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ADVICE OF ATTENDANCE

Please advise either to Lew Parsons at 8725 2711 or Email or to Maurie Drewer as per the front of the Purrer, by the prior Friday.

Gurdon Tails, the Gurdon awaits your confidential advices.

- * **Club Subscriptions.** If paying direct by credit please advise dajadid@westnet.com.au by e-mail quoting invoice number. Subscription notices are out. **Please pay them asap.**
- * <http://www.hoo-hoo.org/> and <http://www.hoo-hoo.org/log-tally.html> are contacts for the HHI Website and Log and Tally. Purrer copy to brsjpage@bigpond.com.
- * Hopefully everyone is receiving the **Purrer by e-mail**. This is our only circulation. The Purrer circulation list has been checked against the J IV Directory and some added. **All have the recent 2015-2016 JIV Directory.**
- * **Purrer Editorial Policy!** This is retained being "never let the truth get in the way of a good story". The Purrer Editor welcomes good stories at all times! Similarly Gurdon Greg Richardson welcomes good stories as well. Discretion as to the source is perhaps assured.
- * **HHI Website.** We hope all members have gone on the website and registered. Fuller details are in the Purrer contents to remind how to access this and register as a HHI Member. It is important to members to register. An update how to register is in the Purrer.
- * **Club contacts as above** have been updated. A quiet sms to Greg Richardson is always welcome! Or an e-mail with details of evidence of any Gurdon Matter!
- * **Wildfires in California and British Columbia.** Around 10th June, many fires were burning driven by wind and heat. The biggest fires at that time had burnt up to 35 square km in area. Homes have been lost, thousands evacuated and a few firefighters injured. Wild fires also swept over one of Italy's Volcanoes looking akin to an eruption.
- * **Leuschenaultia Club 274 based in Bunbury, will hold the 2018 JIV Convention.** Attached is a flier provided by JIV Secretary, Trish Waters. Dates are Thursday 12th April to Sunday 15th April, 2018. Mark this down on your calendar. This Club is renowned for holding great Conventions. Highlights are magnificent Jarrah Forests and local hospitality.
- * **The 125th HHI Convention is in Seattle, Washington State, USA and will be held from September 9-12, 2017.** www.hoo.hoo and locate the Convention site. Details of registration and accommodation are provided. Seattle is a powerhouse of our industry. It is also a great place to visit towered over by Mount Rainier, and based on an amazing seafront.

AUGUST 2017 AND TREES GROW WELL!

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Purrer copy to brsjpage@bigpond.com.

Meeting responses to lewparsons@bigpond.com or Maurie at mkdrewerdubai@gmail.com or phone Maurie 0408 394 296.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th August at 6.29 pm for 6.59 pm.

At the South Australian Hotel in the Outback Room.

A DVD made from a film by the king of cedar getters in Northern NSW was made in late fifties and sixties and will be shown. Thanks to David Didwell for collecting this at a past JIV convention.

This is a low key social night

The September Meeting will be on Monday September 11th. We are confident of being back at the Southgate which is still unavailable. Anthony Hay of the Flying Ants who flies drones over forests will be Guest Speaker.

October will be the **Koondrook Meeting** as per the Fliers emailed out.

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FEEDBACK FROM THE JUDY BARNETT VISIT

Hi Brian,

Thank you for all of the work you put in to make this such a memorable experience. I received the article you posted, today, and can only praise Brittany (of the Border Watch) for doing her homework on CLT, as is reflected in the article.

I have been contacted by several attendees of the technical presentation to express their gratitude for the knowledge I passed on – and for the CPD certificates.

Several lovely emails from the technical group were sent saying that they enjoyed my presentation and can't wait to apply this knowledge to a building.

Murray and Marg Alpen did a wonderful job of showing me the 40m span timber portal frames in the equestrian center, and took time to show me around beautiful Ballarat. The presentation for Ballarat was a combination of your tech and dinner presentations and was well received.

Jim Bowden (of Timber and Forestry E-News) contacted me and has had a chat about his article – however I am a little concerned, he asked me what year I was born! Hopefully it was just curiosity and not because he intends to print my age in the timber trader news. Thank you again for everything, and please pass on my thanks to Lew for taking the time to show Chris and I through the interactive display and memorabilia. Kind regards Judy

Hi Brian,

Thanks for sending that information onto me. Our meeting with Judy went very well. Unfortunately, we were unable to get any industry related guests, not for the lack of trying. Regards, Ron Harrington L89619 Ballarat Club 256

We can see that lots of interest in timber construction has been fired up. David Mahon, SA Manager of Pryda and Chris Fathers of Tillings are better known to those that attended the Technical Session. The Pryda Cassette Flooring Systems are well suited to second floors and second story extensions. Both visit Mount Gambier regularly. Judy's comments above are very encouraging for specialized timber construction and some meeting speakers on modern timber systems might be a future priority. Some local architects are keen on structural timber construction. Herbert Architects is a good example. Connections with the two Councils have been very much enhanced.

