

On Saturday 23rd August nearly 60 residents and friends wracked their brains at the FTCA "Help Heat the Hall" Quiz Night. ABC identity and recent Fern Tree arrival Christopher Lawrence was the MC, but his precious voice was reduced to a hoarse croak by the end of the night. The questions were devised by Gay and Len Spaans, who also provided the administration services on the night, aided by FTCA President Bruce Wilson. The winners were once again the team spearheaded by Prue Quarmbly and Phil Sansom, who are under community pressure to temporarily withdraw to run the next quiz night! The raffle winner received the major prize, a copy of Peter Dombrovskis latest and last book, kindly donated by Liz Dombrovskis.

Other most welcome prizes were donated by Karin Molteberg, Live Life Health Food and Herbal Medicine Shop, and John Harbinson. The FTCA wine cellar was raided for some matured cleanskins and 'Special Reserve' Fern Tree port. Many thanks to those who participated – the sum raised was a healthy \$700. The FTCA thanks Gill at the FTstore for taking bookings, to Sharon and Lester at the Fern Tree Tavern for providing the venue, and to Christopher for lending his tonsils.

For the Quiz Night on Saturday 15 November, we will have some amplification!

The 'BIG DAY OUT' - 2009

A Chance to Meet Your Neighbours — Sunday February 15 4pm-6pm

The Big Day Out is on again in 2009 and the FTCA committee would like some volunteer hosts. If you hosted an event last year don't be shy about putting up your hand again or encouraging your friends to put up theirs. We are looking for more hosts especially one from the Strickland Avenue/Huon Road area.

You will need to have the capacity to have up to 30 or 40 guests in your garden and/or house. You, as host, will provide the venue and ambience. You will distribute the invitations (provided by the FTCA) in your area (allocated by the FTCA) and take responses. Your guests will bring food, drinks, glasses and chairs.

To be a guest reply to the invitation delivered in early February. To be a host or if you have any suggestions about this event, please ring **Barbara Tassell, 62 391407**.

Removal of Manferns

Recently manferns have been removed illegally from the park at Fern Tree and other public areas in the locality. Anyone seeing people acting suspiciously in this context is asked to contact the Tasmanian Police (Bush Watch) on 1800 333 000. If anyone has information relevant to the removal of the manferns from the Fern Tree park or other areas of Wellington Park they are asked to contact the Wellington Park Ranger Lydia Mareno at lydia.mareno@parks.tas.gov.au

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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

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2008 FERN TREE ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT "With Frills"

Saturday 15 November

Fern Tree Tavern

**6.30 for 7pm start, only
\$10 per person (maximum
table size 6 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.

JUMBLE SALE at the Community Centre

Sunday 7 December 11am -1pm

New/secondhand items for sale, Morning teas, sausage sizzle.

\$10 per table inside, \$5 outside site/carboot/rug/own table

Bookings at Fern Tree Store, or come along on the day.



The 21st Annual Fern Tree Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 21 December 2008,
8.30pm (note the later time)

Fern Tree park (Fern Tree Bower)
– if the weather is bad, the Carols will
be held in the Community Centre.

Fern Tree Fire Brigade

News www.fire.tas.gov.au

Preparing Your Home for the Summer

As a result of the dry winter and spring in our area, you need start to make your most precious asset, your home, ready for summer, now. The aim is to make it defensible by you and your family and if needs be, by the Fire Service, by doing all those necessary housekeeping jobs in and around the home.

Make Your Own Family Bushfire Plan

The bottom line is, you and your family need to have a bushfire plan for what you will do when a bushfire threatens. Your plan needs to be discussed by all your family, with everyone understanding what their role is. Your plan should be to either:-

- **Prepare Property, Stay and Defend** or
- **Prepare Property and Leave Early.**

Even if your plan is the latter, it is doubly important that you still make the property defensible by others, if you are not there.

If you don't prepare your property to make it defensible during a bushfire emergency, the Fire Service will identify it as being un-defensible and decide it is too risky to commit a fire crew to it.

To make sure you cover everything, it's time to re-play the Tasmania Fire Service DVD "Bushfire-Prepare to Survive" delivered to your home before Summer 2007. In addition, use the Bushfire Checklist fridge magnet we distributed earlier this year, to help you prepare.

If you have mislaid your copy of the DVD or your fridge magnet, or you are newly arrived in our area and don't have a copy, please call after hours, Don Jones on 6239 1155, Terry Gill on 6239 1124 or Garry Sullivan on 6239 1245 to get a copy. These resources are essential viewing and reading for residents in a potential bushfire area like ours.

Two final things to remember:-

STICK TO YOUR BUSFIRE PLAN, no last minute changes as the fire approaches; and

HOUSES PROTECT PEOPLE and **PEOPLE PROTECT HOUSES.**

Tasmania Fire Service Fire Permit Period commenced midnight 17 October, 2008

Included with this issue of the Community Newsletter is a supplement dealing with this. Please read it and retain it for future reference.

Fern Tree Fire Brigade - OPEN DAY

On Sunday 16 November, 2008. we are holding an Open Day at the Fern Tree Fire Station at 9 Summerleas Road, Fern Tree. Included with this newsletter is your invitation to attend.

Fire Brigade Christmas Eve Children's Lolly Run

Girls and boys, our Lolly Run will be on again this year. It will take place on Christmas Eve **Thursday 24 December, 2008.** Your local fire engines will be visiting the following areas:-

- Huon Road south as far as Wolfes Road including each side road off Huon Rd.,
- Huon Road north as far as the Turnip Fields, including Turnip Fields Road and all other side roads,

- Pillinger Drive and Bracken Lane,
- Ridgeway, all public roads,
- Strickland Avenue as far as No. 398;
- Summerleas Road as far as No. 636.

To give you an idea of when to expect them, the fire engines will be leaving the Fern Tree Fire Station on their various runs at 6 pm. *Girls and boys, keep an ear out for the approaching sirens!!*

From every one at your local brigade, have a safe summer.

Fern Tree Facials

Health and Beauty in the Hills

Stunning views across the rolling hills to the sea, in combination with a warm and homely atmosphere, make Fern Tree Facials a unique and tranquil experience.

Special Offer - Facial with Galvanic Spa Treatment & Energetic Facial Release \$60 (until Dec 31)

Gift vouchers available for various treatments and products

Kate & Marcus

The A-frame at 18 Grays Road, Fern Tree
k: 0408 283 288 m: 0437 553 011 h: 03 6239 1882
kwm@the-antiaging-group.com

Fern Tree Playgroup

10.00am - 12noon Fridays
Fern Tree Community Centre
Except 31 Oct, 7 Nov, 14 Nov
another venue may be arranged
for these days -
for details please contact
Anne Parisi - 6239 1995
or Alison Lander 6239 1190

\$2 per family
Mums, Dads & Grandparents welcome

Tea & Coffee provided
BYO snacks
Toy donations welcomed

The FTCA gratefully acknowledge the support of Live Life Health Food & Herbal Medicine Shop towards the last Quiz night.



The shop offers whole foods, home detergents, bodycare products and a wide range of gluten free and low allergy alternatives. Staff are qualified Naturopaths and Herbalists. Live Life also offers a range of alternative holistic therapies.

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