



Rimstone News

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Editorial

The Australian Speleological Federation (ASF) loaned Rimstone the money to acquire the Shades of Death property outright. This purchase was completed in June 2017. In May 2018, we made payment of \$10,000 of this loan, we are well on the way to having next years payment (2019) in the bank which will leave a further payment due in 2020.

We have been donated a painting of Homeleigh

OFFICIAL NOTICE

2018 AGM — NOTICE of MEETING

Formal notice of the 2018 AGM of the Rimstone Cooperative Ltd is hereby given.

Friday 14 September, 8pm,
at the home of Darryl Pierce
Flat 3 / 18 Fernhurst Grove, Kew.

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

RSVP: by email to:

directors@rimstone.org.au

AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of AGM 2017 and actions (the minutes are available from the web site www.rimstone.org.au — see the links on left side of home page).
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Maintenance reports: Homeleigh, Scrubby Creek Property, M-3 Shades of Death Cave and Property.
4. Booking Officer's Report.
5. General Business.
6. Election of Directors.
7. Supper.

Any additional items can be raised in advance by email to the directors:

<mailto:directors@rimstone.org.au>

Rimstone Co-op Calendar

August 25-26 — Tufa Terrace Fencing working bee

Friday 14 Sept — Rimstone Co-op AGM

November 10-11 Homeleigh Working Bee (tentative date to be confirmed)

December 9-15 Latrobe University Geology and Plant Life Field Course at Buchan, based at Homeleigh.

looking across the paddocks to the back verandah. It was painted by Hugh Foster in May this year, who was visiting with Tom Maggs. This is now hanging in the dining room.



Homeleigh – by Hugh Foster

The Buchan district is currently experiencing severe drought. Around Homeleigh both kangaroos and deer are keeping the grass very short and we appear to have a wombat living under Homeleigh for the first time in many years. The Scrubby Creek Property is extremely dry and the spring at the tufa terraces has the lowest flow in memory. It is important that we finish the fencing around the tufa terraces, however, we will not be able to shut gates until we put water

troughs on the outside of the fence to allow water access for the stock. **See below the Tufa Terrace Fencing weekend August 25 - 26.**

M-3 Shades of Death property and cave has had quite a number of cleanup trips on the surface and the cave infrastructure is being cleaned and painted. Currently the generator is having its voltage regulator replaced and the outlet switchboard rewired. It will also be vented directly outside the machinery shed. Miles Pierce and Daryl Carr have been pushing this work ahead. The roofing iron over the cave entrance is to be replaced with iron that Greg Brick is donating to us from his property at the Basin.

Just as the Scrubby Creek Property is nearly without water and the grass is eaten out, the whole district is experiencing severe drought which is causing immense problems.

Nicholas White, Rimstone Co-op Sec.

Feel free to send feedback or suggestions, comments, etc. to the Rimstone Co-operative directors: directors@rimstone.org.au.

Tufa Terrace Fencing working bee 25-26 August, 2018

Although the Tufa Terraces have been unfenced for a long time, we have always wanted to fence them off from stock trampling. This requires much effort!

Therefore your help is needed!

Please come along to the special working bee to continue with fencing of the Tufa Terraces.

Please contact:

Paul Brooker: M 0427 482 630 or

Nicholas White: M 0427 110 143



*Scrubby Creek tufa terraces need protecting
(ack: Nicholas White)*



*The start of the tufa terrace fencing
(ack: Paul Brooker)*

NEW RIMSTONE MEMBERS

We welcome Lauren Hayes and Dennis Rebecchi as members. Dennis and his wife Carol built and lived in the house next to Shades of Death Cave. They managed and conducted tours in Shades of Death Cave for many years during the 1980s and 1990s. Dennis has provided us with some very useful historical material on the cave.

David Cooke has joined Rimstone and is associated with NSW cave management and a member of ACKMA. He was impressed with Miles Pierce's presentation on the Shades of Death Cave at the Margaret River ACKMA Conference and has donated and joined the Rimstone Co-op.

These new members are welcomed and their joining fees contribute to the purchase of the Shades of Death cave and property.

Nicholas White

Annual Membership Fees

Membership fees are now due and payable, and everyone should receive invoices by email very soon. Only financial members are eligible for members rates at Homeleigh.

Please pay very soon by EFT, or cheque in the mail, or bring cash to the AGM.

Nigel Cooke (Treasurer)

About Homeleigh

Homeleigh is a building that was built in about 1885 in the rural town of Buchan in East Gippsland. It has been used variously over the years as a hotel, a guest house, and for "other" purposes.

A group of cavers formed the Rimstone Co-operative in 1974 with a key objective to raise funds and purchase Homeleigh for use by cavers.

Further information about Rimstone, and about Homeleigh, can be found on our website:

www.rimstone.org.au

Homeleigh Working Bee report 19-20 May, 2018

Ten people participated in this working bee weekend in May earlier this year. A good turn out enabled us to get quite a bit of maintenance work done.

Don Brooker replaced the old caretakers door into the Lounge Room and this is keyed and fitted with door furniture consistent with other doors to Homeleigh. This was an involved task to make good with the existing walls.

The high windows on north wall of the Lounge Room needed re-puttying; in the end they cracked and now have temporary covers and will be replaced at the next working bee. The SW corner gable was finished with cement sheet weatherboards. This completes the replacement of weatherboards above the verandahs. They are primed but need painting and the water tank guttering and downpipe needs replacing.

Roy Furness and Peter Stewart cleared the Slippery Pinch Road of overhanging branches and fallen timber down the side of the Scrubby Creek Property and a load of firewood was also collected, as was a further load of firewood on the Sunday.



Don Brooker preparing the new Lounge Room external door



Peter and Roy – re-puttying the window above the new Lounge external door.



Firewood pile topped up

 See more [May 2018 Homeleigh Working Bee photos here on Facebook.](#)

See more [Scrubby Creek photos on Facebook.](#)

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Booking accommodation at Homeleigh

To book accommodation, please make sure to use the email address: accomm@rimstone.org.au so that the on-duty person can reply promptly. (Else your request might get lost.)