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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**. 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.
- * **NEW CAT ON THE PURRER.** The auther name of the Purrer has been changed from Russell Hay to yours truly. Russell also noted the mangy yellow backed Cat and this is now the svelte Black Cat as now pictured! Bearing in mind the Purrer Editorial policy, I thought that Russell being sheeted home the blame for any slander was appropriate. Alas no more!
- * **I changed my password to "incorrect".** When I forget it the computer says, "Your password is incorrect." **A warning,** 'If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you'.
- * **Computer frustration.** The Purrer editor had an Outlook email corruption or drop out, who knows, and sfter about an hour and a half, his Computer guru fixed the problem more or less. BUT the copied address book for e-mails suffered corruption where a few e-mail addresses were converted back to old or incorrect ones? With Lew's help, e-mail addresses were confirmed and the address book seemingly fixed. Several addressees for the Mini Purrer for April were blocked by the mail administrator. These were re-sent to the corrected addresses and fingers crossed, it seems every thing is now fixed.
- * **Club condolences go to Greg and Janet Richardson** for the sad loss of Janet's mother who died on Wednesday March 29 and was buried on Friday March 31.
- * **OPTIMISM** is going after Moby Dick in a Rowboat, taking tartare sauce with you!

MARVELOUS MAY 2017 PURRER!

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MEETINGS

There will not be a May Meeting.

The JIV Convention (May 5-7, 2017) in Hobart is our meeting.

We also have to find a new meeting place with the Southgate closed for renovations.

June Meeting. Probably on June 19th. **Judy Barnett** the Norton Ladkin Memorial Fellowship Awardee will be part of a VIP Night, talking about Cross laminated Timber and High Rise buildings. THIS WILL BE "DO NOT MISS NIGHT"!!!

July Meeting. Monday July 10th, at venue to be advised. A TCA Night, Helen Murray EO and the Chair will attend as will SA Young Ambassador Leilani Dawes.

DIARY DATE NOW!! This is another VIP Night, with a Flier.

Koondrook Weekend 13th to 15th October, 2017.

MOUNT GAMBIER TIMBER INDUSTRY DATATRAX SCREEN INDEX

Welcome screen has four options – all options are selected using the “through the glass” numbered key pad. Including the section menu screens the display uses twenty-four in total.

About Hoo-Hoo. Selection leads to six options.

International Oder of Hoo-Hoo - A Potted History.

The Hoo-Hoo Ideal.

Australian Hoo-Hoo Clubs – A map of Australia showing Clubs.

Clubs meeting dates - A Club listing showing meeting dates and contacts.

The Norton Ladkin Memorial Award Fund Study Grant – Brief history of fund, award criteria and where to apply.

What’s on the Cabinet – Award criteria for Awards on Display.

Find out about the crane truck. Selection leads to four options.

Local history of truck.

Origins of truck – as US Army vehicle.

Truck restoration – series of photos taken during restoration.

Completion and display – a series if photos showing completed restoration.

Forestry in the Green Triangle. Selection leads to seven options.

Forestry beginnings – Mount Gambier forestry history and picture of historic Valley Lake seedling nursery.

The Resource – pictures of pinus radiata and blue gum plantations.

Forestry Equipment – Felling. Photos comparing early and modern equipment.

Forestry Equipment – Extraction. Photo comparisons of early and modern equipment.

Milling Machinery – Photo comparisons of early and modern equipment.

Green Triangle Forestry Industry Facts. Impressive listing of facts.

Exports – The Port of Portland. Photos and facts, wood exports from Portland.

Forestry in Australia. Selection leads to three options.

Forest regions – a map of forestry regions.

Forest and Timber Industry at a Glance – ABARES statistics.

Wood Product Statistics – ABARES statistics

Thanks to Dave Didwell who coordinated this and the other contributors to this. Data-Trax and Dave had to reformat their usual Tourism layouts for our needs. Overtime, this will always need upgrading and updating. A fantastic effort!

In time, the Nangwarry Timber Museum could be added and the Valley Lake seedling nursery (Leg of Mutton), our Hoo-Hoo Lookout, and Forest Reserve which took in most of the Grant Avenue. This is in the future, but stresses what an asset the Touch Screen is and its potential over time, and what a responsibility we have taken on. This is only the beginning!

