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Acheron Community Hall Newsletter

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Message from the President



As we approach the end of the year, I was pleased to reflect that over the past year, the hall has been regularly used by various community groups and community members for their special events. We

are very lucky to have such a unique and special building for this purpose.

This year the hall committee has been involved in a number of events and projects, including selling Dobson's potatoes at the Easter Fair and in August we had the Christmas themed mid-winter dinner, which is always a great chance for Acheron community members to catch up, and is our main fundraiser, to enable us the pay for hall running and maintenance. As usual the hall committee deserve a huge thank you for organising the night and for the wonderful support of individuals and local businesses who provide auction items. The sale of John Thorp's pumpkin for \$300 will go down in Acheron Folk-lore.

Our main ongoing project has been the resurfacing of the Acheron tennis court, which is being funded by a 'Tiny Towns Grant' and is due to be completed within the next few weeks (before the Acheron Christmas Party on 13th December). This grant didn't cover the cost of removing the three trees that were growing next to the court, so we were very grateful to receive a 'Community Grant' from the Murrindindi council. This did not cover the entire cost of tree removal and having the stumps ground out, so we elected to remove the wood from the fallen trees ourselves. This proved to be a huge job but became a community effort. It was amazing to see the support we received – those who provided wood splitters, trailers, their labour and morning tea. A massive thank you to everybody who helped out. We were very lucky that the timing coincided with the Alexandra Community Wood auction and we were able to sell 9 trailer loads of wood, which

covered our additional tree removal costs.

We have had two working bees this year and have identified some smaller maintenance issues that need to be addressed next year. David Gamble and Mark Koller deserve a special thank you for their role as maintenance officers who ensure that any issues are promptly dealt with. Barb Gamble also deserves a special mention and thank you, as she takes the hall bookings and ensures that the hall cleaning and grounds are in order for any events that are booked. We are also extremely grateful to Beth Thorp who uses her graphic design skills to skilfully and creatively maintain our website, create invitations to events and produce these informative newsletters each year. In addition we thank John and Beth Thorp for storing the very delicious Sedona Estate 2021 Shiraz which is available for purchase at \$168 per dozen. Proceeds go towards hall running and maintenance costs. Contact John if you would like to purchase: 0417 036 142.

This year we welcomed our new treasurer Pauline Manthorpe to the committee and it has been great to have her join us. The community is lucky to have such a long serving and hard -working hall committee. We are very sad to announce that our long serving secretary, Jan Fallon is stepping down. I thank her for her support and great organisational skills. Her involvement with the committee certainly precedes me but we are thrilled that we still have the benefit of her skills and local knowledge as she will continue as a committee member. I would also like to thank Lorraine Redshaw, who has recently been sharing the secretary role with Jan. We are very relieved that Lorraine agreed to take on the role and thrilled to announce that she was elected as the new secretary for the hall committee at the AGM on 16th November 2025 – congratulations and thank you Lorraine.

We are looking forward to catching up with everyone at the Acheron Community Christmas Party on 13th December 2025. The format will revert to the original format where community members BYO food and drinks (BBQ will be available to cook on).

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Winter Dinner 2025 - Christmas Theme

Our Christmas themed Winter Dinner was a fun night with a delicious dinner by the Grant Street Grocer.

Lots of people got into the swing of the evening by dressing up and joining in the Carol singing. There was also an hilarious, energetic, fundraising auction, of donated local goods and services.

The feature item was this 8.2kg pumpkin grown by John Thorp and selling for \$300.

The Hall was beautifully decorated by the Committee and added to the festive mood.

Photo on the right thanks to Sophie Sheehan of the Grain Store.



Acheron Spring Rainfall

The rain we expected to fall in Winter finally arrived in Spring, some might say - 'better late than never' and be grateful for what we did receive.

The Spring months of September to November gave us 192mm. This was 37% of the total rainfall for the first eleven months of 2025.

Compared to recent years this was pretty much average. Last year - 164 mm.

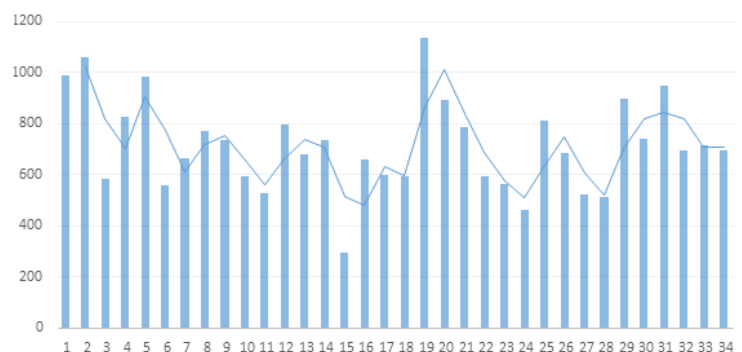
In 2023 - 282mm.

But a lot less than 2022 when 406mm of Spring rain created a situation which resulted in the Breakaway Bridge becoming unusable.

A problem which is still to be rectified.

Rainfall is measured in the hills, east of the river.

September to November 2025 in millimetres.
Moving Annual Total - 34 Year History



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