ridgeway, South Hobart and Turnip Fields, the use of tank materials that will not be compromised by fire are essential.

There is really only one choice for us;