**President's Report**

I am pleased to present my President’s report to the 2025 AGM covering the Fern Tree Community Association (FTCA)’s achievements in the past year.

These include:

* Holding a successful and well-attended community mid-winter family bonfire night and lantern parade;
* Holding a successful and well-attended Quiz Night (tonight!) to bring the community together and raise some funds for the upkeep of the Hall;
* Holding a successful and well-attended Christmas carols event;
* Holding another successful fundraising Book Fair, including providing an occasion for the playgroup and TFS to raise money independently through a bake sale and barbecue respectively;
* Design and purchased slick new signage for events to replace the aged but charming corflute signs.
* Commissioned Steven Potter to design and make a sign befitting our Community Hall.
* Continued to produce and circulate a quarterly community newsletter.
* Promoted community awareness of opportunities for feedback on proposed developments in Wellington Park and Hall’s Saddle.
* Advocated for active transport infrastructure to be prioritised in Hobart City Council areas.
* Managed the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall.
* Engaged with and supported the active Fern Tree ‘Neighbourhood Watch’ response to an increase in break-ins in the area.
* Supported promotion of our neighbour, Zoe School’s, open day.

My strong view is that the committee has succeeded in achieving our aims and objectives over the past 12 months. The focus for the next period will be to build upon the stability of the FTCA committee to undertake major improvements to the Hall - solar panels and improved audio and lighting options for the stage area in particular.

I would like to thank Simon Louis, Claudia Russmann, Jess Hidding, Ouita Spaulding, Bec Johnson, Sue Morrison, Sarah Alomes, Sheryl Hamilton and Clive Calver for their efforts and valuable contribution to the FTCA committee in 2024/2025. In particular, I’d like to thank Clive, who leaves the committee after serving the community in countless ways over the years. He has always provided a steady hand in decision making at committee level and his contributions will be greatly missed. I’d also like to thank Sarah, who provided a fresh perspective in discussions at committee meetings in her short time with the FTCA before re-aligning her personal priorities to focus on her burgeoning cleaning business.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have supported the FTCA over the past year. Without them, events wouldn’t happen and the Hall would not be in nearly as good shape as it is!

It has been an honour to serve as President over the past year. I look forward to seeing continued progress and success for the FTCA in the coming year.

Dave McNamara

President

6/4/2025