

MAY 2021

Acheron Community Hall Newsletter

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Message from the President



C OVID 19 has meant a lot of things have changed but life goes on as we have become accustomed to doing things a bit differently. The Hall Committee has continued to manage,

maintain and fundraise, and considering the situation, the Hall's affairs are in good shape.

Currently we are finalizing arrangements to repaint the Hall's exterior as part of the ten year cyclical maintenance program. We are delighted to announce that the Acheron Mechanics' Institute has been successful in applying for a grant for the hall painting and the upgrading of the toilet block, to make it a bit more user friendly. The grant comes through 'The Indi Stronger Community Program', which is Federally funded.

Stocks of Acheron Hall Wine [Sedona] Shiraz and Sauvignon Blanc have been replenished and are available to purchase. A fundraising raffle is being organised with a Marian Rennie framed multi-media signed print on canvas as the prize.

Planning is underway to hold the annual Winter Dinner on Saturday Evening, the 14th of August. Keep this date in mind if you plan to attend. There will be a theme and the recently acquired pianola is sure to play a part.

I am pleased to report that the Hall has been in constant use over summer and autumn. It has been used for a wide range of purposes by locals and it is good to see the community making use of their facility.

John Thorp
Acheron Hall Committee President

Acheron Hall Winter Dinner



Keep this date free, Saturday August 14th.

At this point in time, Covid restrictions mean that our Winter Dinner can be held. This year the theme is 'Old Time Music Hall'. So you can dress up or dress down accordingly. Seating will be in tables of 8, with a limit of 72 persons attending. This is a fun evening where grownups can relax and enjoy themselves. Cost and booking details to be advised at a future date. Registration and Covid

Safe practice to be adhered to.

2021 Rainfall at Acheron

Last year in April 234.5mm of rain fell onto our thirsty landscape.

This year 2021 was more like we would normally expect - 20mm. Consequently our rainfall for 2021 looks a bit low when compared to 2020. The difference is

around 200mm lower - for what fell in April.

But it's not too bad. We had 254mm of rainfall for the period Jan – May 2021.

This is within the range of rainfall we expect at this time of the year.

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Fund Raising raffle of Marian Rennie multi-media print

Tickets for the raffle, at a cost of \$2.00 each, or \$5.00 for 3, will be available in Grant Street Alexandra on Fridays and Saturdays, July 23, 24, 30 and 31st, and August 6 and 7th at 9.00 - 1.00pm, outside FoodWorks supermarket.

The multi-media, framed, signed print on canvas, will be on display. The raffle will be drawn at the Acheron Hall Winter Dinner on Saturday August 14th.

Marian Rennie's studio.



Dr Helen Haines visits Acheron Hall



During February, The Acheron Hall was visited by Dr.Helen Haines, our Independent Federal Member for Indi. Helen was in Murrindindi and took the opportunity to see the Hall.

Committee members were on hand to open the front door and display the beautiful timber interior.

Helen loved the building and was very interested in the community's involvement. Perhaps we can persuade Helen to return for a longer visit.

Dr Helen Haines with Acheron hall Committee member Dr Pamela Ross

Acheron Hall Wine

Sedona Estate Vintage 2017, is now available for purchase.

Call John Thorp on 0417 036 142 to order and arrange collection.

Payment can be made on line:

Acheron Hall banking details:
NAB Alexandra.

BSB 083 503 Account Number: 515634643

Shiraz & Sauvignon Blanc
\$13.00 per bottle.

Shiraz & Sauvignon Blanc
\$12.00 per bottle in case quantities of 12 bottles
Total for 12 bottles \$144.00



If you have new neighbours who would like to receive this newsletter, please arrange for their email details to be sent to us. acheronhall@gmail.com

We are grateful that we have had a relatively quiet summer after the very busy summer we had last year with the horrendous fire conditions.

The Brigade biennial elections were held on 28th March having been delayed by Covid.

The new Brigade Management team now comprises

Chair – John Turner

Captain – Alan Harding

1st Lieutenant – Adam Kamenek

2nd Lieutenant – Murray Ross

3rd Lieutenant and Secretary – Andy Lloyd

4th Lieutenant and Treasurer– Sue Moran

Apparatus Officer - Michael Harper

Comms Officer - Helen Godfrey

OH&S Officer - Tony Corkhill

Training officer- Adam Kamenek

Asst Training officer -Tony Corkhill

Community Safety Officer – Bev Dick

Alex Group delegates – Alan Harding + Adam Kamenek

Congratulations to all upon your election.

We are pleased to have welcomed two new active members, Josh Harding, Colin McLean. Thanks to them for taking on the considerable task of getting through the CFA training requirements.

Our brigade is very grateful to have been awarded a number of grants over the past 3 years.

1. We were successful with VESEP grant to expand our water storage and now have 45000 litres of firefighting water capacity
2. We received new helmet torches and T-CFAS T-shirts and shorts as part of the award from donations distributed by the CFSA from donations made during last summer.
3. We received a very generous grant from the Marysville and Triangle Foundation Bushfire fund for the Purchase of a new Ipad to provide improved mapping, weather and information capability in our tanker. We acknowledge the Marysville and Triangle Foundation and thank them for their support in this regard. You will hear more in coming months as we learn to use this invaluable tool.
4. Finally were successful in the latest round of VESEP grants for a thermal imaging camera and relative humidity and wind meter. These pieces of equipment will enhance our capacity to mop up more effectively, and to anticipate fire conditions.

We invite all Acheron residents and friends to mark in your diaries to join us at 10.30am Sunday 21 November for our next general meeting. This year will conduct our normal briefing on the summer fire preparedness, and also the CFA will be providing free health checks to all, after which we will hold a BBQ.