

Acheron Community Hall

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Acheron Hall Annual General Meeting

Last Sunday August 28th the Acheron Hall held its AGM. All positions on the committee were declared vacant and an election for the new committee took place.

The out going President Peter Sutherland's report is shown below along with the new committee and office bearers. A vote of thanks was made to Peter Sutherland for his six years as President.

President's Report

It is again my pleasure to thank the committee members and families for their hard work during the past 12 months.

The Committee has achieved its key objective, that of providing an environment for the community to interact socially on various levels. This has also contributed to meeting our other main function, that of providing sufficient revenue to be able to maintain and insure our ageing Hall.

Projects Completed

Repainting of Hall and Toilet Block.

Fully functioning WEB site

Development of the Outdoor activity area

Projects Ongoing

The History project has made steady progress and has collected a significant amount of base data.

Defining the scope of the publication needs to be carried out. With more than two years available, we should complete the project by the anniversary date of 2014.

The committee has identified two areas within the hall which need to be addressed. The lighting requires updating as does the under-utilized stage area.

Wine sales. After much research, both Red and White wines were purchased by the committee and carried our own designed "Acheron Hall" labels. The majority of this wine has been sold (for fund raising purposes) and will further contribute to the next financial year.

Regards

Peter Sutherland
Committee President



New Committee for Acheron Hall

As of 28th August The Acheron Hall has a new committee:

President

John Thorp

Committee Members

Vice-President

Barbara Gamble

Bronwyn Dobson

Treasurer

Louise Edward

Joan Fordham

Secretary

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Message from the Incoming President



In 1989, my wife Beth and I bought our property on Squires Road, Acheron and we quickly discovered that Acheron had a marvellous community venue - The Acheron Hall. Since then our family have enjoyed attending many functions and meetings there and twenty years on we have the Acheron Hall imprinted into our psyche - as a very special place.

Now, as the incoming president of the hall committee, I have an opportunity to act in a leadership role and

together with the committee, to continue with the good work and achievements of those who have gone before.

We will continue to maintain and improve our facility. To widen what it offers. And to ensure it is used and enjoyed as much as possible by all Acheron's residents.

We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful community resource - our ongoing aim is to make it even better.

John Thorp

President - Acheron Hall Committee

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Acheron Hall Winter Dinner Aug 2011Oh what a night it was!

As promised the night started out with a bang - or lots of them in the form of a spectacular fireworks display. People came from all over the valley to view the spectacle and it could also be seen from up on the hills, and we weren't disappointed. Then we were treated to a wonderful winter dinner, brilliantly cooked and served by Allan and Lisa Harding and team - nibbles, mains and dessert - all delicious. Acheron Hall wines were on each table, which were beautifully decorated with bunches of daphne. And that's not all - music was provided for us by The Wild Geese group, great for listening and dancing to.



Other activities included a 'guess the weight of the pumpkin' competition and a raffle. Acheron Hall Committee President Peter Sutherland announced that after 6 years in the role he is stepping down. Former Acheron Hall Committee President David Gamble thanked Peter on behalf of the community, pointing out that the period of Peter's presidency was one of great activity, which saw many improvements and maintenance to the hall, and increased use by the people of Acheron and wider. Peter relinquishes his role with the Acheron Hall in a very strong position.

See the website www.acheronhall.com for more pics



Don't forget to give your fund raising points to 645 Acheron Hall whenever you shop at Reddrops supermarket.

Cup Day Picnic at the Acheron Hall

Be sure to keep free Tuesday 1st of November for a Cup Day picnic at the Acheron Hall.

BYO picnic and refreshments
BBQ available.

- Melbourne Cup sweep
- Best hats competition
- Lots of fun to be had.

So come along from 12.30 and bring the family.



Bull at a Gate

Two of Acheron's finest were recently snapped resolving a delicate problem. Wouldn't you say "that's a lot of bull?"



Peter Sutherland presenting a certificate of appreciation to Allan and Lisa Harding for their contributions to the dinner.

SATURDAY MORNING Alexandra Market September 10th

The Acheron Hall Committee have organised a stall to sell potatoes, various jams and marmalades, also **wooden toys from the Mens Shed.**

Look for some great bargains
- see you there.

**Alexandra Market at
Alexandra Timber Tramway,
Station Street, Alexandra**

Acheron Hall Wine fund raiser

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

Acheron rainfall - floods & droughts

August 2011 was considerably drier than August in 2010. Rainfall at Acheron this year was 73.5mm (as measured east of the river) compared to 148mm last year. Whilst one month's rainfall does not

establish a trend - it will be interesting to see how much rain we get this September, remember last year we had 123mm and there was extensive flooding over the river flats following the very wet August.

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