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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.

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 - * 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.
- FUTURE HHI CONVENTIONS. Seattle, Washington State, September 9-12, 2017. New Plymouth, MA 2018. Vancouver BC, 2019 and Hot Springs, AR in 2020.**
- * **JIV CONVENTION HOBART MAY 5-7, 2107. The Cats Prowl Hobart Town.** Details are on the JIV Website. Venue is the RACV Hobart Apartment Hotel, 154-156 Collins Street, Hobart and rooms are on hold for JIV Registrants Code 3161667.
- * **Please note** a report on Judy Barnett and outcomes coming in from her Study Tour to Europe **funded by the Norton Ladkin Memorial Fellowship Fund.** The Trustees invite anyone wanting to donate funds to grow Trusts reserves, to enable continuing success with future applicants. Changes made by the current Trustees and a higher value fellowship has achieved a good result. This is Hoo-Hoo's main long term initiative to support our industry,

OUR CLUB AND THE PURRER WISHES EVERY ONE A WONDERFUL FESTIVE SEASON, AND MAY 2017 ONLY BRINGS HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND LONG LIFE!!

DECEMBER 2016 AND NEW YEAR 2017.

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NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting will be our Xmas Meeting at Periwinkles at Port MacDonnell. **SUNDAY DECEMBER 4th, 11.30 am** on for drinks **and from 12.20 pm on for lunch.**

Notice of attendance by Monday 28th November is to Maurie Drewer.

We need firm bookings.

2017 Meeting dates are yet to be settled but first Meeting should be February 13.

JIV Convention in Hobart May 5-7, 2017.

HHI in Seattle, Wa, USA, September 9-12, 2017.

KOONDROOK REPORT OCTOBER 14, 15, 16, 2016.

Members and partners from Ballarat, Nth East and Mount Gambier clubs met for combined fellowship. Friday night was Dinner across the road at the local Koondrook hotel and a great meal was enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning was the cruise on the "Wetlander" for Brunch as we journeyed along the Gumbower Creek. Saturday afternoon was the Hoo Hoo challenge of throwing horse shoes to hook onto star pickets. The men played against the women with the finalist being Chris Judd against Greg Richardson and Greg had a lucky break and took out the prize.

Saturday night was a meet and greet barbecue with John and Margo Forbes (park owners) hosting us with salads and sweets. After a nice meal we were entertained by Len Lord from Nth East club with some great story telling.

Each night John stoked up the fire with plenty of heat from red gum.

Sunday night, for those of us who stayed on, went to the Barham RSL club.

A great time was had by all and next year we meet on the 12th, 13th & 14th October 2017.

Report by President Maurie Drewler.

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Details are already on the JIV Website. Venue is the RACV Hobart Apartment Hotel, 154-156 Collins Street, Hobart and rooms are on hold for JIV Registrants Code 3161667 for event registration and room discounts. Hotel Rooms cost \$184 per night and \$211 per night for a one bedroom, Apartment with kitchen and Laundry. Friday May 5 is the Icebreaker and prowl. Saturday is the JIV AGM, Lunch, Hoo-Hoo Challenge and Gala Dinner. It is hoped that Judy Barnett will also present in Hobart. Check the JIV Website for registration details and accommodation. The NLMF Trustees will also meet at Hobart. The JIV program looks good at this stage and any visit to Hobart is always a real pleasure.

TIMBER AND FORESTRY E-NEWS ISSUE 439, NOVEMBER 4, 2016.

Every issue addresses key issues for our industry and particularly, those forces driving opportunities unknown in the past.

- A Brisbane seminar "Design, Engineer and Build: Mid Rise Timber Buildings" attracted over 160 architects, engineers, specifiers, builders and our industry all keen to learn about the changes to Australian Building Codes now allowing building apartments, hotel, office and community buildings to an effective height of 25 m. Products include light weight timber framing, glulam, CLT, LVL all of which all now have enormous additional opportunities.
- Frame Australia will change its name early next year at its annual conference to Timber Offsite Construction Australia to reflect enormous change. Timber systems built in controlled factory environments reduce building costs by up to 25% according to Kevin Ezard 83191.

I add comment from Edition 441, 18th November.

- Aussies become undisputed world champions of wood chopping. A five man team smashed to world records in front of 8,000 fans at Porsche Stadium in Stuttgart, Germany. Called the Choppers.
- A National center for Timber Durability and Design Life is being based in Queensland receiving a federal Grant of \$3.8 million to be matched by support funding. Woods Products Australia is involved.
- The EU and Indonesia have signed a landmark Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT) licensing which comes into effect to keep illegally logged wood out of EU supply chains.

