

Fern Tree Resident on Australia Day 2009 Honours List

Garry Sullivan has been awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal (AFSM) by the Governor-General, for distinguished service.

Garry is Communications Services Manager for the Tasmania Fire Service. In that role he has been responsible over many years for the design, development, management and maintenance of the fire service's radio telecommunications and the direct brigade alarms systems which are used to despatch and manage responses to emergency incidents.

He has been involved in many innovations that have made the TFS communications system the envy of his peers, both locally and interstate.

Garry joined the the Fern Tree Fire brigade in 1980, and was appointed Third Officer in 1991.

In that role he is part of the Brigade's leadership group, active in brigade responses and training, and also one of our local fire permit officers.

Congratulations to Garry Sullivan, AFSM.

Fern Tree Community Centre available for hire

Members of the community are encouraged to use the Community Centre with lower rates related to events which provide a community benefit, such as courses, children's activities etc.

The Centre is also available for functions, with a servery, tables, chairs, crockery, etc; there have been very successful weddings and approved birthday parties, within the numbers allowed by the HCC permit.

Enquiries and bookings can be made at the Fern Tree Store.

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• **Autumn is a good time to add plants to your garden**
• **Visit the Plants of Tasmania Nursery and the Jubilee Nursery at Ridgeway**
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Enjoy a drink, meal and log fire at the Fern Tree Tavern

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

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Bushfire Threat - Stay or Go! What will you do?
Community Forum & Victorian Bushfire Fundraiser
Sunday 19 April, 3-5 pm at the Fern Tree Community Centre
Fern Tree burned in 1967 Victoria burned in 2009



A photo (taken by FT resident Alan Gray) of the former hotel, now the tavern and Huon Rd junction

We're thinking about the Victorian bushfires - our fellowship with the victims, and our own ever-present risk of a similar fate. Are there lessons we could learn, more than a generation after our own tragedy? Come along to the Community Centre to talk to your local Fire Brigade and your fellow residents, find out who plans to stay and defend, and who plans to go, and find out why they're thinking that way.

We want to remember the victims in Victoria in an appropriate way, and to raise funds to send there. We plan to stimulate discussion between residents and our local Fire Brigade about responding to bushfires in Fern Tree, and to offer you afternoon tea, some live music and some goodies on the cake stall. 210 special bookmarks to show our support with the people of Victoria will also be available for a donation of \$2 each.

Come and meet your neighbours and consider a local fire plan - your life may depend on it. Donations for afternoon tea and a cake stall/trade table are welcome. Ring 391206 or leave at the shop.

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Guest speaker : Tony Rayner, noted Hobart historian and tour-guide extraordinaire. His topic will be **"Fern Tree's Literary Characters"** and promises to be very entertaining.

Residents are encouraged to attend and also to take an active part in our community by joining the committee. All positions are declared vacant; we need new, young blood on the committee, **and in particular, there is an urgent need for someone to take on the task of collecting items for the newsletter and someone to produce the layout.** Please consider your part in the life of our community.

THE BIG DAY OUT

THANK YOU to OUR HOSTS Bette, Dave, Bruce, Karin, Liz, Karen, Jeff and Alison

Jim and I were lucky enough to visit all venues on the 'Big Day Out' and were most impressed by the number of people who had braved the misty, rainy weather of Fern Tree (that we all love) to meet with new and old friends, share wonderful food and enjoy a wide range of conversations. Without the help of our generous hosts the event would not be possible - THANK YOU. Some, I know, have offered to host the event

FERN TREE GENERAL STORE & FROND CAFÉ

New Winter Opening Hours 8am-6pm

beginning at the start of daylight saving.

However, I am nearly always available after 6pm if you need something and can't get here by 6pm.

Please just ring me so I can help

Ph. 6239 1406

Homemade family-size pies and soup are available every day, including to take home if you like; just let us know in the morning, and you can pick it up on your way home.

For any catering requests, please contact the shop for more details:

- e.g. • finger food for parties etc.
- platters of meat and salad
- platters of cheese and fruit
- delicious home-made pies
- cakes and slices.

Thank you for your support - Jill

**Is anyone interested in a get-together afternoon to play cards or board games?
If so, please give Len or Gay a call on 6239 1665 or 0417 072 902 and we'll see what we can organise.**

again next year. Fantastic yes, it is on the calendar again for 2010!! Anyone who has ideas about how we can develop this event further, please contact a member of the FTCA Committee. - *Barbara Tassell*

Diary Dates

Bush Fire Threat - Stay or Go?

Sunday 19 April 3-5pm

Fern Tree Community Centre

FTCA Annual General Meeting 22 April 7.15 for 7.30pm

The Fern Tree Community Association committee meets **monthly, usually on a Monday evening at 7.30pm** in the Community Centre. All residents are encouraged to be involved, for the good of our community. For more information, you can phone secretary Rebecca on 6239 1962.

Fern Tree Playgroup meets every **Thursday from 10am-12 noon** in the Fern Tree Community Centre (for new residents, the Community Centre is in Stephenson Place, just past the Fern Tree Store.) Come along for a cuppa and meet Fern Tree's newest faces! All welcome.

Fern Tree Bushcare meets on the second Sunday of the month from 10am to 12.30. Help to remove garden escapees such as Holly, Cotoneaster and Spanish Heath from the nearby bush - and have fun! Morning tea/ lunch afterwards. Bring appropriate clothes & boots. For more info, phone Rosemary on 6239 1803, or visit www.hobartcity.com.au/bushland/bushcare.

Bushcare dates for 2009 12 April (yes, Easter Sunday),

10 May, 14 June, 12 July, 9 Aug, 13 Sept, 11 Oct and 8 Nov.

The next **Fern Tree Kids' Stuff Market** will be held on **Sat 1st August '09**. Thanks to all those who came along to sell and buy pre-loved kids' gear at the Community Centre in February. It's a great way to recycle! The market was most efficiently planned and run by Janneke, and was very successful, with many happy sellers and buyers. She is planning to repeat the Market every 6 months, so those interested should start putting stuff aside to sell, and look out for the brochure closer to the date. 20% of the proceeds were given to the FTCC, a healthy \$150.

Thank you for your efforts, Janneke.

Hobart City Council's free Green Waste Collection will be Tues 21st April for Fern Tree. There will be another green waste collection in Sept (dates to be confirmed.)

Hobart City Council's free Hard Waste Collection will be Tues 3rd November for Fern Tree.

And for those who forget: the fortnightly **HCC Recycling collection** dates for this year are - 24 March, 7 April, 21 April, 5 May, 19 May, 2 June, 16 June, 30 June, 14 July, 28 July, 11 August, 25 August, 8 Sept, 22 Sept, 6 Oct, 20 Oct, 3 Nov, 17 Nov, 1 Dec, 15 Dec, 29 Dec ...**that's every second Tuesday, around 6 -7am.**