

# Rimstone News

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This Newsletter is a to remind you of the **working bee on the weekend 30 November - 1 December**. We hope to see you there. Details of the working bee in this newsletter.

Paul Brooker has produced a **future planning document for Homeleigh**. This has been placed on the website. The Directors would like feedback on this document.

The **AGM** was successfully held on September 13. The directors remain the same. It was reported to the meeting that the outstanding loans have been paid down to \$21,000 owing.

**Donations** are still coming in and the directors were very pleased to receive a donation of \$2,000 from the Australasian Cave and Karst Management Association (ACKMA).

A very successful **VSA trip** recently visited both Scrubby Creek and Bowie caves on the property.

Nicholas White, Secretary

**Rimstone Cooperative Ltd**

**The future of  
Homeleigh.**

**A maintenance  
perspective.**

**Beyond 2013.**

Paul Brooker – Rimstone Director

## Annual Service Fees

Annual Membership Fees are now overdue. Please pay immediately by EFT, or cheque in the mail. Please contact the directors if there are any questions. An invoice has been sent to those unpaid. Direct payment to account can be made to:

Rimstone Cooperative Ltd  
BSB 063011 Account No: 10086510

Some people 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.

## 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, even as a member, 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.

## Calendar

**Friends of Buchan Caves** 23-24 Nov 2013

25th Anniversary of the formation of the group together with "Old Timers Weekend". A busy weekend at Homeleigh so do not forget to book!

**Homeleigh Working Bee** 30 Nov -1 Dec 2013  
See attached detail next page.

### Need to contact a director?

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*This newsletter has been put together by Susan White with information provided by the Directors.*

# Homeleigh Working Bee

The next Homeleigh working bee will be on the weekend of 30th November and 1st December. There are a multitude of important jobs that need to be completed before summer is upon us, as well as the ongoing projects we have on the go.

There will be an emphasis on preparing the grounds to reduce the fire risk. It has been 10 years since the Alpine fires of 2003 moved through the district and impacted directly on Homeleigh and surrounds. We can't be complacent and we need to ensure all our fire preparation is completed in time to offer maximum protection for Homeleigh. To this end we will be reducing some of the fuel around the building, ensuring there is easy access under the buildings and removing leaves and debris from the gutters. There will be training on the use of our fire equipment and plans formulated to ensure we are ready to 'fire-proof' Homeleigh should the need arise.

Work will also continue (and hopefully complete) the hallways and room 15. There is some final painting, some of it fiddly, to complete this project. We are looking for keen painters with an eye for detail that can assist in bringing this project to completion. Once the hallways are complete we can move onto the refurbishment of the remaining bedrooms at our next working bee - early 2014. This will be an exciting project requiring a systematic approach to enable the rooms to be completed with minimal interruption to accommodation arrangements...stay tuned.

With the work nearing completion in the hallways we will be looking to re-carpet this area. To this end we will be looking for good quality carpet and underlay that will withstand heavy traffic. Ideally the colour tones will complement the new colour scheme however we are prepared to look at all the options. We don't require (want) the old carpet from someone's house but we do require access to a 'mates rates' supplier. So if you are in the carpet game or have good contacts please let a director know.

This working bee will also see the installation of a new gas stove/oven in the kitchen. The three current units have served us well but are starting to wear out so we have acquired a new unit to replace the faulty one.

So if it has been a while since you attended a working (or if you have never attended one at all) maybe its time you did your bit. Homeleigh as we

know it is a product of the input from members and friends. Even if you are not the 'handiest' person around there will be ways for you to be involved and contribute to the ongoing upkeep of your property.

Please let Homeleigh maintenance manager Paul Brooker know if you plan on attending and don't forget to book a bed. There will be a communal BBQ (BYO everything) on the Saturday night.

Contact for Paul Brooker:

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## Some Reminders

### 1. Homeleigh is NOT a dumping ground.

A friendly reminder that if you have household furniture and equipment that are surplus to your requirements or that may not function properly that this is not cause to take them to Homeleigh for disposal. Rimstone is charged a significant fee to dispose of rubbish at the transfer station and often your unwanted goods are not required at Homeleigh. We do not have a requirement for a stack of plastic moulded wine rack modules that have found residence under Homeleigh!

Also Rimstone has had a policy for some time not to accept second hand electrical items unless the directors are satisfied of the appliances integrity – it is not worth the risk...we don't need any more microwave ovens.

So if you have goods you think may be of benefit to Homeleigh please discuss with directors before disposing them at Homeleigh.

### 2. Communications Books.

At the reception area in Homeleigh there are 2 communications log books. These are, or should be, on the table in the front hall area. If you notice an issue, have carried out works, re-stocked supplies, or have information about either of the Rimstone properties, please fill in the appropriate log book. This enables the directors to keep tabs on what is going on around the properties and serves as a good record of frequency and detail of maintenance and supplies usage etc.

# Scrubby Creek Cave Property

Access to property is by arrangement with Directors and the Lessee (Doug Reidy).

Caving access is via arranged trips with VSA.

Below is a photograph of the tufa terraces. It is intended to fence these using gates on either side of the spring and electric fencing down to waterfall pool. Then some careful “gardening” of intruded mud and clay will be done as well as blackberry control.



(Photo: N.White)

## Donations to pay off the debt for the Scrubby Creek Property

As Rimstone still has a 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](mailto: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](http://www.caves.org.au)) and follow the instructions. These donations will be tax deductible.

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