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Acheron Community Hall Newsletter

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Message from the Acheron Hall Committee President



After a challenging start to 2026 for many residents in the area, we have reached the half-way point and it is time to provide an update from the Acheron Hall Committee. I'm pleased to report that with the completion of our

tennis court project at the end of 2025, we don't have any other major projects on the go! However, it is great to hear that the tennis court has been regularly used by the community during the fine weather; the wonderful new surface means that the court can now be safely used all year round and is clear of puddles and leaf debris and is definitely a facility to be proud of and enjoyed by everyone.

The tennis court has a long history in Acheron dating back to its first 'opening' in 1926, where Geoff Dobson's grandmother hit the first ball over the net. Unfortunately the tennis court fell into disrepair in the 70s and was only recently 'rediscovered' and cleared of debris and had its second 'opening' in 2016. This year we had a 'third opening' of the tennis court (100 years since the first one) to celebrate the final stage of the tennis court renovation. Given Geoff Dobson's long history with the tennis court, we were very lucky to have him cut the ribbon to officially open the court. The hall committee had a working bee on 21st June which entailed weed control around the tennis court, tidying the hall garden and sanding and painting the hall windowsills which were deteriorating. We still need to

remove the piles of debris around the tennis court which we fortunately have Greg Rennie assisting with.

Many people might not realise that the hall can be booked for private events (special rate for Acheron residents). It is a great venue for any special event and has a well-equipped kitchen, crockery, cutlery, wine glasses, airconditioning, tables and chairs etc – bookings can be made through Barb Gamble (phone 0417 013 701).

The next community event at the hall will be the ever-popular mid-winter dinner. This year we have decided to keep it simple and have no particular theme, just a cosy dinner to brighten up winter and provide an opportunity for the everyone to catch up and enjoy a delicious meal provided, as usual by Grant St Grocer. Please see the attached invitation and call Bronwyn or Anita to buy your tickets. You can nominate to sit with

others at a table, or we will allocate you to a table!

We will again have an auction to raise funds for the upkeep and improvements to the hall (e.g. electrical work needed and water management for flushing the toilets). Any contributions for auction items or

services would be gratefully received. Please call me on 0425 749 188.

If your wine supply needs topping up, we

continue to have our 2021 Sedona Estate Shiraz available from John Thorp (0417 036 142) at \$168 per dozen which also contributes to our fundraising efforts.

If you have any suggestions for the hall committee to follow up, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Looking forward to seeing you at the mid-winter dinner on 8th August.

Pam Ross



Geoff Dobson cutting the ribbon at the tennis court grand opening



A game of Pickle Ball in progress

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Acheron Christmas Picnic 2025



Our Acheron Hall Christmas picnic was well attended. Santa arrived in the Acheron fire truck as usual. As the photos suggest a relaxing enjoyable evening was had, with locals catching-up with their neighbours, whom they often only see to speak to, at these occasions, and not just 'in-passing' on the road.

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST AT 6.00PM



Acheron Hall

COSY Winter Dinner

It's winter and the nights are cold and dreary, so rug up and venture out to brighten yourselves up at our 'Cosy Winter Dinner'. Seating is tables of 8, with a total limit of 72 persons. This will be a fun evening where grownups can relax and enjoy themselves.

Cost \$80 each. Catering by The Grant Street Grocer, the food will be hearty winter fare. BYO drinks. Bookings: Anita 0428 360 886 or Bronwyn 0429 174 904.

Pre payment is required and can be made online: (note new account details) Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account No. 204 342 919 Payment labelled:

'Winter Dinner', with your name.

HAMPER RAFFLE & SHORT AUCTION



Acheron Rainfall 2026 - the first 6 months

Acheron Rainfall – January to June 2026

So far, 2026 has provided a good supply of beneficial rainfall. Acheron received 371.5 mm of rain in the months January to June. This was more than double the rainfall received in the first six months of 2025.

For 2026, June was the wettest month with 128 mm of rain, with nearly half the June rainfall received on the last day of the month. Except for June 1999, this year's June rainfall is the highest recorded in Acheron for 35 years. The Graph shows the 35 Year 'Moving Annual Total' of Rainfall at Acheron. Rainfall is measured in the hills, east of the Acheron River.

Rainfall at Acheron in mm.

Moving Annual Total - 35 Year History



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