



Rimstone News

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Editorial

In this edition we have some news about a couple of members who passed away recently, and an update on our existing properties as well as an update on a property we won't be purchasing.

Rob Brain, Newsletter editor

Feedback to: directors@rimstone.org.au.

Vale Monty Russell

Monty Russell died recently. Monty was the founding chairman of the Co-operative. He was instrumental in the acquisition of Homeleigh and in instituting the renovations which have made it such a success.

A funeral service to celebrate the life of Monty Russell will be held on **Wednesday 10th March 2021, at 10.30am at 75 Reid St, Fitzroy North**. Refreshments will be served following the service.

The funeral director and venue will be following COVID-safe protocols but we understand some of you won't be able to travel or need to take additional precautions. For those unable to attend, the livestream can be viewed at:

<http://bit.ly/MontaguRussell>

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Lions Club of Diggers Rest at:

<https://diggerslions.org.au/donate/>

2-hour car parking is available in the surrounding streets. There is unrestricted parking east of St Georges Road in Falconer, Mark, Delbridge, Rowe, and McKean Streets, and Alfred Crescent. Tram 11 from City to West Preston stops a few doors away at cnr St Georges Road / Alfred Crescent, Stop 21.



*Some of the hard workers at Rimstone Co-op's 40th Birthday celebrations at Homeleigh in 2014, posing with Gary's restored 1930 Model A Ford.
(R to L: Monty Russell, Lou Williams, Rob Brain, Daryl Carr, Gary Coleman)*

Vale Bob Meadows

Bob Meadows died in early February. Bob was a member of VSA and also Rimstone from its inception. His other great interest was gold prospecting which he indulged in once he retired.

Rimstone Co-operative property updates are included on next page.../

Scrubby Creek Property

The property was severely burnt in the 31st December 2020 bushfires. This has necessitated re-fencing the entire property. This has now been completed.

Rimstone was awarded an East Gippsland Catchment Management “**Biodiversity Bushfire Recovery Grant**” in November.

- This covers fencing for tufa terrace slopes area.
- Provision of a stock watering tank on the Western track side of the tufa terraces
- Construction of a track from the car park at the tufa terrace overlook down the slope to the cave and tufa terrace
- Planting of shade trees for the tufa terrace.

The fencing has been completed. The track construction is to make the track safer as it is slippery when wet or dry and there are several awkward steps. The track is to be minimalist rather than over-engineered.

Could someone come forward to manage the track construction project:

Track Construction Project manager wanted (contact Nicholas White).

There is budget for cement and shoring timber etc.

Nicholas White

Booking accommodation at Homeleigh

Please remember that accommodation numbers are currently restricted at Homeleigh and it is operating under strict COVID-safe conditions (refer February 12th 2021 email to members).

Please remember to request accommodation using the proper email address so that your request is received promptly. Then our on-duty accommodation officer can reply promptly. (Else your request might get lost.)

Homeleigh Booking Officer

email to: accomm@rimstone.org.au

Shades of Death

A lot of work continues with Miles Pierce sorting out generator and wiring issues. Daryl Carr is continuing with rust proofing the steps in the cave and refurbishing the generator shed. Nigel Cooke is continuing a detailed survey of the cave.

The photo below shows Miles and Daryl fixing generator relays.



Nicholas White

The Canyons Property – FYI

This 240 acre property at 4 Slippery Pinch Road is up for auction in early April. I expect to get a Section 32 statement together with auction date soon. The agent is Michael Enerver of Harcourts Bairnsdale.

The property has several good recreational caves. It was severely affected by the bushfire.

Rimstone Co-operative Ltd is not interested in purchasing this property.

Nicholas White

Rimstone Co-op directors

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