

Community notices

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS AND CHARGES

Resulting from the closure of the Wildside Cafe and technological changes, the Association is implementing a partial online booking system for the Community Centre. The diary for bookings is now online and accessible from the Fern Tree Website - ferntree.tas.au So it is now possible to check whether the Community Centre is available, check the hire rates, download and complete a booking form online for any required booking. Bookings can also be paid for by direct bank deposit. Booking forms and payments can still be lodged at the Tavern and, as now, keys to the Community Centre will continue to be collected and returned to the Tavern. The diary at the Tavern will be maintained for the time being but the online booking calendar will take

precedence over the Tavern diary as it will be updated when booking forms and payments are received.

The Committee has also seen fit to increase the charges for use of the Community Centre and these will apply for any bookings made after 1 April. The charges are based on a rate of \$12 per hour (compared with \$10 previously). The hire charges have not been adjusted for many years and the new rate is comparable with that for other halls around Hobart. The new charges are outlined in full on the website.

The Committee encourages all members and users of the Community Centre to log on to the website ferntree.tas.au and check out the new booking arrangements and charges as well as other matters of local interest.

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PENNY TREWIN SELLS IN FERN TREE & SOUTH HOBART!

She also lives in area with her family, has inside knowledge of the suburbs and their 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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Fern Tree Community Association Inc. NEWSLETTER

April 2013

Upcoming Events

Sunday 14 April
Bushcare
Stephenson Place

Wednesday 24 April
FTCA AGM
Community Centre
7.30pm

Saturday 4 May
Legislative Election & Cake Stall

Sunday 12 May
Bushcare
Browns Rd
10am

Tuesday 14 May
FTCA C'tee Meeting
Community Centre
7.30pm

Saturday 15 June
Photo Comp. Reg.
Community Centre
11am-1pm

Mondays 6.45pm
Aikido

Tuesdays 10am
Playgroup

Tuesdays 5.55pm
Yoga

FTCA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 24th April 2013
7.30pm

Fern Tree Community Centre

Guest speaker : Sam Marshall
'Construction Stakeholder Officer' NBN Co.

Sam Marshall will talk about the NBN rollout in our area. All residents are encouraged to attend and to ask questions.

As well, please consider joining the Committee; all positions are declared vacant, and there is always a need for new blood.

Fern Tree Photographic Competition

Rules as before
(A4 size photos without the photographer's name - \$5 per entry - no categories - cash prizes - popular vote)

Registration date
Sat 15th June 11am-1pm at the Community Centre

Viewing/Voting weekend
Sat 29 - Sun 30th June at the Community Centre

Visit the FTCA website ferntree.tas.au for full details, entry forms and Frequently Asked Questions.

There will be a further newsletter reminder in early June.





VALE RICHARD DAVEY

Richard Davey, long-term Fern Tree resident, actor, playwright and historian, has died in March after a long illness. Richard is most recently known for writing, directing and acting in the play **The Ship That Never Was**, which recently celebrated its 5000th performance in Strahan. It is Australia's longest-running play and tells the true story of the last convict escape from Sarah Island. Richard was recently awarded the Tourism Champion Award 2012. Fern Tree Community Association sends best wishes to his wife Kathi, daughters and grandchildren.

May 4th, Legislative Election – and FTCA cake stall! Local polling will be at the Community Centre, and a fundraising cake stall in the morning. Donations welcome. ****NB** fresh cream not permitted, baked items must be labelled with the maker's name and ingredients used. Offers of help also welcome, 62391206.

FTCA Committee Meeting 7.30pm, Tuesday May 9th. At the start of the meeting Richard Bold will speak to the committee about his vision for a cable car on Mt Wellington. All invited.

BOOK FAIR

The FTCA March Book Fair was successful, with \$695 raised for the Association. Many thanks to Alan Bryce, the organiser, and to all who contributed.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Following the terrible bushfires in January and February, Fern Tree responded by raised funds to help our fellow Tasmanians, just as those who lived here were helped in 1967. In addition to individual donations and practical help offered, there were 3 community efforts:

The FTCA donated \$1020, plus \$480 from individuals to the Tasmanian Government appeal through the Red Cross; The FTFire Brigade Open Day raised \$154.45, also given to the Red Cross Appeal; The FTTavern fundraising 'Big Mountain Weekend' raised \$2060 for BlazeAid. The total was \$3,714.45. Thank you to all who contributed.

(Note: BlazeAid was formed after the Victoria Fires 2 years ago. Their team has built over 110km of fences in the Port Arthur Region and hopes to do as much as possible before returning to Victoria in 5 weeks time. Volunteers are still needed and donations of fencing wire or star pickets would be much appreciated. The Coordinator, Eugene Ross, is at Sorell. Mob.0432 341 078)

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Helen Richardson

Authorised by Helen Hudson
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'BLACK TUESDAY'

If you are interested in finding out more about the devastating '67 fires in Fern Tree, you can read first-hand accounts in Torquil Canning's recently published book, 'Black Tuesday, memories from a mega fire. It is a timely read given this fire season, and well documented with vivid descriptions of the terrifying experiences of February 1967. (\$25 at Skyline or Ph.Torquil on 62391570.)

THANK YOU to the Fern Tree Fire Brigade

All through the bushfires since New Year, members of our local Brigade were quietly on active fire-fighting duty in the affected areas, together with their colleagues from other brigades. Fern Tree was indeed fortunate that there were not any fires here, however that was always a possibility, and we are very appreciative of the work done by the FTBrigade in the community interest. We thank them also for the encouragement to form BRN Groups and for the information given and fundraising done at the excellent Open Day in February.

Is Your House Number At Your Entry Gate?

To enable Ambulance, Fire, Police or SES to provide assistance to you in an emergency, it's vital that they can locate you without delay.

Across the area where this newsletter circulates there are a number of places where numbered letter boxes are remote from house front gates, but house numbers may not be repeated at the front gates:-
where letterboxes are grouped near the start of a road like Bramble St. north, Hall St. east, Hall St. west, Morphetts Rd., Reids Rd. and Turnip Fields Rd.; or
where letterboxes are grouped near the start of a common private driveway, like to Badger Hill off Bramble St., off Summerleas Rd., off Huon Rd. and off the ends of Bramble St, Grays Rd., Westringa Rd., Browns Rd., and Menuggana Rd.

If you have not already done so, please clearly display your house number at your entry gate and **help us to help you.**

Thank you.

Fern Tree Fire Brigade.

It's so much more than property to us.

"Selling is an art, and you spent huge amounts of time to promote and sell our house. The promotional sales messages on paper and internet, have stimulated interest and led to a sale to our great satisfaction. Thank you very much." - Hasib & Ljubica

Contact your Fern Tree area specialists today for a current market appraisal
6224 2004.

