



Upcoming Events

Bushcare Group

Bushcare meets **every second Sunday** of the month from 10 am to 12:30 pm

Next dates & meeting points:

14 June: meet halfway up Cleggs Road

12 July: meet at 46 Grays Road

9 August: meet at 46 Grays Road

Playgroup dates: Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 at the Community Centre

Ph. Nadirah, 0400 950 441 for info

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

After just attending the Fire and SES State Conference, I can confirm our emergency services continue to lead the nation in preparedness and response. We will always respond with care and professionalism when required.

An important principle we must all follow is to call 000 first when we see a possible emergency, before posting to forums or social media. Reports to 000 help inform TasALERT, the official source for emergency advice. It is kept current, with information accessible to everyone, and alerts your phone to incidents in areas you choose. Its "Permits/Registered Burns" map layer shows the location and duration of registered burns but needs to be switched on to be visible.

Forums and WhatsApp groups can be useful for telling neighbours about a planned burn or sharing TasALERT links during events. But please register your burns (via 1800 000 699 or myServiceTas) and always call 000 first if concerned.

On 2 August, our brigade hosts southern Tasmania's junior firefighters for their annual competition. Expect minimal disruption but watch out for increased fire truck activity—please give them a warm wave and follow any signs near activity areas.

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Chief, Fern Tree Fire Brigade



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WINTER BONFIRE NIGHT

Saturday 20 June -- from 5 pm
Fern Tree Community Centre

Always a great event!

Enjoy mulled wine for adults and hot drinks for kids.



Lantern Parade starts at 6pm...

Come a bit earlier and make a lantern (basic materials are provided but feel free to bring special decorations).

Donations of dry wood are very welcome. Please drop off in the bonfire area below the community centre.

The **Fern Tree Community Association** (ABN 88 577 475 907) is a non-profit group set up to serve and represent the community of Fern Tree. **Address all correspondence to:** The Secretary, Fern Tree Community Association, 8 Stephenson Pl, Fern Tree, 7054 or email secretary@ferntree.tas.au

Thanks to Andrew Wilkie MHR for assistance in printing this community newsletter



FTCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on 10th May 2026 at the Fern Tree tavern. We repeated last year's successful format, the TriviAGM, which combines Quiz Night with short sections of FTCA business. Once again it was a cracking night with lots of fun and \$780 raised.

Special thanks to our MC **Sam de Zoete** who's been back on popular demand.

Congratulations go to the winning team, the Ridgeway Finger Pointers.

The President's report presented by Dave McNamara highlighted the FTCA's achievements throughout the year. Dave confirmed on behalf of the Treasurer that the FTCA accounts are in surplus. President's and Treasurer's reports, along with AGM minutes, will be published in full on the FTCA website.



Committee positions were filled as follows:

- Dave McNamara: President
- Simon Louis: Treasurer
- Ouita Spalding: Vice-President
- Ben Masterman: Secretary

Continuing members:

- Jess Hidding (hall booking officer)
- Sue Morrison
- Claudia Russmann (newsletter editor)
- Kerry Munro
- Jenna Tomlin
- Kirsty O'Neill

New members:

- Karen Walter
- Ben Masterman
- Anna Claydon

Some of our previous members have left the committee: **Sheryl Hamilton, Janneke Scheepers** (moving to Kingston) and **Tom Calderwood**. It was great having you all, your contributions have been truly appreciated !!!

FTCA meetings are held on every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 19:30 and are open to the whole community but it is best to contact president@ferntree.tas.au beforehand.

The book fair on 12 April was well attended. We had a steady stream of book lovers coming through and selecting their favourite reads for the shorter days. The overall tally stood at just above \$3,200. A big thank-you for the **book donations** that arrived at the hall: they continue to increase in quantity and quality each year, allowing us to offer a good selection of books on all kinds of topics and genres.

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Hobart City Council is supporting a My Street party in Fern Tree

What: Hobart's Highest Altitude My Street Garden Party

When: Sunday 12 July 2026; 11:00 to 15:00

Where: Bracken Lane Firebreak, Fern Tree

BYO: Picnic

Please come and enjoy an afternoon of live entertainment, with performances from local musicians (Emile Robin on keys, The Pillinger String Quartet, Nat and Rach from Handsome Molly and Tasmanian Aboriginal indie / hiphop artist Denni), in your local neighbourhood.

Activities for children will include Hobart City Council's Bush Adventures, Aurora Australis ribbon-making and twirling with artist Georgia Lucy and a garden party inspired workshop with artist Edith Perrenot. There will be plenty more to enjoy, including native plant give-aways, a coffee van, picnic rugs, second-hand stalls and lawn games. There is a 1920s-theme, please dress up '20 style for the occasion !

Calling local artists / craftspeople:

If you are interested in hosting a stall, please get in touch by email to ferntreestreetparty@gmail.com We'd love to hear from you!

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate together!

Your Street Party organising team

Please note that in the event of bad weather, the party may be cancelled or postponed. Look out for more information on the Fern Tree Casual WhatsApp group and Facebook Page.

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Also a shout-out to the group of new and regular volunteers who help with the book sorting, set-up, packing up, organising, putting up signs and generally being helpful: we couldn't do this without you !

If you have any queries about the book fair or would like to help next time, please email newsletter@ferntree.tas.au