

# Acheron Community Hall

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# Newsletter

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## President's Report



Greetings to all Acheron residents

I hope that we are all aware of the forthcoming meeting regarding the Breakaway bridge. If not, it will be held at our hall on Thursday, 24th November at 7.00pm. We should all make an effort to attend as this will be the best opportunity Acheron people will get to put their views on what should be done.

Clearly, we must have a viable crossing over the Goulburn River at The Breakaway, suitable for use by residential, commercial and emergency vehicles and we need to be united in our resolve to retain a bridge in whatever form that may take.

But what sort of bridge do we want? It is important you come to the meeting and have your say.

**Breakaway Bridge meeting at  
the Acheron Hall 7.00pm  
24-11-2011**

Since the AGM we have had a number of hall hirings and more booked for the future, including several weddings throughout 2012. We had the Melbourne Cup picnic. Lots of fun

with sweeps, the race being watched live on television and awards for best hats. For this event David Gamble donated a special parabolic projector screen. This will be a valuable asset and addition to the hall's resources. Thank you David.

For people who wish to borrow chairs & tables from the hall, the committee has decided that a donation of fifty cents per chair or table, per day is expected. Most people offer a donation when borrowing so this is not a big change. A "day" includes the opportunity for borrowers to collect and return chairs and tables – 3 to 4 days to pick up and take back. After this, each day is an extra fifty cents donation per chair or table.

With Christmas nearly here we are now planning the Christmas picnic. We are asking the man in the red suit to attend, but we need to know numbers. If your children are coming along please advise us, so we can cater for them with ice creams and lollies. Presents are supplied by parents – with names – to make sure they go to the correct recipients.

Remember the picnic is provided by each individual for their own consumption and sharing. Some carol singing is likely. All welcome to celebrate the season of joy.

Best regards

John Thorp



Bring your own picnic - meat, salad and drinks, card table and chairs. (A gas BBQ is available)

**Ice creams for all - lolly bag for each child.**

There will be carol singing later in the evening.

**And don't forget that Father Christmas always makes an appearance in the fire truck.**

(Parents of young children please bring a small, named wrapped present for Santa to give to each of your children, and can you advise the secretary of the committee how many children will be attending by Dec 5th so we can cater for them.)

**So come along and bring the whole family - children and or grandchildren - we always have a great time!**

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# Cup Day Picnic at the Acheron Hall



It was a beautiful day in Acheron, the barbecue area at the rear of the hall made a perfect picnic place, and the shade the sails provided was much appreciated.



There were a number of sweeps and the race was watched, with much excitement inside the hall on a large screen.

Don't forget to give fund raising points to 645 Acheron Hall when shopping at Reddrops supermarket.

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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## Acheron History Project - now in Wikipedia

Some years ago the Acheron Hall Committee applied for and received a grant to write a history of the Acheron district. A sub-committee was established to carry out this task, with its completion date to coincide with the centenary of the Acheron Hall in 2014. The project is well under way and we have just entered a listing on Wikipedia for individuals to contribute entries of their own family history within the Acheron district, as well as other historical facts which are pertaining to Acheron and are of interest to the community. We ask Acheron families, past and present to participate. The headings for each topic are listed and there are rules for contributions. Be aware that others may make changes to any listings if they disagree.

For more information contact David Gamble on 5772 3305. Find Acheron Victoria at:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acheron,\\_Victoria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acheron,_Victoria)

## Acheron Hall Wine fund raiser

Some Cabernet Sauvignon and NZ Sauvignon Blanc still available. Beer and cider by arrangement. An order form can be obtained from the website, or contact John on 5772 1442.

## Briefly

### Tregaskis family moving on

After 15 years living in Acheron, Jim and Gail Tregaskis are returning to bayside Melbourne to be nearer to their family. An afternoon tea is being organised to say goodbye to them on January 8th at the Acheron Hall. More details at a later date.

The Acheron community is indebted to both Gail and Jim for their tireless service over the years. Gail as a committee member and Jim in the overseeing of the building of toilet block; duty as the man in red and also the piping-in of the pudding at the annual dinner and so much more.

We will miss them greatly.



## Hall Bookings

At present, Barbara Gamble is temporarily unavailable for hall bookings and all the liaison and organisation that goes with this role. In the meantime enquiries should be directed to: John Thorp on 5772 1442.

## October rainfall in Acheron

October Rainfall – 25mm

At the time of writing this report it has raining on and off for the past week. This is good news. We need to top up the water tanks for summer and autumn. But we have had less rain this year than last

and whilst the soil is still quite saturated, we should be aware of the differences - 758.8mm compared to 910.7mm for Jan-Oct 2010. (rainfall measured on eastern side of Acheron River)

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