



# Rimstone Newsletter

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**Rimstone Cooperative Ltd.**  
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**A Community Advancement Society**

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### 2011 AGM — NOTICE of MEETING

Formal notice of the 2011 AGM of the Rimstone Cooperative Ltd is hereby given.

**Friday 23 September**, 8pm,  
at the home of Gary & Jo Coleman,  
22 Prospect Street, Mt. Waverley, 3149.

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

RSVP: by email to:

[directors@rimstone.org.au](mailto:directors@rimstone.org.au)

or phone Rob Brain (03) 9752 3681

### AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of AGM 2010 and actions (the minutes are available from the web site [www.rimstone.org.au](http://www.rimstone.org.au) — see the links on left side of home page).
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Maintenance report (including property, buildings and grounds).
4. Booking Officer's Report.
5. General Business.
6. Election of Directors.
7. Supper.

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

<mailto:directors@rimstone.org.au>

[www.buchan.vic.au](http://www.buchan.vic.au)

The Buchan community now has their own web site up and running, with their own domain name. We are in the process of reviewing the content to see how best Rimstone can assist, and make some contribution to the web site content.

Please visit the web site and explore it, and consider any suggestions.

## Directors changing?

At this year's AGM, two directors come up for rotational retirement — Rob Brain and Greg Leeder. Rob has advised that he doesn't have enough time to devote to the task properly, and so is not standing again, to make way for someone with the time available. Paul Brooker is looking for someone else to take over the role of Treasurer in coming months, so it is hoped that the resulting board of directors will have someone on board with an interest in things financial (and Treasurer "tuition" can be provided).

## Homeleigh is not a dump

From time to time it has been noticed that very kind people deposit their unloved rubbish at Homeleigh — things like old kitchen utensils, or expired bedding.

PLEASE NOTE: Homeleigh is not to be used as a place for dumping old possessions. Someone recently left a second-hand bed and mattress in the caretaker's quarters without first asking the directors if it might be useful. Because we don't need it, and we don't want it, Rimstone will have to pay to have it dropped at the tip. Along with other items that are clogging up the place.

**Please Do Not Donate  
Any Goods to Homeleigh  
Without First Asking the Directors  
if it is Useful !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! :-((**

## Annual Membership Fees

These are now due and payable, and everyone should have received notification in the mail. Please pay very soon by EFT, or cheque in the mail, or bring cash to the AGM at Gary's place.

## Promoting new members

We are keen to see new members join Rimstone, but the membership application process is a little grey at the moment.

To help address this we are preparing a **Registration of Interest** form to make available on the web site.

### Women on Farms

The Women On Farms organisation is planning a large function in Buchan in March of 2012, and they have requested that we make some beds available for the period March 16-18, 2012.

More information about Women on Farms can be found on their web site:

[www.womenonfarms.org](http://www.womenonfarms.org)

Also see details on the buchan.vic.au web site: [buchan.vic.au/women-on-farms-gathering](http://buchan.vic.au/women-on-farms-gathering)

### Latest working bee (July 2011)

We had a few die-hard working bee fans attend the latest working bee in July. You might have seen their photos published in the recent July edition of the Buchan Bulletin. A scanned copy of page 6 is included with this Newsletter. Because the quality of the published photos is not fantastic, they are reproduced below on page 3 of this Newsletter.

We made some great progress on plastering down the two hallways, and a first coat of paint around the front entry foyer, and down the first passage. We are looking forward to a concerted painting effort on the next working bee.

The recently replaced smoke alarm system plays up occasionally, so some effort was put into fixing this. Greg Leeder, Miles and Daryl put some discussion into how to remedy this for the long-term.

Daryl and Miles braved the heights and fixed the spouting above the kitchen entry door, while Rocky gave the driveway hedge a hair cut. And Marg James helped out on the painting team.

Many thanks to everyone who helped out over the weekend. With such a good job, they are all invited to the next one ;-)

### AGM

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Coleman residence on Friday 23 September for the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

### Maintenance activities

Once enough progress is made with the plastering works, we will be replacing the old, deteriorating windows along the west wall. This will be a little expensive, but with reasonable usage we do have the funds to cover it.

### Buchan History

There is some historical information on the buchan.vic.au web site, including photos like this one of the Cricket Club Hotel:



Source:

[buchan.vic.au/heritage/historical-photos](http://buchan.vic.au/heritage/historical-photos)

See a slightly [larger version here](#).

### Rimstone web site

As some members will know, the Rimstone domain name [www.rimstone.org.au](http://www.rimstone.org.au) and the web site (and the email addresses) are hosted at no charge (on a server in Europe). On a couple of occasions in recent days the web site has been down, and some emails might not have been sent. This is because the hosting server has been undergoing maintenance.

By the time you read this, all should be up and running again for another few years before another interruption.

### Vote of thanks

Behind the scenes we have a few dedicated members who contribute more than their fair share to help maintain Homeleigh, and keep things running for the benefit of the entire Rimstone membership.

A great vote of thanks to all these people.

**Rimstone Directors** — Rob Brain (Newsletter, Web), Nick White (Secretary and Bookings), Paul Brooker (Treasurer), Gary Coleman (maint. ph: 9808-3716), Greg Leeder (maintenance).

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Web:- [www.rimstone.org.au](http://www.rimstone.org.au).

