

Busy time ahead

IT may be cold outside but there are still a lot of activities going on in Fern Tree over the winter months.

So grab a coat and head out to a quiz night, book fair or yoga class:

Film night

THE iconic 1953 film *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* co-starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell will be screened at the Fern Tree community centre on **10 July**.

The dinner and film night starts at 6.30pm. For full details, see the front page of this newsletter.

Book fair

FOLLOWING on from the success of February's book fair, another sale will be held at the Fern Tree community centre on **14 August**.

Start going through your bookshelves now so you can donate to the fair and make room for new acquisitions.

Further details will be in the next newsletter.

Quiz night

THE Fern Tree Community Association's next quiz night will be held on **7 August**.

Details are being finalised but, as always, it promises to be a fun evening with curly questions and an amusing MC. Further details will be in the next newsletter.

Yoga classes

CATHARINE Errey will conduct yoga classes at the Fern Tree community centre on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7.15pm. The first class will be on **6 July**. Each session costs \$12 and there is a concession for cardholders.

Wear warm, comfortable clothing, bring a blanket and a yoga mat if possible. Don't eat beforehand. Enquiries to Catharine on 0418 276 896.

Cake stall

A CAKE stall will be held outside the community centre on polling day for the federal election. Now is the time to

think about what you could bake or you can buy up big when you come to vote.

Details will be published in a newsletter closer to the election date, once it is announced.

Regular events

FERN Tree Playgroup meets Thursdays at 10am in the community centre.

FERN Tree Bushcare meets second Sunday of every month, 10am-12.30pm at the top of Browns Rd. Share and enjoy lunch afterwards. Call Rob 6239 1991.

FREE roadside **green waste collection, 16 November**. Little stuff needs to be bundled with string. Big branches max diameter 10cm -12cm, length 1.5m-2m.

FREE roadside **environmental weeds collection** at any time by appointment. Phone Sonya 6238 2884. Any size, as long as it's an environmental weed.



Just add spice

Dinner and film night on 10 July

SCREEN siren Marilyn Monroe will be the star of the show when a dinner and film night is held at the Fern Tree community centre on Saturday, 10 July.

The iconic 1953 film *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* co-stars Monroe and Jane Russell as showgirls who know how to have a good time.

The movie runs for 91 minutes and is provided courtesy of the National Film and Sound Archive. It is rated PG—parental guidance for children aged under 15.

Doors open at 6.30pm and dinner will be available to purchase. There will be a variety of food, from soup to curry and vegetarian options. Gluvin, tea and coffee will be for sale or people can BYO alcohol (and glasses).

The film will follow dinner. Admission to the film is free but donations would be appreciated. Proceeds will help to upgrade the heating in the community centre and make it more energy efficient. A family film evening held on 24 April raised \$190 for the heating fund.



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HOMEMADE SOUP

GREAT FRIENDLY SERVICE

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PENNY TREWIN SELLS IN FERN TREE!



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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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Stay fire-safe during winter

ON behalf of all members of your local fire brigade, may I thank community members for the co-operation shown in taking on board the Tasmania Fire Service's advice and improving our community's bushfire readiness during the past summer.

The uptake by individual groups of neighbours of our *Bushfire Ready Neighbourhood* program was particularly pleasing.

This program is ongoing. Any new neighbourhood groups who would like to become involved can call leading firefighter Terry Gill 6239 1124 (after hours) for help to get started.

Even though summer is behind us, our role as a brigade continues, responding to structure fires, road crashes, chemical spills and so on.

As the fire service's primary role is to provide life rescue from fire and other threats, you can help us to help you by being a fire-safe household during the colder winter months.

Go to the Tasmania Fire Service website - www.fire.tas.gov.au - and read the many hints on how you can go about this.

To mention but one area of home fire safety, the importance of having your home equipped with working smoke alarms can't be overstated.

Did you know, for example, that the battery smoke alarms you put in more than 10 years ago probably will have reached the end of their reliable service life?

Click on this button on the front page of the TFS website.

There you will find out what you need to know about installing new and more effective home smoke alarms, together with replacing and disposing of the old ones that are past their use-by dates.

Have a safe winter.

*Garry Sullivan,
Brigade chief, Fern Tree*



Water survey

WATER is a valuable resource but many of us may be oblivious to where Fern Tree's water comes from, how much of it is available and what options are open to us to draw on excess water in times of drought or fire.

A water survey has been distributed with this newsletter. It is being conducted on behalf of the Fern Tree Community Association and the results will be provided to Hobart City Council, Kingborough Council and Southern Water.

Residents of Fern Tree, Ridgeway, Strickland Ave, Fingerpost and Turnip Fields are encouraged to fill in the survey and return it in the envelope provided.

Road upgrade

RESIDENTS of Grays Road and those who pass beyond that point on Huon Road will have noticed the improvement in sightlines at the bend where the two roads meet. In 2008, Hobart City Council committed to this upgrade. Now the job is almost complete and the roads are safer.

Thanks to Duncan Kerr MHR for assistance in printing this community newsletter

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Heating update

AFTER securing a grant for \$1000 from Nyrstar and holding a number of money-raising functions last year, the hall heating fund (as reported by the treasurer at the general meeting in April) stood at \$3723.

The new committee has now agreed to go ahead with the installation of radiant heaters in the Fern Tree community centre and work has commenced with the replacement of the existing switchboard and mains connections and the installation of a meter box external to the building.

The next steps will involve mounting and installation of the heaters and wiring them into the new switchboard. So far the work has cost approximately \$2000 with about \$2500 remaining for the purchase of the heaters and associated materials.

All the work is being done by community association members and our thanks are due in particular to **John Harbinson** who has coordi-



nated the project and is purchasing and mounting the heaters and **Craig Banks-Smith** and **Dave Roberts** who are doing all the wiring and installation of the heaters and the new switchboard and meter box.

Until the new switchboard is fully operational it has been necessary to limit the use of power in the hall and accordingly the stove has not been switched on.

Also to limit further expenditure on gas heating, the existing gas cylinders are not being refilled and the heater is running on port-

able cylinders. If anyone using the hall has concerns about this situation they should contact Dave Roberts on 0419 895 514.

Hopefully the new radiant heaters will be installed before the dinner and film night on 10 July and all those attending should be assured of a hot evening all round.

Our thanks goes to everyone who has attended our fundraising functions to raise money for the heating.

Extra hands wanted for working bee

PARTICIPATING in the activities of the Fern Tree Community Association is a great way to get involved in the community.

Committee members work voluntarily on behalf of the community. Our current focus is on upgrading the community centre to make it a multi-purpose self-sustaining public asset.

The pressure of work and family prevents many resi-

dents from joining the committee but there are recurring tasks that can be undertaken by willing individuals.

Residents are welcome to contact the committee and volunteer for these jobs including window cleaning, brushcutting, gutter cleaning, weeding, painting and general maintenance.

The next working bee will be held on 25 September at the community centre and

we would be delighted to see some new faces.

A NEW committee was elected at the AGM on 15 April. Members are Dave Roberts (treasurer), Rebecca Johnson (secretary), Judith Andrewartha, Rob Beedham, Alan Bryce, Tracey Grayson, Una Harbinson, Jeff Keogh, Melissa Sharpe and Bruce Wilson. To contact the committee, email secretary@ferntree.tas.au.