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# Acheron Community Hall Newsletter

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## Message from the President



**D**ear Acheron Residents,  
Since the last newsletter in October, the hall committee has been busy with a number of events and projects. The 2024 Christmas party was well attended and we enjoyed a delicious meal, with a great selection of nibbles and salads provided by Grant St Grocer and spit roast meats cooked and served beautifully by the Irvines

and Coles. **We are very grateful to the Murrindindi Council for enabling us to take advantage of the generous support for the catering, provided through the Commonwealth State Disaster Funding Arrangements (DRFA).** It was a lovely opportunity to catch up with everyone.

The film 'Weekend at Nans' was shown on 15th November 2024 at the Acheron Hall and was very well attended. We are grateful to the film's director, Matt Harris for enabling us to see this wonderful film and for the interesting account he gave about making the film. It was followed by a delicious supper, provided by the hall committee.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 17th November 2024, where we thanked our valued departing committee members, John Turner and John Thorp. We are very pleased to welcome our two new committee members, Pauline Manthorpe, who has replaced Sue Moran as treasurer, and Sophie Bickley. Fortunately, Sue remains on the hall committee.

There are always maintenance tasks to complete and we have held two successful working bees at the hall recently. In November we removed the unsafe wooden play structure at the back of the hall and lots of gardening and tidying up was achieved. At the next working bee, a fallen tree was removed at the back of the hall – see pictures. Thanks to everyone for their hard work.

Our fundraising activities continue to be important to enable the maintenance of the hall and fund the other associated costs (insurance, electricity, termite protection etc). Thank you to the committee members who sold potatoes, generously provided by the Dobsons, at the Alexandra Easter Fair, and thank you also to John Thorp who has organised the purchase of the very popular Sedona Estate 2021 Shiraz, which we are selling as a

fundraiser. Please contact John on 0417 036 142, if you would like to stock up for winter! The cost is \$168.00 per dozen or \$14.00 per bottle.

The next main event will be the very popular mid-winter dinner on Saturday 9th August, so put it in your diary.

### Tennis court news

As many of you will be aware, the Acheron tennis court is in poor condition and is not safe to play on, so our main project this year is to upgrade the surface of the old tennis court with funds received from a Tiny Towns grant through the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions. The new tennis court surface will include markings for a pickle ball court and will remain open for all community members to access. We expect the new synthetic grass tennis court surface will be laid around the middle of the year.

In 2017 the Acheron Tennis Club committee was formed and in addition to trying to encourage social tennis, the committee also managed the installation of a new fence, shelter and basketball ring. The Acheron Tennis Club committee is no longer active and as the tennis court is located on land that belongs to the Acheron Mechanics Institute, the responsibility for the upkeep of the tennis court, including the resurfacing project, has returned to the Acheron Hall committee. The project required us to remove the three redgum trees that were growing within the fence-line right next to the tennis court.

**We were very fortunate to obtain a Community Projects Grant from the Murrindindi Shire Council which significantly contributed to the cost of removing the trees and has enabled us to go ahead with the tennis court resurfacing project.**

The hall committee is also grateful to the Acheron CFA, who will be assisting us to split the wood from the removed trees, at a working bee on 17th May 2025 at 10am. To contribute to the overall tennis court project costs, we intend to sell a number of trailer loads of the split wood at the Alexandra Community Wood Auction, which will be held at the rear of Rural Embling in Alexandra, on 24th May 2025 at 10.00am, organised by Andrew Embling.

Any left-over wood will be available for purchase by community members. We will advise further details in the next newsletter which will also include exciting details about the mid-winter dinner and hopefully news that the tennis court is ready to use.

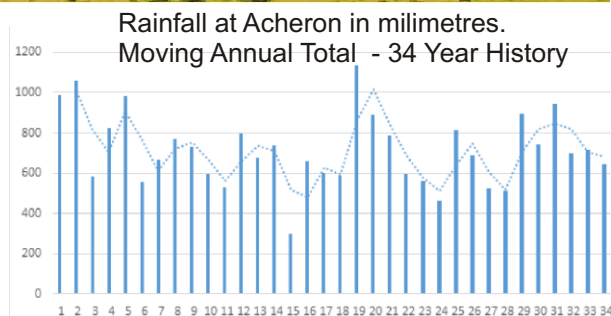
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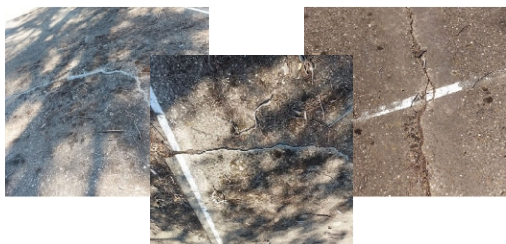


# Acheron Rainfall January to April 2025

We haven't had much rain. 'We're having a dry year', 'Old Acheron Hands' tell me, I won't argue with their assessment. The Moving Annual Total for the past 34 years averages 714mm of rainfall per year. At this point in time, we are sitting on a M.A.T. of 643.5mm. Not too bad but the trend line is down. Just to hold the current rainfall average for the first six months of 2025 we need 103mm of rain to fall in the May-June period. At the time of writing this expectation is a bit hopeful. Rainfall for January to April 2025 = 81.5mm. 2024 = 304.0mm Rainfall is measured in the hills, east of the river.

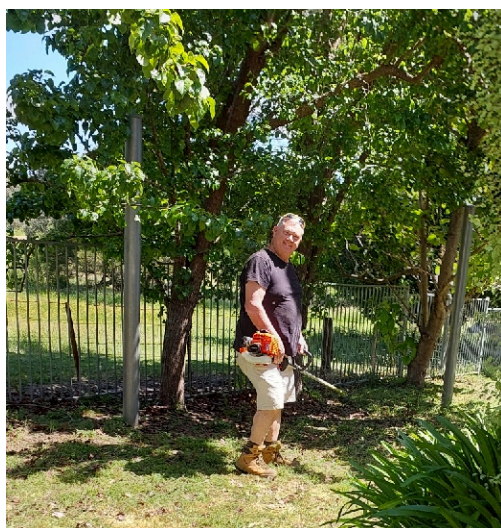


## Damage to the tennis court surface

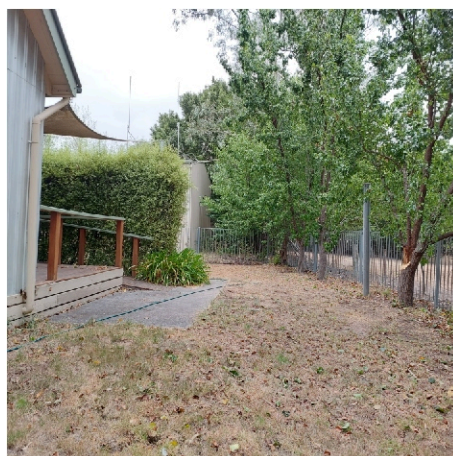


The tennis court surface is cracked and broken and in need of repair. The damage caused by wear and tear and tree roots. The project to fix it required us to remove the three redgum trees that were growing within the fence-line right next to the tennis court. We expect the new synthetic grass tennis court surface will be laid around the middle of the year.

## Locals working hard at the hall working bees



## Before and after tree damage cleanup in the back garden



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