

Community notices

Upcoming Events

Sunday 15th April
Working Bee
Community Centre
9.30-Noon

Wednesday 18 April
FTCA AGM
Community Centre
7.30pm

Sunday 13 May
Bushcare
Top of Browns Rd
10am-12.30pm

Saturday 26 May
**Children's Film Night
& Sausage Sizzle**
Community Centre
5pm

Sat 16 & Sun 17 June
Photo Comp Registration
Community Centre
12noon-2pm

Sat 30 June & Sun 1 July
Photo Comp View & Vote
Community Centre
12noon-3pm

Sunday 1 July
Photo Comp Awards Night
Community Centre
5pm

Community Barbecue

If you wondered what happened to the planned Community Barbecue on February 26th, it was cancelled when the TFS declared the Fire Rating to be SEVERE. The FTFB hopes that all residents have prepared a fire plan.



Jarod and Paul are looking for a small house to rent in Fern Tree. They have left the area but are very keen to return. Please ring 0487184011 if you can help.

Meditation Seminars

at Fern Tree Community Centre
Tuesday May 29th 7.30pm

(An Introduction to the Form – Reality practice)

Also on the weekend of June 2nd and 3rd.
The Form is taught globally in 18 countries.

See www.realitypractice.org and
for more info email:
cassandra.eve@realitypractice.org

Congratulations

to Matt at the Wildside Café
for his nomination in the
Telstra Small Business Awards.
We wish him success.

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

April 2012

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 18th April
7.30pm

Fern Tree Community Centre

Guest speaker : Andrew Wilkie
MP, Independent Member for Denison

FTCA is your local Association: come along to this Annual meeting, participate in the election of a new Committee and meet Andrew Wilkie, our local representative in Canberra. He will speak and there will be an opportunity for questions. Tea/coffee afterwards.

Please think about joining the Committee: there is always a need for new energy and new ideas. It can be very rewarding job and it is not demanding when there are willing helpers.

2nd Annual Fern Tree Photographic Competition

Start clicking now!

Time to plan those photographs !

Prizes: \$250, \$150 and 3 x \$50!

All Winners selected by people's choice

Registration:

Cost \$5 per photo

Sat 16th & Sun, June 17th 12-2pm

Fern Tree Community Centre

Open to all ages and categories

Entries may have a title if desired

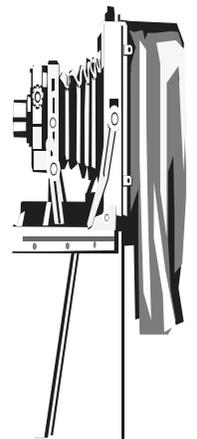
Viewing and Voting :

Saturday 30th June, 10am-3pm

Sunday 1st July, 10am-3pm.

Awards Night

Sunday 1st July, 5pm.



More details inside

Come to a Winter family event
Children's Film Night

Saturday May 26th, 5pm
Sausage sizzle and short films – environmental theme
Suggested donation for films \$2 each.
Families welcome!

Working Bee at the Community Centre Sunday April 15th, 9.30-noon. Please come along if you have an hour or more to spare.

Gardening gloves might be useful; we will work outside and in the Centre. All help welcome.

Book Fair Report This recent event was successful in raising \$670 for the Association's funds.

Thanks go to Alan Bryce, the energetic organizer, and to those who donated books, those who came and bought books – and those who did both!

The next Book Fair will be on Saturday September 15th.

ferntree.tas.au

Check out the Fern Tree website, if you haven't already.

Even if you have, check it out again as it does change regularly.

You will find events, news and lots of information.

Bookmark it and keep up to date with what's happening in your local community.

We want to keep it growing, so if you have any contributions or ideas please email:

admin@ferntree.tas.au



Come and see the many varied competition entries and enjoy the Presentation of Awards!

Entry charge to the **Viewing and Voting** sessions on Saturday and Sunday will be \$2, which will include 2 voting slips. More voting slips may be purchased for \$1 each. Children will have free entry, but all voting slips must be paid for.

The names of the photographers will not be published until the voting has finished, but anyone wishing to purchase photographs may leave contact details which will be passed on to the photographer for negotiation.

Entry to the **Presentation of Awards** on Sunday will be \$5, which will include complimentary nibbles. Wine and soft drinks may be purchased.

There will be **live music** at the event.

A full catalogue will be on display showing the names of the photographers.

Entrants may collect their photographs the following Saturday between 12 and 2pm at the Community Centre.

Environmental Weeds of Fern Tree The plants on this list are established environmental weeds on the slopes of Mt Wellington. They can easily spread from your garden, and they threaten the natural values of Wellington Park. If you'd like **advice** on how to remove them, the Bushcare group can offer practical & friendly advice. Email bushcare@ferntree.tas.au

Free Green Waste Pickup from April to mid August 2012. Only for the environmental weeds on this list. This saves you loading the trailer and paying tip fees! Please cut material into manageable lengths or tie into manageable bundles, and stack in an easy access spot for vehicle collection. Call Bec Johnson 0408 481175. **Holly, Cotoneaster, English Broom (Cytisus scoparius), Karamu (Coprosma robusta), Foxglove (Digitalis), Rowan trees, Elisha's Tears (Leycesteria formosa), Cherry Laurel (Prunus laurocerasus), Spanish Heath (Erica lusitanica), Radiata pine. Orange Hawkweed** - If you saw the orange flowers in your garden this summer and the STCA hasn't yet visited your property, please contact Sandy Leighton sleighton@stca.tas.gov.au as we need to know. If you see it on Council land and roadsides, contact Bec Johnson johnsonr@hobartcity.com.au or phone 0408 481175. Please bag and seal any flowers you may find.

Domestic Cats in Bush Areas

It has been reported recently that native animals in Fern Tree have been victims of the disease **TOXOPLASMOSIS**, which can be caused through the free roaming of domestic cats in the bush. Fern Tree residents are urged to keep their cats confined in order to protect native animals from this painful death. The following information was provided by a local vet:

**TOXOPLASMOSIS:
 CATS, YOU AND OTHER ANIMALS**
 James M. Harris, DVM

Toxoplasmosis is a parasitic disease that affects a wide number of animals and humans. The definitive host is the domestic cat. If a cat consumes *Toxoplasma* organisms, they multiply in the cat's digestive tract and millions of organisms are passed in the cat's faeces contaminating the environment. After one day exposed to air the organisms are infectious and when ingested by a susceptible individual, clinical disease can result.

Regarding women of child-bearing age: prior exposure to this organism produces an antibody level adequate to protect the foetus. Since the disease affects the central nervous system, clinically affected individuals exhibit symptoms of central nervous system disturbance and blindness.

Wallabies and possums feeding on cat faeces contaminated pastures are frequently presented with clinical Toxoplasmosis. Confining cats to the house and not feeding them raw meat would be appropriate to controlling this disease.

For more information contact James at the surgery.



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