

Community notices

Fern Tree Family Day Care

Caring for children aged 2 -5 years

(beginning end of February)

'providing quality care in a relaxed and friendly bush home environment'

For details contact

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6239 1995 or

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More than Child Care



Advance notice

2nd Fern Tree Photographic Competition

Registration 16/17th June

Start clicking now!

Details in the next newsletter.

AGM

April. Come and be involved in your community – consider joining the committee.

Speaker to be confirmed.



2012 Meetings continue on the second Sunday of the month from 10am-12.30pm (but none in April – Easter). The meeting point is at the top of Browns Rd for 12 February, 11 March, 13 May and 10 June, but is at Stevenson Place for 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October & 11 November. Information is on the Fern Tree website under Mountain - Bushcare program.

Meetings are followed by a picnic lunch. Bring food to share, tea and coffee provided. All welcome. Enquiries to 6239 1991.



Thank you for your continued support at Wildside Cafe.
Matt and Angela

Thank you to the local community for booking with me.
Angela Tierney Sommers

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

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NEWSLETTER

February 2012

Community Picnic Barbecue

Sunday 26th February
Fern Tree Community Centre
12noon - 3pm

Come and meet your fellow residents.

Barbecue facility provided, otherwise BYO .

No cost

Book Fair



Fern Tree Community Centre

Saturday 3rd March

8.30am - 3pm

Plenty of books.

Great variety

Prices from 20c

WILDSIDE

Café and Takeaway

Open 7 days

Sun-Thurs 7am-7pm

Fri +Sat 7am-8pm

Phone Matt 6239 1406



Upcoming Events

Sunday 12 February
Bushcare
At the top of Browns Road
10am - 12.30pm

Sunday 26 February
Community Barbecue/ Picnic
Community Centre
12noon-3pm

Saturday 3 March
Book Fair
Community Centre
8.30am-3pm

Sunday 11 March
Bushcare
At the top of Browns Road
10am - 12.30pm

YOGA



Classes for 2012 will resume on Wednesday 15th February (note change of day) at the same time of 6.00 to 7.15pm and will continue to be held on Wednesdays. Classes are taught by Catharine Errey. Classes are run on a drop-in basis. Cost \$13 per class..

Phone Catharine on 0418 276 896 or 6239 1946 or email catherrey@gmail.com

FERN TREE FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Our Community's New Fire Engine

After serving in your local brigade from new for the last 27 years, our Ford Trader urban pumper appliance has been retired.



In its place we have been allocated a medium tanker/pumper appliance. Built on a 2005 Mitsubishi Canter twin cab 4x4 chassis, before coming on strength, our new appliance was modified and upgraded to meet the specific needs of our brigade and the broad range rinks in our district.

As our primary turn out appliance, like the pumper it replaces, it will respond to the full range of incidents covered by the fire service; structure and vegetation fires, motor vehicle crashes, chemical spills and so on. It will be supported in those roles by the other two appliances in the brigade fleet. This will allow us to continue to offer the same level of protection that our community has come to expect.

Bushfire Community Protection Plans (CPP)

Have you read or downloaded the CPP applicable to where you live, from the

Tasmania Fire Service website www.fire.tas.gov.au? If not, you should make a point of doing so without delay; it may save your life.

Some points to note about CPPs:

Every household in our area needs its own bushfire action plan. Every household plan needs to include "Property Preparation" actions and a "Leave Early" action. Some plans may also have a "Stay and Defend" action.

A CPP doesn't take the place of your household's bushfire action plan. It's a source of further information to take on board, particularly when the fire danger rating forecast (FDR) reaches "Severe", "Extreme" or "Catastrophic".

CPPs have been produced for all the areas covered by this newsletter; i.e., Fern Tree, Neika, Ridgeway and South Hobart (incl. Turnip Fields).

Each CPP tries to identify "Nearby Safer Places", which may offer a place of refuge, particularly if your "Stay and Defend" action fails and you need to relocate to somewhere else locally in an emergency.

The CPPs for Fern Tree and for Neika identify that there are NO "Nearby Safer Places" in the event of a bushfire. This fact should colour the actions you will take in following your household bushfire action plan.

While the CPPs for Ridgeway and South Hobart have identified some "Nearby Safer Places", if you live there you must still consider, "Would I be able to get there safely?"

To find out more join your local Bushfire Ready Neighbourhood group. If there is not an established group near you, to get help to organise to form a new group, contact Terry Gill, our Bushfire Ready Neighbourhood facilitator, on 6239 1124 [ah].

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 Lolly Run

Thank you to the families who were about when we called on Christmas Eve and who offered their expressions of support to us. I would also like to acknowledge the support received from the following sponsors who made the supply of lollies available: Penny Trewin of Nest Property, Woolworths Sandy Bay and Geoff Clark of Fern

Tree, and also all those who placed lollies in the box with Matt and Ange of the Wildside Café, Fern Tree.

From all the members of your local Brigade, have a safe Summer and "Prepare, Act, Survive".

Garry Sullivan AFSM
Brigade Chief



Christmas Carols

The 24th Fern Tree Carols took place on December 18th, and again this year uncertain weather saw the event move indoors at the Community Centre. The program was ably led by Jeff Keogh and the good crowd sang lustily. The Christmas lights and the red glow from the new heaters gave a festive glow to the occasion and there was no shortage of readers ready to take to the microphone. Our thanks are again due to Greg Ransley of Gr8 Productions for the use of the PA system, set up by Dave and John. Donations totalled and will be used towards FTCA expenses.

Thank you to all who supported the Carols, by helping or by attending.

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