

# Acheron Community Hall

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# Newsletter

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## Message from the Committee President



Hello and welcome to the July newsletter from your 2010/11 committee. This will be my last Newsletter as I am standing down at the Aug 28, 2011 AGM. Six years is

enough and some 'new blood' is needed at the helm. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

The maintenance program for the Hall has seen the repainting of the Hall and also the toilet block has been painted inside and out for the first time since its construction some years ago. Our working bee has addressed a number of items needing an upgrade, repair or replacement; most were completed on Saturday the 9th of July. New Outdoor furniture is planned for the existing rear entertaining area. Additionally we plan to upgrade the Stage area within the Hall, to make this a more user friendly area.

### The NBN.

As the hamlet of Acheron is considered a small player when it comes to regional country needs, I can see a situation developing that will see our "internet needs" somewhat overlooked. To this end I recommend you have a look at the following websites and where Acheron fits in the scheme of things.

Below are the links for the new NBN interim wireless info:

<http://www.nbnco.com.au/our-network/fibre-wireless-satellite/satellite.html>

You can find out if your address is eligible here:

<https://bcoms.dbcde.gov.au/NBNBSL/doMap.do>

Regards

Peter Sutherland

Committee President

# ACHERON HALL MID-YEAR DINNER

13TH AUGUST - 6.30 sharp

It's Acheron Hall Winter Dinner time. This year it's GREAT FOOD AND GREAT ENTERTAINMENT. The evening starts with a bang - FIREWORKS at 6.30 - followed by PRE DINNER NIBBLES, HEARTY WINTER CASSEROLES (vegetarians catered for) and then DESSERT (all provided by Allan and Lisa Harding, who did such a good job last year). THE SCOTTISH FIDDLE ORCHESTRA will play for us. So bring your dancing shoes. The cost is \$50.00 a head. Tables of 10 are available. Numbers are limited as extra floor space will be needed for dancing later in the evening. Get your bookings in fast.

Call Bronwyn on 5772 1521 or Anita on 5772 1071. It should be a great night!

Don't forget to bring gold coins for the raffles and other activities.

# Painting the Acheron Hall

Last year your Acheron Hall Committee was successful in applying for grants to have the exterior of the hall repainted as part of the cyclical maintenance programme. This project is now complete and the hall looks great. Our thanks to: the Shire of Murrindindi for funding under the Community Grants Scheme and the Community Recovery Fund and to Lilydale Paints for paint they donated.

The community is invited to visit the hall and to see the result of this work.



## Quick action by residents saves historic Acheron home

We all think it will never happen to us. But your worst nightmare did happen to one of our Acheron residents. Last May a fire broke out in a back room of an old historic homestead. Quick action by the residents who were well prepared for such an emergency, saved their home. Using domestic fire extinguishers which were kept in the house, the fire was able to be put out with minimal damage, before the CFA

units from Alexandra and Acheron arrived. The point is well demonstrated that having domestic fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and other fire fighting equipment on hand, and residents trained to use them, can be an important factor in controlling a household fire, these fires are not uncommon. All residents are encouraged to be prepared. It could happen to you too.

**Don't forget to give your fund raising points to 645 Acheron Hall whenever you shop at Reddrops supermarket.**

**Acheron Hall AGM Sunday August 28th at 11.00am. All welcome.**

## It's your Hall!

Please feel that you can make a contribution to the management and upkeep of your Acheron Hall. We need and seek the involvement of all the Acheron community. If you expect that our hall will continue as the central

meeting, entertainment and focus venue for our community, your involvement is necessary. Make a start and attend the AGM on Sunday August 28th at 11.00 am.

## Acheron Hall Wine fund raiser

We're pleased to say that your support of the Acheron community in buying Acheron Hall wines is providing funding for maintenance and improvements. To this end your committee will continue to offer wines and other beverages at advantageous pricing, on a regular basis. So, if your wine rack is looking a little empty - please consider buying wines which will support the Acheron Hall. An order form can be obtained from the website as well as being attached by email or by post. We have Cabernet Sauvignon and NZ Sauvignon Blanc available. Beer and cider by arrangement. Please use the order form provided and thank you for your support. Contact John on 5772 1442.

## Drumming and Singing Workshop

"Women Gathering After Fires" & your local "Vocal Nosh Group" are excited to bring a very special workshop Sunday 7th August Acheron Hall 1.30 – 5.00 pm \$10 adults, \$5 students. Bring a plate to share. For women/girls only. Simone Lang and Jacqueline Gawler will lead us in a drumming and singing workshop. Simone is a highly experienced percussionist who has travelled extensively in West Africa. Jacqueline is part of award winning vocal quintet – Coco's Lunch.

Join us and have a go at drumming, singing or both.

**For more info and RSVP please phone Nicola W - 0414 356 496 or 5774 7279**

## Lost & Found

At last year's Christmas party two chairs and a jumper were left behind. If you are missing these items and can identify them, please call Peter Sutherland on 5772 2353 and arrange collection.

## Rainfall

January to June 2011 - 478.3 mm,  
January to June 2010 - 440.2 mm.

Measured at Acheron on the eastern side of the valley, these last 2 years have been the wettest since 1992.

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