



Community notices

Spinners group

SOUTH HOBART SPINNERS, who have gathered together for more than 25 years, have relocated from the South Hobart Community Centre to the hall at the rear of St Francis Xavier's Church on Anglesea Street.

They meet every Thursday from 10am to 3pm and all spinners, knitters and other similar craftspeople are welcome to join in for an hour or more.

Easy access to the hall is via the Anglesea Street car park, and parking is available in the street.

Tea, coffee and a good library of books are available and participants bring lunch if they wish.

There is a \$3.50 cost each week towards the hire of the hall. Phone 6223 1664 or go

to www.hwsdguildtasmania.org/gatherings.htm

Playgroup

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

Waste collection

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

Wildflower show

THE Australian Plants Society's Hobart Group brings the bush to the city with its biennial **Wildflower Spectacular**. The theme is The Joy Of Native Plants and the colourful displays will dem-

onstrate why gardening with our beautiful native plants is so rewarding.

There'll be plants for sale, craft and book sales and an art exhibition. Entry is free.

The Wildflower Spectacular will be held at Hobart City Hall, 8-10 October, from 10am each day.

Yoga classes

YOGA classes are held at the community centre on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7.15pm. Each session costs \$10. Enquiries to Catharine on 0418 276 896.

PA equipment

A REQUEST was made in the last newsletter for any surplus **PA equipment** and the committee has since received several donations, from which the best set-up will be assembled. Thank you to those who responded.

Garage sale

ANYONE wanting to participate in a combined **garage sale** at the community centre later this year can register their interest by phoning Len or Gay on 0417 072902 or 6239 1665.

Getting warmer with heaters

LAST month, a group of volunteers, including Attila Vrana, Peter Fawcett, John Harbinson and AJ, assisted by Andrew Bird and his excavator, managed to hoist and concrete our new power pole into place. This allowed Aurora to connect the new supply cable and the new infrared heaters to be switched on.

Until additional equipment is installed, the heaters are only able to operate at about one-quarter of their capacity. The gas heater can run on a 9kg cylinder to supplement the infrared heaters, which should be fully operational by next winter.



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Family film evening

See *Whale Rider* on 2 October

A FAMILY film evening and sausage sizzle will be held at the Fern Tree community centre on Saturday, 2 October.

The 2002 New Zealand movie *Whale Rider* will be screened. It runs for 97 minutes, is rated PG and is about a Maori girl fulfilling her destiny to become a leader.

Whale Rider is provided courtesy of the National Film and Sound Archive and adults should enjoy it just as much as children.

Doors open at 5.30pm, when sausages will be available for purchase. Admission to the film is free but donations would be appreciated. Proceeds from the evening will go towards upgrading the community centre.



Spring working bee at community centre

THE FTCA's next working bee will be held on Saturday, 25 September, at the community centre. Residents are

encouraged to volunteer for jobs such as window cleaning, brushcutting, gutter cleaning, weeding, painting

and general maintenance. So if you can spare an hour or two, please drop in around 10am and help out.

FERN TREE STORE

OPENING HOURS

7.30AM – 6PM

WEEKDAYS

7.30AM – 6PM SAT

8.30AM – 6PM SUN



FERN TREE TAVERN

WEDNESDAYS:

BUY ONE MEAL AND GET
SECOND MEAL FOR \$10



LIVE MUSIC ON SUNDAYS

Fire Brigade exercise

THE fire brigades that make up the fire service Hobart district (from Tarroona to Molesworth to Bridgewater to Cambridge to Rokey) conduct an inter-brigade exercise in spring each year, using their Toyota Land Cruiser 4x4 light tankers. Each carries up to 500 litres of water.

Because these brigades all provide mutual aid to one another, particularly in response to wildfires in greater Hobart's urban/bushland interface, the exercise has three main aims:

- To allow brigade members to become familiar with one another's areas of operation.
- To test the wide range of competencies that wildfire response crews are expected to possess, such as safety, radio communications, navigation, pump operation, first aid, driving under operational conditions, equipment use, scene observation, weather observation, fire behaviour and tactics.
- To expose crews to operating under the incident control system used by all Tasmania's firefighting agencies (TFS, Parks and Wildlife Service and Forestry Tasmania) to manage large incidents, including wildfires.

