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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**. The Purrer circulation list has been checked against the J IV Directory. **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.
- * **The Border Watch July 4 highlighted a timber industry call to reduce log imports and provide logs for local processing.** Local processors claim that jobs and investors are unable procure logs with so many being exported through Portland. SATPA CEO Davd Quill led this call. Politicians are being involved to prioritise local industry which is very efficient. Support for exports is accepted when local industry does not have demand for logs of the type exported. Timber preservers are raising the issue of logs unable to be resourced for larger treated wood eg strainer logs for agriculture and vigneron. Hardwood log exports might be more acceptable. A level playing field was sought. Most imports are now to China which allegedly assist local processors with subsidies. A falling \$A is obviously an issue.
- * **Overseas travellers.** Janet and Greg Richardson are having a bucket list trip to the UK and riverboat cruise ending in Budapest. We wish them well. Maybe could be a meeting program? Not sure when they will be away nor date of return.
- * **Google is up to new tricks!** Hundreds of outside software companies now have access to Gmail user e-mails and inboxes. These are analysed by employees and machines.
- * **Treasurer.** Dave Duidwell has provided his 2017/2018 report and we are in a sounds position at this time.

AUGUST 2018 AND WET WET WINTER!

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NEXT MEETING

There will not be an August Meeting as we have a generalised policy for meetings each second month. A September Meeting may not be held as well. At this time, many of our embers are away and attendance would be few.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE KOONDROOK TRIP IS IN OCTOBER.

Fuller details will be provided when the usual Flier arrives.

The weather today is wet and cold. The Border Watch 50 Years Ago reported a very similar wet and cold day! This wet winter will great for those on the land in Spring.

AUSTRALIAN BUILDING APPROVALS FALL.

Australian building approvals were down 3.2% in May and 5.6% in April. Much was in detached housing particularly Queensland. Approvals have been at high levels for some time. Two reasons are great trouble in getting trades, and Banks more vigilant on loans and restraining interest only loans. A trend is selling high cost Capital City real estate to move to regional areas to cheaper quality homes with land space. Most are retired people. Places with schools, amenities, hospitals, aged care and convenient transport to cities are attractive to this population sector. A nice price on the City Home also means a boost to capital funds.

KILAUEA VOLCANO AND OTHER ERUPTIONS ON HAWAII.

We live on the side of a volcano and the volcanic events on Hawaii are of interest. Those that attended the 1979 HHI Convention at Honolulu, would have fond memories.

Hawaii is the biggest island easterly in the Hawaiian Islands. The Volcano of Kilauea is a huge crater in its southern corner with a serious eruption going for weeks. Kilauea is close to Mona Loa, which has erupted in the past. Massive flows of lava have since overwhelmed the SE corner of the island, destroying many homes and covering this area with lava flow. Roads are under lava and this area may never be habitable again. The coastline has been reshaped by lava flows into the sea causing dangerous emissions with high content of Sulphur acids. Lava flows are not abating. Several hundred homes and other properties have been destroyed and some small communities obliterated!

The Purrer editor is a volcano freak. He attended Panel product symposia at Pullmann at Washington State University, bordering Idaho. On a plane passing Mount St Helens in 1978, a magnificent photo was got. May 18, 1980 this erupted devastating much land and ash blew well past Pullmann. Massive areas of forests were flattened, a major forestry disaster. At the 1980 symposium, small samples of MDF panel, one side and ash the other, were presented to delegates. Washington Ironworks who make particleboard and plywood presses went over budget on the samples! The gritty ash side when samples were cut destroyed tungsten tipped saws and I recall that about 40 saws at a cost of US\$400 each were destroyed.

In 2004, Brian and Sue visited the Yakima to stay with a distant relative. We planned to visit Mt St Helen's but Mt St Helen's started erupting, and did so until 2008 with a volcanic peak in the crater being formed. Our host noted the NW winds towards Portland Oregon agreed it was Portland's turn. Yakima had been covered in deep ash, still being ploughed into fields. We visited Mt Rainier a volcanic peak dominating the Seattle vista, a wonderful day.

Al Meier, a past HHI Snark in the early 1980's, took a visiting Brian high up Mt Rainier. Seattle and hinterland is wonderful country dominated by the Cascade mountains and other volcanic peaks. If Mount Rainier ever went up, sayonara Seattle!

US WILD FIRES.

Hot weather in the US has presented dangerous fire risks. Florida, Colorado had fires in June and July with many homes lost and only one life. The west coast had many fires. This reminds us of our own summer fire risks. This all reminds our fire season will be soon, and high fuel loads with all the recent rain.

The UK has had a heat wave, and a wild fire was reported. 37C in Inverness. Canada had a heat wave, eg 43C in Quebec. Without air conditioning, many single elderly people died. One would expect southern Europe is having hot weather and fire risk would be high. Sweden also had many wild fires near Uppsala and 34.4 C temperature!

HONOURS TO WING-COMMANDER PETER HAY.

Peter is the son of Russell and Margot Hay. Ian Hay a Club Founding Member was his grand-father and would be very proud of Peter. Ian had service in the RAAF in WWII.

Wing Commander Peter John HAY, SA – Conspicuous Service Medal

For meritorious achievement in the project management of the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and support systems capability acquisition.

Wing Commander Hay's agility to deliver a highly complex major capital acquisition whilst implementing innovative solutions to several complex challenges have significantly enhanced the P-8A Poseidon aircraft weapon system and reflect his unwavering commitment in supporting Australia's strategic interests. His outstanding professionalism, superior financial acumen, and conspicuous devotion have made an enduring contribution to the Australian Defence Force's maritime patrol and response capability in demanding circumstances over years of devoted service.

Peter was recently interviewed on local ABC. His achievements and for what he was awarded honors on the Queen's Birthday are significant and the above short citation above cannot really describe Peter's efforts and achievements of a most difficult task.

The Purrer Editor has over time, has had good chats with Russell about this project and Peter and family, including significant time overseas. Perhaps Russell might agree to provide an insight into this work but bearing in mind Airforce restrictions on what can be discussed. Only un-classified material can be part of any talk.

2018 DANA NZ FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS CONFERENCE.

Dates October 1 and 2 and optional field trips October 2 and 3. At Taupo NZ.

More convention details have been updated. 18 presenter's all top-notch speakers will present. A major Keynote talk will be by Dr Cheng VP China Wood Processors Association, on "The Future of Russian Log and Sawn Timber Exports to China; The death knell for the NZ Forestry or Its Saviour? Last Purrer gave statistics on wood providers to China and current Russian supply which is now dominating the market. Heavy stuff!! Details of this major event can be got from Julie Bell. Russian supply could also have a huge effect on current Australian chip and saw-log exports to China. admin@dana.co.nz One assume the website is www.dana.co.nz.

A short Purrer!

On such a cold day, it is a matter of getting the job done and getting the Purrer out!

The 126th HHI Convention will be in Plymouth, Massachusetts, USA and at the John Carver Inn. www.hoo-hoo.org/2018-126thannual-hoo-hoo-convention-plymouth.mass
Dates around 09/09/2018.

The JIV convention in 2018 will be in New Zealand and based at Rotorua.