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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 NOW. 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. Details of the new HHI website have been advised.
- * 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 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.
- * **Purrer at HHI.** With the new HHI Website, the Purrer now goes to Kent Bond at All Coast Timber in the US. kentallcoast@gmail.com. It as usual will be on the website probably under Club News. The Purrer Editor will check how it is now accessed to ensure that the Purrer is included directly.
- * **Death of Joyce Zed on May 12th.** Joyce was widow of Leo Zed 73784, a Foundation Member of our Club. Leo was a past Board Member.
- * **Local football.** The Purrer editor noticed, 29th April East Gambier beat North 15-12 to 9-12 after years of floggings. A straw poll, that three members responded to, remarkably was 100% of the opinion that this was a good outcome! It appears that Easties are even happier as the football season proceeds! TOP, TOP, TOP!!!
- * **Pun of the Year.** President Trump visiting Saudi Arabia to escape the heat!
- * **2018 JIV CONVENTION.** Leschenaultia Club Bunbury WA, April 12 to 15, 2018.
- * **Please advise June 19th meeting attendances** by Thursday June 15 to Maurie or Lew as per contacts in this Purrer and the attached Flier. Judy Barnett has a fascinating story to tell.

JUNE 2017. WINTER RAIN WILL ARRIVE!

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NEXT MEETING

Monday June 19th. 6.29 pm for 6.59 pm.

Speaker Judy Barnett, recipient of the Norton Ladkin memorial fellowship who attended the Timber Solutions Europe 2016 Tour. Judy, a member of Adelaide runs her own Timber Design Business. Judy will present on Cross Laminated Timber (CLT), High Rise Timber buildings, other structural uses for engineered timber products and sustainable building construction.

Venue. the South Australian Hotel, Commercial Street East, Mount Gambier. It will be in the Outback Room facing Compton Street and the Carpark. Purchases of food and refreshments will be direct with the hotel. Notice to Maurie or Lew by Thursday June 15th.

Please pass details as per an attached Flier to anyone who could be interested in these major opportunities for our industry.

MEMORIAL TO FIRE FIGHTERS.

The Border Watch on Friday April 28 had a story about a new memorial to the very sad loss of eight firefighters in 1958, all Woods and Forests employees. There is a memorial at the site in the Wandilo area which is hard to find. This new public one is at the SA Volunteer Fire Fighters Memorial, and a service on 23rd April and paid tribute to these men. This event had more copy as well in the Border Watch a day or so before. This loss is still among the highest in Firefighting history in Australia, of volunteer firefighters.

The Purrer Editor was a student at the Mount Gambier High School at the time, and recalls vividly, the shock and great sadness and almost disbelief, that this could have happened when the news broke during the day. Everyone at school was in mourning.

There was a large fund raising in 1958 to assist the families of the men lost, which was supported heavily by the whole timber industry and all of the regional community.

An Inquest was held. The safety of firefighters, quality of fire-fighting equipment, a greater appreciation of risk of forest fires compared to grassland fires, and how to prevent such a terrible disaster ever happening again, weighed heavily on the inquest.

PROGRAM ON THE ABC. THE KRAIT AND ITS FAME, IN WWII.

On Tuesday April 25, the ABC had a program about the Krait, on Australian Story. The ABC Show principally centered on the raids to Singapore in WWII, a great story. In the eighties, Steve Stevenson, Life member of Sydney Club and a SAS Veteran was actively involved in the appeal to restore the Krait. Hoo-Hoo JIV provided much support to this.

A Limited Edition print was commissioned and the frame was teak from the old decking. The Purrer Editor was fortunate to win a copy, no 28, at the Perth JIV Convention. At least one other of 214 members also became an owner of this limited edition print.



THE KRAIT.

Absolutely beautiful!

PS. May 31 was the day that a Japanese submarine entered Sydney Harbour in 1942.

THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM.

Scientists have found a new way to make tooth fillings last longer. They found that an extract from the bark of pine roots is able to alter the chemical structure of teeth allowing fillings to bind to teeth. This would make one's sparkling whites remain more durable. Amazing properties of cellulosic plants including all parts of trees continue to be found by scientists reinforcing strong belief in trees and our industry.

