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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.

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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 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.hoo-hoo.org and the HHI Home Page then Claim Account.
- * **Riddoch Art Gallery Exhibition** was open till May 16th with a great new painting was displayed in the Edkins Gallery space of the later stages of the 1876 Forest Reserve in the Leg of Mutton crater. Seeing this was highly recommended. Rising ground waters in this had flooded the Reserve. An earlier painting about 1878 showed this before flooding.

Lew Parsons provided a copy of the 100 Years History of the Woods and Forests and this, with copied excerpts from the City on Mount Gambier 1994 Heritage Study were provided to Art Gallery Director Melentie Pandilovski. Later this year, a study of regional land use in will be conducted with the Gallery central to this study along with other important bodies.

One is reminded that Forestry SA handed over to the Council, a massive amount of photos, and Hadyn Dow spent enormous time having these copied along with descriptors about each photo, and this is an enormous resource for this proposed study.

Nick Keys, a researcher from Adelaide had further talks with Brian Page about the land use study, and in time might or will be available to speak to us at a future meeting.

JUNE START OF PINE POLLEN PURRER

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NEXT MEETING

JUNE 3rd 2019 AT THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOTEL. 6.29 pm for 6.59 pm.

Lew and I have been working on finding a speaker and hope to finalise this asap, and we will advise who has been finalised as a follow up email. This has delayed the Purrer a few days. So please advise attendance asap and advise attendance or apologies by Thursday April 31st, as above.

Future meetings will be 12th/13th/14th October being the Koondrook Weekend.

Other meetings will be the Robe Weekend and our Xmas event.

All Meetings will be presented with good details and notice in future Purrers.

FIRE SEASON ENDS.

A May Border Watch advised fire season had ended and public vigilance was commended. After a wet winter, fuel loads were high. A lack of serious incidents reflected community awareness. There was a warning about complacency particularly burning off. Friends on the land commented well into May, rain was needed. May had about 65 mm by 21/5/2019. One outcome or poor rain was the Australian wheat crop failure and wheat is being imported for the first time in over ten years, to feed us Australians.

TIMBER AND FORESTRY E-NEWS.

This e-publication, free of charge, covers the Forest Industries in deep detail. Issue 557, 1st May 2019 included a lot on our region and local government including a photo of our Mayor Lynnette Martin and Tony Pasin. I e-mailed this to Ben Hood of the City of Mount Gambier who will subscribe, and who emailed this to Lynnette. I have suggested to Ben that others in Council involved in economic development etc should also subscribe. Googling Timber and Forestry E-News should get one to a subscribe site. Issue 558, May 9th had excellent cover of CLT in significant low-level constructions, and of some prize-winning buildings with low building energy input. Falling area of plantations over Australia, was also commented upon. Edition 560, May 23 noted the Election result and more certainty for our industry.

One interesting note was Gunnensen's selling up after over 5 generations and leaving the industry. Peter Koren 73791, Concat 1 01/12/62 of our Club was connected to this family

REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLUB.

A special meeting was recorded in the May Purrer. Like any business, a review of where the Club is, and issues to address etc, is simply good sense. The Club is open and addressed the future whatever that may be. It now has an overall 'business plan' to work on. One might take a positive view, of what we do have to do, or might have to do, which was outlined. Matters will be addressed as we go forward.

DAVE DIDWELL ACCOUNTS 30th, APRIL.

Our efficient Treasurer has supplied accounts to the Committee, to the end of the March quarter. The work on the Interactive Display cost the Club \$532.68!

X-LAM CLT FACTORY AT WODONGA AND COUNCIL PROJECT.

Council has turned first sods on the large new project. I previously provided contacts to Ben Hood. They have received information from XLAM CLT. One would probably not use XLAM on the swimming pool as these must have special design for indoor pools to handle all the moisture. The major indoor stadium would be perfect for CLT eg walls and rooves. Judy Barnett, a Ladkin Fellowship recipient visited Europe studying CLT held a seminar for the two council's in 2016 and local architects and building approvers. Her slide show and comments by request have been forwarded to Mayor Lynnette Martin. I put it to Lynnette that locally, our region is a prime site for a future local CLT Plant which should be pursued.

DANA 2019 CONFERENCE IN BRISBANE IN JULY.

Called 'Innovations in the Australian Forest Industry', a good list of topics includes "Huge shifts in Softwood Sawn Timber Supply" and a question, 'will Russia flood the market'? Russia has enormous Siberian forest resources, often frozen, and wood usually has to be heated or thawed out, before being processed. Main species is Baltic Pine grown, and would be a high-density product eg high quality flooring. Technology of its use in panel products and pulp and paper, is proven by Nordic Countries, and would also attract residue use with exports from the Siberian east coast, into China and Japan. If Russia can get its act going, it would be assisted with political links to China. A huge question? What is the answer?

FIDLER'S DEMOLITION REMINDS WOOD USE OF THE PAST.

The amazing demolition along Commercial Street East left huge, neat piles of timber for correct disposal. This reminds of past days when framing timber was green Stringy Bark or similar, and floors were Baltic Pine. Some Radiata came from more recent buildings, adjacent to the South Aussie Hotel. The proposed new buildings could have been great prospects for CLT, if set up locally. The Target building demolition will begin soon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WHITEHEAD TIMBER SALES.

Whitehead Timber Sales recently celebrated their 25th anniversary, as reported in the Border Watch on May 10. Whiteheads purchased their 30-acre site in 1995 and have grown into a business employing over 80 people. Congratulations to all who work at this timber processing business on Lewis Avenue. Congratulations to the Whitehead Family for their great vision, and for successfully growing their vision into a much respected and locally owned timber business.

2019 ELECTION RESULTS AND MATTERS SPRINGING TO MIND.

One does not want to reflect on political issues, but a Coalition Government win was a complete surprise. For more than 4 million retired persons, the result of secure franking credits, and a possible tax rate reduction, to stimulate the economy was welcomed. It will be interesting to follow the press and media, eg T&F E-News. The economy will be a huge factor and business and independent economist's comment will be very interesting. The effect on the building industry and our industry seems more secure.

World Solar and Wind Power is only 1% of global energy and best estimates by 2040 are 4.1%. Australia produces about 1% of global carbon dioxide emissions. Our economic or political 'might' has zero effect on big polluters, the US, China and India. Experts support more R&D and good technology, to reduce the price of renewable power.

Our visit to the Tarpeena Mill was a good example of the potential of our industry with better technology to reduce energy use, and increase more product from each m³ of log. Getting timber product into buildings including CLT, reduces energy content immensely. Sound land practices also produce emission credits such more trees on farm land.

Our industry has enormous potential to reduce Australian emissions. Wind power and its massive use of energy intensive concrete footings and the towers, takes about 6 years of energy production to become positive with energy. In our case, Co-generation using wood or residues is a great concept, with enthalpy outcomes of producing power, and using stack emissions to fire kilns, particleboard plants etc and has sound fundamentals.

Please not the early meeting date, and please advise attendance of apologies to Lew or Maurie asap.

Phew It has been a busy time!