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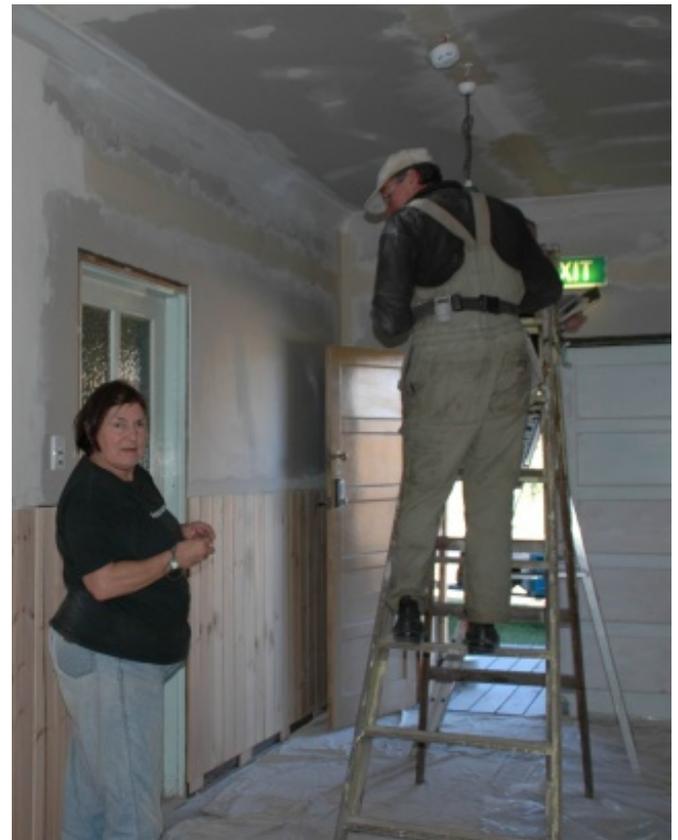


*Daryl and Miles enjoying the sun  
(repairing the spouting).*



*Left: Gary was thrilled with his  
completed man hole.*

*Below: Marg and Gary preparing to paint.*



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## Homeleigh — renovations never ending

With a building that is about a hundred years old, like many buildings around town, the maintenance activity never ends. The good news is that some parts of Homeleigh are now looking better than new! With some bedroom renovations completed, and the re-plastering in the two long passageways having been started a year or two ago, the end is getting so close.

But Kevin wants the phone line! Early on Saturday morning (9 July) the Rimstone Coop working bees were keen to start work on the continuing improvements to Homeleigh — and the phone rang. Now the phone at Homeleigh does not ring very often. It was a bloke called Kevin from some Telecom company. And he wanted the phone line. He claimed to have a great offer to encourage us to switch phone company. But Gary wasn't going to let Kevin get off easily.

"Kevin", said Gary, "where are you Kevin? You sound like you're in Malaysia". "No!" was Kevin's reply, "I'm in Melbourne". "Jeez, Kevin, it doesn't sound like it!"

"Well", said quick-thinking Gary, "tell me where I am, Kevin mate". And Kevin replied with some caution and hesitation "You're at 15 Jell-ant-ippee road, Boo-can". Well, Gary just couldn't control himself. "And Kevin, listen Kevin, tell me where Boo-can is, cause if you don't know, then we can't help ya!"

So, overnight, the town has been renamed to Boo-can! Well, how about that?

The weekend's working bee eventually got under way. Miles and Daryl hopped up onto the verandah outside the kitchen to fix up the fallen spouting. It was no longer catching precious water for the water tank outside the kitchen. With such a lovely day, and problems with rotten



done boys.

**Daryl Carr and Miles Pierce fixing the spouting in the afternoon sun.**

The only near-miss accident for the weekend was when Daryl disconnected the spouting and downpipe full of muck, and it splashed onto the lower roof and gushed over the edge onto the hedge trimmers below. Luck for Rocky she was awake up to this possibility, and had niftily stepped aside.

Meanwhile, Gary, Paul and Marg were putting final finishing touches to the plaster works in the front entry foyer and down the first passageway. By the end of the weekend, the timber panelling in the foyer had it's first coat of sealing paint applied (thanks Rob), and the entire first hallway had it's first coat of sealing paint all the way from the front door down the passage to the dining room. Great job finished just in time to down a few beers before Sunday dinner. Painting of the second long passageway will have to wait until next time.

With the ceiling being so high up, it was always a problem trying to get up into the roof space. During the renovations the boys had put a great

manhole into the ceiling. And Gary spent hours fitting the manhole cover, and completing the trim around the hole. By the time it is painted, it will

be so well camouflaged that we won't be able to find Gary's manhole. Gary was very pleased with the end result.



**Gary Coleman indicates the manhole cover, and Paul Brooker (background) plastering**

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### B.A.D.C.U.G.

Buchan and District Computer User Group  
1st Floor, 12-14 North, B 20th - 22, 20th



Would you like to learn more about computers?

Do you need help with your computer?

Many computer users frequently find the complexity of their computers a little overwhelming, so these sessions will be designed to help demystify this exciting tool.

Bring your questions to the sessions; there will be people available to help with your computer needs and queries.

We would also like to invite computer users to come along and share their knowledge, help others with problems encountered and discuss favourite programs, websites, etc.

Your ideas about a suitable topic are most welcome.

You can bring your laptops, notebooks, PCs (just the box as the NEI keypad, mice and screens can be used).

Spread the word about this exciting new group.

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Neighbourhood House  
"to care it up together"

Next session will be 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2011