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ADVICE OF ATTENDANCE

Please advise either to Lew Parsons at 8725 2711 or to Maurie Drewer as per the advices in the Purrer, usually 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 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.** Go to www.hoohoo.org and the HHI Home Page then Claim Account.
- * **Heather Gattone has recently updated on Hoo-Hoo.** The JIV Convention in April 2019 in New Zealand is the main matter. All those on email have this and one assumes that all are in tune with this eg dates, tours etc. It is all in the reports from Heather Gattone.
- * **Fire Season. A fire at Carpenters Rocks early in January was a big warning to all. The fire started on Three Chain Road.** Favourable weather assisted limitation of damage from the swift response from the CFS. A blaze was burning in dry grass on private property. About four Ha of grasslands and 1 Ha of a pine forest were burnt. The closest CFS brigade was at the fire in about 20 minutes. There was no wind. Crews remained on site until after 9 pm. The cause of the fire was at the time to be determined. The CFS Brigade included a few new members. The lower SE fire started on November 22nd and will run to April 30th. All forestry agencies assisted the CFS hard work. One hopes that the CFS can attract more new members. It is a long time to April 30, and one wishes that our region has a safe fire season. Since this time, lots more fires have happened and are happening.

Tasmania is ablaze with many fires and some of our Tasmanian Members are affected.

FEBRUARY 2019 PURRER, FIRE SEASON TIME.

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NEXT MEETING

Monday February 11th

The South Australian Hotel Outback Room

6.29 pm for 6.59 start.

Advice of attendance to Maurie Drewer 0408 394 296 or mkdrewerdubai@gmail.com. Or Lew as above.

By Friday 8th February at the latest.

This is our AGM.

FINANCIAL REPORTS HAVE COME FROM TREASURER DAVE DIDWELL.

Two reports have been received, or at least the executive has received these. One mentioned the insurance on the fire truck. The other advised that the Data-craft screen at the Hoo-Hoo Pavilion, going back to be maintained at costs unknown. Dave as usual provided very good spreadsheets. This will be one AGM matter. And an important matter.

MARCH MEETING WILL BE AT ROBE 29-31 MARCH.

This is a very popular annual meeting with adjacent accommodation opposite the home of Val and Slim Fennell.

CLOSING OF CARTER HOLT HARVEY MILL AT NANGWARRY.

CHH's Future-build site was closed abruptly just before Xmas. 25 Timber workers were left without un-employment just before Xmas. The Union had negotiated improved redundancy provisions. At its peak the site employed hundreds of workers and was one of Australia's largest sawmills. Many employees had over 35 years of service. A claimed reason was a falling order book. There has been an upturn overall in our industry and the redundant employees might find employment on several sites.

The moth balled site has very secure services and would or could have major promise for alternative production processes, having a large area and many buildings and is flat.

One might assume that the old Gambier Pine site at Sturt Street in Mount Gambier will also be sold. This has laid idle for many years.

FOREST WORKER'S URGED TO RAISE THE ALARM.

A Border Watch article late in 2018 raised concerns by whistle-blowers of safety breaches in the forest products industry. Greater attention to fatigue management was needed. The Australian Forest products Association agreed that zero tolerance for any workplace safety practices was agreed with. AFPA has launched a Safe and Skilled initiative to raise awareness and to enhance employee safety in all of Australia's forest industries. A strong culture benefits all employees and the forest community. Our local industry is known to have professional practices in place.

SCIENCE FIXES NATURE'S FLAWS WITH PHOTOSYNTHESIS.

The Weekend Australian on January 5, 2019 had an amazing article about some flaws in the photosynthesis reaction, which is the basic reaction producing oxygen, and why life exists on this planet. This system developed billions of years ago but is not perfect. In warmer climates, rather than taking in carbon dioxide to produce sugars, photosynthesis goes wrong and the plant takes in oxygen instead. Instead of making food, the plant makes a toxic by-product. The wastes a huge proportion of the plant's energy. Some work on other plants such as tobacco, showed that the detoxification process could be reduced and modified plants had 40% more biomass than those not altered. University of Illinois has produced some exciting work. Cambridge University and other researchers agree with this work. Modern Science it seems can produce simply amazing results.

THIS IS A SHORT PURRER.

Please respond to this meeting notice by Friday 8th February, re attending the AGM. Contacts above.

JUST AN IDEA FOR THE CLUB.

The Club Pavilion is a good place for storage of Club Memorabilia eg badges, Hoo-Hoo cats, clothing and many members have items from Conventions, badges, caps, tops etc.

Many members might have technical books relevant to or industry and if put in a small plastic box well marked, could be a future record of value of years in a changing time as books seem to be coming irrelevant. We have a lot of storage space. Why not use it.

SENSELESS VANDALISM AT THE NANGWARRY FOOTBALL CLUB!

The football Club was set fire to, and almost totally destroyed on Wednesday Night, 10th January. The CFS put the fire out hampered by water shortage. This is one of many fires in this proud town, which suffers so much. Such fires can also be serious fire risks of larger fires in bad weather conditions. What can one say? Just terrible. What may be next? A proud Timber Town does not deserve such vandalism. So many in our industry have had close relations with this lovely town and its people, over many years.

