

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 16 March 2025 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 10 May 2025 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>The dates and meeting places are: 9 March - top of Browns Rd. 13 April - bottom of Bracken Lane 11 May - Reids Rd.</p>

Vale Alan Pegg

Alan died in January, following complications after a car crash in Summerleas Rd in December.

Alan had lived in Fern Tree for 13 years. He could often be seen on his morning walk between Jacksons Bend and Summerleas Rd. He loved the bush and the birds and other wildlife, and was delighted to live in this lovely suburb.

Alan's wife Christine Corbett and daughter Danielle Louis thank everyone for their support and well wishes.

The **Fern Tree Carols** held on 14 December 2024 were a fun family event enjoyed by both children and adults. Once again the weather held up, so we were able to use the lovely outdoors area. On another positive note, \$345 were raised for the FTCA funds. Thanks to everyone who contributed. We hope you had a great time!



NEWSLETTER

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February 2025

Fern Tree BOOK FAIR



Sunday 16th 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 !**

Book donations can be left at any time in the yellow bin at the back of the Community Centre.

The Book Fair is entirely run by volunteers. If you can help in any capacity in the weeks leading up to the Fair or on the day, please contact newsletter@ferntree.tas.au

Seems like everyone enjoyed the last one, so we are holding another

TriviAGM

See details inside

**The fabulous
FTCA**



**is on
again!**

Saturday 10th May

19:30 at the Fern Tree TAVERN

It will be a great chance to get together as a community for some fun and trivia.

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/CZGBB>



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. If you'd like more information prior to the AGM, or want to nominate and not attend the Quiz Night, contact:

president@ferntree.tas.au



See details—



Break-ins in Fern Tree

Numerous break-ins occurred in Fern Tree over the Christmas holiday period. Understandably, this is of concern to those affected as well as other residents. Recently a group was formed to help prevent crime in our otherwise peaceful community. At the same time, the group is trying to foster closer links amongst neighbours and increase community resilience. Organised by Janneke Scheerers and Pauline Cook, two meetings were held at the beginning of this year at the Fern Tree tavern.

The main discussion points are summarised below:

- Break-ins in Fern Tree are uncommon but not unheard of and tend to be episodic, targeting predominantly the holiday season.
- There is interest in re-activating / setting up community group structures.
- Several models to achieve this are being considered, including Neighbourhood Watch Group (NW) and Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods.
- NW is a not-for-profit organisation that has the purpose of improving quality of life by preventing crime through increased awareness of crime-related activities that are occurring.
- After a meeting with a NW representative, it was decided to set up a local group to help with crime prevention and improve community connectedness.
- Members receive police crime reports (highlighting certain trends, for example that the neighbourhood is particularly vulnerable to shed crime).
- No cost to join as an individual, organizational membership costs \$30.
- Access to crime prevention tips & community initiatives.
- The focus is on building relationships and helping each other in need.
- If you are interested in becoming involved with this initiative, please email the coordinator Thomas.calderwood@gmail.com
- Other measures are still being considered.

More meetings are planned; details will be shared on the WhatsApp chat.

Autumn Holiday Program

FERN TREE COMMUNITY CENTRE - Tuesday 15th April

10 - 11.30am: a shorter session for 5 - 8 yr olds, \$25/20

Juggling, hula hoops, plate spinning, tumbling, games and more!

11.45 - 2.45pm: a longer 3-hr session for 8 - 16 yr olds, \$40/35

The above PLUS diabolo, stilts, acrobalance, rola bola and more games!

BOOKINGS