AN OLD ETCHING OF THE LEG OF MUTTON 1976 NURSERY

This has been in the Purrer before and also provided to the Timber Historian’s group being held in the Riddoch Art Gallery collection. This would be the earliest image of this. Please note the foreground. A building is underway. Nursery plots and plantings are underway. It is thought that work began in February. Copying and pasting this into say a word doc will enable enlarging and better detail.

Our Hoo-Hoo Lookout looks down on this. Plantings in the Leg of Mutton crater later included various tree species including Pinus Radiata, Stone Pine and Canary Island Pine. Our Club and the IFA are commended in the 1994 Heritage Survey for our significant contributions. David Douglas provided significant material from very old Woods and Forests records then held in Mount Gambier.

Page 25 of the Heritage Survey outlines the whole Nursery and Grant Avenue Forest reserves. The reserve and nursery area included Pinus Insignis (Radiata), Aleppo Pine, Pinus Jeffreyii, Pinus Canariensis, Pinus Pinea (Stone), Pinus Sabiniana, Willows, English Oak, English Ash, Spanish Chestnut, Tasmanian Blue Gum, Red Gum, SA Sugar Gum, SA Ribbon Gum and Jarrah. Many of remnant trees along Grant Avenue are from these original plantings but in reduced area land being taken for the Caravan Park, Golf Course and original rubbish dump. Also we cannot forget plantings in the Blue Lake Reserve and the vandalized Canariensis just near the Pioneer Monument.



NORTON LADKIN MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP.

Trustees have prepared a report to the JIV Convention in May. Judy Barnett from Adelaide, the successful 2016 applicant will present to the JIV Convention in Hobart. This will be about Cross Laminated Timber, its use in high rise construction and adapting local engineered timber products in such buildings. Details of CLT manufacture will be included. Her initial report was circulated to club members with the December Purrer. Judy presented on November 9, 2016 to a well-represented meeting at the Burnside Town Hall, and stimulated by a CLT construction in Kent Town, answered many technical questions from building regulators and approval bodies. Matters like fire resistance, earthquakes and carbon footprints were addressed.

Judy is keen to present to our Club. A typical CLT manufacturing plant costs about \$240 million. One is being constructed at Wodonga, in Victoria, and all production is forward committed to the Victorian market. A CLT plant in Mount Gambier or nearby should be a priority project. CLT construction is a new boom industry! Now we have Judy locked in for June!! Please note this event as one to attend as a priority!

CYCLONE DEBBIE AND OUR INDUSTRY SPARED SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

Many sawmills in Queensland and other regions, were on high ground, several having shifted from low ground over the years. Most were full of hardwood logs. Forest operations will be delayed for some days. Water seepage into buildings was minor. Kilns were kept working. Some staff were isolated from workplaces, by flood waters. A mechanical engineering company in Lismore providing services to our industry was on high ground, but most other businesses were submerged by depths up to 3.5 m and many businesses in flooded zones, fear never re-opening their doors ever again.

Many buildings in FNQ, built with connectors and fixtures which did not meet cyclone design codes have experienced massive failures. Building codes were totally upgraded after the Darwin cyclone many years ago. Code requirements require corner bracing including a panel of plywood or similar, long bolts connecting roof trusses securely to building foundations, bracing and connectors to every roof truss, and other sensible and common sense design requirements. Buildings affected were probably older ones.

In many flood zones, old Queenslander Homes built up on stilts were spared flooding. Many think this is to harvest cool breezes but it is really because of floods. One cannot understand concrete slab construction, low on the ground, in flood zones? Why build such silly buildings and ignore the common sense of the pioneers of the past.

ROBE CANCELLED.

The ever popular Robe weekend was cancelled at short notice. Usually the Purrer has a nice portfolio of photos and stories to report but alas this great copy was not available. We hopefully look forward to next year!

KOONDROOK WEEKEND 13th-15th OCTOBER 2017.

This annual get-together of our Club with Ballarat and NE Victoria Clubs is on once again.

Draft agenda is;

Friday Night Meet and greet at 6.59 Mates Pub Koondrook.

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

Lunch at 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.

DIARY DATE THIS NOW, FURTHER DETAILS CLOSER TO THE WEEKEND.

LAST MEETING AT THE SA HOTEL, MONDAY APRIL 10.

