



Upcoming Events

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

Quiz Night Saturday 11 th November 2023 From 7:00 pm Community Centre	Last Bushcare meeting of the year! Sunday, 12 th November 10:00—12:30 Meet at 757 Huon Road	Playgroup Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 Community Centre Ph. Nadirah 0400 950 441 Note: Playgroup is taking a short break after Christmas, restarting on 25 January 2024
Christmas Carols Saturday 9 th December 2023 From 7:00 pm Community Centre		

CIRCUS STEPS

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Fern Tree Tuesdays

3.30pm to 5pm

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~ 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!



NEWSLETTER

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The last one was so much fun so let's do it again!

FERN TREE QUIZ NIGHT

When: Saturday 11th November

Time: 7 pm doors open—7:30 start quizzing

Cost: \$10 /person

Where: Fern Tree Community Hall

Table groups of 6 to 8

BYO or support the organisation by purchasing drinks and snacks available on the night

Please prebook using the link below

<https://www.trybooking.com/CDOOB>

or scan QR code

There will be some prizes and other surprises to enjoy.



...and also....

Christmas Carols are upon us



Vale Peter Chapman, 1940 - 2023 (by Sandy and Peter Boyer)

Peter moved to Grays Road in the late 1970s with his wife Isabel and their young family. He loved Fern Tree and was a keen bush walker and until recent years was often seen on the Pipeline Track equipped with backpack and walking pole, setting out to climb Kunanyi or having just done so. He was an enthusiastic carol singer at the Fern Tree Christmas Carols, and owned a green vintage Morris Minor which gathered dust in his carport on Grays Road. He was a great supporter of the Fern Tree Tavern, and our shop when it existed, where he bought all the family groceries. Many remember his calls as 'Peter from Fern Tree' to ABC talkback radio in the morning.

He was always good for a story and, glass of wine in hand, enjoyed recounting local tales. They included the trials and tribulations of helping residents whose vehicles came to grief on a snowy Grays Road; the Fern Tree shop being over-run by US sailors on shore leave who came to taste the delicious Asian food made by our much loved proprietress Anna; and pandemonium on a rainy day around 1980 when a cattle truck full of heifers slid down an unsealed Grays Road.

Peter had a distinguished career as a history lecturer and Associate Professor at UTAS, where he also set up the Centre for Tasmanian Historical Studies. He was a life member of the National Tertiary Education Union and fought against what he described as 'the decay of academic democracy' in the aftermath of the Dawkins Reforms from the 1980s until the present.

Peter recently stepped down as President of the Tasmanian Constitution Society which sought to have the Tasmanian House of Assembly restored to 35 seats, as it had been until 1998. He worked tirelessly to this end and lived to see legislation to restore the 35-member House passed in 2022.

After a fall in his home, Peter was hospitalised in May 2023, where he died a week later. He was one of a kind, and Grays Road will not be the same without him.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT Keith and Sib Corbett

Fern Tree has a number of remarkable residents, among them Keith and Elizabeth (Sib) Corbett. Earlier this year, this husband and wife team received an Order of Australia for their service to conservation and the environment. The Corbetts are long-term Fern Tree residents - probably around 50 years—and are well known for their contributions to their respective fields of work. Keith is a geologist who has explored some of Tasmania's most remote corners, and Sib can look back on a 40-year career with the Parks and Wildlife Service, mapping vegetation in the World Heritage Area. Both Corbetts are former Presidents of the Australian Plants Society. Congratulations Sib and Keith on this well-deserved recognition of your achievements.



Christmas Carols

Saturday 9th December 2023

7 pm to 8:30 pm (*singing starts at 7:30 pm*)

If the weather is suitable, carols will be held in the area outside the community centre. Bring a fold-up chair, picnic rug or blanket, as the deck may not be able to accommodate everyone.

In case of bad weather, the carols will be held inside in the community hall.

Families with small children are invited to come early, as:
Santa will make a special appearance between 7 and 7:30 pm

All residents and friends are welcome to join and sing carols together.

Revamped FTCA website

The FTCA website has recently received some TLC (thanks Ouita!) and the result is a more attractive, streamlined website with integrated hall booking functionality. The website address remains the same: <https://www.ferntree.tas.au>
Our intent is to keep the website up to date, so check it out if unsure of any upcoming event details.



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FERN TREE FIRE BRIGADE NEWS (by Philip Sansom)

The **Fire Permit Period** has now commenced which means fuel gathered in a pile greater than 1 cubic metre cannot be burnt without a permit. During a Fire Permit Period landowners are still encouraged to reduce fire hazards on their properties through safe burning practices. The issuance of fire permits reduces the risk of escaped fires by promoting responsible use of fire and enables us to monitor controlled burning during periods of increased fire danger. Permits are free and contain clear conditions that will ensure any burn is conducted as safely as possible.

Our fire permit system continues to be a vital bushfire management tool, allowing for the coordination of resources and assisting to maximise fire safety for the Tasmanian community.

Should you require a permit please phone Tasmania Fire Service on 1800 000 699 and ask to be put in contact with one of the Fern Tree fire permit officers.

Please note permit officers require at a minimum 2 days' notice for an on-site inspection to be arranged and to discuss options for your proposed burn.

At a recent ceremony held at your local fire station, several members received honours and awards to recognise their service:

National Emergency Medals, conferred by the Governor-General to recognise fire-fighting at the 2019-20 Queensland & NSW bushfires: 2nd Officer Chris Wagstaff, 3rd Officer Nick Barta, Leading FF Matthew Fishwick and Snr. FF Matt Sansom.

National Medal, conferred by the Governor-General to recognise 15 years of diligent firefighting service: Senior FF Geoff Clark.

TFS Long Service Awards, conferred by the Chief Officer: 10 yrs. 4th Officer Matt Calic & FF Julian Giddings; 25 yrs. Snr. FF Peter Scott; 30 yrs. 3rd Officer Nick Barta; 45 yrs. Leading FF Terry Gill AFSM and Operational Support member Ken Fishwick.

TFS Volunteer Medal for diligent service with integrity: 4th Officer Matt Calic and Firefighter Almas Khan

Ken Fishwick officially retired from the Brigade on 31st August after 46 years of service. I am sure all residents will join with me in thanking Ken for his contribution to not only the Brigade but to the Fern Tree community over these significant number of years. We wish him well for his retirement.



BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS SESSIONS

The bushfire season is fast approaching, so the team from *Sparking Conversations, Igniting Action* will be hosting forums on Bushfire preparedness in the Hobart area over the next 3 weeks.

These events will be a great opportunity for members of the community to listen and discuss information provided by their local council, Tasmanian Fire Brigade and UTAS on preparing and planning for bushfire.

You can join the team at one of the following events:

- Saturday 21 October at the Mt Nelson Fire Station on Olinda Grove from 1 - 4 pm;
- Sunday 29 October at the Lenah Valley Community Hall on Creek Rd from 2 – 4 pm;
- Saturday 11 November at the South Hobart Community Centre on Darcy St from 10am—2pm.

It's possible a forum will also be arranged for Fern Tree this summer, but in the meantime, consider attending one of those above.

To find out more about the project and keep up to date visit:

<https://www.sparkingconversations.com.au>

RETIREMENT OF TERRY GILL

The FTCA owes a big thank you to long-term Fern Tree resident Terry Gill for his assistance with this newsletter: Terry has been doing one of the delivery runs for 25 years now, unfailingly turning up when needed, and often acting as our point of communication with the Fern Tree Fire Brigade in his Officer's role. Terry is now passing on the delivery job to another volunteer, and our Association is grateful to him for his dedication over all those years. Thank you, Terry!