

Community notices

Community Centre Improvements

Following the recent successful grant application from the Tasmanian Community Fund, improvements are under way at the Community Centre. The plan is to maintain the building and to make it more sustainable for social use and commercial hiring.

Wanted Cleaner for 2 homes

Two neighbours in Neika are looking for a cleaner, one requires 2 hours weekly, the other 3 hours (preferably during business hours).

Contact Annabel on 6239 6979.

Bushcare Meeting

The Fern Tree Bushcare group continues to meet on the second Sunday of every month, from 10am - 12.30pm at the top of Browns Rd.

All welcome on April 10th, May 8th, June 12th etc. Phone 6239 1991 if you require more information.

FERN TREE TAVERN
RESTAURANT HOURS

WED – SAT:		12PM – 2PM 6PM – 8PM
SUN:		12PM – 2.30PM

COFFEE AND DEVONSHIRE TEAS
AVAILABLE FROM 10AM
TUESDAYS–SUNDAYS



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.

49 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay P 03 6224 2004 M 0408 505 470



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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




Over to YOU

Guest Speaker

Fem Tree Community Centre

"Mt Wellington's Historic Tracks"

20th April 7.30pm



Annual General Meeting

Upcoming events

10 April
Bushcare
Browns Rd
10am-12.30pm.

20 April
FTCA AGM,
Community Centre,
7.30pm.

24-26 June
Photo. Comp.
Fern Tree
Community Centre.

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Fern Tree Photographic Competition

Friday 24th June - Sunday 26th June 2011

- ◆ Cash Prizes
- ◆ Winners selected by People's Choice



Come and enjoy this wonderful event and vote for your favourite photo!

*Information flyer inside

The BIG Day Out on February 20th, would have been more aptly called, 'The Little Day Out'. However, a mixture of new and continuing residents, about 40 people in all, gathered at the Community Centre and had a very pleasant time together. Those present thought it was a worthwhile occasion and the committee will look at the idea again for 2012. Suggestions welcome from Fern Tree residents.

The Book Fair that was held on the morning of February 26th was a successful event, with plenty of books on sale and many customers at the Community Centre. As planned, 75% of the sales income has been sent to the Red Cross Queensland Flood Appeal on behalf of the Fern Tree Community, plus some cash donations made on the day. The total proceeds from the books amounted to \$576, and the final sum sent to the appeal was \$500.

The committee thanks those who supported the fair, and in particular thanks to Alan Bryce, the energetic organiser.

The FTCA 2011 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 20th at 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

The elections and general meeting will be preceded by a short illustrated talk - **"The Historic Mount Wellington**

"Walking Tracks" - given by local expert **Anne McConnell**, who has been researching this topic and has much information and many interesting insights into this aspect of Fern Tree local history. There will be tea and coffee afterwards.

All residents are encouraged to come to this meeting and to participate in your local community, perhaps consider joining the committee. Committee work is not very onerous as the jobs are shared, and the individual and community benefits make it worthwhile.

Have you visited our website ferntree.tas.au yet?

This is one of many community websites that are being set up in Australia with a 'Community Geographical Domain Name'. Some of these websites publicise their community's industries, services and tourist attractions, while others, like Fern Tree's, are concerned primarily with providing a means of communication for their residents.

The Fern Tree website offers residents opportunity to purchase an email alias in the form of **person@ferntree.tas.au** - useful if you want to maintain an email address that is not going to change even if you change ISP from time to time. Go to <http://ferntree.tas.au/email-aliases> for further information.

The Fern Tree Community Association wishes to thank Mira for her great contribution and cooperation with the committee during the period of time she was running the Fern Tree Store - taking Community Centre bookings, the FTCA events bookings, looking after the keys and generally keeping an eye on things. It has been much appreciated and we wish her and her family well in their new situation.

Hiring the Community Centre

Following the closure of the General Store, the arrangements for hiring the Community Centre have had to be revised.

The new arrangements are outlined below.

A Duty Officer will take the bookings, issue the keys and check the Community Centre after each use to ensure that it has been cleaned up satisfactorily. Note that a booking form must be completed and full payment of the bond and fees due will be required before the keys will be issued for any booking.

The Duty Officer position will rotate around members of the Committee but he/she can always be contacted on 0438 221 406 (please leave a message if the phone is not answered).

Keys may be collected from the Community Centre Liaison Officer on 6239 1206 if the Duty Officer cannot be contacted. Keys should be returned to the issuing officer or placed in the Community Association letter box at 8 Stephenson Place.

As previously, information on hiring the Community Centre (including conditions of hire, rates and booking procedure) can be accessed from the Community Association website at www.ferntree.tas.au or by using the "Contact Us" link on the home page or by sending an email to bookings@ferntree.tas.au.

In Summary:

For information on hiring the Community Centre:

Click on the Community Centre link on the home page of www.ferntree.tas.au.

Download any information needed and print out the booking form if you want to make a booking.

Use the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of the home page or send an email to bookings@ferntree.tas.au if you need more information.

To make a booking:

Ring the Community Centre Duty Officer on 0438 221 406;

To collect the keys:

Ring the Community Centre Duty Officer on 0438 221 406;

Or, if the Duty Officer cannot be contacted, ring the Community Centre Liaison Officer on 6239 1206.

It is anticipated that these arrangements will apply until the situation of the General Store is resolved, although minor variations may be necessary in light of experience. If a new operator of the General Store emerges then the arrangements for hire of the Community Centre will probably go back to those which have applied up to now.

In the meantime the cooperation of all people using the Community Centre is requested to ensure that these arrangements work satisfactorily for all those involved.