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# Acheron Community Hall Newsletter

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## President's Report - May 2018



The winter quarter is now with us and this gives us an opportunity to update our plans for the coming months and to review our recent achievements.

Significantly the most exciting news concerns the upgrading of the Acheron Tennis Club. Major improvements have been made. New wire netting to contain the balls within the court, the pouring of the concrete slabs for the shelter shed and basket-ball hoop and the landscaping of ground surrounding the court surface. These improvements were organised and carried out by The Tennis Club Committee during numerous working bees and with help from local residents. The Acheron tennis court, first established in the 1920's is now reborn. Funding for these works follows from a grant made to the Acheron Mechanics Institute by the Marysville & Triangle Bushfire Fund, and from donations.

The Tennis Club welcomes new members.

On Sunday morning, June 3rd in the Hall at 10.30am we have organised a training session for residents interested in learning C.P.R. and Defibrillator technique. All Acheron residents are welcome to attend. The session should last about 1 hour.

Planning for the Annual Dinner to be held Saturday night the 11th of August is underway. There will be an Italian theme. This is sure to be a great night so best put the date in your diary now. Full details will be available in the near future.

Also for your diary is the date for the Acheron Hall Christmas Party. This year it will be held on the 1st of December. This is the FIRST Saturday in December and is a week earlier than usual.

Fundraising activities to cover the cost of running and maintaining the Hall are always ongoing. The Hall Committee is exploring some new ideas in this regard. Following the sell-out success of the Acheron Hall Wine, another bottling is in hand.

Available soon!

Cheers, John Thorp (Committee President)

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## Did you know?

There is now an official Acheron bus stop. Located at the corner of the Maroondah Highway and Connellys Creek Road, the stop is a REQUEST stop on McKenzie's bus route 684.

A "Myki Card" is necessary to ride the bus.



## Acheron year-to-date rainfall - 2018

So far, 2018 has been dry. Much less rain than last year.

Jan-May 2018 - 84.4 mm.

Jan-May 2017 -222.0mm.

The "Moving Annual Total" for 12 months to May 2018 is 583.5mm.

The previous year it was 769.5mm.

The average yearly rainfall over the past 27

years is 710mm.

The lowest was 297.5mm in 2006.

The highest was 1137.3mm in 2010.

Although there were quite a few days when the temperature was around 35 degrees, we did not have a single day over 40 degrees.

Rainfall and Temperature as measured in the hills, east of the river.

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# Acheron Rural Fire Brigade Awards and Elections



Acheron CFA Brigade held its AGM and biennial elections on 20 May. Brian Wright, CFA operations officer for District 12, presented service awards and medals to numerous long standing members.

Bev Dick accepted a 25 year medal on behalf of Dale Wakefield. David and Barb Gamble received a 20 year medal, having both recently retired from active firefighting. Captain Alan Harding thanked Dale, David and Barb for their outstanding service to the Brigade in many roles over the years. Dale was a Lieutenant for many years, and David was Captain from 2006 to 2010. Communications Officer Helen Godfrey highlighted how much she had relied upon both Dale, David and Barb, when she needed crew to turn out.

Other awards included a 15 year medal to Maureen Collard, who spoke fondly of her participation in Brigade meetings. 5 year certificates of service were presented to Pam and Murray Ross, Gail, Simon and Andy Lloyd, and John Allen, who also has recently retired from active duty upon his relocation to Benalla.

Captain Alan Harding spoke about the property visits carried out by the Brigade and how they assist the Brigade members with local knowledge which can be crucial in the event of a fire. He encouraged residents to get in touch to arrange a visit at a mutually convenient time.

This year on 18<sup>th</sup> November, the Brigade is planning to hold a "Bring your own Pump and Machinery day", which will provide an opportunity for all residents to learn from each other about their privately owned equipment and help the Brigade to understand what assistance it might obtain from residents in the event of a local fire. More details will be provided closer to the time.

The elections for the Brigade management team were held, with most positions being re-elected. Bev Dick retired from her role as the Community Safety Officer, and Cathie Harper was elected to this role. Alan Harding thanked Bev and highlighted how successful she had been in lifting the Acheron community fire safety awareness.



Acheron Brigade members  
From left, David Gamble, Barb Gamble, Gail Lloyd, Pam Ross, Murray Ross, Andy Lloyd, John Allen, Maureen Collard, Bev Dick, Helen Godfrey, CFA'S Brian Wright, and Captain, Alan Harding.



David Gamble presented with his 20 year medal

The results of the Elections were as follows:

Position	Current Name
Chair	John Turner
Captain	Alan Harding
Community Safety Co-ordinator	Cathie Harper
Secretary	Andy Lloyd
Treasurer	Sue Moran
1st Lieutenant	Tim Buckley
2nd Lieutenant	Murray Ross
3rd Lieutenant	Andy Lloyd
4th Lieutenant	Sue Moran
Training Officer	Murray Ross
Apparatus Officer	Peter Moran
Communications Officer	Helen Godfrey
Health and Safety Officer	Tim Buckley
VFBV Delegate	David Gamble
Alex Group Delegates	Alan Harding and Tim Buckley