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**NEXT MEETING.**

**Opening of Interactive Display at Umpherston Cave. TBC!  
Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>. 10 am to 3 pm.**

**This is the culmination of much work on this huge project by our Club. This will be a very important day for our club. Please do come and support it. More details in the Purrer and attached Flier.**

**Robe Weekend** Friday March 31, Saturday April 1, Sunday April 2. **Please contact Val or Slim Fennell asap** so accommodation is finalized. Friday Night barbecue, Sunday a Festive Red Feast as usual. And Sunday at the Kingston Wool Store for Brunch.

**April Meeting.** Monday, April 10 at the Southgate. Speaker is expected to be the TCA Young Ambassador from SA. **May** is the JIV Convention.  
**Chris and Laurie Judd's Opera,** Saturday 7.30 pm and Sunday 2 pm, March 4 and 5.

### ADVICE OF ATTENDANCE

Please advise either to Lew Parsons or Email or to Maurie Drewer as per contacts in 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 J IV Directory and some added. **All have the recent 2016 JIV Directory.** A 2017 Directory is nigh.
- \* **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 an expanded program. Speaker, Andrew Murray will speak on Hydrowood, a hidden treasure of 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!! Please consider going. **Early Registration discounts are now extended to February 28.** Nuine Lives included Registration detail and costs.
- \* **Border Watch 50 Years Ago,** February 14, 1967. This was the start of the Particleboard Plant at Lakeside for Softwood Products mentioned last Purrer. Cost was \$1,000,000. Mr McConchie advised that production commenced January 3<sup>rd</sup> and should be on three shift operation within 3-4 months. Called Radex 1, this small plant was de-commissioned recently after close to 50 years of efficient operation. It was later followed by Radex II in 1973 and a Laminating Plant as well. The extruded Okal Board plant, which opened in about 1954, was closed in 1974 and was Australia's first particleboard plant.

## INDUSTRY NEWS OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

Drought in California is estimated to have killed over 102 million trees, in 2016, mainly in Southern and Central Sierra Nevada, but dying trees are also in Northern California. Risk of catastrophic wild fires is thought to have been significantly increased.

Giant Pine Scale (*Marchallina Hellenica*) is widespread in SA and Victoria and meetings are underway to come up control strategies.

Australian Forestry Standardized Schemes to certify sustainable growth have recently added 16,000,000 ha of forests to Certified Growth Schemes. This major achievement has been recognized internationally.

The Federal Government is to have a consultation for a methodology for sequestering carbon in long rotation, industrial scale plantations. Industry Models for carbon reductions are iron clad technological tools.

Hancock Resources which have been operating since 1984 have celebrated the planting of their billionth tree.

## CATASTROPHIC BUSHFIRES IN SA!

The Advertiser recently listed these.

**Black Sunday, January 2 1955.** This was about a big fire in the Adelaide Hills.

**Wandilo Bushfire, April 5th, 1958.** A Fire truck was trapped and many Woods and Forest fire fighters perished. There was an inquest and a young forester called Geoff Banks was called to give evidence. In the following early 1959, there was a Kongorong Fire where three perished. At this same time interests associated with Softwoods were also fighting a fire in pine plantations they owned near the Rosebud Golf Course in Victoria.

**Ash Wednesday, 16/02/1983.** There were 180 fires, winds over 110 km/hr and 28 lives lost in SA. 14 were in the Limestone Coast. Significant loss of farms, farm stock, farm buildings and much forest occurred. Blackened logs were stored in Lake Bonney and under sprinklers at several sites. A visitor to our Club shortly after was the famed Jimmy Jones, Snark from the Napa, California who was very thankful for a tour with Brian and Dennis Page.

**The Pineri Fire, 25/11/2015** when 85,000 ha was burnt north of Adelaide.

One wonders why the Eyre Peninsula Fire was not included.

Grassfire threats are magnified all over Australia due to a wet and warm 2016 and much added fuel, and heat waves in the holiday period dramatically increasing risks in 2017. Thunderstorm and lightning warnings are in place over many rural regions. NSW in February has been hard hit by bushfires.

There are strong warnings not to leave children elderly and pets in motor vehicles, which is illegal during very hot weather and risks occupants. Many pet dogs have needed veterinary attention from being walked on very hot surfaces eg roads and footpaths, with badly burnt paws needing major attention even to damaged paws almost peeling off!

## OFFICIALLY THE CHINESE YEAR OF THE ROOSTER.



## HELPING GIPPSLAND AND LOCKUP OF FORESTS.

Dear TCA Members,

Attached is a media release sent yesterday from Timber Communities Australia (TCA) in support of the Gippsland timber communities facing uncertainty about their jobs and future. The media release can also be found on the Timber Communities Australia's website at <http://tca.org.au/media-release/supporting-gippsland-timber-communities/>

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The mission of TCA is to represent and act in the best interests of communities associated with the forest and timber sectors in Australia, to foster a healthy and sustainable future for those communities and associated forests. Support TCA by joining today.

Our Club is a member of TCA and one should support our industry. These native forests in question are probably Shining Gum and have been managed for maybe over 50 years, are sustainable and provide valuable and much needed jobs in the Gippsland region.

## DETAILS, THE INTERPRETIVE TOUCH SCREEN AT UMPHERSTON CAVE.

This is a most important event for us and the City Council is a working partner. Council sees this as celebration of our Industry and promotion of Forestry. We are supported with a council donation to assist catering and will provide a free barbecue and limited cool drinks. Council has fixed-up bird entry problems. We have support from two Clubs for the Touchscreen costs. **Times, Sunday March 19, 10 am to 3 pm.** Various Forestry vehicles will be displayed including the restored Moreland Log Truck, joining the GMC in the Pavilion which will be open to the public. We will have other forest vehicles on display. A wifi service is hoped to be installed so that all Datatrx Devices in the City are connected. Publicity is expected as part of an overall commemoration of this event

## CLUB AGM FEBRUARY 13 MEETING REPORT.

President Maurie Drewer presided over 14 attendees at the Southgate. We had a two course meal The Southgate has a new Chef. Mains were Salmon or Scotch Fillet Steak and Sweets Chocolate Mousse and Rhubarb Crumble. The salmon was very nice. David Didwell gave a financial report. Insurance costs on the Datatrx device for Umpherston Cave were being checked and a deposit has been paid for this. A hotly contested Election came up with the same board as per the Purrer. VG Graham Fennell is expected to be replaced by an Adelaide nominee and advice is awaited.

Details of the March 19 Opening at Umherston Cave above were outlined and programs going forward. The Robe Weekend on the program. April Meeting is expected to have the TCA Young Ambassador for SA as speaker. The Club will be represented at the JIV AGM which serves as our May Meeting. It is confirmed the 2018 JIV Directory will be the last one. The HHI/JIV Website being updated will to replace this. The state of Hoo-Hoo in Australia and the US was discussed. We hope to have an Award Entry at JIV. The 2018 JIV Convention will be in Bunbury. Laurie Judd promoted Chris Judd's Opera Event Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 5 at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. Gurdon Greg Richardson assisted by the Treasurer, attacked members severely.

## "Meetings"

**Opening Touch Screen, Umpherston Cave, Sunday March 19. 10am to 3 pm**

**The Robe Festive Red Weekend, Friday March 31 to Sunday April 2.**

**JIV Conference May 5-7, 2017. The Cats Prowl Hobart Town.**

**Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. March 4 and 5. Chris Judd's Opera.**