

Rimstone News

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Unfortunately we have not been able to get a Newsletter out earlier this year, but here is some news. **This Newsletter is to give notice of a Working Bee on the weekend of June 28th and 29th 2014. Please contact Paul Brooker if you can attend Mobile: 0427 482 630 or Email: paul@pitchblack.com.au.** Sorry for the short notice!

It is important that we keep the momentum going regarding the bedroom renovations and finishing the hallway. The windows along the west wall have been installed and the bedrooms along the back passage need completion.

The Directors' are currently applying for a grant from the Shire to define the structural requirements and apply for a planning permit to open out the front living room and caretakers area of Homeleigh. This is termed "The Lounge Room Project". This planning will enable this project to proceed once the bedroom renovation project has been completed. Contact Peter Robertson for the details of the planning of the project. Phone: 5663 2276 or Email: pdrobertson1@hotmail.com.

The Directors have further paid down the loans which enabled the Cooperative to purchase the Scrubby Creek Property. Thank you to those who have donated and donations are still important to finish paying the last of the loans. Details of how to donate have been in all of the last few Newsletters or email the Secretary for information.

Planning is proceeding with the Tufa Terrace Project; in particular to fence out these terraces and enhance them by removing the clay that has been trampled into the terraces by cattle over the years (see photo page 2). There is a need to survey and document the surface features in detail and to undertake (or have done for us by a friendly ecologist/botanist) a vegetation survey of the actual creek area. This has remnant rainforest vegetation. During spring this year, a concerted effort to reduce blackberries and thistles on the property will be undertaken. Please contact Nicholas White – dates to be decided (Phone 9328 4154 or Email: nicholaswhite@netspace.net.au) if you are prepared to participate in this weed control.

The Annual General Meeting of the Cooperative is scheduled for Friday September 12th 2014. Further details later.

Nicholas White, Secretary

Homeleigh Working Bee

June 28-29

The intention is to continue with the following works:

- Painting of Hallway Architraves & Skirtings.
- Replace rotten front Reception floor boards
- Reinforce flooring in Nth/Sth Hallway.
- Erect barrier (fence) across walkway at front caretakers door.
- Modify and paint architraves in room 15.
- Grounds maintenance as required.
- Investigate and remedy Smoke Alarm issues.

Some of these works are to remedy hazards, while others are the continuation of the renovations being undertaken to improve the quality of a stay at Homeleigh. The ideal outcome from this working is to bring to conclusion the work in Room 15 and the Hallways so that the next major working bee in late November should see a commencement on the renovations to the western bedrooms (5,6,7,8,9).

All those intending to participate should contact Paul Brooker Mobile: 0427482630 or Email: paul@pitchblack.com.au.

Need to contact a director?

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

Calendar 2014

June 29-30 Homeleigh Working Bee See attached detail next page.

September 12 Annual General Meeting Details to be advised.

Spring 2014 Scrubby Creek Weeding/ Tufa Bank Project surveying and documentation of the vegetation contact Nicholas White.

November weekend Rimstone Cooperative 40th Birthday Party at Homeleigh. Catered courtesy D. Carr. Details to be announced

November 29-30 Working Bee bedroom refurbishment and fire season preparations.

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.

Annual Service Fees

Annual Membership Fees will be due at the AGM..

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.

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



Previous Working Bees

30 Nov-1 Dec 2013 and 22 – 23 March 2014

A lot was achieved around Homeleigh at the last 2013 working bee. This included hallway grouting and wall painting, many jobs on the outside of the building and the removal of the old dead wattles at bottom of property. Fire trailer servicing and training took up a certain amount of time as well (see photo page 3).

The new, much needed windows were installed in rooms 5, 6, 7 and 8 on the March 2014 working bee. They have made a remarkable difference to the rooms. They have now been undercoated. See below.



One of the back windows - very flash!
Photo: Rudy Frank

Muddy Tufa Terraces Scrubby Creek
Photo: N.White

Buchan Area Fires

February 2014

Fires threatened Buchan in early February this year. A number of members heeded a call to keep Homeleigh occupied during the danger period to watch for fires. The grounds were further tidied and leaves, grass and litter were removed particularly material close to the buildings. The fire trailer was ready and soaker hoses put around the outside of the house. Directors and members are very appreciative of members who stayed at Homeleigh through this danger period and worked so hard to keep the property safe.



Playing with the fire trailer, November 2013

Photo: N.White



Carpentry on the windows

Photo: Rudy Frank

Reflooring the back verandah

Photo: N.White

