

# Community Notices

## Upcoming Events

**Bushcare**  
**Sunday June 14th**  
 10am-12.30pm  
 At Community Centre

**Mid-Winter Family  
 BONFIRE**  
**Saturday June 27th**  
 5-7pm  
 At Community Centre

**Bushcare**  
**Sunday July 12th**  
 10am-12.30pm  
 Meet 1 Pillinger Drive

**Meal & a Movie**  
**Saturday July 25th**  
 At Community Centre  
 6.30pm TBC

**Bushcare**  
**Sunday August 9th**  
 10am-12.30pm  
 Near 780 Huon Road

**Childrens' Film Night**  
**August Date TBC**  
 At Community Centre  
 5pm

**Sustainable House Day**  
**Sunday Sept 13th**  
 10am-4pm  
 Details inside

**Weekend BOOK FAIR**  
**September 26-27th**  
 At Community Centre

**Yoga**  
**Tuesdays 5.55pm**  
 At Community Centre

**Playgroup**  
 See details below

## Playgroup Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am At the Community Centre

New members always welcome—Great indoor/outdoor space in all weather.  
 Contact Lelia Holmes: 0439 370 916

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 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

June 2015



## Mid-Winter Family Bonfire Night

**Saturday June 27th,  
 5pm-7pm**

Fern Tree Community Centre  
 All welcome!

Sausage sizzle at nominal cost,  
 Bonfire and free sparklers (no fireworks)

Our local fire brigade will be there

Make or bring a lantern and join in a  
 Lantern Parade

**A prize for the best lantern!**  
 (Some lantern-making materials provided)

(\*\*Find plenty of ideas about how to make a tea-light lantern on the internet – or try this simple, safe one made from a plastic milk bottle –check out the 4-minute tutorial at <https://open.abc.net.au/explore/3254>)

**FTCA AGM – April 29th**

The FTCA has a new President and Committee following the AGM held on Wednesday 29th April 2015. Our thanks go to the committee members and to Una Harbinson who has been President for the past two years. We welcome two new members. Our new Committee is:

President: Eric Cave

Vice Presidents:

Ray Murphy, Una Harbinson

Secretary: Toby Rowallan

Treasurer: Dave Roberts

Committee: Rob Beedham, Michael Sumner, Bec Johnson, Clive Calver, Catherine Franks, Laurel Trebilco, Bruce Dudman and Playgroup parent.

Following the AGM Dr Lisa Cawthen gave a fascinating talk about the bats of Fern Tree. (Some residents will remember her as "Batwoman", who set up traps and other recording devices on the Pipeline Track and other locations as part of her doctoral research). Fern Tree is home to all 6 species of Tasmanian bat, including the rare Tasmanian Long Eared Bat. Lisa's message is: don't cut down old trees with hollows as they are all habitat for bats - sometimes as many as 200 bats in a single roost! As bats are insectivorous they are an important controlling factor in keeping mosquitoes and other insects at bearable levels. So you might not see bats very often, but they are certainly there, and very busy.

**How you can care for the local bats:**

- (1) Retain old trees with hollows or put up a nest box for bats to roost in;
- (2) Plant insect-attracting plants such as Acacias, Hakea, Bursarias and Stackhousia species for bats to forage at;
- (3) Provide a water source for bats to drink from; and
- (4) prevent cats from climbing trees during the day and night where bats may be roosting.

**April BOOK FAIR**

Again this Autumn event was a success, with many donations and buyers. \$818 was raised, and the FTCA is grateful for a generous donation of a further \$100, giving a final total of \$918. There will be another **BOOK FAIR on 26/27 September (TBC)**, so look out for the collection period. If you need to donate books earlier, email [secretary@ferntree.tas.au](mailto:secretary@ferntree.tas.au)

**SOCIAL TABLE TENNIS:** Thursday evenings at CCentre, until 24 Sept 2015. All welcome to come along and play table tennis at the Community Centre on Thurs evenings, **8-9.30pm**.

We only have one table at present (donated by Michel Demange), but if it's popular we can try to get another. Entry by **gold coin donation**, to cover heating, etc.

If you have bat/balls bring them along.

Information: Michel 0419 395748

**Bushcare** : 10-12.30pm on second Sun of each month, until Nov.

Contact conveners, Rob and Murielle on 62391991, or email

[bushcare@ferntree.tas.au](mailto:bushcare@ferntree.tas.au).

**June 14** FT Community Centre -Holly

**July 12** 1 Pillinger Drive - Holly

**August 9** Near 780 Huon Road - Holly

**Yoga:** Tuesdays 5.55-7.20pm

Cost \$15 per class. New students please contact Catharine on 0418 276 896 or email [catherrey@gmail.com](mailto:catherrey@gmail.com)

**READ** about what happened in **Fern Tree** on 7th February 1967: "**Black Tuesday, Memories from a Mega Fire**" by Torquil Canning. Copies available from the author, \$20. [torquil@netspace.net.au](mailto:torquil@netspace.net.au) 62391570

**Fern Tree Fire Brigade Members' Service**

The long service of three Brigade members has been recognised as follows: **Firefighter Ken Fishwick** has had a 35-year clasp to his National Medal approved by the Governor General; **Third Officer Chris Wagstaff** is to receive a 20 year TFS Long Service award and; **Firefighter Matt Sansom** is to receive a 15 year TFS Long Service award. Congratulations to all three on their dedicated service to our community. Garry Sullivan AFSM, Brigade Chief.

**Have you a few hours to spare?**

**CHATS** is a social program run by **LIFELINE TASMANIA**, providing important regular social outings for older people living independently. Volunteers are needed for 'activity hosts' on bus trips. For further information, please contact **Meg** on **6282 1550**

**Fern Tree Open Home - Sustainable House Day Sunday 13th Sept, 2015. 10am-4pm.**

Come and see Alice and Torquil's grand design, 20 years on, at 856 Huon Road, Fern Tree.

**Community Centre Bookings**

At the Annual General Meeting in April it was mentioned that the Association was interested in finding someone who would be prepared to handle the bookings for the Community Centre. This would involve corresponding by email (and sometimes by phone) with regard to the bookings, payment and access to the Community Centre and follow up after the bookings. It is envisaged that an agency fee would be paid which could be of the order of 10% of the hire fees. Whoever took on the job would need to have access to the internet and reasonable computer skills. Anyone who might be interested in this is invited to contact the Treasurer, David Roberts on 6239 1163.

Another Winter date for your diary:  
**A Meal and a Movie – at the Community Centre**  
Saturday 25th July 6.30pm.  
Date and details to be confirmed

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