The visit of Judy Barnett has been one of wonderful service to our important local industry. And press releases also highlighted this visit and our Club, even if 214 the catalyst, has been in the background discretely doing this job.

KOONDROOK, VICTORIA ON THE BANKS OF THE MURRAY.

Check the internet, key in Koondrook. Caravan Park contacts are John and Marg Forbes, 5 Keene Street, Koondrook, Victoria 3580. info@koondrookcaravanpark.com.au phone 03 54532103. We join Ballarat and other Victorian Clubs at this River paradise. Dates October 14,15,16 2016. Please check President Maurie Drewer if going so our club co-ordinates attendance from our Club. Other Koondrook veterans David Didwell, Greg Richardson and Laurie Judd can add their comments and contact any of the above at the appropriate time.

Check your calendar about mid-October to follow up on Koondrook. Everyone has received the Fliers and this adds contact details. Adelaide Club 212 has also been e-mailed the Flier and this needed detail some time ago. October 13-15, 2017 are the dates.

CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING TUESDAY JULY 4.

Executive met at Lew Parson's house to review the last meetings and plan the next few months. David Didwell also presented a June 30 Finances Report. Subscriptions to JIV have been paid. We have no outstanding accounts to pay. Gurdon income over time was outlined, and Gurdon Greg Richardson was given a round of encouragement! We have paid our Club TCA Membership. Computer and other support to the TCA Meeting on July 10 would be followed up and the venue is booked and ready to go. Collection of subscriptions is going well.

LACK OF WIND BLOWS POWER COSTS OUT!!

Slow wind conditions in parts of SA slashed wind generation in the June quarter pushing up SA Power costs. Solar power generation has also been affected by the cold, wintery conditions. June quarter prices of SA Power increased from \$81/MWh to 116/MWh. Closures of the Hazelwood and Port Augusta Power Stations exacerbate the problem. This well below average quarter was expected to happen three or four times a year. June was the lowest wind speed at Adelaide Airport over the past ten years. It is thought that climate change and highs over the sea will increase and become a more normal situation and thus more times of low wind. The heavy dependence on wind power will continue to cause power supply problems and grid stability situations like last year's huge SA power outage are more likely to occur. The case for a local bio-energy power plant it seems becomes much stronger it being on the SA-Victoria Grid Connector.

HHI WEBSITE INSTRUCTIONS ADVICE ONCE MORE.

Go to www.hoohoo.org

On the right side of the site, you will see an icon Claim Account, click here then

1. Enter your Hoo-Hoo number
2. Try your birthdate (the American way) mm/dd/yyyy and if that does not work then enter this as 01/01/1900 - do not use the drop down – (if it appears) simply highlight mm with your cursor and enter 01 then 01 then 1900
3. Enter a username of your choice - no spaces –
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5. Click on the blue button - CLAIM ACCOUNT –
6. Once the account is successfully claimed you will need to log in to the website using the Login at the top right of the screen then enter your username and password. Once successfully logged in you will be prompted to update your information – please do so and hit submit.

If you have any problem claiming your account or logging in please email Kent Bond at Kent@all-coast.com he will help you log in.

A link to a short video tutorial is <https://www.screencast.com/t/wnMu6q0>

WILDFIRES IN NORTH AMERICA.

I mentioned this in the Purrer above. Rampant wildfires July have burnt extensive areas of forests. Thousands have been evacuated and many homes lost. Major national parks such as Yosemite in California were threatened. British Columbia in Canada has massive fires still burning. Areas burnt measure in the low hundreds of thousands of Hectares and classify as mega-fires. Australian Fire Crews are over there helping our international friends with support to stretched fire crews. When fires will be controlled is unknown, many being in rugged and hard to access forest regions. One quick effect of the fires is timber supply for building is severely dislocated and lumber prices are rising sharply. BC is critical to US lumber supply being a huge producer and source of lumber. Lots of fire burnt logs once access to forests is available, will address log supply shortages but replanting forests will take much longer and affect lumber markets for a long time.

SALE OF GMC RELICS HELD IN MOUNT GAMBIER.



