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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.

- * **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 recent 2015-2016 J IV Directory, your place for JIV facts.
- * **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 the RACV Hobart Apartment Hotel, 154-156 Collins Street, Hobart and rooms are on hold for JIV Registrants Code 3161667.
- * **Building Approvals and Starts** late in 2016 fell about 4.8%, the biggest recorded falls for quite some time. However, industry sources suggest that these figures should not be taken too seriously and reflect the very wet and stormy weather in 2016 which delayed many projects. These figures are too short term to be of any real concern at this time.
- * **FIRST FIRE OF THE FIRE SEASON.** Fire season started mid-November. The first was a grass fire at OB Flat starting from wood burnt three months before re-igniting despite much rain. This small fire on November 23 on Hill Road was soon put out by the Moorak CFS crew. It is reported that fuel loads are high and these dry out very quickly. Hay cutting and crop removals are and will reduce fuel loads on many farms. Our region takes this event as a wake up call and a time for constant vigilance.
- * The Beatles released the **Sgt Peppers** Album 50 Years ago on November 25, 1966. Most of our Club would remember this! None probably remember music releases in 2016!
- * The end of 2016 marks **the end of the Chinese Year of the Monkey!**

THE FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2017 PURRER.

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NEXT MEETING

Monday February 13, 6.29 pm for 6.59 pm at the Southgate.
Attendance an apologies to Maurie or Lew as per contacts above. This will be the Club AGM. It will also be a planning night for the Interactive Display Opening on Sunday March 2017, and very important for the Club.
We ask for your support in this great endeavour.

Saturday February 11th at 9.30 am. Working Bee at Umpherston Hoo-Hoo Pavilion.
Sunday March 19th. Opening of Interactive Display at the Hoo-Hoo Pavilion.
More details are in this Purrer and confirmations will be in the March Purrer. This is a most important date for our Club. Please plan to be there and spread the word!

Robe Weekend. Friday March 31st to Sunday April 2nd. Please advise Val and Slim Fennell asap. A unit opposite their house can be booked. Please act immediately.

JIV Convention in Hobart May 5-7, 2017. Early booking discounts end January 31.

NORTON LADKIN MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP.

Donations to NLMF are welcome and the Trust is based at Hoo-Hoo JIV. Details are in the JIV Directory or go to the JIV website www.hoo-hoo-jiv.org.au.

The Trustees are very pleased at a re-invigorating the Fellowship after not attracting applicants for some years. A core decision was to increase the Fellowship to a reasonable amount of money being \$5,000 with Trustees having flexibility to increase this if warranted. Attracting applicants is thus much more certain. But the Fellowship and the Trust will need more funds and donations to continue into the further future, with funding only able to continue for a few short years. Inflation over time could soon see \$7,500 as fair support.

Judy Barnet, the last recipient is a wonderful example of the Fellowship and its core value to JIV and Hoo-Hoo in Australia. It seems that Hoo-Hoo members can be very good applicants and this may have not been considered in the past. Internal applicants could perhaps be more strongly sought. Any comment of this matter or any other idea should be directed to Brian Page, Purrer Editor and NLMF Trustee. Brian will advise any comment to NLMF Trustees.

Attendance at the Wood Solutions Europe Study Tour seems a very good objective and maybe we can encourage more to attend this, to see CLT and engineered and factory built timber building component, and high rise timber buildings. High rise timber buildings need significant architectural and engineering aptitudes and our industry seems to be in the cusp of a building revolution with Timber seeming to be the building product of this century.

Judy commented on a previous e-mail as follows.

“I have put together a brief power point presentation to show some of the amazing buildings and materials we studied. We stayed in several motels made of CLT panels – they were 4 stories high. The interesting facts I learned were that timber is used in place of steel because it won't rust and performs better in weather and fire. Timber CLT and Glulam are 1/3 of the cost of steel, so it's a much cheaper building material. Construction time is really fast – like 4 weeks for the two story school project. The CLT and Glulam plants turned over 140million m3 per annum with a staff of 6-8 people on a production line of automated machinery.” (Note Robots are part of this automation.)

Kind regards Judy

The first CLT plant will be completed in Albury in less than two years and product orders are reported to completely taken up in Victoria alone. The First Timber high rise building in Adelaide is underway in Kent Town, and a SA based CLT plant is needed in this State.

