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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](mailto: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](mailto:brsjpage@bigpond.com).
- \* Hopefully everyone is receiving the **Purrer by e-mail**. This is our only circulation. **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! As does the Gurdon!
- \* **HHI Website.** Go to [www.hoo-hoo.org](http://www.hoo-hoo.org/) and the HHI Home Page then Claim Account.
- \* **2018 JIV Convention. The JIV Secretary emailed Registration docs October 23. Dates Thursday April 12th to Sunday April 15th, 2018.** Program/accommodation options are outlined, Bunbury, WA. There are early registration discounts. The registrations are saved and will be attached to future Purrers. Leschenaultia Club 274 is host club and are a strong Club and are well known for great Conventions in a fabulous region to visit.
- \* **HHI Convention 2018 is at Plymouth, Massachussets, USA** is sited near old Pilgrim settlements just SE of Boston.. Email [HooHoo2018@outlook.com](mailto:HooHoo2018@outlook.com) They last hosted a convention in 1958. Looks like a great event and deep sea fishing is one activity!
- \* **Norton Ladkin Memorial Fellowship.** Various e-mails have gone around about NLMF. An application from our Club re an applicant to the TCA Young Ambassador Scheme is current and issues have been raised. Doug Howick of Melbourne Club has added some good advice. Availability of funds issues might now be sorted out.
- \* **Border Watch November 7, 1967. 50 Years Ago.** Premier Dunstan attended the Appita Conference as did Des Corcoaran as Minister of Lands and Millicent Member. SA and Mount Gambier at that time was seen as the technological centre of Forestry and Wood Science. The KCA Plant at this time was a new and important facility. Pulpwood use would double in less than five years. A good story indeed! A time of great growth and confidence!

## DECEMBER AND XMAS 2017

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## OUR XMAS MEETING

**The Xmas Meeting and will be at Periwinkles at Port MacDonnell. Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12.30 pm.**

**The Club has booked and we need to arrive on time due to Xmas. Please confirm attendance by Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup> to Maurie or Lew, details above.**

**All will pay for one's own meal and refreshment costs, from the normal menu at Periwinkles, and self drive down to the Bay.**

**The Club will supply some red and white wine.**

## SOME KOONDROOK PHOTOS EX JO SMITH.



Gawd, what a big lizard!



'Please find attached one of the lizard carvings at a property entrance east of Barham, red gum logs in the Arbuthnot mill yard, cutting logs in the mill, smoko area in the mill with seats cut from logs, timber in the Arbuthnot finger jointer operation and a big old red gum – the eagle tree – on Gunbower Island'. This annual event was reported in the November Purrer, and enjoyed immensely. Koondrook will be on again in November 2018.

### NEWLY FORMED SOUTH-EAST TIMBER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION.

This was formed by family owned businesses to address log supply issues. David Quill is CEO. Members include Whitehead Timber Sales, McDonnell and Sons, Plantation Treated Timber, Roundwood Solutions and H & L Schiedl Pty Ltd. The Border Watch covered this comprehensively in late October. One recalls the past SA Sawmillers Association of the 60's and its contribution back then. Any representative entity within our industry is welcome. Our forestry and processing industry remains the major employer in the wider region.

## AS FIRES BURNT IN THE BAROSSA, THE SA GOVERNMENT APP FAILED!

The Purrer Editor was in Adelaide the weekend of 28 and 29 October, with family, and went to the Barossa Valley on the 29<sup>th</sup>, a hot and windy day. It was a High Fire Risk day and well flagged in media. In the vicinity were 43 fires in the first serious event of the fire season. CFS Fire Crews were stretched in containing fires and did so. One was at Roseworthy west of the Barossa. Another fire burnt Pines at Mount Crawford. Memories of the Pinery fire were red raw. There was a fire near Sampson Flat where homes were lost in a recent fire. Fires were widely spread on a danger day for a big fire to take off!

The Alert SA app went into meltdown and the Emergency Services Minister was forced to apologize. One survivor of the Pinery Fire was upset, a fire burning less than 2 km away without an sms warning. The app is being checked to resolve overload problems. The SA Government also reminds that fire information is on the CFS Website, Facebook Page and Twitter for update information. One hopes that the problem will be sorted out soon with Fire Season getting so close in our region.

After a dry period, overnight the 29<sup>th</sup>, it rained heavily and heavy hail fell in the Barossa including Angaston. People were also reported on the 29<sup>th</sup> for illegal burn offs and are facing prosecution. Some were farmers who should have known better, and being there that day, one wonders why? These silly fools deserve whatever penalties are due!

### CLUB BOARD MEETING 02/11/2017.

Committee met 11<sup>th</sup> am to finalize 2017. Xmas function was booked at the meeting. David Didwell presented finances and also talked about his next O/S Trip? Our HHI Award, was collected at Koondrook (details last Purrer) and displayed. JIV President Brian Stewart attended and enjoyed our mini-convention. Timber with Russell Hay will be collected. Leschenaultia JIV Convention was noted. The TCA Ambassador scheme was discussed. Brian Stewart attended HHI in Seattle, impressed with Membership going well. Norton Ladkin MF was discussed. Brian Page advised he will be off the Stand Like Stone Foundation Board, but involved at a lesser level and 141 Forestry has increased their grant-making with SLSF from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Work on the Hoo-Hoo Pavilion and the Datatrx system was discussed. The Gurdon indicated dangerous attention at November Meeting! Treasurer Dave may need a bigger bucket for fines!

### CLUB MEETING AT THE SOUTH AUSSIE NOVEMBER 13.

President Maurie was in the Chair and opened the meeting with the usual roll call. 14 attended including the Gust Speaker Mike Theobald from OFO. There was a report on Koondrook and the HHI Award was shown. Insurance of the log truck was discussed. Bunbury JIV Convention was promoted. The Southgate has advised that this venue was again available. And of course, Gurdon Greg plundered heavily.

Mike's talk about safety at OFO and recent safety awards highlighted that Safety is a core journey. To have deaths and serious injuries are not pleasant and the recent accident at Penola deeply affected the forestry industry. Safety is a cultural journey in which OFO wanted to engage in with core contractors. It is not an easy journey. Cultural change can take over 10 years to become entrenched at all levels and with all employees. Space does not allow me to provide a long talk record, and one wonders if I could do this properly. It was a seriously important address and why attending our meetings is valuable.

### NEXT MEETING AT PERIWINKLES SATURDAY DECEMBER 2 AT 12.30 PM.

AS above, please make your booking with the CLUB asap. A good attendance is expected. And it will be a lovely end to the Hoo-Hoo year. HLLL.