

Rimstone News

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This Newsletter is early due to my travels in Europe. Paul Brooker and family are travelling for several months in Northern Australia. Peter Robertson has been overseas but will be back in early July. Nigel Cooke will be handling Homeleigh bookings while I am away.

Nicholas White, Secretary

Rimstone Calendar 2013

September 13, Friday 8pm Annual General Meeting

At the home of Gary & Joanne Coleman

22 Prospect Street Mt Waverley 3149

Details of this event is in this Newsletter.

November 10, Scrubby Creek Cave trip

Paul Brooker is leading a VSA trip to Scrubby Creek Cave and other caves on the property.

October – November,

Scrubby Creek Property weed control program (further information Nicholas White in September).

30 November-1 December Homeleigh Working Bee

Details in September

New Members

The directors welcome the following new member (agreed to by email)

Ralph Raper: the RAAF at Sale decided they needed more flexibility for managing their training at Buchan and have nominated a new member Ralph Raper who has been to Buchan with Claire D'Alterio a number of times. We welcome him as a member.

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 using the facility at that time...

OFFICIAL NOTICE

2013 AGM NOTICE of MEETING

Formal Notice of the 2013 AGM of Rimstone Cooperative is hereby given.

Friday 13 September, 8pm

At the home of Gary & Joanne Coleman

22 Prospect Street Mt Waverley 3149

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 be limited to) the following:

1. Minutes of AGM 2012 (the draft 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 Project
5. Homeleigh Booking Officer's Report
6. General Business
7. Election of Directors
8. Supper

(The following Directors terms expire Nicholas White, Nigel Cooke, Peter Robertson; all offer themselves for re-election).

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

Need to contact a director?

Nicholas White: (travelling until Sept 4)

H 9328 4154 M 0427110143

Paul Brooker: (travelling until end-September)

H 5148 0406 M 0418384245

Nigel Cooke: M 0409967084

Peter Robertson: H 5663 2276 M 0430728836

Gary Coleman: H 9808 3716 M 0418108274

or directors@rimstone.org.au

Scrubby Creek Cave Property News

The property now has some cattle on it. There is some electric fencing on south western fences to keep other stock off the property.

Please note that all caving access is by prior arrangements and via a listed trip by an ASF Member Club (VSA).

Nicholas White and Daryl Carr presented a paper entitled Scrubby Creek Cave Acquisition to the ASF Trogalong Conference at Galong, NSW in January and a slightly different paper to the ACKMA Conference in Waitomo, New Zealand in May 2013. In both cases the paper was very well received and resulted in direct donations and donations via the ASF Karst Conservation Fund to help us pay down the outstanding loans. A number of donations were received as a result of the notice in the May Rimstone Newsletter. Since instituting an aluminium can collecting bin at Homeleigh cans to the value of \$30.00 has gone towards the Scrubby project. Some of this is thanks to John Van Dyk who has provided a number of bags of cans.

The outstanding loans are now at manageable levels and hopefully we will soon have the funds to start projects such as fencing out the Scrubby Creek Tufa Terraces. More detail at the Annual General Meeting.

A weed control program is planned for October-November (further information Nicholas White).

For further information or offers of assistance please contact Nicholas White.

Homeleigh Working Bee Queens Birthday Weekend June 8-10

A small number of people did an incredible amount of effective work at Homeleigh on this weekend. In particular, there were repairs and painting to the outside fascia boards of the toilet block but the more important work was fixing windows, painting of passageways and door replacement. For many years the front entry doors have needed attention. Paul Brooker took this in hand and together with Don Brooker, the front doors and the surrounding door jam and step have now been replaced.

This new entry allows much more light down the corridor. Don Brooker has now shaved the door as the wood swelled initially and it was sticking. The keypad entry and handle are now on the left hand door and



The very elegant new front doors

(Photo; Gail Calnin).

the handle turns in the expected direction. A photograph of the door is attached.

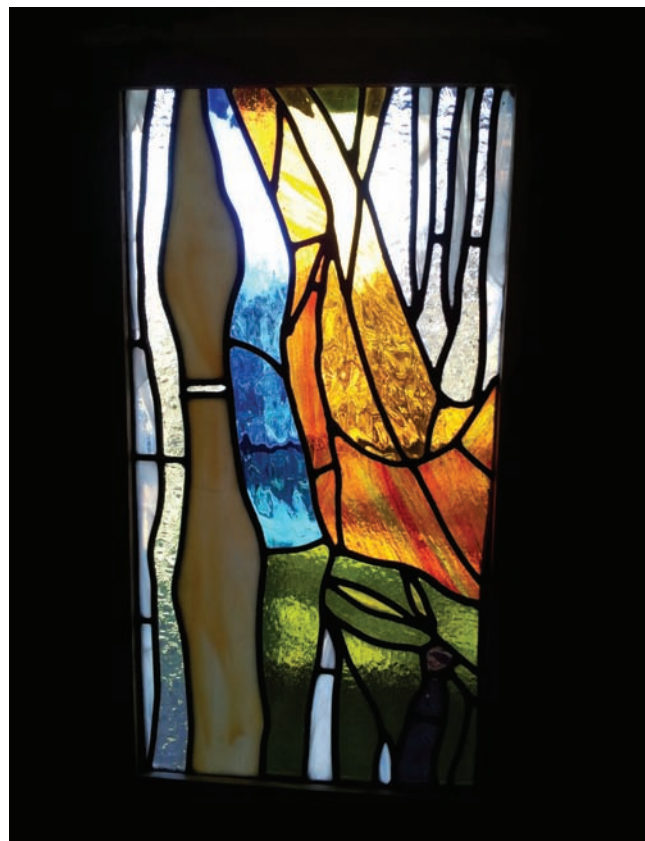
A stained glass panel designed and made by Sil Iannello has been put into the door onto the verandah. This is much improved from the painted over insect panel there previously Thanks to Sil for providing this panel. (See page 3 for the effect.)

The other major task done was a cleanup of the old caretakers area which has been used for several years as a materials storage area.

A memorial plaque commemorating Agnes Milowka life was attached to the rockwall below the veranda. Agnes with others, explored the Elk River Cave streamway among her many other cave diving achievements.

One of the kitchen stoves is out of commission. The Directors' considered whether to open out the stove and chimney area and install commercial cooking stoves but decided to retain the current arrangement. A similar new replacement stove has been purchased and will be installed shortly (August).

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



Veranda door with Sil Iannello's stained glass panel (Photo: Gail Calnin).

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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.