The exercise is an important part of the

FERN Tree Fire Brigade's Juniors program will start on 3 October 2010 and run until 3 April 2011.

It will be conducted at Fern Tree Fire Station, 9 Summerleas Road, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm every second Thursday night and is open to girls and boys resident in the area covered by this newsletter who are aged between 11 and 16 years.

To enrol, please contact Chris Wagstaff in advance on 6239 1341 or 0438 055 199.

Hobart district's pre-planning and readiness evaluation processes.

As Fern Tree was the winner of the exercise perpetual trophy in 2009, it's our turn to organise and run the exercise on Saturday, 16 October, in which up to 14 brigades will participate.

During the exercise, vehicles will not travel under emergency operating conditions and they will run on public roads in Ridgeway and Fern Tree and on some fire trails in the Ridgeway and Wellington Parks, under permits issued by each park manager.

No live firefighting operations will be undertaken during the exercise.

- *Brigade chief Garry Sullivan*

Mountain Property Maintenance

- Fencing
- Landscaping
- Hazard reduction
- Mowing and slashing
- Property cleanup/maintenance
- Annual servicing and test/new installations of fire fighting pumps and fittings

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Chris Wagstaff
0438 055 199
Or
Ken Fishwick
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Local Fern Tree Business

Great Rates are guaranteed

3 Tonne Excavator and Tip Truck



Andrew Bird
Fern Tree
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A magic mountain

THE Mountain Festival celebrates Mt Wellington and its special places, and this year we focus on celebrating its water.

On the weekend of 9 and 10 October, events will be held on the mountain and the waterways that flow from it.

On Saturday we start at Brookfield Winery, Margate, with a puppet show and walks, talks and displays about the flora, fauna and history of the area.

Meanwhile at Tolosa Park, Glenorchy, from 10am to 3pm, there are family activities and interpretive walks.

At The Springs on Mt Wellington, there will be interpretive walks and children's activities from 1.30pm.

On Sunday, the Sandy Bay Rivulet is the focus of activity, starting at Parliament St Reserve, Dynnryne, with Bushcare, breakfast and dancing, and moving up to the Waterworks from midday

for the Teddy Bears Picnic, the Mountain Orchestra, and interpretive walks and family activities.

In the evening, the Fern Tree community centre will host the Mountain Questivale, a cabaret, quiz and feast from 6pm.

Get the details from our website at <http://fern-tree.tas.au/mountain-festival>, and contact us at mfbbookings@gmail.com with any enquiries.



Books and quiz boost funds

THE community centre was the venue for a **quiz night** in August, an enjoyable event attended by 45 people, mostly locals. Funds raised amounted to a very satisfactory \$550.

Thanks are due to Len, Gay and Gill for the questions and planning, to Jeff Keogh for doing MC duties and to Mira at the Fern Tree Store for taking bookings.

Prizes and a raffle are important to the success of the evening, and the committee is grateful to the following donors: South Hobart Butcher, The Globe Hotel, The Mercury Newspaper, The Coop Bookshop, Liz Dombovskis, 9/11 at St Ives Hotel, Murielle, Andrew, Peter and Hilary.

A **SUCCESSFUL book fair** was held on 14 August at the community centre.

More than 300 books were sold, raising a very healthy \$850 for the hall heating fund.

The committee is grateful to Alan Bryce who masterminded the event and to the many donors and customers who supported it. The next fair will be held early next year.

A **CAKE stall** on federal election day has raised \$227.50 to add to the community centre fund. Many thanks to all those who supplied and bought a wide range of tasty products, including jams, sauces, cakes, slices, biscuits and scones. Everything sold before midday.

DREAMING OF SPRING?



Perhaps you have also been thinking about selling your home in spring. Now is the perfect time to start preparing, but knowing where to invest your time and money is always a challenge. Penny can help you maximise your property's appeal and achieve a result that rewards your effort. Ring Penny Trewin, she is your local agent.

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