

Rimstone News

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This newsletter is short and I apologise that there has not been one for many months. Several things have meant that the I have had neither the time nor the energy to get one done. Fortunately Homeleigh has continued to function. I am working on a larger newsletter with a lot more news. However if someone else wants to do the Newsletter, I am only too willing to pass it on.....

Susan White, Newsletter Production.

Life has been busy. Members have deserved news of recent activities for some time. However here it is!

Peter Robertson retired as a Director at the last Annual Meeting. We thank him for his many years as a Director. The vacancy was not filled at the time. Darryl Pierce has come forward and we welcome him as a Director. At the AGM 2014 we approved in principle the planning for the front renovation of Homeleigh which Peter Robertson had put in place. The Directors have decided that the bedroom insulation and refurbishment project should be completed before the project of opening out the front of Homeleigh was started.

Ian (Chalky) Thomas died in March after a battle with motor neuron disease. Chalky made his mark on Rimstone and Buchan by being such an enthusiastic member. He had a big impact as the training officer of VSA and he introduced the RAAF to Buchan, which has been so good for Rimstone as well as the Buchan community. The Directors are transferring Chalky's shares in Rimstone to his widow Carolyn as the family want to retain their strong attachments to Buchan. A number of Rimstone members attended his funeral.

The ride-on mower now has a new motor courtesy of Paul Brooker's skills. Other options such as paying for mowing or a new mower would have been much more expensive. It does mean we are still on the lookout for more people to be trained in its use as well as going on a roster to mow the lawns occasionally. Please note the information in this newsletter about the storage of the brushcutter to prevent internal damage to the motor.

The Directors are looking at the booking systems as there have been times recently when holiday periods have led to over booking. We may need to change to on-line booking and tie this in with the website for a more up to date booking system. However this needs careful assessment to be sure it does not cause further problems.

There was trip onto Scrubby Creek Cave earlier this

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

year; details in the next newsletter.

Plans are underway to initially fence out the tufa terraces on the Scrubby Creek property, using a solar electric fence. After the fence is established some careful gardening will be done to enhance the tufa. Blackberry control will also be necessary.

Nicholas White, Secretary

Another Huge Homeleigh Working Bee

When? Sat June 27th to Sunday July 5th. Can't attend the whole week (it is during the school holidays!) then maybe you can attend part thereof?

Where? Homeleigh!

What Work?

1. Continue with bedrooms 5-7 (plastering, painting).
2. Install new wood heater in dining room - Paul has been restoring it at home...it is coming up a treat.
3. Complete roof of western verandah to cover the 'missing' corner near the steps and ramp. This will then make the roofline ready for replacement of boards above the verandah.
4. Continue to replace the bedroom doors with restored ones (Don Brooker has renovated the doors).
5. Repair plaster in front entry where it has been damaged!
6. Commence restoration works on Room 8.

This should be a good program of works and no doubt there will be other small jobs that can/will be done.

Why? These works have been on the radar for some time and a concerted effort is needed to complete them. The extended working bee last September school holidays made very real progress on the bedroom renovations and we need to keep on this track.

Give Paul Brooker a call: 0427482630 (m) or email: paul@pitchblack.com.au if you are able to attend but do not forget to book with the booking officer (accomm@rimstone.org.au).

See you there!

Spot the difference.

Photo 1 shows the Homeleigh Brushcutter stored incorrectly. **Photo 2** shows the same Brushcutter stored correctly. *Why is this an issue?*

These older model Honda Brushcutters had an issue with Sump Oil passing the Piston Rings if the machine is stored vertically (or in this case upside down). What this does is cause compression lock-up once the starter cord is pulled. This could potentially lead to internal damage or at a minimum will mean the machine will not run properly.

The Homeleigh Brushcutter was found stored in the orientation as seen in Photo 1. No doubt someone had the best of intentions and possibly even did some grounds maintenance before storing away however the long term implications could be an expensive repair or replacement.

There has been considerable effort made of recent times to organise the tool shed so tools and equipment are stored in an appropriate manner and are accessible and easier to locate. When you use this equipment *please ensure it is returned to the correct location* for the next person to use and report any equipment issues to a director.

Annual Service Fees

Annual Membership Fees was due at the last 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

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.



Photo 1 WRONG



Photo 2 RIGHT

New Member

Welcome to Dr Anne-Marie Tosolini as a new member. Anne-Marie was the recipient of a Rimstone Student award many years ago when she was undertaking her BSc Honours project.

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