

# Community notices

## FTCA EVENTS first half 2012

February FT Community BBQ  
February Book Fair  
April AGM in April  
June Photography Comp.

## REVIEW OF THE WELLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Wellington Park is reviewing its management plan, and is looking for input from community and user groups and interested citizens. It's a fairly lengthy process, which has only just begun. FTCA is taking an interest, so if you want to be involved please contact Bruce Wilson at [scousebruce@gmail.com](mailto:scousebruce@gmail.com).



The last meeting for 2011 will be on Sunday November 13 at 10am until 12.30pm. Meet at the top of Brown's Rd.

The first meeting for 2012 will be on the second Sunday in February.

All welcome. Meetings are followed with a picnic lunch. Bring food to share. Tea & coffee provided. Enquiries to 6239 1991.

## Rent/Rent to Buy

2 local guys wishing to stay in the area, seek older style / character 3-4 bedroom home, with some land. Responsible tenants, non-smokers, animal friendly and willing to do gardening/maintenance for the right place. Great references.

Please call 6239 1837, 0487 184 011 or email [paganos13@y7mail.com](mailto:paganos13@y7mail.com)



**Following a successful start, there will be a fortnightly 'Farmer's Market' at the Wildside Café on Sunday mornings from 8.30am until sold out, with live entertainment.**

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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.  
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# NEWSLETTER

November 2011

## Craft Fair & Car Boot Sale

**Saturday 12 November**  
Fern Tree Community Centre  
10am-1pm

Bring all your stuff, old and new, handmade or handed down, or just well-handled. Hire a table for \$5 and sell to appreciative crowds.

Contact via email only please:  
[spaans.1@bigpond.com](mailto:spaans.1@bigpond.com)

### Raffle

**Sausage Sizzle at the Wildside Café**

Organised by the Fern Tree Community Association

## Quiz Night

Come along for an entertaining evening

Support your local community

Saturday 19th November

Fern Tree Community Centre

Doors open at 6.30pm (7pm start)

\$12 per person (some nibbles supplied)  
Wine, beer, fruit juice, tea and coffee available for purchase.

### Raffle

First prize: Bronze Family Pass to Port Arthur  
(2 adult and up to 6 children - worth \$75)

Teams of SIX are asked to register in advance at the Wildside Café  
(If you do not have a team, register anyway and join up with others on the night)

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday 30 October**  
Open Gardens  
Fern Tree  
[www.alcorso.org](http://www.alcorso.org)

**Saturday 12 November**  
Craft & Car Boot Sale  
Community Centre  
10am-1pm

**Sunday 13 November**  
8.30am: **Farmers Market**  
at the Wildside Café  
10am: **Bushcare**  
at the top of Brown's Rd

**Saturday 19 November**  
Quiz Night  
Community Centre  
6.30 for 7pm

**Sunday 18 December**  
Carols by Candlelight  
Fern Tree Bower  
8.30pm  
(Wet weather venue -  
Community Centre)

**Wednesday 21 December**  
End of Year BBQ  
Westringa Rd Playground

**Yoga**  
Community Centre  
Tuesdays  
6.00pm

**Playgroup**  
Community Centre  
Thursdays  
10am

A very informal 'End of School Barbecue' will take place again this year at Westringa Road Playground on Wednesday 21st December.

BYO everything!

Join with your local residents for a BYO **Community Barbecue** in February, at the Community Centre - date TBA.

It will be a no-cost, very informal BYO event. Watch for notices nearer the time.



A warm thank you to all those in the community who supported South Hobart Primary School by coming to our Annual Fair on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks also to our many corporate and private donors whose contributions were so important in making the day great for the 1000+ people who attended.

**South Hobart Primary School Association/Parents and Friends**

## Fern Tree Community Centre Improvements 2011

**The FTCA wishes to acknowledge the assistance of the Tasmanian Community Fund, (TCF), which made possible the recent improvements to the building.** Dave Roberts had spent many hours upgrading the switchboard and wiring and installing new heaters and it was recognised that the building needed to become more sustainable, particularly with regard to energy efficiency. The proposal, '**A Sustainable Community Centre for Fern Tree**' was submitted to the TCF with a request for funding of \$14,500 to be used to replace the West facing timber window with a new double glazed aluminium framed window, retro fitting of double glazing to the clerestory window and the insulation and reconstruction of the ceiling. The application also included blinds for all windows except the clerestory. The application was successful and work started in January 2011, with the supply and installation of the new West window and the blinds.

The clerestory double glazing was installed in April, and then the ceiling insulation project was planned, with materials being purchased and stored and the decisions on the final details of the construction taken. While we enjoyed the luxury of being able to pay others to carry out the earlier work, the ceiling insulation was where the major input of volunteer labour, a condition of the grant, was to occur.

Work started in May, and timber framing was constructed off-site, transported to the Community Centre and erected between the existing rafters. Insulation was installed over the framing and a new plywood ceiling was fixed to the framing. A number of volunteers contributed to the project, painting framing and the edges of the plywood sheets, but the nature of the main construction work required a highly systematic approach which did not lend itself to multiple or casual volunteers. As result, it was carried out in the main by two volunteers, John Harbinson and Peter Fawcett, with assistance from Sean Mather and Paul Gray. Dave Roberts took the opportunity to run additional circuits to supply two ceiling fans and future low energy lighting.

It was a gruelling task, with 48 frames to be constructed and installed, each being made to fit the unevenly spaced existing rafter layout. Strips of plywood then covered the gaps between frames

and rafters, insulation packed in and then a total of 64 sheets of plywood, most requiring to be made to measure for the uneven spaces, glued and pinned to the framing. It was not much wonder that when the last sheet was put in place, the volunteers needed a break to consider how to complete the job, with painting being the major task. It was decided to employ a professional, as volunteer resources were hard to find at this point, and we must thank the TCF for agreeing in retrospect to the expenditure on a painter, and to provide proper draught excluders around the large sliding timber and glass doors. Luckily we had managed to come in under budget with the project, and it was a matter of retaining some of the surplus instead of handing it all back. Other members who contributed include Una Harbinson, Alan Bryce and Peter Ball who carried out preparatory painting and provided ongoing support. It is hoped that the refurbished facilities will allow the community to attract a wider range of users, both from within Fern Tree and from outside. Sustainability is not only about keeping the heat in - it's also about being able to maintain and develop the building, pay the rates and insurance - in effect, ensuring that the facilities pay for themselves so that more time can be spent participating in activities which contribute to the quality of life in Fern Tree.

### PENNY TREWIN SELLS IN FERN TREE!



She also lives in Fern Tree 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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