STOP PRESS RE NORTON LADKIN MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FUNDS.

Our Club returned \$1,000 to NLMF at JIV and advised our Club would not require the third \$1,000 of a three year deal. This is because of the inability to continue the Southern Cross University Forestry scholarships, which is sincerely regretted by all parties.

BREAKING NEWS ABOUT CLT CONSTRUCTION.

In Whitefish, Montana, the first multilevel building is having the elevator shaft constructed out of CLT rather than concrete and masonry. This was pre-fabricated in the CLT plant and when delivered to site took 3 men only a few hours, using a crane to erect the shaft. Cost of the shaft was about 70 that of concrete and masonry and saved 3 weeks in build time.

Carbon store methodology for rotational forestry is now bullet proof. This supports greater use of engineered wood systems in sustainable, low carbon, building construction.

TOUCH SCREEN AT UMPHERSTON CAVE. AT THE HOO-HOO PAVILION.

Dave Didwell has driven this project. We have paid a deposit on the display unit and have about \$7,212 to pay. The suppliers Datatrac are back at work and will commission the display and check and input our content. The Unit will be sent for installation which is reported as easy. The unit fits inside the Hoo-Hoo Pavilion and is free standing and fixed hard against the glass window through which the Touch Screen is operated. There are similar systems in Mount Gambier and they work well. It is thus safe and secure.

The Club is checking our insurance to add this to other contents in the pavilion including the GMC truck. Details are being finalized with Lady Nelson Park staff and Council. Details of our Public Liability Insurance will be provided as required. The Club is also holding a working bee in the Pavilion on Saturday February 11th for a first clean out. Council has completed work to stop entry of birds and removed scaffolding.

Planned opening date is Sunday March 19th to be confirmed is quite secure. The Pavilion will be **open to the public on this grand opening** promoting our industry and Hoo-Hoo and educating the public. The Barbecues at Umpherston Park might be used as a fund raiser for us. Council is well involved in the project and assisting as a partner. Full planning and confirmations are being worked on and a successful commissioning in February or maybe early March is expected, and thus will confirm this Sunday date.

The recently restored Moreland Log truck will join our GMC on display. Some modern logging or log transport vehicles will be displayed as well. (The Club has also fielded an enquiry about parts for a similar GMC Log Truck that we have at the Pavilion. Apparently three are for sale on Heritage Vehicle sites.)

This day will be a most important event for the Club and for our local industry.

BORDER WATCH TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH 2016, HIGHLIGHTS.

Some interesting news was mentioned about our industry.

LV Dohnt and Co were inducted into the Family Business SA Hall of Fame. They started at Bundaleer in 1932 being one of the first loggers for the SA Woods and Forests Department and later moved to the South East. This highlights the great contribution of family businesses of all types especially in country towns. This business also received great acknowledgement in Timber and Forestry E-News edition 444.

“50 Years Ago” highlighted a Green Mill fire on the Lakeside site of Softwood Products Ltd on December 6th, 1966. A 120 foot by 50 foot building was totally engulfed with the fire detected at 4 am. Cost of the fire was estimated as \$150,000 - \$200,000. Brian Page, who was working on commissioning of Radex 1 Particleboard, (in a close-by building) recalls the fire damage after arriving at work. Brian had only toured this mill a day or two before.

Another article 13/11 was about another small fire igniting from the ruins, in sawdust under charred remains of the timber floor walkways of the destroyed Lakeside Mill.

The article also reminded about the last, major sawmill fire in Mount Gambier.

This was on March 7, 1955 at the Softwood Products Pty Ltd case shoo mill on Crouch Street South. Brian, then 10 years old, recalls seeing the flames from the windows of their home in Ferrers Street at about 8 pm. The Mill was built by his grandfather Bill Symons. Estimated cost of \$100,000 was provided to the press by Don Downs.

Bob Page, also a member of Rotary was severely questioned on both occasions about whether these were convenient Insurance jobs, but Bob had an alibi being away both times, but never-the-less paid up to quietly settle the matter.

CHRIS JUDD'S OPERA!

This amazing weekend will be on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 of March. It is registered as a major part of the Mount Gambier Fringe and brings her friends back from Lucca, Italy, the home town of Puccini. Various Operatic Presentations will happen at Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. See flier attached with the Purrer.

