

Big boost for heating fund

ALTHOUGH the weather was inclement, the book fair held on Saturday, 27 February, was successful.

Between 250 and 300 books were sold, raising \$742.50 for the association's Heat the Hall fund.

Thanks to Alan Bryce for

organising the fair and to the local community for donating the books. Another fair will be held later this year.

Meanwhile, the election day cake stall raised \$285.

The FTCA thanks those who baked, who bought and who worked on the stall.



Getting ready for fire

FOLLOWING the distribution of our flyer with the last *Fern Tree Newsletter*, I am pleased to report that in the suburbs that make up your fire brigade's primary response area, we have gone from two Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods (one each in Fern Tree and Ridgeway) to a total of nine as follows:

Fern Tree: Bracken Lane, Pillinger Drive and 105-155 Summerleas Rd.,

Ridgeway: Five BRNs covering the entire suburb; and

South Hobart: 396-440 Strickland Ave.
In each BRN, the participating households have recognised that their neighbourhoods are subject to bushfire risk and that risk can be minimised by neighbourhood groups working with the

THIS year, Fern Tree Fire Brigade will have a junior member (10-14 years) and cadet member (15-17 years) program for girls and boys resident in Fern Tree and the surrounding areas covered by this newsletter.

Members will participate in well-supervised and exciting training activities every second Thursday between 6.15pm and 7.15pm at the fire station. Contact our program co-ordinator Chris Wagstaff on 6239 1341 (ah) to register your interest, even if you have put your name down with us previously.

You will need your parents' consent to join. The program will run only if sufficient numbers apply to join.

local fire brigade. The main aim of the BRN program is to help groups of neighbours and individuals to work towards risk minimisation from a position of being well informed.

I would like to thank the individuals in each BRN who started the ball rolling and who have maintained the interest.

If you are interested in starting up a Bushfire Ready Neighbourhood among your neighbours, contact our Bushfire Ready facilitator, Terry Gill on 6239 1124 (ah).

If you know someone in one of the BRN groups, talk to them about the program. Don't leave it to next summer to get started.

- Brigade chief Garry Sullivan

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The Fern Tree Community Association is a non-profit group set up to serve and represent the community of Fern Tree.

Meetings that are 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 Pl, Fern Tree, 7054 or email secretary@ferntree.tas.au. Community website: ferntree.tas.au



Over to you

Annual General Meeting on 15 April

THE Fern Tree Community Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 15 April, at the community centre in Stephenson Place.

All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting, which will kick off at 7pm with an informal discussion of topics relevant to the local community.

We are anxious to hear what the community thinks about issues such as the Springs development, the cable car, the community garden and fireguard groups.

Or perhaps there is something else you would like to discuss. It's up to you!



After the informal discussion, the AGM will be conducted. All positions will be declared vacant and the association is keen to hear from new people willing to take on these important voluntary roles. The evening should wrap up by 9pm. We hope to see you there!

Family film evening

A FAMILY film evening and sausage sizzle will be held at the Fern Tree community centre on Saturday, 24 April.

The 1967 version of *Dr Dolittle* will be shown, courtesy of the National Film and Sound Archive.

The film runs for 144 minutes and won two Academy Awards. Admission to the film is free but donations would be appreciated.

The event starts at 5.30pm with the sausage sizzle. Popcorn also will be available to purchase.

Proceeds from the evening will go towards the centre's Heat the Hall fund.

And a Big Day Out was had by many

THIS year's Big Day Out, in its slightly different format of three rather than five venues, has again been a great success.

I would like to thank Doreen and Terry Gill and Liz Dombrovskis for opening their homes to guests and I would like to thank my husband, Jim Laver, for his support in welcoming friends to our home in Pillinger Drive.

This year we had approximately 90 participants spread across the three venues and amongst these were some very recent arrivals

in the community who welcomed the chance to meet neighbours.

I believe that this event plays an important role in helping each of us connect with our neighbours in a casual social setting and, whilst I have enjoyed organising this over the past three years, I would like to encourage someone else to take on the role and add their own flavour to it in 2011. If you are interested, please contact the FTCA.

- Barbara Tassell

Farewell Bill and Albert

A WELL-KNOWN Fern Tree resident for almost 60 years, **William Perleberg** passed away on 5 February, 2010, aged 87 years.

Born Horst Siegfried Willi Perleberg in the East Prussia region of Germany, Bill spent some of his earlier years (including war service) in Poland and Hungary before coming to South Australia after WWII. But he craved a cooler climate and soon made Tasmania his home, proudly establishing his residence, Sunrise Garden, along Summerleas Road.

