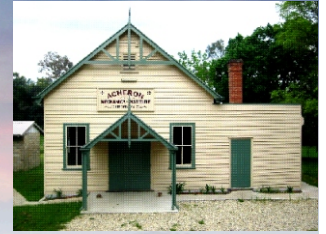


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Acheron Community Hall Newsletter

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Message from the President



Dear Acheron residents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and warm. I can't believe that we have just passed the shortest day of the year. It doesn't seem long

since the fabulous and well attended Christmas Party, where the council treated us to some delicious food to support the event. Our next opportunity to get together as a community, is of course our exciting mid-year dinner coming up on 12th August – our theme this year is SNOW which seems appropriate for a winter event.

We have sent out the invitation, but just in case you haven't seen it, see below in this newsletter for ticket booking details. As usual, 'The Grant Street Grocer' will be providing the food which is always a major highlight of the night and this year we are very much looking forward to local musician Steve Paix's, kind offer to perform, which will certainly contribute to a fantastic night.

The hall committee has been busy this year with a working bee at the hall, to complete some of the regular maintenance tasks that are needed such as trimming plants, clearing out gutters and a big thank you to David Gamble for cleaning the timber floor which was looking very tired! The committee also raised funds at the Alexandra Easter fair with a huge thank you to the Dobsons for enabling us to sell potatoes. We also have the last of the Sedona Estate 2017 Shiraz for sale. This will be the last opportunity to purchase, (\$144.00 per dozen) so if interested, please contact John Thorp on 0417 036 142.

In addition to the grant we received last year to paint the exterior of the hall, we have been slowly renovating the toilet block, so any additional funds raised will go to not only the upkeep of the hall, but further improvements to the toilet block. The Twin Rivers Caravan Park, has kindly donated some tiles for the floor of the toilet block and further fundraising efforts will go to fund the tiling.

The committee is seeking donations from locals for items or services to auction at the mid-year dinner. Whilst the main purpose

of the night is to provide an opportunity for locals to get together, it is also our main fund raiser. Please contact Anita or Bronwyn whose contact details are on the invitation if you are able to support us.

I'm looking forward very much, to seeing you on 12th August.

Best wishes to you all,
Pam.

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Join us on Sat 12th August at 6.00pm for the Acheron Hall Winter Dinner

This year the theme is 'SNOW'. So dress accordingly. Seating will be in tables of 8, with a limit of 72 persons attending. This is a fun evening where grownups can relax and enjoy themselves. BYO drinks.

Cost \$80 each. Catering by The Grant Street Grocer.

Bookings: Anita 0428 360 886 or Bronwyn 0429 174 904.

Pre payment is required and can be made online:
(new account details) Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000

Account No. 204 342 919

Payment labelled: 'Winter Dinner', with your name.



PRODUCE HAMPER RAFFLE & SMALL AUCTION

Email us if you have any news for the next newsletter on
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Auction item donations needed for Winter Dinner

Local items for auctioning at the Winter Dinner

We're having a small auction at the dinner. This is our major fund raiser, for the upkeep of our lovely old hall.

So if you've anything that could be useful, please let the booking Ladies know details, well before the night.
(Bronwyn 0429 174 904 and Anita 0428 360 886)

Acheron Rainfall

Rainfall at Acheron, January to June – 2023

As things are now, we have received 22.7% more rainfall this year than we received for the same period last year. 402.0mm as against 327.5 mm.

The moving annual total is 1021 mm, which makes the period July - 2022 to June - 2023

one of the wettest 12 months for the last thirty years.

However, the BoM is forecasting the re-emergence of an El Nino weather cycle for the second part of 2023.

For Eastern Australia this means a warmer and dryer

spring and summer.

Last year the months of July to December were particularly wet with 65% of the year's total rainfall falling in the second half. Last year, in just two months, October and November, we had 330mm. of rain. We are still deprived of our Breakaway Bridge as one result.

If the BoM is correct, we must expect to receive significantly less rainfall over the coming months.

A feeling of deja vu was experienced when looking down from the bridge over the Acheron on the 8th of June.



View from Acheron Road looking back towards the bridge on June 8th.



View from the Acheron River Bridge on June 8th.

Working bee at the hall



In May there was another working bee at the hall, with the usual suspects (mostly members of the Acheron Hall Committee), clearing gutters; trimming the hedge and trees; tidying the garden beds; clearing out the shed and the kitchen cupboards; not to mention digging a storm water drainage channel behind the toilet block.



Acheron Hall Wine

We have managed to secure an additional quantity of Acheron Hall Shiraz, vintage 2017. This wine is the same wine which we have been enjoying for the last few years and it has developed into a superb drink-now beverage. It is made by Sedona Wines of Murrindindi who most generously support The Acheron Hall's

fundraising. The 2017 Shiraz is available for the Acheron community at a cost of \$12.00 per bottle in case quantities of 12 bottles - total cost \$144.00 per case.

If you wish to purchase a case of 12 bottles of this wine please contact John on 0417 036 142.

Payment can be made on line: (note new banking details)
Acheron Hall banking: Bendigo Bank. BSB 633-000 Account Number: 204 342 919

If you have new neighbours who would like to receive this newsletter, please arrange for their email details to be sent to us. acheronhall@gmail.com