



Rimstone Newsletter

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Newsletter No. 2 ?

This is the second newsletter to be published by the current team of Rimstone Directors.

The first one was published in January, and sent by email to all those members whose email addresses we had on record. Emailing it saved us significant printing and postal costs, plus the manual effort (and time) of folding and enveloping all the hard copies.

However, we realise that some people missed #1, so both this #2 issue and the first one will be snail-mailed asap.

If we don't have your current email address, then please feel free to provide it so that we can send you future correspondence in a very timely manner, and at much lower costs to the Coop. (You can email your own email address to Rob B: <mailto:brain@hotkey.net.au>)

PO Box changes

As with some things that need changing from time to time, it is time to change our official postal address to one that is more convenient to the majority of Rimstone directors going forward.

Please see the details at the top of this page.

Homeleigh accomm payments

There have been some problems from time to time with payment for accommodation.

Please note: any bank deposit amount for accomm must match the total on the Accommodation Sheet that gets mailed to the Treasurer. Also **only one bank deposit** per Accom Sheet. (Otherwise the Treasurer gets grumpy.)

Directors' Meeting Update

The new directors (Gary C, Paul B, Greg L, Lou W, and Rob B) are trying to have a formal directors' meeting every second month. This is

proving a little challenging; but is successful so far.

More news from these meetings will be sent out as appropriate.

Homeleigh Working Bee IMMINENT

There has been a lot of activity over recent months with basic maintenance at Homeleigh. But it is now time for a working bee. Proposed for sometime in May — date is TBA.

We are looking for some key people with good trade skills in things like carpentry, plastering, and plumbing.

We can advise of the date shortly; **but in the meantime, if you can assist, please contact our Working Bee coordinator** asap (Gary Coleman 9808-3716).

Homeleigh Usage — UpDate

Over recent months there have been many over night stays at Homeleigh by non-members. In “most cases” this has worked well, and has generated a good income stream for the Co-op.

These visits are helping to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the facility.

Member-In-Charge — Duties!!

On some occasions we have had visits to Homeleigh where the MIC has somehow forgotten, or overlooked, some duties of the MIC.

If you are staying at Homeleigh, and volunteer to be “THE” MIC (there is only one), then please take note of the list of duties, and please make sure they are all carried out.

We currently don't have a live-in Caretaker/ Manager; but some problems would be solved if we did. Any suggestions? please contact a director to discuss.

Rimstone Directors — GaryColeman, Paul Brooker, Greg Leeder, Lou Williams, Rob Brain

Rimstone's web site: www.rimstone.org.au — Changes have been made lately, and the directors will review and update content at each director's meeting.



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Latest News

Latest Directors Meeting

At the Directors' meeting last week, a few things came up that need to be passed on to Rimstone members asap (eg. Working Bee dates).

For members whose email addresses we have, this is being done with an updated Newsletter #2 (using this new page 2). For members whose email addresses we do not have, they will see this 2-page newsletter (number 2) mailed with Newsletter number 1 via the snail-mail.

In future, newsletters will be emailed and snail-mailed at about the same time. But, of course, email recipients will see the newsletter at least a couple of days earlier than the snail-mailed ones.

(If you want to receive it by email, please let us know – see below.)

Web site updated

The web site <http://www.rimstone.org.au> has been updated with some fresh text, and activity, event and date details. Please visit it.

2008 AGM date

This year's AGM will be, Friday 26 September (8pm), at a venue TBA.

Homeleigh is heavily used

A number of Homeleigh guests are finding out about Homeleigh from the web site. Many of these guests don't have any other existing contact with Rimstone, or any Rimstone members.

This is good for our accommodation income; but some of these people are expecting first class accommodation, or they expect something else that does not eventuate.

Sometimes there are small problems. For example, when no member is also staying. So there is no MIC to help make sure that the facility operates smoothly.

The Directors have made a conscious decision that perhaps we should try to discourage some of these people from attending.

Working Bee

Queen's Birthday weekend

There is a long list of maintenance items that need to be tackled.

The next working bee is being pushed out from May, to **June 7-8-9** (Queen's Birthday).

Food? — BYO meat for BBQ, and salads will be supplied. Please RSVP to Gary (see below).

On page 1 of this newsletter, we are asking for any volunteers with some sort of skills in the following to please come along and help out: carpentry, plastering, and plumbing (please phone Gary Coleman to discuss 9808-3716).

Here is a summary list of tasks:

1. Storm water drain along the front road to be cleared of grass build up;
2. Fix/replace fascia boards on toilet block;
3. Northward passage door – install door hardware;
4. Fix door snib and architrave around external kitchen door;
5. Replace fibreglass roofing sheets on toilet block (and on dining room);
6. Finish off verandah roof (NW corner);
7. Fix the springing weatherboards on the gables on north side;
8. Garden maintenance (vines on front verandah need pruning);
9. BBQ needs a concrete slab underneath;
10. Finish off 2 renovated bedrooms (finish plaster, and wall below dado, and paint);
11. Dining room picture rail;
12. On the ex-heavy caving room (#15), complete the removal of the external door, (and insulate the cavity);
13. Storm water pipes under front verandah are springing apart.

It will be fantastic to have a few Rimstone members get together for a great weekend of productivity, fun and just plain old socialising as well.

Please mark it in your diaries, and RSVP to **Gary asap (9808-3716)**.

Feedback, or new email address to: <mailto:brain@hotkey.net.au>