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## Hall News - Current and Coming Events

2010's Main Events

Mid-year Dinner August 14

Christmas Party December 11

### Message from the Committee President

Hello and welcome to the June newsletter from your 2009/10 committee.

The committee is working on a number of items this year, and some are detailed below.

We have placed an order for a further 40 chairs and this will complete the project started 2 years ago, but stalled when we stepped aside for the Marysville Kinder. This will mean we are now self sufficient when it comes to Tables and Chairs for any functions in the future. We can comfortably accommodate 70 people at a "sit down" function and at a pinch, up to 80 people.

The committee has also decided to donate funds from the Acheron community to the new Alexandra Hospital expansion, with the money going, at the request of the hospital, to the provision of outdoor furniture for those patients recuperating. A plaque acknowledging our donation will be attached to the furniture.

Finally, you may have noticed our press release and advertisement in the local press. Our aim is to let the greater community know that the Hall is indeed back in business.

Regards

Peter Sutherland  
Committee President

**BACK TO ACHERON HALL MID-YEAR DINNER • BACK TO ACHERON HALL MID-YEAR DINNER**

**Back to  
Acheron Hall  
Mid-year Dinner  
August 14 7.00pm**

**BE  
QUICK**

This year the catering is by locals

Allan & Lisa Harding and they will provide a hearty winter dinner.

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Tables of 8 available.

Bookings essential, as places are limited.

Call: Bronwyn 5772 1521 or Anita 5772 1071

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### Out of Acheron

Andrea and Andrew Turner are having a wonderful time on their trip around Europe. This is a little snippet of emails sent back to Oz. "Last night we ate truffles and porcini mushrooms and guinea fowl washed down with a local red wine - magnifico! Have not had a bad meal or wine. Lots of walking!! What a memory this trip has provided - it is just the beginning now I have the travel bug back! Off to Florence then San Gimignano, then to Rome".



# Acheron brigade honours long service



**Acheron Rural Fire Brigade** presented long serving members with awards on 23rd May. Service time ranged from 5 to 40 years. The ceremony was very well attended by local residents which was a mark of the gratitude and respect felt by the local community towards these heroic volunteers.

Front row from the left: John Turner (20 years), Neil Webster (25 years), Mary Finch (5 years), Garry De Klijn (10 years), Dale Wakefield (15 years). Middle row from Left:

James Tregaskis (10 years), Helen Godfrey-Taylor (20 years), Corrie De Klijn (10 years), Dorothy Durant (10 years), Bev Dick (20 years). Back row from left:

John Collard (20 years), Jamie Walker (10 years), Michael Purcell (25 years), Ron Burke (5 years), William Leckey (15 years), Gwen Dick (5 years), Donald Durant (10 years).

Not pictured: Laurie Purcell (40 years), Barbara and David Gamble (10 years).



On the same occasion John Taylor, a long serving past Captain of the brigade (1995 - 2004) was posthumously honoured with a plaque. He joined the brigade in 1986 and was a member until his death in 2005.

The brass CFA plaque reads:

*"In memory of John Damien Taylor, 1953 to 2005. Highly respected member of Acheron Fire Brigade 1986 to 2005. An inspiring leader."*

The photo above shows John's family including his wife, parents, brothers and sisters, wives and husbands and nieces and nephews, at the plaque unveiling.

Photos - Neil Webster

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

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to mark your calendar for the Christmas Party at The Acheron Hall Saturday December 11.

## French connection

Barbara and David Gamble are having a wonderful time on their French sojourn. They have been away for 7 weeks, and the language lessons are reportedly going well.

Living in historic Besancon in the east, a region bordering Switzerland, they are renting a house and feeling part of the community, travelling on public transport (concessions for over 60s), and on folding bicycles.

Much good food and wine is being consumed, along with plenty of sight seeing, lots of it in the countryside and off the beaten track.



## Acheron Community Donation

Peter Sutherland, Acheron Hall Committee President, handing over the Acheron Community cheque for \$1,000 to Ms Heather Byrne Chief Executive Officer / Director of Nursing at Alexandra District Hospital.

The money will buy outdoor furniture for recuperating patients at the hospital.



## Briefly

**Welcome to new residents.** John and Maya Allen have moved into McColl Lane. We wish them well in their new home.

**Hope you're soon on the mend.** We hope Helen Godfrey-Taylor has a speedy recovery - after a nasty altercation with her horse.

**Acheron Hall AGM - Sunday 29th August at 11.00am all residents welcome.**

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