

# Acheron Mechanics' Institute Newsletter



## Coming Events

### **Annual Dinner**

*Saturday  
August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Venue to be confirmed*

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### **CFA AGM**

*Sunday May  
3 in the shed*

### **Contacts:**

*President:  
Peter Sutherland*

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### **Newsletter:**

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## President's Message

Hello and welcome to the latest newsletter from your committee.

It's with great relief that the Acheron community has survived the events of the past 3 months relatively unscathed. The community has been an active participant in many areas of the recovery process within the district.

A major, but easy decision was to hand the Acheron Community Hall over to the Marysville Kindergarten for what may be an extended period of more than a year. This has been publicized in the local press and it's fair to say that the staff and committee of the Marysville Kinder are very grateful for the use of our wonderful hall. You will hear more on this as it does impact on our ability to generate necessary income to meet our basic costs of Insurance and Maintenance.

Your committee is working on ways to

help the Kinder as well as meeting our own requirements.

Although we will not have access to the Hall for the annual dinner in August, a subcommittee is busy arranging an alternative evening within Acheron - more very soon.

This newsletter will cover other key projects including an update on the "history" project and the provision of our own water tank at the hall which will complement the existing tank at the Fire station.

Thanks to all committee members for their ongoing efforts and we wish Elaine Furniss a safe return from her work with the UN in Sudan

Regards  
Peter Sutherland  
Committee President

## Activities at the Hall

### **Marysville Kindergarten**



The kindergarten proper is able to begin now fencing is complete and the kindergarten licensed. According to the kinder staff, it has become quite a haven for the Marysville preschoolers and their mums. They have certainly made the hall a well-used, well-loved place. Why not call in and meet them one day?

Currently operating Thursday and Friday but before long expanding to add a

day of day care and further on a day or two of 3 year-old kindergarten. Expressions of interest to Lisa, 0431 450 160



There are also plans to add a chicken coop with a view to hatching some chickens.

Storage should be made easier now the shipping container has arrived with emergency overflow to the CFA shed for other events already booked at the hall.

## Weddings

The first of two weddings booked took place on April 18th. Liz and Dan and their friends transformed the hall from Kindergarten to a wonderful wedding venue. Green and white lanterns decorated



both inside and outside and a marquee, slightly wind challenged, gave guests a friendly welcome.



## The History Project

The great news is that we have been successful in our application for a \$5000 local history grant from the Public Records Office of Victoria. The grant will enable the committee to commission a short history of Acheron to be published in both book and digital form and made available for sale throughout Victoria and beyond. It is timed to add to the hall's centenary celebrations in 2014 and is a tribute to the many people who have lived and worked in this beautiful area of Victoria  
Congratulations to Elaine, Bernice and Andrea, our local history sub-committee for

their work in putting this application together. If you have any documents, photos or other relevant memorabilia, please let us know and, if acceptable to you, we will copy and return them.

There are also plans afoot for an afternoon tea to be held during spring for those interested in the history project

**WEBSITE** : although nothing has happened just yet, community members should know that we are also working on setting up a website for the hall.

## Hall Maintenance Update

### **CFA water tank**

The CFA have agreed to install a 22,000 litre tank with a pump in early July. We will need to prepare a pad for this.

### **Painting**

You will notice that the paint on the hall is starting to bubble and flake, particularly on the south side. We will be looking at repainting over the next 12 months

The toilet block has been undercoated on 3 sides. We will continue with this project at the next working bee

### **Council grant**

Cr John Walsh is assisting with our application for an infrastructure grant to be put towards a water harvesting system to further improve the hall water supply

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