

# Acheron Community Hall

# Newsletter

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## President's Message - April 2014



The Centenary Celebration of our Acheron Hall is approaching very quickly and the Committee is finalising planning and advising residents, past and present, of the details. There will be three events which make up the Centenary celebration.

- A bus tour of historic sites around Acheron – Saturday morning 14th June and possibly also on Sunday morning 15th of June.
- A GALA dinner at the Acheron Hall on Saturday evening 14th June.
- The Official Ceremony at the Acheron Hall on Sunday afternoon 15th June.

It is the Committee's intention to make all Acheron residents aware of each of these events, giving all the opportunity to participate in each one.

The Bus tour is offered at no cost to participants. But bookings must be made well in advance.

The GALA dinner is at a cost of \$60.00 per person. Places are limited to the first 80 bookings made and prepaid. Dress for this GALA night will be semi formal. Jacket and tie for gentlemen. Ladies to dress up for the occasion.

The Official Ceremony is open to all who wish to

attend and witness this Historic event.

I ask all residents to make their plan for attending the Centenary and make bookings ASAP.

There are two other important issues which I must comment on.

Acheron residents will have noticed that the CFA building adjacent to the Hall is being replaced. The CFA building is on land belonging to the Hall and leased to the CFA for 99 years from 1975. The CFA assures the Hall Committee that the new and larger building will be in harmony with the Hall and that the site will be left tidy and in a suitable condition so as not to interfere with the Centenary Celebrations.

The Hall Committee is investigating what support there is to re-establish the existing tennis court on the land across McColl Lane from the Hall. In former years the tennis court was in continual use and there was an Acheron Tennis Club and competed with other tennis clubs. There will be substantial costs involved and the Committee needs to get some feedback as to the level of community support for this project. Please let Committee members know your thoughts on this subject.

Cheers

John Thorp

President Acheron Hall Committee

## Acheron Hall Centenary Celebrations June 14 & 15 - Programme

### Saturday 14th June

**Gala Dinner 6.30pm** for residents past and present, will take the place of our usual August Winter Dinner for this year only.

• **Tickets** will be \$60 per person and **bookings** can be made with Bronwyn on 5772 1521 or Anita on 5772 1071.

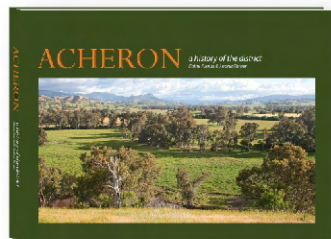
**Places will be limited, so get in early.**

Payment is required at time of booking.

• **Dress** to be semi-formal in keeping with the occasion.

• **Complimentary drinks** at 6.30pm followed by **fireworks** at 7.00pm and **dinner** at 7.45pm. (Drinks - BYO)

• **Strolling musicians** will entertain during the evening.



### Sunday 15th June

**Centenary Ceremony 2.00pm - 4.00pm.**

• **Short speeches**

• **Presentation** of a plaque from the Mechanics Institute of Victoria.

• The launch of the book - **Acheron: a history of the district**, which has been written and produced especially for this occasion. Soft cover versions available for \$50.00 at the launch, hard cover copy at \$70.00 if available.

• **Drawing of the raffle** - painting, oil on canvas by Wykeham Perry - 'View of the Acheron Valley'.

• **A tree and a 25 year Time Capsule** will be planted in the grounds of the hall. Residents are invited to place small items (letters to family members, memorabilia, photos, etc) in a named standard DL envelope.

To be delivered to a committee member by May 30 2014, for inclusion.

• **Afternoon tea** will be provided at conclusion of ceremony.

See details of Centenary Bus Tours of Acheron Historic Sites  
on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th June - on page 2

## Raffle Tickets available

The winner's prize of the raffle is a painting, oil on canvas by Wykeham Perry of a 'View of the Acheron Valley'. Raffle tickets are on sale for \$2.00 from committee members:

Gwen Dick 5772 2143, Bronwyn Dobson 5772 1521, Louise Edward 0402 082 185, Jan Fallon 5772 1796, Mary Finch 5772 2143, Barb & David Gamble 5772 3305, Lorraine Redshaw 5772 2735, Anita Rennie 5772 1071, John & Beth Thorp 5772 1442, Andrea Turner 5772 1119.

Tickets will be on sale in Grant Street, Alexandra, outside Foodworks, on Saturday mornings - 26th, April, 10th, 24th May & 7th June.

The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 15th June at the Centenary Ceremony.



Photograph of the Wykeham Perry painting - 'View of Acheron Valley', valued at \$750.00.

## Tennis anyone?

Residents will have noticed that the overgrown tennis court opposite the hall has recently been cleared of vegetation and a crushed rock driveway laid. Tennis net posts have been installed and the court can be used for rough tennis in its present state. An ongoing project to lift the quality of the court to club standards is being considered by the committee.



## Alexandra Easter Fair Potato Sale



Acheron Hall committee members sold Dobson's gourmet potatoes, as a fund raiser, at the Easter Fair in Rotary Park Alexandra on Easter Sunday. Over \$400 was raised as a contribution to the cost of the Hall's ongoing maintenance.

## Bus Tours of Acheron Historical sites

at no cost to participants

**Saturday morning 14th & Sunday morning 15th June**

the bus departs from Rennie's Restaurant, Hobans Road Acheron at 9.30am, returns to Rennie's Restaurant at 11.00am, morning tea served each morning after tour.

**Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting:**

**Gwen & Mary 5772 2143 0429 028 661**  
**mafandgmd@virtual.net.au**

Don't delay as numbers will be limited.

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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**Would all residents living close to the hall please note there will be:  
FIREWORKS AT THE ACHERON HALL - on Saturday Night 14th June between 6.30 & 7.30pm**

## Acheron CFA members awarded National Emergency Medal



The National Emergency Medal, created by the Queen is awarded to individuals for Service During Emergencies. It has been awarded on only two occasions - Victorian fires in 2009 - and the Queensland floods in 2010/11. The presentation was made by Kim Wells, MP Minister for Police & Emergency Services and Minister for Bushfire Response.

Acheron CFA members who received the medal are:  
David Gamble, Garry DeKlijn, John Turner, Barbara Gamble, Corrie DeKlijn, Helen Godfrey, Jamie Walker, Dale Wakefield.

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