

Upcoming Events

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

<p>Bonfire Night Friday 21 June From 5 pm Lantern parade starts 6 pm Community Centre</p>	<p>Bushcare Group</p> <p>Fern Tree Bushcare meets every second Sunday of the month 10 am to 12:30 pm</p> <p>New members please email bushcare@hobartcity.com.au before attending</p>	<p>Bushcare Meeting Dates & Places</p> <p>Sunday 14 July Top of Grays Rd</p> <p>Sunday 11 August Jacksons Bend</p> <p>Sunday 8 September Top of Grays Rd</p>
<p>Playgroup dates Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 Community Centre Ph. Nadirah 0400 950 441 for info</p>		

HAVE YOUR SAY:

DO YOU WANT TO KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER ?

Recently there has been some debate within the FTCA about the future of this newsletter. The effort of producing the newsletter in hard copy and distributing it to ~540 houses within the Ferntree / Ridgway area is considerable. Also we rely on free printing provided by our local politicians but these practices are under review and not guaranteed to continue in the future.

An alternative approach is to only generate an electronic version, which would be accessible via the FTCA website.

We are keen to get the community's feedback on this issue. **So please, if you want to continue receiving this newsletter in your letterbox, you need to let us know !**

You can email a simple 'yes—please retain hardcopy' response to newsletter@ferntree.tas.au. If you have any other ideas or suggestions we would be interested in them too.



NEWSLETTER

WINTER BONFIRE NIGHT

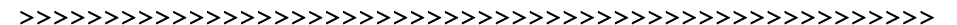
Friday 21 June – from 5 pm
Fern Tree Community Centre

Always a great night!

There'll be a BBQ, gluehwein for adults and hot drinks for kids

Lantern Parade starts at 6pm...
Come a bit earlier and make your own lantern
(please bring appropriate craft materials)

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



FTCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on 20 April 2024 at the Fern Tree tavern. This year we had a combined AGM and Quiz Night, with short sections of FTCA business interspersed with quizzing.

The President's report presented by Dave McNamara highlighted some of the FTCA's achievements throughout the year, while the Treasurer confirmed that the FTCA finances are sound. President's and Treasurer's reports, along with AGM minutes, can be accessed in full on the FTCA website.

Committee positions were filled as follows:

- Dave McNamara: President
- Simon Louis: Treasurer
- Ouita Spalding: Vice-President
- Secretary: Claudia Russmann (also newsletter editor)

Committee members:

- Jess Hidding (also hall booking officer)
- Clive Calver
- Sarah Alomes, Sue Morrison & Sheryl Hamilton are joining as new members
- Bec Johnson will continue in a supporting role as honorary member

Esther Stanton has decided not to continue in her role due to other commitments. Thanks Esther for your positive energy, fresh ideas and help with numerous events. It has been fantastic having you on the committee!

QUIZ!

We had a wonderful quiz night which filled the tavern to the brim. MC Leanne Minshull ensured the night was a high-energy, fast-paced affair. Knowledge was secondary, with more emphasis on fun and entertainment! The \$873 raised in ticket sales are a welcome contribution to the FTCA fund.

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



Successful Book Fair

- The Book Fair in March 2024 was hugely popular, with a steady stream of customers and hundreds of second-hand books finding new appreciative readers.
- The glorious autumn weather provided the perfect opportunity for people to enjoy a sausage, cake and drink while chatting with neighbours and fellow book lovers.
- \$2,365 were raised on the day, which will fund future FTCA events and hall improvements.
- We received feedback that the quality of the books on offer had improved with a greater variety of contemporary books. Please be mindful of this when making donations, to keep the standard high.
- The book fair is entirely run by volunteers and requires a reasonable amount of time to organise. Tasks include sorting and storage of books, setting up for the day and running the sales desk as well as advertising online and distributing fliers.
- If you are interested in volunteering for future book fairs, or have any suggestions how to improve the event, please provide feedback to the Secretary@ftca.tas.au

FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Thank you to the community for being responsible with fire, staying vigilant and registering fuel reduction burns over the summer fire season. These actions meant the number of call-outs the Brigade responded to was kept to a minimum. Although members had few opportunities to put their training into practice in the local area, the Brigade did provide an appliance and crew for deployment on several occasions to the wildfire in the Ouse-Brady's Lake area. This provided valuable experience for them in bush firefighting skills and tactics. Similarly, members also gained useful experience providing assistance at Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) fuel reduction burns in the Hobart area.

With the onset of winter, TFS has just released it's "Protect What You Value This Winter" fire awareness campaign. With the winter months comes an increased risk of house fires due to the use of wood fires for heating and drying of clothing. Did you know TFS recommends a minimum 2 metre distance from a source of heat for the drying of clothes? For other useful information about staying safe this winter check out the "Visual Guide to Home Fire Safety" and the Home Fire Safety Fact Sheets available at www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pageId=colHomeFireSafety.

Should you have any enquiries about fire safety please contact any one of the Brigade members or have a chat with us at the community bonfire night.

Phil Sansom | Brigade Chief | Fern Tree Fire Brigade