Bill was employed as a gardener for several years in the Hobart City Council's nursery in South Hobart and at the university, and thereafter at the Metropolitan Transport Trust's city depot, and until quite recently he was a constant patron of the local bus service.

Bill took great pride in his community and was a regular supporter of the general store - in its Summerleas Road (pre-1967 bushfires) and Stephenson Place locations.

He participated in meetings of the Fern Tree Community Association until poor health rendered this impossible.

Bill's interests were wide and he was an avid radio listener, often well into the night when he tuned to short-wave broadcasts from around the world. Bill asked no favours but accepted others' kindness. This humble, private and independent soul will be missed.

ALBERT Tritton Street was born on 7 October, 1926, in Hobart. He lived in the Fern Tree/Longley area for the first 65 years of his life and he passed away on 22 January, 2010, at the Hobart Private Hospital.

Albert's family was intrinsically linked to the Fern Tree community. His parents owned the shop and post office at Fern Tree which Albert and his 10 brothers and sisters all worked in at various times.

After the family business burnt down in the 1967 bushfires, his brothers Len and John re-established the post office in Albert's driveway. Les, Fred and Albert took over the running of the trucks that belonged to the shop and Street's Transport was born.

Albert was the treasurer of the Fern Tree Progress Association as well as being a member of the Fern Tree Volunteer Fire Brigade until 1967. He was a regular at the Fern Tree Tavern where he was a cribbage and eight ball champion.

It was only after his retirement in 1992 that he chose with his wife Jean to move to a smaller house and more manageable block of land at Blackmans Bay closer to their children. Jean passed away in 2004 and Albert moved to Hawthorn Village in 2007.

Albert is survived by his sisters Mavis and Betty and his brother Athol.

Please support our local businesses

Fern Tree Store

- Improved opening hours
- Whole fish and chip range
- Locally grown fruit and vegies
- Meat
- Pyengana Milk and Ashgrove Milk

Fern Tree Tavern

New menu

Bistro opening hours
 Wed-Sat 12pm-2pm 6pm-8pm
 Sun 12pm-2.30pm
Pizza available

Survey underway

THE Fern Tree Park and Bower has a rich cultural history and is frequently used by people from throughout Hobart and beyond.

A survey is being undertaken of use and values for the site as part of a University of Tasmania honours research project. The results will be provided to the Wellington Park Management Trust in support of their development of a master plan for the site.

The researcher is interested in the differences between the views of people who use the site frequently and those who rarely visit.

You are invited to contribute to the study by completing a short mail-back questionnaire available at the Fern Tree General Store.

This questionnaire previously was mailbox dropped to every household in the Fern Tree area.

Any people with extensive information or opinions regarding the site are invited to contact the researchers.

The research concludes in early May and results will be made available to those interested.

Contact Lorne Kriwoken on 6226 2458 or l.k.kriwoken@utas.edu.au

Athletes on the run

THE Mt Wellington running festival will be held on Sunday, 11 April, and is expected to attract runners from the mainland.

Registration is from 6.15am at the Fern Tree Store. A half-marathon along the pipeline track will start at 7am, a 10km race at 7.15am and a 5km race at 7.30am. Prizes will be awarded in a number of categories, including the first pram across the line in each event. Entry is \$25 for people who register online before the event, or \$30 on the day.

The event is being organised by Hanny Allston. For further information, go to www.findyourfeet.com.au.

What's on in the community

BUSHCARE meeting 11 April and 9 May, 10am-12.30pm, at the top of Browns Rd. The group will be tackling holly, blackberry, cotoneaster, cherry laurel, foxglove and Elisha's Tears. All welcome. Picnic to be held afterwards. Contact Rob or Murielle 6239 1991.

CREATIVE Textiles next meeting 11 April, 2pm-4pm at the community centre. Native cherry dye on the boil. Phone Sharon 6239 1388 or email smoore@intas.net.au

FREE roadside green waste collection, Tuesday, 20 April, organised by Hobart City Council. Make the most of the opportunity by doing some fire hazard reduction around your home. Limit of 2 cubic metres of waste per household.

CHEERLEADING starting in Fern Tree. Junior (girls and boys from 5 years old) and intermediate groups. Contact the Fern Tree Store, 6239 1406.



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PENNY TREWIN SELLS IN FERN TREE!

She also lives in Fern Tree in Westringa Road with her family, has inside knowledge of the area and its amenities, and is able to convey to buyers the wonderful lifestyle we have to offer. Thinking of selling? Ring Penny, she is your local agent.

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