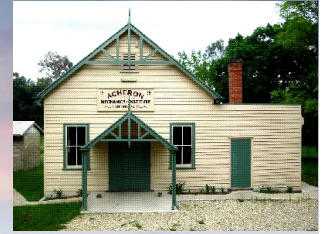
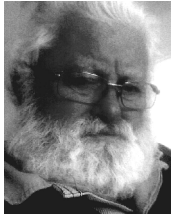


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Acheron Community Hall
Newsletter

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Message from the President



Since our last newsletter there have been some developments to share with you. Firstly, because of Covid we have been forced to cancel our

Annual Dinner for 2021. We are disappointed as the opportunity to enjoy our community get together has been missed for a second year running. People who have paid for their tickets are in the process of having their booking money returned. The committee is exploring what opportunities exist to have a dinner at the next opportunity. The Christmas Party is planned for Saturday 11th December. Santa Claus will visit if all goes well.

The drawing of the raffle for the Marion Rennie limited edition print will take place on this evening.

Tickets are available from Jan Fallon on 0419 871 483.

The painting of the Hall's exterior has been recently completed and we are very pleased to have had our local painter Rod Tandy available to do the work. Rod has taken great care to repair and paint the exterior timbers. He reports that cockatoos are a menace as they chew away at window ledges and fascias, but these are now repaired. Some bird spikes have now been installed to guard against further bird attack.

The toilet block has been upgraded with a roller front door, weather proof windows, repairs to fascias and spouting and drainage to prevent ingress of rain water. Some parts of the project are still to be carried out.

The AGM to elect a committee of management is upcoming and Acheron residents interested in carrying out a role are invited to contact us. We need some incoming new people to help keep the Hall going.

John Thorp - Committee President

2021 Rainfall at Acheron

As we approach the last months of the year the sound of ride-on mowers is resonating through-out our valley. And despite the on again – off again weather we have been experiencing this year, or perhaps because of it, we can be pleased that our 2021 rainfall compares quite well with previous years.

So far this year we have had 596 mm of rainfall to the end of September. Last year we had 740 mm in the same period with

234 mm of it falling in April alone.

The Moving Annual Total for the last 30 years averages 709 mm per year. At this point in time, we are sitting on a M.A.T. of 754 mm. Not too bad.

We have been receiving a little bit of rain quite often. Perhaps not quite enough for farming and hay making, but enough to be pushing up the grass on the lawns around the house.

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Acheron Hall Winter Dinner CANCELLED this year

Email us if you have any news for the next newsletter on
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Hall painting and toilet upgrade nearing completion



Front view of hall with Cherry picker - work in progress.



Three quarter view of hall - painting finished.



Toilet block upgrade with new rainwater drainage.



Toilet block external roller door.



Weather proof windows.



Rear decking.

Fund Raising raffle of Marian Rennie multi-media print

Tickets for the raffle, at a cost of \$2.00 each, or \$5.00 for 3, will be available in Grant Street Alexandra on Fridays and Saturdays, October 29 and 30th, at 9.00 - 1.00pm, outside FoodWorks supermarket.

The multi-media, framed, signed print on canvas, will be on display. The raffle will be drawn at the Acheron Hall Christmas Party on Saturday December 11th.

Marian Rennie's studio.



Acheron Hall Wine

Sedona Estate Vintage 2017, is now available for purchase.

Call John Thorp on 0417 036 142 to order and arrange collection.

Payment can be made on line:

Acheron Hall banking details:
NAB Alexandra.

BSB 083 503 Account Number: 515634643

Shiraz

\$13.00 per bottle.

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\$12.00 per bottle in case quantities of 12 bottles

Total for 12 bottles \$144.00



If you have new neighbours who would like to receive this newsletter, please arrange for their email details to be sent to us. acheronhall@gmail.com

The Acheron CFA will hold its next General Meeting on Sunday 21st November at 10.30am at the Acheron Hall. Covid rules willing, we will have a short meeting, talk about the fire season preparation, and sell/auction some of the \$2500 worth of fine Levantine Hill wines which we have been generously donated by the Jreissati Group of Levantine Hill. See more details of the Auction in the box below. An invitation and details on how to participate will be sent out in early November.

A wet summer is expected which is lovely, but by summers end grass fires will be a significant risk so we need to be as vigilant as always. So please come along and hear more about preparing for the forthcoming fire season. This will be a welcome and valuable opportunity to renew acquaintance with long lost friends and neighbours.

The Brigade is hard at work updating its training and equipment for the forthcoming fire season. A new requirement is that all active firefighters must be covid vaccinated and register their vaccination certificates with the CFA. This will protect our members and the public whom we serve.

The Brigade was again successful in latest VESEP grant round, and now has a Thermal Imaging Camera. This beautiful piece of kit will help us better identify hotspots and save us many hours of mopping up after a fire.





During the 2019/2020 fire season, CFA was approached by The Jreissati Group, makers of Levantine Hill wine, with an offer of a prestige wine pack for each CFA Brigade to be used for fundraising.

Acheron was fortunate to receive two allocations with a total retail value of over \$2500! The wine must be used to raise funds locally and The Jreissati Group hopes that their gift will help us continue our work in preparing and protecting our community against the threat of fire.

We will auction 5 lots in an online auction which will conclude at 11am on Sunday 21st November, in the middle of our General Meeting. Bidding details will be emailed in early November.

Lot 1 - 6 bottles of Levantine Hill The Coldstream Guard Rubeus red wine valued at \$210*

Lot 2 - 6 bottles of Levantine Hill The Coldstream Guard Rubeus red wine valued at \$210*

Lot 3 - 6 bottles of Levantine Hill Estate Sauvignon Blanc Semillon white wine valued at \$228*

Lot 4 – 6 bottles of Levantine Hill Estate Sauvignon Blanc Semillon white wine valued at \$228*

Lot 5 - 6 bottles of Levantine Hill Estate Melange Traditionnel Blanc valued at \$480*

If anyone has items they wish to donate we would be very happy to add them to the auction! Please get in touch with any of our firefighters, or call Andy Lloyd on 0439883599.

The Acheron CFA auction is now live and can be found at

<https://www.myminiauction.com/acheroncfa>

‘The CFA is required to ensure that all members attending the station and any CFA meeting or event, be fully vaccinated. We respectfully ask that all members and guests only attend the meeting if they are double vaccinated.’