Free E-Subscriptions is available on their website, key in their name as above.

JUDY BARNETT'S NLM FELLOWSHIP ADELAIDE PRESENTATION.

As advised last Purrer, Judy 100946 presented in Adelaide on Wednesday, November 9 to about 50 people on her Ladkin Memorial Timber Solutions Tour to Europe studying commercial wood based construction including CLT etc and high rise buildings using factory made and large scale components. Those attending included Engineers, PIRSA, Component manufacturers, Bunnings, Real Estate Association leaders, Pryda, and the Chair of the SA division of the Building Design Association. Brian Stewart of Adelaide Club was in the front row. It is sure that in future that there will be many more going on the tour that Judy did recently funded by the NLM Fellowship Trust.

A 5 story CLT Building is being constructed in Kent Town, Adelaide. Being the first in Adelaide, there are some delays with building and learning the detailed design matters. Wet areas, fire resistance details, acoustic details to prevent noise from above levels, and a myriad of details and important building procedures have to be carefully attended to these being commercial buildings. The BCA person, in question time, asked Judy many technical questions. Sustainability, environmental advantages, the carbon credit reality etc. were highlights. Wood Solutions Guidelines are a good reference point.

Brian Page, NLMF Trustee had a delightful talk with Judy and referred Judy to Timber and Forestry E-News and Jim Bowden of Brisbane and hopefully great publicity will result. Judy would love to present to our Club. A CLT Plant being built in NE Victoria, with a Victorian State Grant, will not be producing for about two years, but is already building up a customer base in Victoria so much so, that SA for instance will not get a look-in. Judy suggest that our region would be an ideal place for CLT production plants.

In SA, Cassette Systems say 12 m x 3 m flooring sections craned up in low rise commercial buildings could provide local producers an entry until CLT production capacity in this country might meet demand. In this way Architects and engineers could get well versed in the construction needs and material specifications to meet new building regulations. In the meantime, components must come from overseas. And Judy Barnett seems to have gained a reputation already as someone to talk to about timber based high rise. Norton Ladkin would be very proud of this. This is the exciting future.

Attached with the Purrer is Judy Barnett's initial report to Hoo-Hoo JIV and the trustees this is outstanding reading about CLT, high Rise Timber buildings and the future.

GLOBAL WARMING MAKING THE PLANET GREENER ADSORBING CO2!

Satellite photos of the Earth are now showing a much greener planet as modern pictures show a swathe of greenery spreading from central Africa to Europe and south-east Asia. An additional area of greenery of about 18 million hectares (twice the area of the USA) due to climate change as the earth warms up and places once to chilly for good plant growth have steadily become much more hospitable.

In 2014, humans pumped around 37.7 billion tonnes of CO2 into the air increasing from around 6 billion tonnes in 1950. Concentration of CO2 has risen in this time from around 311 parts per million to over 400 in 2015. Forests are one sink for CO2 as are warming oceans as photosynthesis removes CO2 producing cellulosic growth and oxygen. But this more vigorous photosynthesis is only slowing the effects of climate change. And hotter weather in some places might stifle plant growth in the tropics and dying plants would release more methane, a climate warming problem.

It seems reducing CO2 emissions is the major solution in the long term.

FROM ACORNS DO GREAT TREES GROW!!!

In 2004 our Club held its last Golf Day and donated proceeds to Strand Like Stone Foundation www.standlikestone.com.au, the cheque being presented by President Greg Richardson of about \$1,300. Being a capital invested entity, over 12 years at say 4%, about \$700 has been returned to our community yet SLSF still has the original funds banked and invested. This shows the strength of the capital invested model (used in superannuation). SLSF could be described as a regional community charitable pension fund. SLSF recently held its AGM and reported capital funds in the three Trusts of \$3,000,000, much being received from large endowments in 2015/2016. Trusts income was \$75,363 with much invested about April to escape interest rates being say about 1.5% overall. **Income at the end of this 2016-2017 year will be substantially increased!**

Thus grants and scholarships from SLSF Funds should rise to well over \$150,000 from SLSF's own funds. Imputation credits accrued but paid say August 2017 will be substantial. **Another capacity of SLSF is its ability to draw in charitable funding from outside the region** reversing the annual drain to capital cities. \$50 Back to School vouchers, over many years, have been distributed totaling \$357,800. Stay at School funding of \$30,000 pa for a few years totals \$182,500. Scholarships totaling \$79,115 have been granted. Charitable grants of over \$100,000 have been granted widely over the community.

