

Community notices

Community Centre Improvements

This important community project is continuing under the direction of coordinator John Harbinson. Any offers of labour or other assistance will be welcome, and should be directed to John on 6239 1206.

Neika Saw Mill

Does anyone have any information regarding an old saw mill that was situated on a block of land in Neika, Jindalee Drive off Wolfes Road, when the 1967 fires went through? If you are able to assist with this enquiry please phone 0418 448 609.

Bushcare Meeting

On Sunday 13th February 10.30 to noon. Meet at the top of Browns Rd. There will be a summery picnic lunch after the meeting so bring some food to share. All welcome. Phone Rob or Murielle on 6239 1991 if you require more information.

Fern Tree Community Centre Bookings

Continue to ring Mira on 0428 867 050. The FTCA much appreciates Mira's continuing help with bookings, and when there is a change in the arrangements, the new number will be posted at the shop and at the Community Centre, or ring 6239 1206.



Have you visited our website yet?

Go to <http://ferntree.tas.au> for information on

- ◆ News (newsletters)
- ◆ Events
- ◆ Weather
- ◆ Fern Tree Fire Brigade

You can contact the site through the link a the bottom of the homepage. Have a look!

Thanks to Andrew Wilkie MHR for assistance in printing this community newsletter

Fern Tree Community Association Inc., 8 Stephenson Place, Fern Tree. GST Registered. ABN 88 577 475 907. 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



Big Day Out

Upcoming events

13 Feb
Bushcare 10.30am-12, Browns Rd.

20 Feb
Big Day Out, Community Centre, 3.30-5.30pm.

26 Feb
Book Fair, Community Centre, 8.30-12noon.

Mid April
FTCA Annual General Meeting, including committee election.

Sunday 20th February
3.30-5.30



The Big Day Out is an opportunity for Fern Tree residents to meet new and old neighbours. This year, for a change, we will have a single venue, namely the **Fern Tree Community Centre**.


As before, all members of the community are invited to bring along some nibbles and drinks (and glasses) and meet other locals in a totally informal setting. We hope it will be a pleasant, sunny afternoon, and that people will take this opportunity to make some new friends and to catch up with some older acquaintances.

Book Fair

Saturday 26th February 8.30am-noon
Fern Tree Community Centre

Over 500 titles available, prices start at 50 cents

75% of proceeds to go to national flood appeal



Message from the

FERN TREE STORE

Due to the shop experiencing a lack of support from locals and tourists, sadly we must announce that the premises are going up for sale.

We will continue to trade as usual, including newspapers, until the closing date is known. Community Centre bookings will also continue until then. Please ring Mira on 0428 867 050.

Our time in Fern Tree has been a wonderful experience. We would like to thank everyone who supported the shop, and those that have given us moral support in recent weeks.

We will advise the closing date when it becomes certain.

Thank you,
Mira and family.

THANK YOU

The FTCA is grateful to local resident Matthew Shepperd for his professional assistance in sorting out a drainage problem at the Community Centre last month. It was much appreciated.

Jubilee Nursery 73 Hall Street, Ridgeway

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

THANK YOU

The FTCA wishes to acknowledge the enthusiastic work done by committee member Tracey in every area, but particularly for editing and collating the Newsletter. We thank Tracey for the great contribution she has made to the community in the last two years and wish her well.

Happily, Donna has stepped into the editing job, for which we are very grateful.

Thank you Tracey and Donna.

Garage Sale and Market



The Garage Sale and Market that was held on December 5th was a successful event.

There was a steady stream of customers purchasing from the stalls which filled the Community Centre and the verandah. The stallholders seemed quite pleased with the morning, and the FTCA raised a welcome \$230.

Many thanks are due to Len, Gay and Gill who initiated and organised the event.

Plants of Tasmania Nursery 65 Hall Street, Ridgeway

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

Fern Tree Fire Brigade News

www.fire.tas.gov.au

Preparing Your Home for the Summer and Planning what You will do in the Event of a Bushfire

With all the late Spring and early Summer rain we have had, any threat from the possibility of bushfire seems remote. But once all the vegetation growth generated by this rain dries off, which it will eventually, there will be an abundance of combustible fuel in our community.

How does your household measure up? Consider these questions:-

- Have you taken all steps to reduce fuel levels around your most valuable asset, your home?
- Have you created a defensible space of at least 30 m. radius around your home?
- On days of either "Very High" or greater bushfire danger rating or under threat of an actual bushfire, does your household have a plan of what it will do, either **Leave Early** or **Stay and Defend**.
- Is my property one, that in the event of an actual bushfire, the Fire Service may have to identify as being un-defendable or too risky to commit a fire crew to defend?

In summary **Prepare, Act, Survive.**

To make sure you cover everything, it's time to replay the Tasmania Fire Service DVD "*Bushfire-Prepare to Survive*" If you have mislaid your copy of the DVD or the accompanying booklet, request a free copy by calling the Tasmania Fire Service toll free on 1800 000 699. It's essential viewing and reading for residents in a bushfire risk area like ours.

TFS Fire Permits are Now Required for Outside Burning of Vegetation

Included with this issue of the Community Newsletter, is a supplement dealing with this. Please read it and retain it for future reference.

Fire Brigade Christmas Eve Children's Lolly Run

This annual Christmas Eve event was a success again in 2010. It was only made possible by the generous sponsorship received from Penny Trewin of Nest Property, together with contributions from Coles and Woolworths supermarkets. Without their combined support, the 2010 lolly rum may not have been able to go ahead.

Long Serving Brigade Member Retires

Recently, after 32 years service firefighting, our Fourth Officer Ken Fishwick decided to step down from operational firefighting. Ken joined the HCC's Cleary's Gates rural fire brigade in 1979, rising to the rank of Deputy Captain two years later. In 1981 he transferred to the Fern Tree urban fire brigade as a firefighter, being promoted to Leading Firefighter in 1985 and Fourth Officer in 2009. Ken will not be completely severing his ties with the brigade, having been elected as a brigade life member in 2009.

Thank you Ken, for your long and dedicated service to your community and to the Tasmania Fire Service.

To take Ken's place, the brigade members nominated Terry Gill unopposed, to fill the Fourth Officer vacancy.

***From every one at your local brigade,
have a safe and prosperous New Year.***

Garry Sullivan AFSM
Brigade Chief