

Community notices

Yoga classes

YOGA classes are held at the community centre on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7.15pm. Enquiries to Catharine on 0418 276 896.

The last class for this year will be on 21 December and the first class for 2011 will be on 8 February, when the cost per class will be \$13 (\$10 for concessions).

School BBQ

A BBQ to mark the end of the school year will be held at Westringa Park on 9 December from 5pm.

All local families are welcome to attend. BYO food, drink and games suitable for the park. A BBQ will be available to cook food.

Playgroup

FERN Tree Playgroup meets Thursdays 10am to noon at the Fern Tree Community Centre (next to the Fern Tree Store). All ages are welcome. Cost is \$2 per family and first two sessions are free. Contact Megan Baynes 6239 1922.

Time trials

EVERY Wednesday night between 1 December and 4 February, a time trial series will be held on the Pipeline Track.

The event runs between 5pm and 7pm from the Fern Tree Tavern to the end of the Pipeline Track.

Runners have been warned that other people may be on the track at the same time.

The time trial series is being organised by Hanny Allston of Find Your Feet.

Volunteers

ST JOHN Ambulance Community Care is looking for volunteers for our befriending and shopping services to enable our clients to remain in their own homes.

If you have one or two hours per week or fortnight to spare, please contact Lucy Bester at 6271 0333 during business hours.

At the moment there is a lady in this area who would like to be taken shopping once a month.

Big Day Out

We hope to have another FERN TREE BIG DAY OUT on a Sunday in mid/late February (3pm-5pm). If you are keen to have this event included in your part of Fern Tree, consider offering your garden/deck as a venue.

It is not onerous, as guests bring nibbles, drinks and chairs. It is a good opportunity to socialise with your neighbours and previous attendees have enjoyed the informal gatherings.

Prospective hosts can ring 6239 1206, preferably by the end of December.

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Upcoming events

5 Dec

Garage sale and market, community centre, 10am

9 Dec

End of school year BBQ, Westringa Park, 5pm

19 Dec

Carols by Candlelight, Fern Tree Bower, 8.30pm

26 Feb

Book fair, community centre, 8.30am-noon

Late Feb

Big Day Out

Quiz night

A QUIZ night held on 20 November raised about \$540 for the Fern Tree Community Centre. Thanks to the organisers, question writers, prize sponsors and people who attended the event.

Celebrate Christmas



THE 23rd Fern Tree Carols by Candlelight will be held on Sunday, 19 December, in the Fern Tree Bower, opposite the tavern, starting at 8.30pm. If the weather is bad, the carols will be held in the community centre, with candles allowed on the veranda only. Bring a cushion or rug.



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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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Water survey draft written

EARLIER this year a survey was distributed to households through the Fern Tree Community Association newsletter.

The survey was designed by a working party comprising myself (previously a convener of the North West Bay River Catchment Management Committee), and representatives of Kingborough Council and Southern Water.

The working party was established to gather information related to the objective in the NWBR Catchment Management Plan recommending establishment of an agreed environmental flow for the river.

Of the surveys distributed, 173 were returned, comprising 125 from Fern Tree, three from Neika, 21 from Ridgeway, 17 from Strickland Ave/Fingerpost, six from Turnip Fields and one for which the locality was not

specified. All the people who responded are thanked for contributing.

The data has been subject to initial analysis and the large number of written supplementary comments fully documented.

A draft report has been provided to the working party, which has met to review its content.

The data, together with the written comments, indicates that the subject of pumping infrastructure providing for increased river flows at low flow periods involves some complex issues.

Before the report can be finalised, some facts are being checked. Following completion of the report it is planned to make it public by lodging it on the Fern Tree Community Association's website. Subsequently the working party intends to arrange for a community meeting in Fern Tree during

BOOK FAIR

Saturday, Feb 26
8.30am-noon
at the Fern Tree
Community Centre

More than 500 titles priced from 50c



Book donations can be left at the Fern Tree Store or phone 6239 1325

2011 to discuss results of the survey, to obtain feedback, and to consider suggestions for follow-up work.

I also understand that Southern Water intends to review and update the Wellington Park Drinking Water Catchment Management Strategy, including providing for public consultation.

So 2011 promises to be a year in which there is a focus on water from the mountain system and the associated infrastructure.

- Marcus Higgs

\$14,500 grant to improve centre

IF you have visited the community centre in the past two years, you will have noticed that a dedicated band of committee members and others have been working on repairs, redecoration and improvements to the fabric of the building, culminating in the installation of new heaters.

Now the community association committee is pleased to announce the success of a grant application made recently to the Tasmanian Community Fund to assist with the project "A Sustainable Community Centre for Fern Tree".

We have been granted \$14,500 towards five different aspects of the project, namely:

replacement and double-glazing of the badly deteriorating gable window; retrofitting of double-glazing material on the high clerestory windows, new blinds for the big windows, two ceiling fans and roof insulation (done from the inside of the building).

With the new heaters, these changes will make the building very comfortable for community use and for hire.

The work will take place over the coming months and the committee would like to hear from anyone with appropriate skills who is prepared to volunteer to be part of a small team to do the insulation job. If you are interested, ring John Harbinson on 6239 1206.

FERN TREE STORE

OPENING HOURS

7.30AM – 6PM
WEEKDAYS

7.30AM – 6PM SAT
8.30AM – 6PM SUN



FERN TREE TAVERN

RESTAURANT HOURS

WED – SAT: 12PM – 2PM
6PM – 8PM

SUN: 12PM – 2.30PM



Jubilee Nursery
73 Hall Street, Ridgeway

- ◆ Different and unusual shrubs
- ◆ Trees and rhododendrons
- ◆ Maples
- ◆ Autumn colour

Plants of Tasmania Nursery
65 Hall Street, Ridgeway

- ◆ Rainforest
- ◆ Waterwise
- ◆ Alpine
- ◆ Windbreaks and ferns

Garage sale and market

THIS SUNDAY

5 December, 10am
Fern Tree Community Centre

