

Acheron Community Hall

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Newsletter

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President's Message



This is my first opportunity since our AGM, to address the Acheron community since being re-elected to the role of President of the Acheron Hall Committee.

We are fortunate that the previous, very strong and energetic committee has been re-elected, with all positions and specific responsibilities being re-filled by the incumbents. Additionally we are further strengthened by the election of Jan Fallon to the committee. Jan is a very experienced and competent committee member, having previously served on our Hall committee, in an executive role.

I am particularly pleased that we have such an able committee to carry out the planning and implementation of our Hall's forthcoming Centenary celebrations in 2014.

This important milestone should be an event in which all Acheron residents, past and present can participate.

In time for the Centenary we are upgrading the Hall's lighting, in keeping with the Hall's character, but giving much improved illumination and control.

An important part of the Centenary is the writing of a history of Acheron. As this work is nearing completion we need to ensure that all residents have had the opportunity to contribute details of their family's history and of their contributions to the settlement and development of our district.

Do you have a contribution to make? If so, please contact our historians as quickly as possible.

Throughout the coming year your Committee will continue to maintain and improve our Hall and to ensure it is used and enjoyed as much as possible by all of Acheron's residents. As I have said previously, we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful community resource – our ongoing aim is to make it even better.

John Thorp

President – Acheron Hall Committee

Acheron Hall Annual General Meeting

The 2012 Acheron Hall AGM was held on Sunday 16th of September at 11.00am. All positions were declared vacant and nominations called for. All existing office

bearers and committee members were re-nominated and unanimously re-elected, plus one new member. We welcome Jan Fallon to the committee.

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Bronwyn Dobson
Jan Fallon
Joan Fordham
Anita Rennie
Peter Sutherland
Beth Thorp
Andrea Turner

Christmas Party at the Acheron Hall



Mark your calendars now for Saturday the 8th of December at 6.00pm.

Bring your own picnic - meat, salad and drinks. Ice creams will be free. Also a free lolly bag for each child - we will need to know numbers of children closer to the time.

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.)

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

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Winter Dinner a great success



Saturday night (11th Aug) Acheron Hall was the place to be for our Winter Dinner.

The evening went well with a delicious meal by Alan & Lisa Harding and team. The entertainment was from the strolling Magician David Jones, who confounded us all with his very clever tricks and illusions.

We even managed to raise some funds for our current hall improvement project - new lighting for the hall.



Welcome to newcomers

Acheron welcomes new residents Sophie and John Bickley and family. They have purchased a property on Squires Road.



We wish them a long and happy residency at Acheron and look forward to enjoying their company at community gatherings and social events in the future.

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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Look at the Acheron history project at <http://acheronhistory.wikispaces.com/>
(no longer on Wikipedia)

Last call for information & photos for the History Project

If you have any information or photos relevant to the history of Acheron families or the area, that you would like to contribute to the History Project, please contact Andrea or Elaine as soon as possible at acheronhistoryproject@virtual.net.au as the deadline is looming.

Rainfall in Acheron August to October 2012

Winter is gone and the last month of Spring is upon us. So what happened to the rain? In August to October this year we recorded 149mm. Last year for the same months, we had 191.9mm of rainfall. Interestingly we have had 57mm less rainfall so far this year than for last year and 42.1mm of this was in the last three months. On 24/10/2012 the Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology issued the following Seasonal Rainfall outlook for Victoria :

"The chances of a drier or wetter November to January period are roughly equal across the rest (lower part) of SA and NSW, as well as Victoria and Tasmania."
Could this mean we will have normal rainfall?

We don't think so!

After all - if you stand with one foot in a bucket of hot water and the other foot is in a bucket of cold water you do not have a warm bottom.

Here in Acheron the average rainfall for the Nov – Jan period since the year 2000 is 153.4mm.

But the variance is huge 325.5mm in 2010/11. 56mm in 2001/02 and also 56mm in 2006/07.

We can't see that this B.O.M. forecast helps us much, but at least we have a 50-50 chance of getting it right. Hedging your bets by conserving water from now on would be a good strategy.

N.B. Rainfall measured on the Eastern side of the river.

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