A HOO-HOO CAT FRIEND AFTER A HARD DAY'S NIGHT!!!!



This cat looks in good condition compared to one of the committee who has significant treatment of his forehead and face for skin cancers. Brian Page is also having attention for skin cancers on his ears and hopes his ears end up looking better than those of this cat!

END OF YEAR GIFTS FOR TEACHERS, A LITTLE RHYME!

Apples for the Teacher used to be just fine
But after teaching my child, you probably need much wine!

PROMOTIONAL BROCHURE FOR HOO-HOO JIV.

JIV has contacted the Club about this and the Club is not sure about Club involvement, and costs or advertising at this early stage. However the Purrer Editor searched his old files and found "The Introduction to Hoo-Hoo" produced by our Club in 1982! A Photostat copy has been sent to JIV. This had 14 internal pages. Gottstein was mentioned but not the Norton Ladkin Memorial Fellowship as this had not stated at that time.

The HHI Website is also being updated significantly and it appears that some advertising opportunities are forth coming. News is sketchy at this time.

It also appears that the Hoo-Hoo JIV Directory to be released for 2017 may be the last.

The HHI Convention will be held in Seattle September 6-12, 2017.

JV Convention is on May 5-7 in Hobart.

And Timber and Forestry E-News. Free publication and well worth receiving it.

www.industrye-news.com and email dennis@industrye.news.com. Every weekly issue has stimulating news particularly advances in commercial use of engineered wood products.

HIGH ENERGY COSTS AFFECT MILL PRODUCTION COSTS BADLY!

The Border Watch has highlighted electricity costs tripling per megawatt of electricity used and higher gas costs. One producer advised that the added costs were more than employing two needed new employees, unable to be funded.

Bio-Energy from burning mill and forest residues and co-generation has been discussed many times over the years. CHH has some co-generation from the old ETSA Power station. Kimberly Clark also use waste heat from some co-generation. Our Club hosted a great evening on co-generation and fluidized Bed Wood burners some years ago. Bio-energy is high priority in Europe and up to 50% in some countries. Base load electricity adds to Powerline Network stability. Maybe our industry needs to really address bio-energy and perhaps at least one co-generation plant on each side of the border on a site where energy users can gather to best use both power and waste heat for kilns etc. It is usual that Power is generated and waste heat from this flue gas meets lower temperature process needs. High Temperature processes for electrical generation are more efficient. Then using the flue gasses elsewhere makes fantastic utilization of the enthalpy content of the fuel provided, and more energy per unit of fuel, lower fuel use thus cost efficiency and low carbon emissions, with any carbon dioxide being consumed by growing managed forests and also being stored in timber in housing and other uses.

STAND LIKE STONE FOUNDATION GRANT ROUND OPENING FEBRUARY.

Check www.standlikestone.com.au or the office phone 8721 0480 once it is announced in the press soon. 141 Forestry Grants will be up for submissions and decent funding. Grants are charitable and need to meet guidelines as per the website.

A BUSY HOO-HOO PROGRAM IN FRONT OF US ALL.

Club Meeting. Monday 13th February 13th at the Southgate. AGM and Planning Night.

Hoo-Hoo Pavilion on Saturday February 11th at 9.30 am. **Working Bee.**

Chris Judd's Opera Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th of March 2017.

Touch Screen Opening Sunday March 19. Time and date to be confirmed.

World Forestry Day March 21st. Noted, we have nothing planned.

Robe Weekend. Friday 31 March to Sunday April 2.

Monday April 10th. **Club Meeting.**

May 5-7 **Hobart JIV Convention.**

Monday May 8th or 15th. **Club Meeting.**

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS Monday March 13 Adelaide Cup Holiday.

Friday April 14, Good Friday. Also Monday 17th

Anzac Day Tuesday 25th April

Monday June 12th Queens Birthday

Possible Speakers. We have three speakers being talked to. If we can get these, the program will really fire up. Judy Barnet the NLMF awardee is a possible VIP Night.

We hope to have a speaker from TCA and a new local Mill boss(possible Mill Tour).

HHI Convention at Seattle, Wa, USA September 9-12, 2017.

2018 JIV Convention Bunbury.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB ON MONDAY February 13th.

Confirmation of attendance and apologies to Maurie or Lew.

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