Here are photos taken after Alwin Goetz and a 214 team retrieving the GMC from the shed and finally had it loaded. The photo with the GMC loaded, from the left has Gareth Soper – current owner of the property. Lew Parsons, Alwin Goetz. Greg Richardson. Maurie Drewer. Hugh Davis (heavily involved as an antique military vehicle collector / enthusiast.)

Please note to better view the photos copy and paste to a word doc and enlarge.

Hugh supplied the truck to cart the GMC back to Birdwood. The GMC truck was purchased by Matthew Lombard – in his day job he is a curator at the Birdwood Mill Motor museum in the Adelaide Hills. The truck is a personal project for Matthew and family and he is hoping to get it restored as a prime mover towing an aviation tanker – as used at airfields during World War 2. Alwin has seen a photograph of the tanker Matthew is intending to buy.

Mount Gambier club purchased this GMC to use the motor to complete the restoration of the Crane Truck. Colin Moreland then stored the remaining cab, chassis, gearbox and driveline in a shed off Pinehall Avenue. The club was lucky to recover the GMC truck and make the sale as the property has been sold twice and the GMC truck was never an exclusion in sale contracts. The club sold this GMC with a box or sundry spares (not all for the GMC) that came from the Grossers, the owners of the original crane truck, who came from Millicent

REPORT OF LAST MEETING WITH TCA.

To Timber Communities Australia's General Members

Mt Gambier Timber Industry Club members and guests enjoyed hearing from guest speaker Ms Leilani Dawes at their regular monthly dinner on Monday night.

Leilani came to town to speak about her experiences in the Timber Communities Australia (TCA) Young Ambassadors Initiative last year. This included media training, small group learning through talks with industry experts, attending major industry events in Canberra and Melbourne, and experience in how to prepare and meet with Parliamentarians to advocate for your issues. She also had to deliver a local community project and ran a very successful forestry visit for students from Concordia College in Adelaide.

To read more about this visit go to the TCA website at <http://tca.org.au/uncategorized/young-timber-community-ambassador-visits-mt-gambier/> or download the attached media release.

This meeting was well reported in the Border Watch and Timber and Forestry E-News.

CLUB PUBLICITY.

The Judy Barnett and TCA Meetings have been reasonably reported in the Border Watch, on local ABC and in Timber and Forest E-News. Reports have and are going to HHI Log and Tally. Purrer's are now going to a couple of new people who might be prospective members, and to HHI, JIV. We have given great service to our industry over this time. Purrer Editor Brian has also contacted Ballarat Club re TCA Young Ambassador's and 256 is contacting Colac Members about the idea of local Ambassadors being the regional production hub.

COMPUTER SECURITY ATTACK!

In early July, emails purported to have come the Page E-mail address, may have been received by email addresses on my e-mail address book. This was reported to yours truly and action was taken immediately. My computer fellow and I attended to the problem, assisted by the fact that he had also received a suspicious e-mail. It was an old phishing e-mail emanating from dropbox from about 2010 with inserted ransomware. I have never seen the e-mail and no such emails were in my sender outbox, I did not send this!

Someone with poor security going into dropbox was infected passing it on to those on their email address book, and on and onto others with poor security, and those with me in their address book, it passed on further. I upgraded security systems and on advice upgraded to outlook 2016. Soon after I received a lot of Mail Administrator e-mails to email addresses not recognized and bigpond suspended my e-mail account and after 3 days working with them, this was resumed, confirmed all was OK.

I am concerned that some getting the Purrer might been part of this attack. A random worm coming from dropbox spread widely and randomly attacking e-mails. Anyone receiving this suss one purported to be from me, simply by deleting it stopped the worm spreading and assisted destroying it. I hope no-one was affected. I take computer security very seriously and have my computer guy around 3-4 times a year and have my computer completely checked out being upgraded constantly. This was a worrying time.

A LOW KEY MEETING ON MONDAY AUGUST 14th.

Our Club has had a busy time this year with the two last Club Meetings VIP Highlight nights, plus the Datatrx installation. We had people away at the JIV Convention.

The DVD about Cedar Getters in Northern NSW will be a bit lighter but immensely interesting about past timber getting practices and a Timber no longer commercially logged. Some might be available to Timber Artisans, wood turning, pieces of timber art and the tourist and gift market with high value products.

PLEASE NOTE THE MANY PROGRAM MATTERS. DIARY DATE NOW.

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Wow, 125 years and a great year of commemoration of HHI and our Order being one of the longest living organizations in the world associated with an industry! This is a real achievement and commemorated in the great city of Seattle.

November 13 is a possible Club Meeting.

And the **Xmas Meeting will be early in December.**

DIARY DATE THESE PLEASE!