

Rimstone News

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

2012 AGM – NOTICE of MEETING

Formal Notice of the 2012 AGM of Rimstone Co-operative is hereby given.

Friday 28 September, 8pm

At the home of Nicholas & Susan White

123 Manningham Street, Parkville, 3052

Please bring a small plate to contribute to snacks/supper. Tea and coffee will be provided.

RSVP: by email to directors@rimstone.org.au or phone Nicholas White (03) 9328 4154

AGENDA

The agenda items for this year's AGM will include (but not limited to) the following:

1. Minutes of AGM 2011 (the minutes are available from the web site www.rimstone.org.au (see the links on the left hand side of home page).
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Homeleigh Maintenance Report (including property, buildings and grounds)
4. Scrubby Creek Cave Property Acquisition Project
5. Homeleigh Booking Officer's Report
6. General Business
7. Election of Directors
8. Supper

Any additional items could be raised by email to the Directors: directors@rimstone.org.au

Need to contact a director?

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This Newsletter was put together by Susan White with material provided by the Directors..

Directors changing?

At this year's AGM two directors, Gary Coleman and Paul Brooker, come up for rotational retirement. Both have indicated a willingness to stand again.

Any financial member is eligible to stand for election as a director.

Annual Membership Fees

Annual Membership Fees are now due and payable, and everyone should have received notification in the mail. Please pay very soon by EFT, or cheque in the mail, or bring cash to the AGM at Nicholas's place (this was the first time an email was used to send the invoice out, a hard copy letter will be sent to those unpaid by the end of September 2012).

There may be people who are in arrears with their annual subscriptions. If you think this might apply to you please contact the Treasurer, Nigel Cooke for details. If your subs are not up to date you cannot use Homeleigh at members' rates, nor can you be a Member in Charge.

Rimstone Calendar 2012

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| Sept 28 | Annual General Meeting (details & official notice on this page). |
| Oct 27-28 | Scrubby Property Launch & BBQ (more details over the page) |
| Nov 24-25 | Homeleigh Working Bee |
- Details of these events are in this Newsletter.

Bookings.

All Homeleigh bookings should be made to Homeleigh Booking <accomm@rimstone.org.au>. This is important as periodically the booking officer is away and arrangements are made to cover his absence through the accommodation email. Please remember that although bookings are not mandatory, you cannot be assured of a bed if you have not booked. Also bookings are for a bed, not necessarily a room to yourself if there are large numbers of people.

Homeleigh Property Management

Just a few lines from the Homeleigh Property Manager: Paul Brooker.

1. Working Bees.

A working bee was held at Homeleigh on the weekend of 25-26 August. Eight members turned up to help cross some of the jobs off the very long list.

Some of the more significant tasks completed included:-

- Painting room 15 - just needs some minor final touches for completion.
- Plastering and undercoating the remainder of the passageways.
- Adding the dado trim and some of the skirtings to the passageways.
- Another 4 bedrooms received new architraves around their doors.
- Some serious spring cleaning saw the kitchen transformed, particularly around the stoves and cook tops.
- The hedge had a serious haircut.
- Many of the old fence posts around the boundary were removed to assist in the yard maintenance.
- Much of the ceiling received insulation which made an immediate noticeable difference.
- The usual lawn mowing and brush-cutting tidied up the yard.

A trial planting of *Lomandra longifolia* (native Spiny-head Mat-rush, or Basket Grass) was undertaken on the steep slope behind the tool shed. The intention is to find a suitable solution to assist in the maintenance of this difficult area. This is a native hardy grass that is widespread native along eastern Australia including East Gippsland.

Also during the working bee an emergency evacuation was carried out to test our systems - much to the annoyance of those working in the roof space! We are pleased all went well.

Next Working Bee is programmed for the weekend of 24-25 November 2012. This is a great chance for those members yet to attend a working bee this year to come along and do your bit. Remember that to own such a great place requires commitment from everyone involved...not just a handful of regulars.

Some of the jobs programmed for this weekend include (but not limited to):

- Repair the floor in the toilet block - Concrete Cancer has struck!
- Replace damaged toilet bowl in mens.
- Replace main front doors and door jam.

