

NOVEMBER 2016  
Acheron Community Hall  
**Newsletter**

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## President's Report - November 2016



**O**ur recent Annual General Meeting attracted a very small attendance.

Reports from the Committee Executive stated that the Hall is in good shape, both physically and financially.

The election of the new Committee resulted in all the retiring members being re-elected and the executive returned to office without change.

The re-establishment of the Acheron Tennis Club is now a reality and a drive to attract members is in hand. The Tennis Club will exist within the legal entity of the Acheron Mechanics' Institute, but will operate independently with its own Committee and financial structure. Work has started to clear the road reserve and re-furbish the playing surface. The first Tennis club event will be a "Hit & Giggle" fun afternoon and picnic, on Sunday 4th December from 2.00 pm.

For residents and visitors travelling to and from Acheron by bus, it is of concern that Public Transport Victoria has disallowed any requests for buses to stop at Stonelea on Maroondah Highway at Acheron. This means that travellers are now required to get on or off the bus at either Taggerty or Alexandra, about 10 kilometres in either direction from Acheron. This is clearly very inconvenient. If you would like to add your support to a petition being organised to request Public Transport Victoria to designate an official bus stop at Stonelea, please forward your details to The Acheron Hall at our email address: acheronhall@gmail.com

The fund raiser of specially bottled Acheron Hall wines from the Murrindindi winery, Sedona Estate, have been very popular. Shiraz and a very limited quantity of Riesling is still available. \$12.00 per bottle.

Keep in mind that our Christmas Party is on the second Saturday, 10th of December.

Cheers John Thorp

## Acheron Hall 2016/2017 Committee Members

<b>President</b>	John Thorp	<b>Committee Members</b>	Lorraine Redshaw
<b>Vice-President</b>	Barbara Gamble	Bronwyn Dobson	Antia Rennie
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Moran	David Gamble	Beth Thorp
<b>Secretary</b>	Jan Fallon	Peter Moran	John Turner

## Christmas Party at the Acheron Hall

**Saturday the 10th of December at 6.00pm sharp.**

Bring your own picnic - meat, salad and drinks, tables and chairs. Weather permitting, we'll have our party in front of the hall. (*Inside the hall if it's raining*). Ice creams and a lolly bag will be provided for each child.

And don't forget that Father Christmas always makes an appearance, travelling in the fire truck, he'll arrive at 7.00pm.

(Parents or grandparents of young children, please bring a small, named, wrapped present for Santa to give to each of your children, and place with a committee member on your arrival.)

This will be followed by carol singing. So come along and bring the whole family - children and/or grandchildren - we always have a great time!



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## Acheron Tennis Club "Hit and Giggle Day"

The Acheron Tennis Club has been reformed and will be holding a "Hit and Giggle Day" at the Acheron Hall court on Sunday 4th

December at 2.00pm. All welcome. Please bring your own BBQ, food and drinks.

The club is selling raffle tickets and the raffle will be drawn on the day. First prize is a Marian Rennie mixed media artwork, second prize is a tennis racket and third a can of tennis balls. The club is grateful to Marian Rennie and Alexandra Sports for the generous support.



Cracks to be repaired



Grinding away the bumps and levelling the cracks



Gravel being spread around the court and tamped down.

Members have been busy in recent weeks refurbishing the tennis court, which was built in 1928. The cottonwood trees have

been cleared, and playing surface repaired.

The Club Committee comprises Andy Lloyd, Joanna Willey, Paul Redshaw, Barb and David Gamble, Bev Dick, Pam Ross, John Turner and John Thorp.

Please return the attached form on next page of this newsletter for tickets in the raffle, and/or to join the club, to:

[acherontennis@gmail.com](mailto:acherontennis@gmail.com)

or see any of the committee members for more details.

The Tennis club is affiliated with the Acheron Hall.

## Acheron CFA Community Meeting Sunday 20th November

The Acheron Rural Fire Brigade will hold a General Meeting on Sunday 20th November 2016 at 10.30am at the Acheron Hall.

The meeting will be followed by a Guest Speaker from the CFA, who will demonstrate fire behaviour on a fire table, and discuss fire planning in readiness for the fire season.

Following the demonstration, morning tea will be served in the Hall. All members of the Acheron community are welcome and encouraged to attend.



## Acheron Hall available for hire



Don't forget, the Acheron Hall is available for hire for your next function - party, wedding, dinner, meeting, etc. It has a well equipped

kitchen; tables and chairs for 80 people as well as extra seating in the form of pews; a shaded outdoor area and wheelchair access.

### COST

Meetings & small gatherings:	\$2.00 gold coin donation from each participant
Half day:	\$50
Less than half day:	\$15 per hour
Parties and major events:	Locals \$100 Non-residents \$200

### BOOKINGS:

Barbara Gamble on 0417 013 701 or [barbaramgamble@bigpond.com](mailto:barbaramgamble@bigpond.com)

## A Year that the Rains came.

This past winter and spring was wet, wetter than we might have expected, having had relatively low winter/spring rainfalls since 2011. With just 5mm falling in this first week of November, we are trending towards 430mm for the June to November period. This will be almost twice as much rainfall

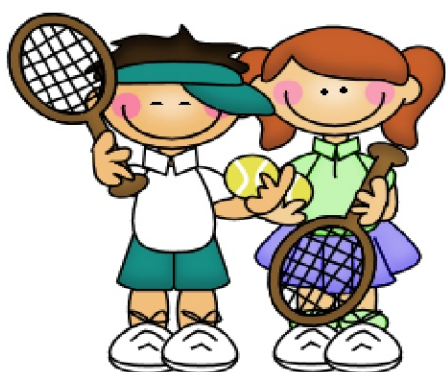
compared to the same period last year. However this is only two thirds of the winter/spring rainfall we experienced in 2011. But this year the rains fell steadily and gently during the period and the ground was able to soak up and retain the moisture. A generally good outcome.

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. [acheronhall@gmail.com](mailto:acheronhall@gmail.com)

# THE ACHERON TENNIS CLUB

has been reformed. We are calling for new members. We are resurrecting the court and will be ready to play our first **'Hit and Giggle' on Sunday 4th December at 2 PM.**

At the court at the Acheron Hall. BYO BBQ food and drinks. A great opportunity to get yourself and the kids involved in some outdoors activity. All welcome!



Tennis Club RAFFLE will be drawn at the Hit and Giggle. First prize Marion Rennie mixed media 1020x620cm artwork. Second prize tennis racket; Tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5.

Membership is \$5 for a single player and only \$10 for the family. Cash donations towards our court upgrade gratefully accepted.

Please direct debit our account detailed below and email confirmation

## Acheron Tennis Club 2016 Membership form

Name: . . . . .

Address: . . . . .

Email: . . . . . Phone :. . . . .

Single: \$5. . . . . Family: \$10. . . . . \_\_\_ raffle tickets

Total remitted \_\_\_\_\_ Acheron Tennis Club Bank details.

Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 Account 158647008

Contact Secretary Joanna Willey on 0433636009 or email [acherontennis@gmail.com](mailto:acherontennis@gmail.com)

Acheron Tennis Club is affiliated with Acheron Hall; Committee: Andy Lloyd, Barb and David Gamble, Bev Dick, Paul Redshaw, Pam and Murray Ross, John Turner, John Thorp. Thanks to our sponsors Marian Rennie and Alexandra Sports