

Acheron Community Hall

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Newsletter

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President's Message - November 2013



At our recent Acheron Community Hall's AGM a strong and energetic committee was elected with the executive roles being filled by the incumbents and all standing Committee members being re-elected. Peter Sutherland and

Joan Fordham did not stand for re-election and we welcome Gwen Dick and Mary Finch to the Committee.

Our thanks to Peter and Joan for their valuable contributions.

The incoming committee members have a wealth of experience and local knowledge and we are well positioned as we head into 2014 - our Centenary year.

An important part of the Centenary is the writing of a history of Acheron. Pre-paid orders for the hard cover version of this book are now being received and collated. Once the numbers are finalised at the end of this month the printing of the book will be undertaken. Please ensure that

you have seen my covering letter and the order form for '*Acheron - A History of the District*' which has been forwarded to you and which can also be downloaded from our Acheron Hall web site.

The planning of the Centenary celebrations of the Acheron Community Hall is well in hand and details will be available well before the celebration in June 14th and 15th next year. There will be a number of activities and we to seek include all Acheron residents, past and present.

We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful community resource as our hall and the ongoing aim of the Committee is to maintain it and to continually improve its facilities. This coming year the Committee will start to develop our land across the road from the Hall to facilitate and encourage recreational use.

The Hall is there to be used and enjoyed as much as possible by all of Acheron's residents.

John Thorp

President - Acheron Community Hall Committee

Acheron Hall 2013 Committee Members

President	John Thorp	Committee Members
Vice-President	Barbara Gamble	Gwen Dick
Treasurer	Louise Edward	Bronwyn Dobson
Secretary	Lorraine Redshaw	Jan Fallon
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Christmas Party at the Acheron Hall



Mark your calendars now for Saturday the 14th of December at 6.00pm.

Bring your own picnic - meat, salad and drinks. Ice creams and a lolly bag for each child will be provided.

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

(Parents of young children please advise numbers of children attending and bring a small, named, wrapped present for Santa to give to each of your children.)

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

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Winter Dinner

The Winter 'A Little Bit Country' Dinner, was a very enjoyable and successful evening. Lots of fun, great food and company. The auction was a real hoot. Everyone agreed that the hall's new lights are just right. Well done committee.



Classified ads

If you have something to sell, you can advertise here free of charge. 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.



FOR SALE OR SWAP!

Black Face Suffolk Rams
1x 3 year old ram
1x ram lamb

\$100 each or swap for equivalent. Phone 5772 3305

Alexandra High School Mothers' Club Cook Book:1960

compiled from favourite recipes supplied by parents and friends of the school.

Cinnamon Sponge Miss A. Webster

1/2 cup cornflour, 2 teaspoons plain flour, 3/4 teaspoon Cr. of Tartar, 3/4 teaspoon carb. soda, 2 teaspoons cocoa, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 3 eggs, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 dessertspoon golden syrup.

Separate eggs and beat whites with a pinch of salt until stiff, gradually add sugar when dissolved, add yolks and beat till creamy, if using electric beater, be careful not to over beat, about

7 minutes altogether. Sift dry ingredients 3 times and fold into egg mixture then stir in warmed golden syrup, place in 2 8" sandwich tins and bake in a very moderate oven 15 minutes.

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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Rainfall at Acheron

Spring has sprung and we have been experiencing typical spring weather. Frosts, showers, sunshine, high winds and a few thunder storms. It's been a bit cooler and the growing season seems a bit later than usual. But now plants are enjoying their growth spurt as the soil temperature is increasing with warmer days. But what about rainfall?

Since July this year we have had more rain than for the same July-Oct period last year. 317mm this year, 219.5mm last year. This is a change of direction as this year the months Jan to June were considerably drier than for last year – with this year 289.5mm less rain falling.

Welcome spring rain has filled the dams and promoted new growth, but to replenish the sub-soil's retained moisture we still need considerably more rain to fall.

The average yearly rainfall at Acheron since 1992 has been 736.6mm. We are currently sitting on 594.5mm for the twelve months - Nov-2012 to Oct-2013.

A lot more rain is needed - 227.1mm - just to be at average levels. But the trend is encouraging - at least we are moving in the right direction.

N.B. Rainfall is measured on the Eastern side of the Acheron River.

The Breakaway Bridge is open!



The Bridge is open, but still with a restricted 3 tonne weight limit. Apparently, there is some structural work yet to be completed.

To obtain a limited edition hard cover edition of *Acheron a History of the District*, pre-order and pay before 30th November 2013. Order forms are available on our website:
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