- Carpet room 15.
- Major yard clean up prior to fire season.

There will be jobs for all abilities so don't think you can't attend just because you may not be the most 'handy' person around...and besides they are great social weekends!

2. Long Term Maintenance Schedule.

The directors are putting together a plan that will map out the maintenance and ongoing renovations of Homeleigh over the next 5 years. The aim is to have a comprehensive timeline that gives Rimstone some direction in regards to priority of maintenance and renovations. This will clarify budgetary requirements, materials acquisitions and ensure we have the appropriate skills available as/when required.

After the next working bee it is hoped that the renovation of all but one room of the south wing of bedrooms will be completed. The replacement of the windows and replastering, painting etc of the west wing bedrooms is envisioned as the next task as well as the refurbishment of that last room on the south side. After that we will need to think through ideas on the front living room and the ex caretakers areas and then perhaps the bungalows.

The directors are therefore seeking input from members as to what you consider to be priority maintenance issues. If you would like input as to what and when certain improvements should occur let a director know ASAP.

We are not in the business of renovating Homeleigh just for the sake of it. The aim is to ensure ongoing maintenance is carried out and we can improve the overall comfort for ourselves and our guests. So the directors need to know from the members what you want.

Cheers
Paul

New Members

The directors welcome the following new members:

Mara Silins: a long time visitor to Homeleigh and member of VSA.

Ulysses Devinenti: also a long time visitor to Buchan.

Scrubby Creek Property Launch & Celebration

October 27 - 28 2012

The official celebration of the acquisition of the property.

At the property 180 Slippery Pinch Road, Parish of Buchan

From 10.00 to 4.00 Tour of property and discussion on planning, management ideas etc.

Lunch: 12.00 onwards tea, coffee, cold drinks and sandwiches provided

Launch 2.00 PM

Celebration Homeleigh 4.00PM onwards

Sausage Sizzle and surprise entertainment. All food for the evening catered for bring your own drinks. The Rimstone directors are inviting Lauren Needham and the Woodgate family as well as a number of Buchan neighbours and friends. All members are welcome.

Accommodation at Homeleigh will be at a premium. Bookings will be essential and it may be some people might stay at the Reserve, the Motel, Buchan Lodge etc. Bookings will be essential so email <accomm@rimstone.org.au> for your booking!

Donations towards paying off the debt for the Scrubby Creek Property

As Rimstone still has a significant debt as the result of the Scrubby Creek purchase, the Rimstone directors are asking for you and others to continue to make donations. Donations can be made in the following way:

1. Directly to Rimstone Cooperative Ltd. Anyone who is not a current Rimstone member, who donates \$300 or more DIRECTLY to Rimstone, will be given membership of the Cooperative. The total donation will be put to the Scrubby Creek Project. Membership details will be organised as quickly as possible and application for membership forms are available from Nicholas White (nicholaswhite@netspace.net.au).

Cheques to be made to Rimstone Cooperative Ltd and mailed to the Treasurer, Nigel Cooke PO Box 155 Boronia 3155 (this has slightly less delay than the Rimstone PO Box 2543 Mt Waverley 3149).

Direct payment to account: Rimstone Cooperative Ltd BSB 063011 Account No: 10086510

2. Via the ASF Karst Conservation Fund. If you wish to donate through the KCF please use the form downloaded from the ASF website (www.caves.org.au) and follow the instructions. These donations will be tax deductible.

ALL donations are welcome and are urgently needed. For any further details contact the Rimstone Secretary, Nicholas White (nicholaswhite@netspace.net.au) or 03 93284154.

Homeleigh Working Bee.

The next working bee held at Homeleigh to carry on with the major renovation works on November 24-25 2012. There are also many small jobs to be done along with the major re-plastering works. Please come along and do your bit (see item on next page regarding details). Notify Paul Brooker paul@pitchblack.com.au by email or phone 51480406 (h) or 0418384245 (m).

Put this dates in your diary now and come to both!!

Homeleigh still needs your help!