

Upcoming Events

For updates closer to the date refer to the FTCA website: <http://ferntree.tas.au> or @FernTreeCommunity on Facebook

<p>Book Fair Sunday 17 March 2024 9 am to 3 pm Community Centre</p>	<p>Playgroup dates Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 Community Centre</p>
<p>FTCA AGM and Quiz Night Saturday 20th April 2024 From 7:30 pm at the Fern Tree Tavern</p>	<p>Bushcare Bushcare group meets every second Sunday of the month from 10 am to 12:30pm</p> <p>10 March—meet at 766 Huon Road 14 April—meet at 20 Bracken Lane 12 May—meet at top of Browns Road 9 June—meeting point to be confirmed</p>

SEASONAL GUIDE TO WEEDS OF FERN TREE— AUTUMN

Red Hot Poker

Red Hot Poker is becoming quite invasive in Fern Tree. Please cut & bin the heads, preferably before flowering so they don't cross-pollinate, or after flowering so they don't release their hundreds of seeds. When not in flower they can be mistaken for native sedge or native flax lily. They can be dug out but it's much easier to prevent their spread in the first place.

European wasps: as an introduced predator, wasps kill native insects which are important in the ecosystem. If you find a wasp nest please kill it with wasp dust (safely, at dawn or dusk.)

The Fern Tree community farewells some long- term residents who were known and loved by many.
Vale Pip Ellis
Vale Judy Sprent
Vale Hilary Bennell
Hilary's contribution to Tasmania was recognized in a speech to Parliament by Vica Bayley and in an article on Tasmaniantimes.com



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February 2024

Fern Tree BOOK FAIR



Sunday 17th March
9am - 3pm

Fern Tree Community Centre

As always, a great selection of good reads at very reasonable prices. Find your favourite book and start settling in 

for the cooler months. If you get hungry while browsing there will be yummy cakes and a sausage sizzle courtesy of our local Playgroup and TFS brigade.

DONATIONS of BOOKS are very welcome but **PLEASE make sure books are in good condition and likely to be attractive to buyers (no calendars etc.)!**
Book donations can be left at any time in the yellow bin at the back of the Community Centre.

The Book Fair is the FTCA's main fundraising activity. Proceeds help to support other community events and with the maintenance of the hall.

The first FTCA

TriviAGM

will take place on 20th April 2024.

Curious? See details inside....

Fern Tree Community Association Inc. 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.

Address all correspondence to: The Secretary, Fern Tree Community Association, 8 Stephenson Pl, Fern Tree, 7054 or email secretary@ferntree.tas.au

**The fabulous FTCA
is on again!**



It will be held on

Saturday 20th April at 19:30

at the Fern Tree TAVERN

It will be a great chance to get together as a community for some fun and trivia. The evening will be hosted by the one and only

Leanne Minshull.

Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds go to the FTCA to make further improvements to the hall and surrounds. Get your own table group together (6—8 per table) or just come along and be matched up with a group. Questions for everyone. Silly games. Lots of prizes - big and small!

Book your tickets early at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPQEL>

As a bonus, we're going to have our brief

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

somewhere in the middle of the evening. There will be a spill of all positions and additional members can join to ensure the FTCA remains functional and representative of the community.

Please consider joining the committee, in whatever capacity. If you'd like more information prior to the AGM, contact:

president@ferntree.tas.au

The **Fern Tree Carols** held on 14 December 2023 attracted a good crowd and many enthusiastic singers. We had the benefit of nice weather—nevertheless the *Glühwein* was a hit with the adults and for the kids there were hot drinks and biscuits. On another positive note, \$221 were raised for the FTCA funds. Thanks to everyone who contributed. We hope you had a great time!

FERN TREE FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

The local **Bushfire Risk** season is not yet over. Yes, we have had a nice run of pleasant summer days since New Year. But those of you who keep an eye on the Fire Danger Rating on the Tasmania Fire Service website (www.fire.tas.gov.au) will have noticed that there have been periods of HIGH fire danger days, occasionally in the higher part of the Fire Behaviour Index range of 24-49.

So, are you prepared for a bushfire and have a plan?

The advice is simple, go the TFS website www.fire.tas.gov.au now, click “Menu” on the top right and choose the “Bushfire Plan” option.

Remember, your household’s BUSHFIRE PLAN needs to include which Fire Danger Rating will be the trigger for you to **leave early** for a safer place. **Fire Permits are now required for burning outdoors for fuel reduction.** To contact your local Fire Permit Officer for a site visit and permit issue free-call **1800 000 699** for details. A friendly reminder to arrange this at least **several days** before you want to light up.

Remember, fuel on your land is your responsibility to manage.

The book “**Fern Tree on Fire**” records what happened to people in our local area on “Black Tuesday” 7 February 1967. There are still a few copies available for \$35.00 each.

COMMUNITY HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Over the summer break we’ve given our popular hall a bit of TLC. Patrons and hirers will now find:

- A more functional kitchen with new domestic dishwasher and fridge
 - Freshly steam-cleaned carpets
 - Redecorated notice board
- Blue-tooth compatible speakers to come

As a result, the hall is now more attractive to users and good value considering the very reasonable hiring rates.