

Acheron Community Hall

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Newsletter

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President's Message



With Winter half over we are already starting to notice the longer daylight hours and preparing for Spring plantings and other activities. The Hall Committee is also busy with planning activities through to Christmas and beyond.

Included in these activities is the planning and preparation for our annual Dinner on the 11th of August. Reservations are essential and residents have already been given the advantage of an early notification with the opportunity to make an early booking.

The cold, wet months of May through July was a busy and productive time for the Hall and its Committee. There were two Weddings and a 21st birthday in May. The Alexandra and District Open Gardens club chose our Hall for their annual dinner and there were many instances of positive feedback saying what a 'gem' the Acheron Hall is.

Amenities in the Hall were upgraded. A light blocking-out roller-blind was fitted to the west window. The piano was tuned. Fire extinguishers were installed along with 'EXIT' signs and a fire evacuation plan. A valance for the stage extension was fitted. A mirror was installed in the ladies 'loo'.

The upgrading of lighting is a work-in-progress for which we are seeking professional advice.

In 2010 the Hall donated \$1000 to the new Alexandra Hospital - this money to be used for the purchase of a garden seat for patients to use. The seat is included in 'stage two' of the landscaping project and we can expect to see something happening next year.

Remember it's our hall to make use of - so keep the Acheron Hall in mind if you have a function coming up.

Cheers

John Thorp

Magical Winter Dinner

Sat 11th August 7.00pm at the Acheron Hall

Hearty winter dinner.

Catering - Alan & Lisa Harding and their team

Cost: \$50.00 per person. Tables of 8.



Be quick to book, as places are limited.

Call: Bronwyn 5772 1521 or Anita 5772 1071

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Open Gardens Dinner held in the Acheron Hall

The Alexandra and District Open Gardens committee held their annual dinner in our hall. Guest speaker was Dr Greg Moore, of Burnley Horticultural College and Melbourne University. He highlighted the importance of trees, and said that

temperature rises through climate change could be negated by what people do around their homes, region and cities. He believed that climate change would lead to about 10 per cent less rain but more summer rain events. An underestimated asset, trees reduce wind speeds by about 10 per cent, reduce temperature of buildings by up to 8 degrees, remove pollutants, improve the appearance of a property, provide shelter and habitat and reduce the need for air conditioning.



Horticulturalists Dr Greg Moore and Geoff Olive catch up at the gardeners' dinner.



Retiring secretary of the Alexandra Open Gardens Committee Ann Barkla was presented with flowers from committee member Janene Simpson.

Autumn celebrated at Acheron Hall

Vegetation ameliorates the 'heat island' effect. As an example Dr Moore said the fires of Black Saturday killed 172 people, but little attention was given to the 374 people who also died from the effects of the heat, most living in concrete jungles with few or no trees and many without the means to turn on air conditioning.

Of the Acheron Hall Dr Moore said 'I have been in some incredible venues but this is wonderful.'

(This story and pictures are quoted from the Alexandra Standard)

Welcome to newcomers



Acheron welcomes new residents Gail and Andy Lloyd who have purchased a property on Squires Road. They are very interested in the environment and conservation and are busy re-establishing a natural permaculture within their property. Together with their son Simon they have joined the CFA.

We wish them a long and happy residency at Acheron and we look forward to enjoying their company at community gatherings and social events.

Look at the Acheron history project at <http://acheronhistory.wikispaces.com/>
(no longer on Wikipedia)

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.
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Acheron Hall Wine fund raiser

Only 2009 vintage Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon still available.

An order form can be obtained from the website, or contact John on 5772 1442.

Rainfall in Acheron

It may not feel like it but the rainfall at Acheron for the months of May to mid July is less this year than for last year. Measured on the east side of the river, rainfall last year was 131.5ml for May and June and 89.5ml for July. This year the May/June total was 122ml with 46.5ml until July 14th. We need another 52.5ml of rain in the second half of July to be equal to last year.

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