141 Plantations after recommendations asked SLSF to run its charitable Grants program. \$20,000 pa over three years and some outstanding grants will high and short term outcomes were granted and exit reports were exceptional. So much so that 141 Forestry will extend these capacity building grants to \$30,000 pa over the following three years.

All scholarships and grants are to high quality procedures, developed over time. **Real outcomes are the objective.** Scholarships for instance are not simply for a bright student to do Uni in Adelaide or Melbourne. A mentally challenged student received additional school support. An indigenous child received Kindergarten fees and lunch fees of \$550 for the year. Some students have received scholarships for the local Uni SA and TAFE coming from special education to do business, health and community support educational qualifications and **capacity of these students leads to demonstrable job skills and getting local jobs.** Many of these students had previous issues of poor literacy, numeracy and personal hygiene and general personal skills and lack of confidence.

SLSF finding funds in its first year was most important and **our Club should be proud of its planting an acorn** and a large educational tree created in sustainable perpetuity.

TIMBER COMMUNITIES AUSTRALIA.

Our Club and some of our members have joined TCA.

Of note, the AGM was on 18th November 2016, the Young Ambassadors Program seems to be coming along nicely with a Graduation Ceremony on 18th November, after the AGM.

They also assist the industry by circulating information about the industry. For instance members were advised of a Sustainable building in timber seminar in Melbourne 24th November at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. This was run by Australian Forestry Standard Ltd. It is day long and concentrates on products used in building, and presenting needed detail to back up sustainability, codes and standards and for instance formaldehyde emissions from Timber Products and common problems such as decay, finishing, staining and stability.

Our Club has also had a good meeting highlighted by the Chairman and EO presenting to our Club in March 2016 and we were able to attract a good attendance.

Check out their website, key-in www.timbercommunitiesaustralia.com.au

CLUB NEWS

From Dave Didwell re the touch screen at the Hoo-Hoo Pavilion.

I can report that the Touchscreen is going ahead and that currently we are waiting on Datatrx to supply a priced contract which when received will be signed and returned with our deposit cheque, the balance payable on satisfactory installation. As far as the screens are concerned we have asked that the Green Triangle facts screen be enlivened colour wise and also a small amendment to the Hoo Hoo contact details.

TERRIBLE LOSS FOR OUR INDUSTRY.

The logging fraternity, and all our industry, is reeling with disbelief and sorrow after the awful vehicle accident just south of Penola, very early Saturday morning November 19th, taking the lives of four employees of Tabeel Trading.

Steven Whitehead, Reece Wilkenson, Chris Sylvester and Nick Roser lost their lives in a vehicle rollover on the way to a forest logging site north of Penola. The vehicle was also towing a small fuel tanker. Tributes to these loyal and valued employees, the future of our industry have been aired widely in the media and families are grief stricken. The Purrer adds this small tribute to these young people on behalf of the Club.

PINERI AND YALLOOP FIRE ANNIVERSARIES.

The first anniversary of this awful fire, near Mallala north of Adelaide, on November 25, 2017 is remembered. The Purrer Editor has friends whose farms suffered a year ago. The support of many volunteers, Fence Aid, made a great impact on suffering families and assisted their emotional recovery. Some photos of a working bee planting out seedlings to replace many trees lost in the fire are below. The soils are clay soils and where the fire was most hot found clay cooked as hard as a brick and this had to be hard dug down to soft soil for the donated tree seedlings



Tom from Mallala



Purrer Editor Brian



Fire dead Trees

We also must not forget the fire at **Yalloop, WA** at the same time which badly affected this timber town where Hoo-Hoo stalwart, **Harvey Strack 84754 of Leschenaultia Club 274** worked for many years with Millar Timbers. This was also a fast moving fire in crops, like Pineri, and Yalloop suffered several losses of important buildings.

SA is getting much warmer, as summer begins, and the state is now under fire alert at various levels, and with so much rain and high fuel loads on the land, we are all reminded to be most vigilant and fore careful. We rely on the CFS and all fire volunteers and industry fire teams for fire protection and we hope for a fire safe summer.

MEETING AND HOO-HOO DATES TO REMEMBER.

Hoo-Hoo Xmas Meeting, Periwinkles, Port Mac, Sunday December 4th at 11.30 am.

JIV Convention in Hobart, May 5-7, 2017.

Next Meeting probably Monday February 13, 2017

BOOK IN NOW FOR PERIWINKLES with Maurie or Lew. **DO IT NOW.**