

# Acheron Mechanics Institute Newsletter



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*Recent and Com-  
ing Events*

### CFA Meetings

*Next meeting:  
20 May 11 a.m.*



*CFA Family  
Day*

*15 April 11 a.m.*

*Kings Park*

*Seymour*



*Warren Joel's  
Valuations*

*Date: TBA*



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## Hall News—Coming Events

### Get fit on Saturdays?

Find out how on page 2



*A great start to the  
Autumn break*

### Mid Year Dinner

Saturday August 11

Keep the date free. More de-  
tails closer to the date

**COMMUNICATION.** We would still love to send this by email so if you have an email address, please send an email to [acheronhall@yahoo.com.au](mailto:acheronhall@yahoo.com.au) and this will guarantee that you are kept up to date with all events in **colour** AND save the committee considerable funds. Paper, stickers and stamps are all costly.

## President's Message

### Luncheon in February

A luncheon to welcome new ladies to the Acheron Community was a big hit (and a very hot one) and some 35 attended. Thanks to the organisers who did a great job.

### Upgrades to the Hall

Following our submission to the Dept of Regional Development, we (via Murrindindi Council) have been granted funding of \$18000 towards the total Stage 2 Project of

\$28000. Our contribution consists of \$2184 as "In kind" labour and \$7816 from our own funds. We will need to raise some \$5000 to fulfill our cash obligations for this project.

In April we will submit the necessary documentation to the Shire and would hope that we have funding to commence the actual work in May. The Stage 2 project consists of a Storage room at the rear of the Hall connected

via a Deck. A ramp to this new area will also be constructed. Additionally we intend to install Air Conditioning and Heating into the Hall to make the use of the Hall much more appealing during the summer and Winter months.

The committee will be seeking support from the broader Acheron community to ensure the success of this project.



Alexandra's well known real estate agent, John Tossol has continued his support of the local community and when hearing that the Acheron Community Hall needed some support for a small project that it was undertaking offered to fund it.

Picture:- John Tossol hands over a cheque to Hall President, Peter Sutherland who wished to thank John for his continued support of local community activities.

## Snakes Alive

Follow up to our snake advice in the last newsletter, we have heard about a 102 year old lady in Hastings who confronted a snake in her kitchen. As she lives on her own, there was no-one to call so she quickly located a piece of chicken in her refrigerator and tied it to a long string which she tossed

in the snake's direction. The snake grabbed and swallowed the chicken and the string. The elderly lady then dragged the snake out the door and down the road leaving it at a safe distance from her



*Neighbour Day  
The designated  
day may have  
passed but any  
day is a good  
time to call in on  
a neighbour if  
for no other  
reason than  
comparing rain  
gauges during  
this beautifully  
wet March*

### Aerobics in the hall



Thanks to Elaine Furniss, we have a new activity in the hall. Jennifer Creighton will be offering aerobics sessions at an appropriate level for those who attend the introductory session.

### Introductory Session

**Date:** Saturday April 14

**Time:** 9.30 to 10.30

**Cost:** Approx. \$10

To find out just what it is like come along on the 14th or call Elaine on 5772 2727.

*Loose or stretchy clothing recommended for this session.*

### Keys to the Hall

Keys are no longer kept at the Kleins house. Many thanks to Nick and Vicki for looking after them for so long. Access to the hall is via Georgie Leckey and to the CFA shed via David Gamble. Both sets of keys are now kept on site in separate secure key boxes with combination lock.

### Fundraising

Every little bit helps. Don't forget when at Reddrops to support:  
Acheron Hall 645  
Acheron CFA 699

### Warren Joel Valuations

The antique valuation day at the Acheron Community Hall is likely to be in the second half of May and details will be advertised in the Standard. So now is a good time to dust off those precious possessions in readiness for the big day.

### Additional Drought Assistance

Note the letter from the Minister for Agriculture offering increased drought assistance to farmers affected by the drought. A number of thresholds have changed so if you have not been successful in application before it may well be worth another try. If you missed it call Bev Dick

If you have any items you would like published in this newsletter please phone Barbara or David Gamble on 5772 3305 or email them to [acheronhall@yahoo.com.au](mailto:acheronhall@yahoo.com.au).