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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 by e-mail quoting invoice number. Please pay up asap when invoiced.
- * <http://www.hoo-hoo.org/> and <http://www.hoo-hoo.org/log-tally.html> are contacts for the HHI Website and Log and Tally.
- * **Hopefully everyone receives the Purrer by e-mail.** This is our only circulation and has been checked against the J IV Directory and some added.
- * **Purrer copy to brsjpage@bigpond.com.** Purrer Editorial Policy! is never let the truth get in the way of a good story". Gurdon Greg Richardson welcomes good stories as well. Discretion as to the source is perhaps assured.
- * **HHI Website.** Go to www.hoo-hoo.org and the HHI Home Page then Claim Account.
- * **HHI International Convention 2019.** September 11-14 in Whistler British Columbia, Canada, details on hoo-hoo48.org , at Westin Resort and Spa. More detail in last Purrer
- * Recent press of the **Amazon Basin reports massive illegal logging, on lands belonging to tribes.** June 2019 forest land loss was **870,000 square km, up 40%+ since June 2018. The prized tree species logged is claimed to be sustainable production and this illegal practice earns billions of dollars per annum for Brazil.** The President is a climate denier, roads go deeper into the Amazon, supporting illegal logging and extensive increase in farming and Native Tribe massive loss of their lands. Recent fires are from squatter farmers burning of any residual forest.
- * **Good rain in August, about 139 mm.** Above mean 100mm, Lowest 30 mm, median 96 mm, and Highest 190 mm. Our trees are enjoying great spring wood growth. Rain late in August was 65mm in Mount Gambier.
- * **Timber Focus in the Border Watch August 20,** highlighted investment, jobs, and major companies. Whiteheads, highlighted a installing a biomass boiler at cost \$3 million eliminating 3,000 tonne of non-renewable carbon emissions and 50 years in business.

2019 **PINE POLLEN TIME IN SEPTEMBER**

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NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is the Koondrook Weekend 12th/13th/14th October.
Our Xmas meeting will be Sunday 13th December for Lunch at Laurie and Chris Judd's and tasting of your best red is looked forward to.
The Robe Weekend is in the first quarter 2020, dates yet to be set.
PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES, and this current set program.

Please note an update about Koondrook and the attached Nine Lives including a Koondrook Flier. More details in the Purrer as well adding some detail.

KOONDROOK 12th/13th/14th OCTOBER.

Our regrets about Ray Sanders of NE Victoria Club who passed away are noted. He was a strong supporter of Koondrook. Cabin sites and cabins at the Koondrook Caravan Park are available. Please contact John and Margo Forbes on 03 5433 2103. Koondrook on the banks of the River Murray is a beautiful place, with much history about hardwood saw milling and places to visit. This weekend is a great weekend of Hoo-Hoo fellowship.

ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPING IN FORESTS.

Illegal waste dumping was featured in the Border Watch on July 31st. Photos gave cover of a massive problem for forest owners of a problem which has increased significantly. Asbestos, green waste vehicles set on fire, syringes, toxic wastes massive amounts of house hold waste etc. Most seems to be dumped from trailer loads or larger quantities. Costs of cleanup, and wastes disposal levies at increased cost are being forced on forest owners. The SA State Minister needs to be contacted to make the state aware of this to seek assistance and support.

RESEARCH BY A LOCAL COMMITTEE AND UNISA.

May 31, the Border Watch announced a study raised by Wattle Range Council, about high estimations of Forestry water usage and that current forests might not be able to keep water licenses. A Committee headed by Jim O'Hehir of UNISA, and UNISA will do research which is about proper science. Modern techniques will be used. 'Fact and Fiction' needs to be sorted out. The project is expected to take up to 3 years. Carbon Credits and real water usage in precise terms need accurate estimation. technologies such as satellite technology are one possible resource. Recent Australian articles UNESCO Heritage Commission dictates where UNESCO World Heritage sites exist eg Naracoorte Caves and the Indigenous Listing in nearby Victoria. These predicate future land use meeting environment outcomes, and forestry is encouraged due to carbon uptake, oxygen production, and 'believed that carbon sequestration in forests could be produced profitably on more than half of marginal land'. This is a most important research project and very important for our forest industry.

TRANSPORT TO PORTLAND PORT MADE MORE EFFICIENT.

The Border Watch Friday August 2 reported on Timberlink using the latest 33 A-Double trucks to replace current B-Doubles, which carry much more chip per load, reducing the number of trips per day on the 285 km round trip. This reduces fuel use reducing their carbon footprint. The Trucks are fitted with new GPS, engine telematics technology, tyre wear tacking, fitted retarders rather than brakes, and other improvements which reduce road wear, are safer for drivers and are the maximum length for unloading at the Port. Route will be Tarpeena to Dartmoor, then Portland. These truck reduce emissions by 25% per trip. Cost reductions add an economic factor, and part of programs to secure jobs. The Club's trip to Tarpeena some time ago, gives background to this latest corporate effort. This is a great result, and again showcases the skills capacity of our great industry.

Please note the program for the Club, going forward.

PRESIDENTS TREE.

As per the August Purrer, a giant sequoia, 247 feet tall, and estimated 3,200 years old. This should be able to be copied and pasted from the Purrer. It is growing in Sequoia National Park. Sorry the copy and paste does not completely present the total tree.