NANGWARRY FORESTRY AND LOGGING MUSEUM.

Good news in the Border Watch on May 5th reported some great news about funding and completion of a project to place artifacts under shelter and protection from the elements. Important historic items will also be better displayed. Everyone should stop there when you can, to check these significant developments out plus recent building improvements.

MORE MILL EMPLOYMENT LOSSES.

It is reported that CHH is closing its Morwell Mill with loss of 180 jobs. It's Myrtleford Mill has locked out its employees over stalled negotiations with the CFMEU. Locally KCA has and is reducing employment numbers due to efficiency measures.

Recently reported were employment numbers in industry sectors between 2006-2016 and in this ten years, the Forestry and Forest Products sector lost over 100,000 jobs. The recent Heyfield impending closure and those above continue this unfortunate trend.

CFA AMALGAMATIONS AND CHANGES IN VICTORIA.

Premier Andrews has concocted another version of major changes to the CFA with a new emergency services body placing all CFS Government paid employees in this vehicle with all MFS firefighters. CFA Volunteers will be placed in another body. This issue that many had thought was dead and buried, rises again with Premier Andrews accused of being totally under the control of the MFS Union Boss. Part of the deal includes substantial funding to meet Union demands.

JIV CONVENTION, MAY 5-7.

Our Club was represented by Maurie and Kathy Drewer and Lew and Robyn Parsons. 33 Members attended and with partners, 50ish were there. It was in Hobart but the Hobart Club was in recess. Launceston Club was represented.

Brian Stewart of 212 is the new JIV President.

Next JIV Convention will run by Leschenaultia Club based around Bunbury WA and will be on April 12 to 15, 2018. The Venue will be based centrally in town. 2019 will be in New Zealand.

Our Entry for Awards won both categories entered, Outstanding Club Activity and Special Wood Promotion. It will be entered at HHI as well. Our Datatrx content for the Screen at Umpherston Cave was shown and well received. There was interest from other Clubs. The entry for award was basically a business plan for a Touch Screen.

The Crows were playing at Hobart during Convention and lost and Crow supporters were relieved that they had not attended the game.

The program included, the Icebreaker on the first night, Hoo-Hoo Challenge, AGM and Gala Dinner.

Judy Barnett, the Norton Ladkin Memorial Fellowship Awardee presented on CLT and developing use of Engineered Timber Products Construction and Judy has been asked to present at several JIV Clubs. Judy was unfortunate to have a leg injury at JIV.

The weather was very cold.

Our representatives discussed the Leschenaultia Convention with their Club Members at Convention and reports were good about this and we do highly recommend attendance.

CLUB EXECUTIVE MEETING. WEDNESDAY MAY 24, 2017.

Club Executive met on this day at 11 am at Lew Parson's home, with President Maurie in the Chair, and a very good attendance of board members. David Didwell produced his excellent accounts spread sheet. With so many Life Members, club membership income is reduced. Member subscriptions are coming in slowly. Spare parts, for our restored log truck and other items, have been sold to a collector, and we await payment.

Club venues were discussed bearing in mind that the Southgate renovations will not be ready until our August Meeting.

The July 10th Meeting is with TCA, and the Young Ambassadors awardee for SA.

The June meeting is with Judy Barnett on 19th June.

Venues for the next two meetings will be re-checked by Dave Didwell and settled asap.

A Judy Barnett meeting with specifiers, councils, builders and architects will be put by Brian Page to DC Grant and the City of Mt Gambier if possible.

Local nominees, for the TCA Young Ambassador were discussed, and this scheme seems a good leadership program for young local people with real potential. Potential funding will be considered.

The glare problem with the Datatrax Touchscreen at Umpherston Cave persists and Dave Didwell had checked all over the place. Laurie Judd also had some ideas which will be pursued. Datatrax has provided some comment to Dave.

Judy Barnett will be advised the Southgate Motel might be her best accommodation option.

KOONDROOK WEEKEND 13th-15th OCTOBER 2017.

This annual get-together of our Club with Ballarat is on once again.

Draft agenda is;

Friday Night Meet and greet at 6.59 Mates Pub at Koondrook.

Saturday 9.29 am. Mystery Bus Tour, \$13 per head cash only.