President Maurie welcomed about 18 members, partners and visitors. Russel Hay and Raylee Moreland were welcome attendees. Greg Richardson was an apology. David Didwell outlined finances which included about \$11,534 being expended on the Touchscreen at Umpherston Cave. The Touchscreen was discussed and included future wifi connection and the small cabinet around the screen to reduce glare. Maurie and Kathy Drewer and Lew and Robyn Parsons are attending the JIV Convention in early May. 2018 Convention will be in Bunbury. The GMC Truck at Umpherston Cave was discussed and whether keeping it drivable and what to do with a heap of parts at Moreland Logging. Mathew Birdwood, Curator of the Birdwood Museum but acting in his own right, may be interested in buying the parts. This may leave the truck in the future unable to be driven. A good Gurdon session ended the meeting. Dave and Jan Didwell's India trip is reported separately.

FUNNIES!

I find it ironic that colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

DAVE AND JAN DIDWELL'S INDIA AND NEPAL TRIP, IN MARCH 2017.

Dave and Jan's story was a fascinating and about the most populous nation in the world. Hindus are about 80% of the population and Moslems about 14% New Delhi was the first tour and home of the President of India. A 73 m cast iron 'Spire of Victory' built in 375-415AD was a marvel. Many buildings were built in the past of plundered stone and carvings from other buildings. Many cultures, Hindu, Islamic, British, are reflected in buildings and life in India. Mahatma Gandhi's House and where he was assassinated are major attractions to visit. The India Gate War Memorial commemorates over 70,000 Indian soldiers who perished in WWII. The Red Fort in Delhi is 141 Ha. The Mosque of Delhi built in 1,644 could hold over 20,000 devotees.

Traffic is chaotic. Electrical supply lines are amazing tangles. People are everywhere as are sacred Cattle, monkeys etc. Snake Charmers always arrive when a bus stops. Cow dung is used for fuel, insulation, and milk from the cows was important.

The sacred River Ganges is central to life. They flew from Delhi to see the Ganges. Stone steps everywhere lead to this River. Cremation fuel is everywhere and many cremations are done each day and the ashes interred in the River.

At Agra, they saw the mazing Taj Mahal, which was built in 1631 to 1653, by 20,000 workers for a Mogul king. The Agra Fort like everywhere is also a palace. Heritage sites are everywhere and Religious buildings, all over India. Stone work, craftsmanship and great size amaze everyone, all being quite incredible.

They went into a small rural town and park region. Indian animals abound, chital deer, Chingkara, Nilgai, Monkeys, Wild Boar, Birds, Crocodiles and Tigers which are rare to see. They also visited a Kama Sutra Park and carved groups of figures were well ... imagination was not needed to appreciate what was a group happening.

Jaipur the capital of Rajasthan was breathtaking. Lakes are highlighted by amazing palaces, many now major hotels. A Heritage Building was an astronomical observatory. Two silver items were the biggest silver pieces in the world each weighing 345 kgm.

Jodpur (the blue city), Aidupur, and other highlights such as sesame oil production, and more temples continued this amazing story and it was 10 pm, we had to leave the closing Hotel. Dave and Jan had given us an enthralling tale and picture show.

Hopefully this report gives some picture of Dave and Jan's great holiday and experience.

HHI WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING.

Nine Lives April 14, detailed how to Log In and claim one's membership account. Members were urged to do this as soon as possible. Clubs can log in and update meeting dates, photos etc. A short video link was included in Nine Lives to assist getting logged in. There will be a Tutorial Session at the JIV Convention.

Logging-in needs Hoo-Hoo Number, chosen user name, password of eight characters. Being logged-in will assist JIV in maintaining membership information. Every member needs to do this NOW.

JIV CONVENTION AWARD ENTRY. MAY 5-7 IN HOBART.

The Purrer Editor has got the Club Award Entry to JIV Secretary Trish Waters as required being 3 copies in hard form. JIV also has it electronically. **The Touch Screen** is our entry in the Outstanding Club Activity and Special Wood Promotion Awards, The and includes the content in this Purrer and plus whatever was needed, and the Flier is included as part of the entry. The Entry can easily be slightly amended for HHI Awards in September.

There was much detail flying around the Committee to and from David Didwell who took on a major role to effectively get it done and a lot of Dave's e-mails and great work were directly implanted in the entry using Copy and Paste.

