

Acheron Community Hall

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Newsletter

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President's Message



Finally we have had some useful rain and the trees and garden around our Hall are looking much happier. We have been able to rely on the updated watering system to save our precious plants - but there is no substitute for welcome rain.

Last year, Consumer Affairs Victoria published the 'Associations Incorporation Reform Act - 2012. Model Rules for an Incorporated Association'. This act covers our 'Acheron Mechanics Institute Inc', and after wading through the sixty five pages of rules we are of the opinion that the new rules are welcome.

During January, we said farewell to Elaine Furniss and Michael Thornton. The Hall Committee contributed with a fund raising 'Sausage Sizzle' at their Clearing Sale. This was lots of fun and a terrific community event with a good financial result for the Hall.

Planning for Acheron Community Hall's Centenary continues and the writing of the History Project is nearing completion. The contributions from some of our long established Acheron families have been very valuable.

The Hall has hosted weddings in January and March, and with Easter approaching our forward bookings include the return of the Alexandra and District Open Gardens Club dinner and a birthday celebration.

This month we are starting a trial to see if Acheron residents would like to sell their not needed but good quality goods via a Classified Advertisements column in our newsletter. It would be on an 'honour system' with a 10% of the selling price donation made to the Acheron Community Hall.

The Committee extends their best wishes to all Acheron Residents for a happy and safe Easter.

Cheers

John Thorp

President – Acheron Community Hall Committee

New Tanker for Acheron CFA is here

It finally arrived and was worth the wait! Acheron's new medium tanker is one of the first of seventy or more new tankers designed to replace those originally purchased by CFA after the Ash Wednesday fires. Whilst considerably larger than the old tanker it is designed to carry out the same role and carries about the same amount of water. Some of the key features are:

- Crew cab designed to carry 5 fire-fighters
- Strong emphasis on safety with lap sash seat belts, roll over protection, drop down heat shields and water sprays
- Four wheel drive
- Monitor (water cannon) mounted on the front
- Two high pressure hose reels mounted on the back

The new tanker can be inspected any Sunday morning from 9.00am.



The new and the old.

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Farewell afternoon tea at Acheron Community Hall



Acheron residents and friends bid farewell to Elaine Furniss and Michael Thornton at a very pleasant afternoon tea in the Hall on Sunday 10th February. Unfortunately Michael was unable to attend due to ill health. Elaine and Michael are leaving Acheron to return to the city.

A number of presentations were made to recognise and

thank Elaine and Michael for the contributions they have made to the local community during their time at Acheron. These include Elaine's tireless and ongoing efforts writing and directing the Acheron History Project and Michael's thought provoking column in the local Standard. We will all miss Elaine and Michael's warm and generous friendship.



Classified ads in the Acheron Hall Newsletter

We are starting classified advertisements in our newsletter. If you have something that you wish to sell, you can advertise free of charge, and if a sale is made you donate 10% of the selling price to the Acheron Community Hall. The donation will be on an honours system - cheque made payable to Acheron Community Hall or money deposited directly into the Acheron Community Hall bank account. See details below. To place an advertisement: send a description, price and vendor's telephone number and or email address to acheronhall@gmail.com Advertisements will be carried for one issue of the newsletter, but may be re-booked for subsequent editions.

Donations to be sent direct to our bank account:

BSB 083 503 Account No: 515634643

Cheques made payable to Acheron Community Hall and forwarded to:

the Treasurer Acheron Community Hall

PO Box 186 Alexandra 3417

Please include your name and the ref: ACH classifieds.

Vale Leo Doyle

At the end of last year we were all saddened to hear of the passing of our good friend and neighbour Leo Doyle. He will be remembered as a business man, a gold prospector, and particularly as a musician who entertained us on many occasions. We extend our condolences to Barbara and family.

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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Look at the Acheron history project at <http://acheronhistory.wikispaces.com/>
(no longer on Wikipedia)

Rainfall in Acheron 2013 - east bank of the river

At the moment our water tanks and dams are much lower than we would like, and it is interesting to note that this year we have only had 78.5mm of rainfall, compared with 333mm for the same period last year. The trend line

is dramatically down and since 1992 it is only in 2002 and 2006 when rainfall for any 12 month period was less than it is right now. You can draw your own conclusions from this observation and plan accordingly.

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