

Bushcare

Would you like to help remove invasive garden plants (such as Holly) from the Mountain Park near Fern Tree? Bushcare volunteers meet on the second Sunday of the month, from 10am to 12.30pm. We usually meet just opposite the last house on the right on Pilling Drive (you'll see Council's Bushcare trailer) and often go back to the Holloway's afterwards, to warm up with fresh coffee and baked goodies. It's casual, sociable and fun and we'd love to see some new faces!

Bring warm clothes & comfortable walking boots. Gloves and equipment will be provided. Meeting dates for the rest of 2008 are 10th August, 14th Sept, 12th Oct and 9th Nov. For more info, phone convenor Rosemary Holloway on 6239 1803. See you there!

Have you met CYRIL?

Over recent months you may have met Cyril the black currawong. He has a bright pink leg band, only one functional eye, his beak doesn't close properly and he is missing his tail feathers!! We have hand raised him since early March, having found him as a fledgling in poor condition on the road by the Tavern. He is completely free range and is expanding his territory. Cyril forgets he's a bird and



seeks human company - sometimes swooping and trying to land on your shoulder. He loves shopping catalogues and spends hours ripping them apart. His toy collection consists of a stuffed frog, coloured blocks, a white velvet pup and tennis balls, and things he collects like rocks and sticks! He has been seen in Summerleas Road and we were wondering how far his territory has expanded. He comes to feed every day and the last couple of weeks has arrived with other currawongs in tow. (They think they're on to a good thing, as every time we call Cyril they know it means food!!) If you have met Cyril we would love to hear from you. Please ring Marilyn and David Kremmer, 20 Bracken Lane, on 62391142.

KARATE

at Fern Tree Community Centre

Tues 5.30-7.30pm,

\$7 per lesson per child (age 7 and up)
Plus \$45 p.a. membership and insurance.

Contact: Geoff Clark (Ph 0419 110 447)
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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

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Help Heat the Hall!

Our community centre needs a new heating system. We are working really hard to cover the basic costs of the community centre, so we need a special effort to invest in a better hall.

This month we're holding an extra 'No Frills' quiz night at the Tavern to boost our funds.



Extra

'No Frills'

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 23rd August, 6.30 for 7pm start,
only \$10 per person (maximum table size 6 people)

Come along for the thrill of competing with your neighbours & have a fun night meeting new people. You can order food from Lester & Sharon, who of course know how to pour a good pint of Guinness.

Get some friends together and make a booking with Gillian at the store.

Hire of our Community Centre

Residents are encouraged to hire our Community Centre for events such as group meetings, classes, lunches, dinners, weddings, seminars and parties (within certain restrictions) etc.,

The rates are reasonable.

What about interest groups or a playgroup? - There are many families with young children in the area, and the Community Centre has suitable play equipment and a library from earlier years when there was a Kindergarten and playgroup - it is all there, available for use!

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact a committee member or email: secretary@ferntree.org.au

Community Centre costs

Our community centre is an amazing asset, and we are unusual in Hobart in having one in community hands. But with the benefits of having this excellent building close to home, there come some onerous obligations as well. We have to work hard every year just to cover the basic running costs, which have increased enormously in the last decade. The fixed costs are:

Insurance	\$2410
Rates	\$300
Audit	\$170
Subtotal	\$2880

Following are the variable costs which include some fixed components eg use of gas cylinders.

Utilities	\$1000
Maintenance	\$500
Subtotal	\$1500
Grand Total for the Hall	\$4380

This means that we need to earn nearly **\$90** a week just to cover costs. So having the support of the Fern Tree community is vital if we want to keep this asset, and one of the things that means is making maximum use of our asset. This brings me to my next point:

What would you like to see happening in Fern Tree? What do the people of Fern Tree want from their community association?

We are unusual in Hobart; not only does the community association own the community centre, but we are all members of the Fern Tree Community Association (FTCA) just by living here. We pay no membership fee to join, all we have to do is move into the area.

Our boundaries are the Hobart City boundary at Neika and Summerleas Rd, and the upper part of Strickland Avenue, which includes about 400 households.

Each year a very small AGM audience elects an executive committee, which tries to engage the community in events both to raise money for the community centre and just because we want to make the Fern Tree community strong and vibrant.

But we need an injection of ideas and enthusiasm. **We need YOUR ideas.** What would you like to see happening in Fern Tree? Drop us a line at 8 Stephenson Place, or email us at info@ferntree.org.au, or chat to **Bruce Wilson on 6239 1028**

Welcomes & Farewells

Our two businesses have changed hands. Welcome to our new publicans, Lester and Sharon Curl and family, who took over from Rick and Pip Ruthenberg in June; and to the new owner of Frond Cafe, Gillian Stivicic, who took over from Ken and Jeanette Fishwick last week. We wish the Ruthenbergs and the Fishwicks well in their new lives, and thank them for their efforts in Fern Tree.

The SINGING SILVERLINERS welcomes new members, mature in age but young at heart. They meet on Monday afternoons at 1.30pm at Kingborough Senior Citizens Club, Redwood Road, Kingston. Cost \$1 including tea/coffee. Contact 6267 9967.

LISA SINGH MHA

Labor Member for Denison

Please contact me regarding any concerns or issues for the electorate of Denison including:

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| Austins Ferry | Battery Point | Berriedale |
| Granton | Chigwell | Claremont |
| Collinsvale | Derwent Park | Dynnryne |
| Fern Tree | Glebe | Glenorchy |
| Goodwood | Hobart | Lenah Valley |
| Lower Sandy Bay | Lutana | Montrose |
| Moonah | Mount Nelson | Mount Stuart |
| New Town | North Hobart | Ridgeway |
| Rosetta | Sandy Bay | South Hobart |
| Taroona | Tolmans Hill | West Hobart |
| West Moonah | | |

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Roaming animals

There have been some incidents recently where animals that should have been secured on their owner's property were able to wander on the road, causing a nuisance. A sheep knocked a cyclist off his bike on Huon Rd, causing serious damage to the bike, as well as shock and pain to the rider. Dogs have also threatened passers-by on roads. It's not just people who suffer, whether frightened by dogs or injured by sheep or in a more serious road accident. The animals too are in danger from vehicles. Protecting their welfare is important, and letting them roam isn't doing this. Please secure them safely. If you are threatened by dogs you can complain to the Hobart City Council. They will respond swiftly and serve a complaint on the owners, who must keep their dogs on their property by law.

MOSAIC WORKSHOPS

Mixed media
2D & 3D artworks
Utilising Recycled & Natural Materials

Beginners to
Advanced Students

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