Publicity and Council support was also outlined. All relevant photos were included among them, the Club Barbecue Kings, Greg and Laurie, and all of those showing the Logging transport and equipment on site. Our Heritage GMC Truck and the Moreland Heritage Truck were also stars in the entry. Photos of the Touch Screen being operated and some content were included. The Award acknowledged those in our Club needing acknowledging and highlighted the high Club Member involvement.

A killer aspect is a business plan, for any other Hoo-Hoo Club, who has a place where they could have a Touch Screen installed. Laurie Judd has built a lovely box to contain the Screen and the Touchpad is lower right and is an improvement and some anti-glare treatments are being pursued.



AN INTERESTING OUTCOME, FROM THE NEW HHI WEBSITE.

The Purrer Editor, when logging in to the new HHI Website, and checking his record found some errata. It did not have his Concatenation date and indicated him as being inactive. The Purrer Editor emailed to Beth at HHI, a copy of our Membership Record prepared by David Didwell with Beth having data to update our Club Records. There are a few Members who passed away not recorded. Obituaries were provided to HHI on the recent lost members as they occurred over the last few years. 214 is now being regarded as an example to all other Clubs in HHI and 214 has gone international on this one with acknowledgement from the Snark of the Universe. And again, Dave Didwell was on the money as usual.

EXECUTIVE MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 27TH, 2017.

This was at 11 am at Lew Parson's house. Some matters had to be settled.

First was a venue for the Club Meetings until the Southgate re-opens. Various venues were discussed and availability. The Presidential, Commodore and Silver Birch were considered, and a couple of hotels. Dave Didwell was to check and decide on a venue and get costs for our normal meal and being winter, Soup, Mains and Coffee and water. **JIV Convention.** President Maurie will be our voting representative.

June Meeting. June 19th was the preference. Judy Barnett will be at the JIV Convention. Maurie and Lew will follow up with Judy and details, electronic aids at the venue, where she will be staying in Mount Gambier, and costs and general details of the meeting and maybe a seminar in the day for specifiers, architects and builders.

July Meeting, Monday July 10. This will be the TCA Meeting and Brenton You, Helen Murray and Young Ambassador for SA, Leilani Dawes of Forestry SA in Adelaide. Venue is being decided as above.

Young Ambassadors and the **Norton Ladkin Memorial Fellowship** were discussed and some young people from our region might be very suitable candidates. Lew and Maurie will follow these ideas up.

Finances. Last meeting had a good Gurdon Fines session, \$69! We have \$348 in the bank and a term deposit of \$11,772 will be rolled over as \$10,000 and the interest and some funds passed to the operating account. The Touchscreen costs have reduced funds and Paul at Datatrx will be contacted about any problems and costs. Lew and Dave were sorting out UBS sticks of Touchscreen. Sounds such as chainsaws were from a website of sounds. The best UBS will be taken for a picture show at Hobart.

GMC Log truck. A Matthew Lombard has visited to inspect our heritage Truck which is now on a website for such vehicles and inspected spares at Moreland's and other possible spares. Sale of the spare parts seems eminent. We are likely to have the Log truck not drivable in the short term but able to restored to do so in time as required. This will save the Club registration and insurance costs.

HHI Website. Some problems are being settled with individual members. Our Club might be the only Club in HHI with such a member database.

PROGRAM GOING AHEAD!

Jurisdiction IV Convention May 5th to 7th, Hobart. Our Club will be represented and Maurie and Lew are prepared to represent our Club well and to address any issues.

May Meeting. We have no formal Meeting and JIV Convention is thus the May event.

June Meeting, Probably May 19th. Judy Barnett, Norton Ladkin Memorial Fellowship will be VIP Speaker talking on Cross Laminated Timber and her trip to the Wood Solutions 2016 European Tour. A Flier will be prepared for wider circulation to the industry and community. High rise buildings and environmental sustainability are issues.

July Meeting, Monday July 10. Timber Communities Australia. Brenton You Chair and CEO Helen Murray. Leilani Dawes, SA Young Ambassador. A separate Flier will circulate to the wider industry and community.

June and July Meetings would probably be run as a more formal VIP evening and less as a Hoo-Hoo Meeting. One hopes that our Club will add to its reputation and as an inducement for new members.

Please diary date the programs. Please put attending as a priority in your calendar.

Check friends and workmates. Think about who you can ask to attend!

Bring partners. Our Club is presenting a highest quality program.