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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.

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- * <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 was checked against the 2015/2016 J IV Directory and some added.
- * **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.
- * **HHI Website.** Go to www.hoo-hoo.org and the HHI Home Page then Claim Account.
- * **Mount Gambier Fringe March 22-31, 2019.** Noted in Fringe material was Treasured Friends were Graham and Val Fennell! A form of sponsors? Great effort!
- * **Local CFS members assist major fires.** The Border Watch, March 20, highlighted a 19 strong support by South East CFS volunteers assiting serious Victorian blazes. One notes a number of serious local road accidents, recently, often requiring a CFS Unit callout which are dreaded, because victims might be known.
- * **Major Funding for Roads to Portland.** The BW March 20 highlighted funding of roads via Heywood and Nelson to Portland, to drive growth, productivity and improve driver safety for forest industries and others, and regional funding compared to cities.
- * **The Tarpeena Mill Tour last year** became focussed by the Australian March 20, about skills drought affecting productivity. New skills, a core education or degree, a need to address management skills and culture, fast changes and future skills, soft-ware, cyber, AI skills, education in STEM subjects etc. Current loss of skilled people is currently over 50,000 persons a year. Skills shortages in 2023 are predicted to be over 100,000 persons. Small business defined as employing 1-19 persons, defined under 20 categories, **saw the biggest loss of employees being the last category, Agriculture and Forestry!!!!!!!!!!**

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NEXT MEETING

This will be Monday 3rd of June because of the Public Holiday, on the second Monday and the Club decided to bring this forward. Details will be in the June Purrer.

There will be no Meeting in May. Please not this.

A future 'meeting' will be 12th/13th/14th October being the **Koondrook Weekend**. Future 'meetings' will be the **Robe Weekend** and our **Xmas event**. Other meetings will be added to this program. Meeting details will be well presented in future Purrers.

FUNERAL OF MICHAEL WARD 88186 ON 22ND MARCH 2019

Michael Ward's funeral was attended by Russel Hay and Brian Page. He received glowing comments from workmates at Tarpeena, described as the IT brains behind programming of the plant, and planned major plant extensions which Club members saw on a Mill Tour. He achieved this due to his IT skills and ability to pass on knowledge to others. Moving memories came from his loving family. Michael was cremated at the Carinya Gardens chapel. Refreshments were at the Blue Lake Links on Grant Avenue. His passing has also been advised to HHI and JIV and will be commemorated by our order.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLUB, AND IT'S FUTURE, MONDAY APRIL 8TH.

This was held at the SA Hotel **open only to members**. 9 Members attended and apologies were received with input to the club meeting. Those members at the meeting gave very good input, and the meeting was held in a fraternal way and feeling for our wonderful club.

Brian Stewart, JIV President, was at the Robe weekend and provided valuable input of the situation of JIV. Our relationship to the forest industries will however be part of general Club focus. It apparently was mooted that our Club host the 2021 JIV Convention but the meeting said a clear no, and commented upon funding and sponsorship today being impossible. The future of other JIV Clubs was updated by Brian Stewart. Where clubs might fold, an option being taken by some was to remain a member at large at HHI.

The future of Clubs and 'industry bodies' is in a different environment with many Clubs having to face the world as it is. Rotary and RSL, Lodges, sporting Clubs etc all face aging members and falling numbers, and attracting members and sponsors today, is very difficult.

Two matters need to be examined. One is the **Datatrax Device at the Hoo-Hoo Pavilion** running out in a little less than two years, whether we keep this, or scrap it, and discussion with the Council be an issue. Our **existence as an Incorporated Body will be checked**. Where a copy our constitution is unknown. Incorporation was probably in 1997, and limits liability of any Club to the limit of Club finances, and protects Club Members or the Club Board from any financial liability. It is not an insurance policy.

Club Finances were outlined by Treasurer David Didwell. David outlined costs of facets of the operation of the Club. Dave also provided cost options of various future options.

A Motion was carried allowing flexibility and matters in a general sense, to be determined.

The Hoo-Hoo Pavilion was commented upon if our Club folded? Council would need to take it over. Hoo-Hoo memorabilia might be placed in the cupboards. Liability for the Crane Truck would have to be sorted. Brian Page, as have others, has a lot of memorabilia and would like to place this in the Pavilion. Effectively these are future time capsules. David Didwell reminded of a maintenance issue, and had cleaned all windows with methylated spirits, and **need for working bees will be constantly required. Bird entry needs fixing.**

Brian Page, who made this report of a well conducted and comprehensive discussion did it as best as he could. A Gurdon session ended this meeting.

DINNER TO COMMEMORATE DOUG HOWICK, APRIL 6TH.

This was arranged by NE Victoria Club and well attended and received good local press. Details of this event were provided with the April Purrer. Heather Gattone and Ron attended and will as I believe provide a report to HHI Log and Tally.

LOTS OF GOOD NEWS FOR OUR INDUSTRY.

The Gympie Particle Board Plant, closed by CHH will be re-opened by Laminex Industries, owned by Fletchers of New Zealand and will add other milling developments on site to grow timber production, and use Queensland plantation timber.

A pelletizing plant is proposed for an undisclosed site near Mount Gambier, having been in the pipeline for some time, and seems to now have secure funding.

The KCA Power generating plant was visited by MP's and highlighted as an example to follow, and that small plants can be funded at affordable cost. Mega power generating plants are not needed. Mt Gambier has ideal sites for similar, either gas or wood residue fired and is a very efficient use of energy from whatever is used as fuel/

A huge about wind generating plant has been proposed to be built over a pine forest by about 40+ metres, and expects no complaints from nearby residents.

Around Mount Gambier, and in nearby Victoria, our industry seems to be on the cusp of major investments, and good job generation.

GREAT NEW PAINTING AT THE RIDDOCH ART GALLERY. STOP PRESS.

A small exhibition in the Edkins Gallery has a new painting of the Leg of Mutton Forest Reserve after flooding by rising water in 1886. By this time pine seedlings from here were planted at the Bluff near Glencoe and at Mt Butt and Mt McIntyre. This is a most historic painting and record of SA establishing the plantation forest industry. Open until Sunday 16th June, it adds truly new part of our industry's amazing history!

One recommends seeing this amazing new painting asap, which adds to earlier paintings of the site which show the site as it was earlier in its history. Art Galleries are really Art Museums and could lead to higher emphasis on our history and placing or industry in a higher regional status. For instance, should a Conference about our Industry was in the wind, these paintings and other records might be put on show for the visiting delegates.

STOP PRESS NORTON LADKIN FELLOWSHIP.

Trustees of this will present details at the JIV Convention currently being held in New Zealand. A full financial report and a trustees report are included.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JUNE 3RD.

Meeting Program will be advised in the June Purrer.

INDUSTRY TOUR AT WODONGA. STOP PRESS.

The NE Victoria Club has received final Hyne Approval for the proposed Xlam CLT Factory Tour, date confirmed Friday 14th June 2019 at 2.00 pm. An Official Invitation will be sent out after Easter which will give more details on the venue, and the tour is limited to 36 members only of NE Victoria Club or one hopes others. This would be a very fascinating tour. Xlam also are building a CLT Plant in Tasmania to run on Blue Gum. Our region is a prime area for such a CLT Plant.