Lunch, at the Factory and Field at Cohuna, pay for one's own lunch.

Hoo-Hoo Challenge, at 3 pm at the Caravan Park.

Saturday Night. BYO Barbecue. Mt G 214 to alternate Salad and Sweets.

Sunday. \$10.00 pp breakfast, hot or cold, At the Fly Wheelers Museum.

Entry to the Museum is \$5 pp.

Members should consider attending this outstanding Hoo-Hoo event.

More exact details will be provided as time goes on and closer to the event.

Please also note the attached flier.

LITIGATION AGAINST THE TRUSTEE FOR PERPETUAL FORESTS!

Recent press advises that the Trustee, Australian Executor Trustees is being litigated against by a Class Action, by Perpetual Forests Covenant Holders. \$55 million is being sought!

Gunn's, in its attempts to forestall closure and to repay its debts, sold Perpetual Forests to raise funds and sold the lands and trees for \$39 million. The money raised went to ANZ Bank at the time, around 2010. The Trustee acceded to this selling, what was not Gunn's to sell. Covenant holders should have been discharged and should have not been dis-possessed.

Perpetual Forests started in the 1930's and provided timber to Sapfor, at Tarpeena, and had been a secure investment for in many South Australians and many local Covenant Holders. The Trustee or another group of Covenant Holders had taken previous legal actions and the Trustee must have been very sure of the status of Covenant Holders and it seems hard to believe that they approved sale of something, which it appears was not Gunn's to sell, or if sold, was not entitled to the funds when received.

LOCAL FOREST OPERATIONS SEEM TO BE RAMPING UP

Recent press has been highlighting our forest industries both sides of the border.

Over the border in Victoria to the Port of Portland are reported to being evaluated and matters to attend to are being addressed in finer detail with road safety one issue. Roll over risks is one issue. Victorian Local Government recognizes the economic input to western Victoria and towns like Casterton and Portland. Over 4,000 people are reported to now work in the forest and timber industries over there and are providing sustainable jobs with future growth opportunities highlighted.

On our side of the Border, the SA Government is reported to be releasing a report by an independent economic expert which should provide guidance to all parties.

Access to Portland and safe roads is part of this and any visit to Portland, is an eye opener with the chip and log storages immense.

FUTURE MEETINGS, AND MEETING VENUE.

Not having the Southgate available has been a real inconvenience and alternative venues are difficult to find with our needs for dining and speaker presentations. Many venues have booked commitments including Service Clubs on most Monday evenings. The Southgate has been undertaking major renovations and we hope that our usual rooms will be available from August. Hooray, when this is finally confirmed!

JULY MEETING, JULY 11TH.

We remind members of this meeting at 6.29 pm for 6.59 pm. Timber Communities Australia is a highlight meeting including the attendance of their Chair and EO and an address by their SA recipient of their 'Young Ambassadors Program. **DIARY DATE THIS NOW.** Venue will be advised in July and a flier will also promote this.

JUDY BARNETT PRESENTATION MONDAY JUNE 19.

Attached to previous Purrer's have been reports and slide shows. Judy Barnett 100946 is a member of Adelaide Club 212, and recent reports to be confirmed, is that she has taken the position of President at 212. We also expect Brian Stewart to attend, being past President of 212 and reported to have become President of JIV, also to be confirmed.

Judy a recipient of the Norton Ladkin Memorial fellowship in 2016 attended the prestigious Wood Solutions 2016 European Tour. The 2017 tour will be to mainly British Columbia, Canada and Washington State in the US, both forest internationally regarded homes of forest products, and also economic and scientific leadership, particularly in use of structural timber products. Attendees on these tours are dominated by major construction giants like Lend Lease.

High rise and commercial timber product construction is taking off because of sustainability, lower costs, safer construction, greatly reduced construction times compared to the usual steel, concrete and masonry construction, being important factors.

Initial approaches to local government may lead to a technical session on Monday afternoon for builders, council and other approval bodies, questions about fire resistance, noise between stories and levels, earthquake and storm resistance are factors. Many CLT constructions have already been built all over Australia, mainly in capital cities. CLT and such constructions seem to a great opportunity for our industry to really grasp.