

Acheron Community Hall

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Newsletter

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President's Message



Saturday evening - 10th of December was party time at Acheron. The annual Acheron Hall family Christmas party was one. Decorated with a Christmas tree and tinsel, our Hall was filled with people, laughter and good cheer. The atmosphere was marvellous. There were lots of children and Santa arrived in the fire truck with a sack filled with goodies. Every child received a present, a bag of lollies and an icy pole. Grown-ups received an ice cream. Some newer Acheron families attended and mixed in comfortably. We all look forward to more of their company. The Hall looked fantastic with the sun shining through the west window to illuminate the interior. How fortunate that we have never allowed the interior to be painted and the natural timber is still with us.

The Hall has been well used during the last months. A wedding, a dinner, a lunch, a birthday and our meeting with the Shire to hear the

options for the Breakaway Bridge. This is what the Hall is all about – a resource for the residents to use.

Tragically, Acheron has recently lost a good friend and valued community member - John Collard. He died as a result of a farming accident and our thoughts have been with Maureen and family. A celebration of John's life will be held in the Hall at a date to be advised.

In this issue we have included some helpful technical advice that enables awareness of proximity of bush fires and also suggestions for farm safety.

With Christmas now very close we wish all Acheron residents a merry and safe Christmas and that the coming year will bring good health, happiness and prosperity.

John Thorp

President

Acheron Hall Committee



Santa arrived in the fire truck, to the great excitement of the children. He had plenty of helpers to assist him in the distribution of gifts to the children present.

The hall was put to very good use as it was a cool night and the picnic was held inside, everyone both young and not so young seemed to have a good time.

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Fire ready app for your mobile phone

CFA has released a range of applications for your mobile phone

<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-and-incidents/cfa-on-your-mobile.htm>.



There is a mobile website that loads faster and is easier to view on small screens at cfa.vic.gov.au/mobile. Even better is the range of apps available for smart phones including iPhone, Android and Blackberry. These apps show a variety of information including a map of current fires and warnings. It is possible to set a 'zone' (ie 25 km around Acheron) and you will be automatically notified if there are any fires within the zone.

Safety on the farm - a contribution from David Gamble

Listening to ABC regional radio this morning I heard that there were 7 work place fatalities (ie on farms) in the last 3 weeks, and it was the 'routine' jobs to blame. It is easy to become complacent and over the years our skills and reactions are possibly not quite as good as they were. Here are a few ideas, perhaps other readers would also like to contribute.

- Steel cap work boots – it's so easy to put an axe through one's foot

- Use a lightweight helmet on the farm bike and consider fitting roll over protection for quad bikes.
- Wear Personal Protection Clothing (PPC) when using a chainsaw. (helmet, visor, earmuff, gloves, chaps)
- Check PTO guards on machinery
- Be careful when using ladders

Local wedding a triumph over the rain



On a day of almost non stop rain, Andrew and Andrea Turner managed to find a break in the weather for the garden wedding of their daughter Fiona, at their Acheron home. The Acheron Hall was booked as a backup for the ceremony, but was not needed.

Don't forget to give fund raising points to 645 Acheron Hall when shopping at Reddrops supermarket.

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.

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