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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 JIV 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 RACV Hobart Apartment Hotel, 154-156 Collins Street, Hobart and rooms are on hold for JIV Registrants Code 3161667. PLEASE NOTE Special Issue of Nine Lives from Trish Waters and Heather Gattone dated 30/01/2017. This outlines a very expanded program. VIP Speaker, Andrew Murray will speak on Hydrowood, a hidden treasure of special timber found submerged under Lake Pierman. There is a possible tour to Lake Pierman over a few days. Other tours may go to Port Arthur and high profile tourist sites. JIV is looking good!! Hope those going have registered.
- \* **Overseas Travellers** are Dave and Jan Didwell who left for India March 1 and will visit Nepal where weather is cooler. Dave and Jan will be at Robe for a red spider or two. Cricket might be a topic for attention by the Gurdon if the Indians begin flogging the Aussies.
- \* **Trade deal with Indonesia** causes concern. They export to us \$500 million of timber and pulp products, and we to them, only \$48 million. Sustainable forestry may be an issue in Indonesia. Safe work practices are thongs and baseball cap. Free trade is one thing but what about fair trade! Quality and glue emissions might be a problem with glue/wood products?

APRIL 2017 AND CLUB TOUCHSCREEN JOY

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### NEXT ADVENTURE

Robe March 31, April 1 and 2.

The Annual Robe Getaway and Spider destruction.

If coming at short notice. Please advise Val or Slim Fennell asap., and where you will or might be staying.

### NEXT MEETING

**Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 6.29 pm for 6.59 pm. Venue to be advised. The Southgate meeting rooms will be closed for renovations. Speaker, David Didwell about his trip to India and experiences in this most dramatic country.**

**Notice of attendance, and apologies, to Maurie or Lew. Partners, work mates and all visitors welcome.**

### **AN EVENING OF OPERA. CHRIS JUDD'S BABY GROWS UP!**

An Evening of Opera was held at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre on Saturday March 4, a night starring Michelle Buscemi and Masttia Campetti assisted by Pianist Sue Goessling. The program in the first half was of well-known songs or head line works from popular Operas. The second half was less formal but also quite great music as well.

Michelle has a magnificent voice which fills the Theatre, and husband Mattia supremely sings wonderful pieces of music with great flair. Both have great stage presence. Sue the Pianist played Piano pieces sublimely. Voice Coach Gary also had his time on stage.

Who said Opera was staid and old fashioned! Mattia's gleeful Don Giovanni's bragging piece, "Madammia ill catalogo e' questo" about the Don's love life and lustful demeanor, something like a record of conquests of Ladies! Over 300 in Italy, over 250 in Germany, almost 200 in France and mille, mille a thousand and three in Spain! A later song saw the Don in action, grasping the attention of a peasant girl, over whelming her with his lustful desire, dragging her away- mark down another one on the Catalogue!

Sunday afternoon Matinee was superb as well and really introduced the newly formed Limestone Coast Opera Inc., a legacy to Chris Judd indeed. Gary the Voice Coach and Mattia and Michelle gave intense coaching to local singers concentrating on diction and stage presence. These master classes would challenge and test the limits of any singer and develop personal singing skills. One can be sure this will be reflected in singing all over the region, in Eisteddfods and wherever one sings.

Various Scholarship categories had been sorted and 4 Scholarship winners were awarded certificates and cheques, and sang for the audience. LCO Inc. also bought regional interests in Opera and singing, and people of significant repute together, and the Naracoorte Choir and Phoenix Choir sang superbly.. The final assembled Choir included Naracoorte, Phoenix and St Martin's Choirs, and Mattia and Michelle and was amazing.

Music in this region now has a powerful new force in play. Gary the Voice Coach is expected to, in the future, drive the scholarships and Master Classes. Chris, surely has initiated a vision and now has the tools in place to grow over time. Wow. Various aged care establishments also were entertained during this visit.

### **MASSIVE FOREST FIRES IN CHILE!!!**

Massive fires in Chile began in January and are now contained as we enter March. Over 240,000 Ha is thought lost and assessment of losses is being made as quickly as possible. This is about 20% of Chile's plantation pine forest reserves. Age and site quality assessments are part of the forest loss assessments. It will take decades for the plantation estate to recover. A massive salvage operation is being planned and may cause a short term glut of supply on world markets. Chile supplies a lot of wood product into Australia, including engineered wood products, finger-jointed mouldings, fascia, glue-lam, plywood etc. Effect on markets in Australia and effects on New Zealand imports are expected. NASA satellites measured a 300 km dark brown plume of smoke over the Chilean coastline.

### **A PURRER OF THE PAST!!! DECEMBER 2008.**

Editor Russell Hay talked about the collapse of the Hydrotherapy Pool. A Nelson Endeavour Cruise was the Xmas Meeting. A working Bee was mooted for the Pavilion. Phil Cocks of Orlando provided a good golf joke. SCU scholarships were a key 2009 event. The JIV 2009 Convention was in Canberra. Golf Day was at Attamurra, on November 19, 2008 which raised funds for the Scholarships. Wow! Amazing memories!

