

Upcoming Events

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

Book Fair

Sunday 26th March 9 am to 3 pm **Community Centre**

AGM

Tuesday 4th April 2023 From 7:30 pm **Community Centre**

Bushcare events Sunday, 10-12:30 12 March: meet at the top of Browns Road

26 March: meet at 96A Summerleas Rd*

14 May: meet at the top of Browns Road

Playgroup dates Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30

Community Centre Ph. Nadirah 0400 950 441

* this is in place of the April working bee which would coincide with Faster

Fern Tree Bushcare works in the beautiful, cool, deep forests at the base of kunanvi/ Mount Wellington. Their aim is to control invasive weeds such as holly and cherry laurel, which reduce the habitat available to native plants and animals. Fern Tree Bushcare meets on Sundays, 10 am to 12:30 pm, followed by a delicious morning tea. Dates as shown in the calendar above.

FERN TREE TAVERN



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Wednesdays to Sundays (closed Mondays & Tuesdays)

Comfy atmosphere, great food & drinks

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- Personalised equipment clas-
- Small group mat classes www.wildislepilates.com.au

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NEWSLETTER

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March 2023

BOOK FAIR

Sunday 26th March 9 am - 3 pm



Fern Tree Community Centre

Plenty of books at amazingly low prices Children's books FREE

The yellow bin is already on the veranda behind the Community Centre and DONATIONS can be left at any time.

Please make sure you only leave books of good quality which are likely to be attractive for readers!

NO periodicals, old textbooks, calendars etc.

But wait, there is more!

CAKE STALL—fundraiser for our local Playgroup **BBQ**—courtesy of the Fire Brigade

Kids' craft activities—make beautiful, colourful signs to protect our wildlife

> Or just come along and mingle! Enquiries to: committee@ferntree.tas.au

Fern Tree Community Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 4th April, 7.30pm at the Community Centre

AGM including FTCA report and election of new Committee

We are thrilled that Fern Tree resident and Tasmanian Australian of the Year 2020. Jess Melbourne-Thomas, has accepted our invitation to be guest speaker at the meeting. Jess is a marine ecologist at CSIRO with a passion for science communication and we are very lucky to have her present on the topic of her current role in helping to connect research to decision-making for sustainability and climate change adaptation, followed by discussion.

All Fern Tree residents are invited to attend the AGM to hear about the Fern Tree Community Association's achievements and activities over the past year, as well as to consider becoming involved as a committee member. There will be a spill of all positions and, while most current committee members will nominate to be elected again, vacancies will exist for interested new members. The roles of President (constitutional limit of 2 years) and Secretary are a particular focus this year.

FTCA is looking for a new President!

After two years in the position, our current President, Dave McNamara, is required to hand over the reins, as mandated by the FTCA constitution. Could this be a position you'd like to fulfil? To undertake this role, you simply need to be able to run a meeting, have an interest in the issues affecting Fern Tree and have the ability to communicate well within the FTCA and occasionally to other parties. Please rest assured, other committee members will support you in your functions. Dave assures us that it's a rewarding and not particularly time-consuming role (and the committee members are a dream to work with!).

Please get in touch with the outgoing President at president@ferntree.tas.au if you have any queries.



SEASONAL GUIDE TO WEEDS OF FERN TREE— AUTUMN

The following plants are invasive environmental weeds which can easily spread, harming the native biodiversity of kunanyi / Mt Wellington. If you have these plants please consider controlling them. If you're not sure you can send a photo to the Fern Tree Community Association. We can help to ID the plant and offer experienced weed advice.

Foxglove (Digitalis purpuraea) - collect seed stalks without letting the tiny seeds drop. Look for the outliers, the new pioneers.

Daphne laurel – small, glossy shrub with pungent smell when the bark is scraped. Notify Council if you have any. Only found on Grays, Clegg, Reids Roads and parts of Huon Rd.

Karamu (Coprosma robusta) – a fast growing tree with glossy leaves with tiny orange berries and the occasional yellow leaf. Please cut & paint or call Council.



~ Yoga classes in Fern Tree ~

All levels welcome for a flowing, dynamic practice for body and mind.

Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am

~ Fern Tree Community Hall ~

\$15/class, email risemountainyoga@gmail.com, fb/Insta, or feel free to drop by!

ZIGZAG TRACK MAINTENANCE WORKS

You might have noticed that the Zig Zag track has been closed for a while and wondered what is happening. Due to wear and tear on this popular track, extensive upgrading and repair works became necessary. Works have now moved into Stage 2 and it is anticipated that the track will remain off-limits until mid-2023. In the meantime, The Pinnacle remains accessible to walkers via Milles Track, Icehouse Track and South Wellington Track. These alternative routes are suited to more experienced walkers as they are longer and more difficult than the Zig Zag Track. For more information, have a look on HCC's webpage (key word: "current projects").

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