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UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE Inc.

NEWSLETTER

December, 2012

Best Wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks

The committee members of the UHMRL Inc would like to thank all those who have shown their support for our fundraising throughout the year.

Movies with Lunch

Our luncheons and movies will return next year, starting on **12th February, 2013** and continuing throughout the year on the second Tuesday of the month. Watch for notices in the local media. We hope to see you there.

AngloAmerican Support

We would also like to thank **Mr. Matt Frodsham** from the AngloAmerican Dartbrook Mine for making a secure storage space available to us. This provides our committee with storage closer to Aberdeen and saving on monthly storage costs of \$118. Whenever possible, Matt makes himself available to join us at meetings.

Local Support Needed

Without substantial local support, our plans to save the collection of rural artefacts at Glenbawn and relocate them to a new Museum and Cultural Centre at Aberdeen will fail, and all the items will be lost from the Upper Hunter - forever. We may not yet have achieved the purchase of the old Campbell's Store in Aberdeen, but we are confident that another opportunity will arise soon. A number of our members have been studying Museum Practice through TAFE Outreach in readiness for caring for our collection. Donations of artefacts or money would be greatly appreciated.

Community Partnership

We now have a "Community Partnership" account with The Community Mutual Group of Credit Unions. If you bank with Community Mutual, we ask for your support by nominating the

UHMRL as your favourite charity. By doing this, we will receive an annual bonus payment towards our fundraising goals.

Grant Applications

* We have been advised by The Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon's office that we have been **successful** in gaining a **Volunteers Grant totalling \$3,059**. These funds will be put to good use with the purchase of necessary equipment.

* An application for a **Cultural Activities Grant** to the **Upper Hunter Shire Council** has been **unsuccessful**.

Next Meeting UHMRL

The next meeting of the UHMRL will be on **Wednesday, 23rd January, 2013** at 5pm at the Aberdeen Library. New members and volunteers always welcome. **PLEASE COME** and support us.

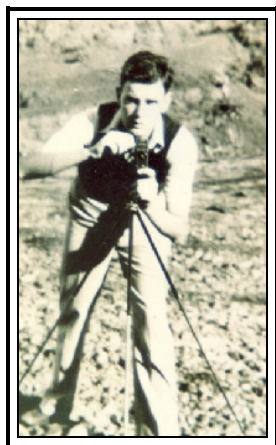
Golden Oldies for Golden Oldies Monthly Movies at Risk.

Due to changes in personnel, we are in need of help for the movies to continue. We could use:

- ❖ Someone to help set up our movies. You will need to carry equipment, and climb a ladder.
- ❖ Someone to organise acquisition of the films each month.
- ❖ We could also use some help with the catering.
- ❖ Our Committee is also looking for a Treasurer beginning next February.

If you know anyone who could help, please contact Jan Sumner on 6543 7150 for details.

WANTED – Aberdeen Movie – Wasted Water *Do you know where it is?*



Movies have always been a very popular form of entertainment.

In December, 1937, the Aberdeen Musical Society presented their own black and white movie, “Wasted Water”, which they filmed locally in Aberdeen.

Mr Fullford not only wrote the original script but as he owned the film camera he also took on the role of cameraman. Looking much like an old American cowboy movie from the 1930’s, I can only

presume that all had an enjoyable time as they watched their neighbours on the big screen.

A copy of “Wasted Water” is said to still exist out there somewhere – either as a film, video or even DVD. We are therefore putting a call out to anyone who may know where this film is today.

Can you help?

ABERDEEN TREASURES

Some time ago the local charity shop received a donation of an old and tarnished trophy. It was engraved:

**BENGALLA CUP
MUSWELLBROOK
ASSOCIATED GOLF CLUB
for Continuous Competition
Presented by J.H.KEYS ESQ
June 1932**



First presented to Mrs P. Truscott in 1932, the cup is engraved with the names of many local ladies. The cup was last awarded in 1970 and it appears that there was no competition during World War II (1939-1946)

Please think twice before any old items, maps, photographs or documents are discarded.

AIMS OF THE UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE INCORPORATED

The UHMRL Inc aims to save and care for the rural and social heritage of Aberdeen and surrounding areas.

We are working towards our plan to improve the cultural and community prosperity of the town by preserving and displaying a collection of objects that tell the story of the development of the area. From the first pioneers, wealthy settlers, early industry, development of the railway, the importance of the tannery and meatworks that added successfully to the major landuse of farming, and dairying in particular. Then into the present with

horse studs and coal mining and on into the future. A key element is the plan to bring the almost forgotten Glenbawn Dam Collection into Aberdeen where it can be cared for and displayed to best advantage in a more visitor friendly and purpose designed facility incorporating a cultural centre. The UHMRL Inc is an incorporated body that is in the process of gaining knowledge to better care for the collection and have commenced working with the Government and others to undertake an orderly process of care and repair.

***Vale John Scriven
On 6th May, 2011, we lost our dear friend and inspiration.***

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