

Acheron Community Hall

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President's Message



Our Hall has enjoyed a busy summer and early autumn. A farewell afternoon tea and a celebration of the life of a much loved friend. Additionally the hall was used for a luncheon and for the regular meetings which occur. Tables and chairs were also borrowed.

Recently we have added to our Hall's amenities. We now have a catering refrigerator for the kitchen; a re-enforcement for the drop-down part of the stage, to make it more stable; and some up-graded toilet facilities. The problem we had with the rain water tank has been sorted out and the garden watering system has been revised with a smart electronic controller being located in the kitchen. There has been a re-organisation of the kitchen cupboards. Crockery, cutlery and glassware are now stored in easy to see and use containers.

Future projects are to upgrade the lights and

replace the curtain over the west window with a roller blind.

Fund raising has continued with wine sales and the selling of Dobson's potatoes at the recent Alexandra Easter Fair.

I would like to mention the purchase of the catering refrigerator. Your Committee was determined to buy the refrigerator from a local retailer. Whilst it was a challenge to meet city prices, we were thrilled when Chookies Homelectrix came to the party and we were able to purchase and support locally. The new fridge is a big improvement and makes food handling much easier.

At this time forward bookings include two weddings and a luncheon.

This is what the Acheron Hall is all about – a resource to be used by the local community.

Cheers

John Thorp

Potato fund raiser for hall

Acheron Hall committee members had a lot of fun at the Alexandra Easter Market in Rotary Park selling Dobson's potatoes as a fund raiser for the hall. The market was very well attended by free spending locals and visitors. Entertainment by excellent singers and musicians was appreciated by the crowd. The rain held off and the park was a picture of autumnal splendour. Our stall was very successful selling 350kgs of potatoes.



CFA Annual General Meeting

The Acheron CFA meeting including the biennial election of officers is on Sunday May 20th from 10.30am. We need a quorum - so please attend. There will also be a long-service medal presentation. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. All welcome.

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Farewell afternoon tea

Gail and Jim Tregaskis wish to thank all those who attended the afternoon tea in their honour early in January, and who helped to give them such a good send off to their new home at Seaford. They will be missed, but assure their friends that they will visit regularly.



Acheron debutante



Meg Bonsema and friend Jack Carpenter at her recent debut. Meg is the younger daughter of local identities Helen and Peter Bonsema.

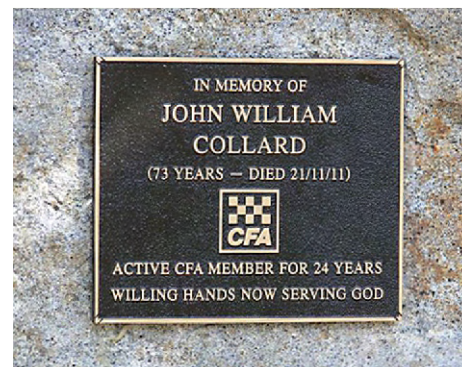
New fridge at the hall



A thank you presentation to Chookies Homelectrix manager Pagan Ellul, for supporting the hall's purchase of a catering refrigerator. The committee was determined to buy from a local retailer.

Vale - John Collard

On April 1st Maureen Collard and family with Acheron CFA celebrated the life of her late husband John. A memorial plaque was placed on the rock beside the CFA station. After a short ceremony friends enjoyed a light luncheon in the Acheron Hall as guests of the Collard family.



The history project has been relocated from Wikipedia - to wikispaces. Below is the new address
<http://acheronhistory.wikispaces.com/>

If you received this newsletter by mail or hand and if you have access to the internet, please consider sharing your email address with the committee and it will save the environment as well as a lot of time effort and cost.

Acheron Hall Wine fund raiser

Some Cabernet Sauvignon and NZ Sauvignon Blanc still available. Beer and cider by arrangement. An order form can be obtained from the website, or contact John on 5772 1442.

Summer rainfall in Acheron

Rainfall in the Acheron Valley January to March was 315 mm. This compares to 269.4 mm last year. A wet winter has been forecast. Figures measured on the eastern side of the valley.

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