### **FUEL REDUCTION FROM SAVANNAH LANDS.**

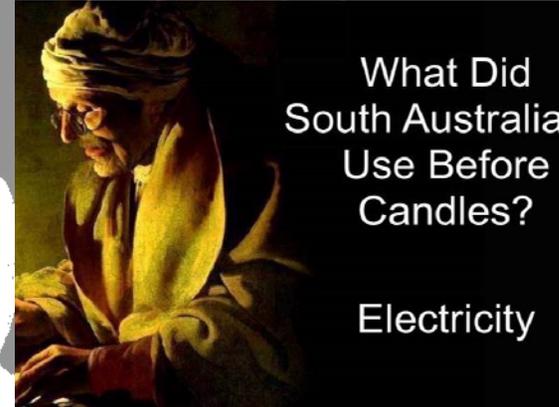
The Dambimangari and three other indigenous groups, all with different languages, are using savannah burning techniques honed over centuries, in inaccessible lands near Derby in NW WA. Their expertise is used to prevent huge savannah fires that emit about two gigatonnes of carbon worldwide. Cool weather burns in a mosaic pattern are used to stop summer fires in their tracks. Over 50 rangers are used in this risky and difficult craft. An agreement with Qantas can be used by passengers to offset carbon credits providing one tick the box for projects in Australia. 250,000 tonnes of carbon emission has been offset by this scheme known as the Kimberly Fire Abatement Project.

### **TALLEST ENGINEERED TIMBER BUILDING IN BRISBANE.**

Lend Lease has pre-sold a tower in its Brisbane Showgrounds project. This 45 m high, ten story building in King Street offers 14,000 m2 of lettable office space. A global engineering firm has committed to leasing 4 of the nine office floors. It will use cross laminated timber for floors, lift shafts, and stairs, and glue laminated timber for beams and columns. Development costs are \$140 million. Carbon emissions of timber elements are much less than those for concrete and steel. The workplaces will set new benchmarks in environmental sustainability practices. Floor plans will be most flexible and adaptable for most modern floorplates. The tower is due for completion in November 2018.

### **A GOOD COMMENT ON POWER SUPPLY IN SA!!**

This is not funny but this comment really hits home stressing that locally, bio-energy as per the old ETSA Power Plant must be a real option as well as providing waste heat. Recent press had addressed this locally but deaf ears in Adelaide seem to predominate. A decent power station could really assure the region's power needs and drive investment.



### **CAN ANYONE LEND ME AN EAR! ????**

The Purrer Editor laments a visit to Dr Toma in Warrnambool, as three basal carcinomas were taken from the right ear or nearby. It was more intensive day surgery than expected and countless stitches from two flap surgeries and the third removal. These were skin cancer removals 9, 10, 11! Having been a young fellow in the 60's wearing no hat, getting sunburnt, being so fair, I now pay for this. Pathology indicates that skin damage is more than skin deep maybe 2 mm. All I can say is; have any growth checked, better early than late. Have it attended to, quickly. I am sure these three growths are recent and growing fast, and if I had not actioned treatment, the growths, if treated later would have meant even more severe day surgery.

### CLOSURE OF HEYFIELD SAWMILL IN VICTORIA.

Recent reports are the Victorian, Heyfield Mill will close, after log allocation was greatly reduced to perhaps 80,000 m3, pa when 150,000 m3 is required to make the mill viable. The local forest is well managed native forest, and a log supply for maybe more than 100 years. I think Shining Gum is one main species. About 240 lose their jobs and indirect job losses will add to related destruction of local business and community facilities will be decimated, and values of homes and properties will be destroyed. The Victorian Government seems to be heartless killing regional jobs including Hazelwood Power Station.

### TOUCHSCREEN LAUNCH SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19th, 10 AM TO 3 PM.



Our Pavilion, open for business, and being enjoyed.



On the Screen and Through the Screen Touchpad



Val Fennell and Flynn Gray looking at the screen Flynn got the Touchpad going like an expert.

Inside the Pavilion was a TV with the Touchscreen content being constantly being rolled over and another TV with old logging films rolling over. Our restored heritage log truck was greatly appreciated as was other memorabilia, and of course the Pavilion itself. Lots of visitors enjoyed what was presented on the day. Access to the Log Truck and the Fire King was popular. And so was the sausage sizzle. It was a truly memorable event!



Kelvin Moreland and their restored truck



Forestry SA Fire-king Paul Jennings and Jim O'Hehir



Liz Fennell, Val Fennell and Kathy Drewer At the barbecue servery



Greg Richardson and Laurie Judd Barbecue Kings



Touchscreen Content, JIV Awards and Log Truck Restoration This is typical of the quality of content.



### FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS.

**Robe Getaway**, care of Val and Slim Fennell. March 31<sup>st</sup> to Sunday April 2.  
**April 10 at the Southgate. Dave Didwell and their Indian Odyssey!**  
**JIV Convention May 5-7th** will act as our **May Meeting.**  
**June to be decided.**

**Monday July 10<sup>th</sup>**, at venue to be advised. This will be a **TCA Night**. Helen Murray EO and the Chair will attend as will SA Young Ambassador Leilani Dawes. This is an important night not to be missed. **DIARY DATE NOW!!** A **VIP Night**, with a Flier.

I make a comment about the Touchscreen!

What a triumph for our Club! This is an amazing asset for the Pavilion, for our industry and Hoo-Hoo, and for Mount Gambier. Our Club will be noted as a go-to body for our industry and hopefully, new membership is enticed and eventuates for our Club. HHI Log and Tally, almost in print, will have a one page story. Media attention is now drawn to our Club and publicity is printed! Other Press Releases were e-mailed.