



UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE Inc.
NEWSLETTER

April, 2013

Lest We Forget

This month we have a national day of remembrance to commemorate and honour the members of the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) who fought at Gallipoli during World War 1. These days we also honour all our service personnel, those who gave their lives and those who returned, together with those who currently serve.

This man, Leslie Cameron was the returned soldier who selected in 1919 the homestead block at Dartbrook and renamed it "Lochiel." 40 years later his youngest son Alexander Leslie

inherited the farm, demolished the house to replace it with a modern building. *



The Honour Roll of Aberdeen for World War 1, 1914-1918 contains 52 names, including one woman. Six young men did not return to their families. *

In Aberdeen this year all ex-servicewomen

and men, World War 2, Korea, Vietnam, Malaya, Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan, Australia, wherever. Regular Forces, National Service, C.M.F. Reservists, Peace Keepers, whomever. Also the people of Aberdeen – women, men, boys and girls **are invited to join in commemorating Anzac Day** and those who did NOT come back, at Aberdeen R.S.L. on 25th April from 0600 hrs to 1230 hrs, including lunch, for a donation of \$10.

For further information please call or leave a message for Doc Milton on 6543 7110.

Aberdeen Cares - Soldiers Care Packages

We are currently supporting our service personnel by sending Care Packages. The organiser, Carole Johnston says:

"The Aberdeen Community has been wonderful in coming together to give me their support in my quest to send Soldiers Care Packages to Afghanistan, Timor, South Sudan and wherever I get requests from my contacts.

With the help of the wonderful people of Aberdeen we have been able to make many soldiers, airmen and

sailors have a happy day. Last year we sent 179 packages. So far for 2013 we are up to 69. Donations can be made to me any time as it is an ongoing concern, and until our troops come home we will send them packages. These are so important to their morale. The thank you letters we get always state that they hope we keep going with our caring. Even a small donation of \$10 can buy so much: 10 deodorants or 10 packets of wipes, toothbrushes - the list is endless. Anything you would use or snack on in day-to-day-life is what we

send. We now have names, so we can personalise our packages.

*I am most grateful for people dropping off packets of biscuits, wipes, soaps, pens, pads, warm beanies and balaclavas, and cash donations. (Please note that we **cannot** send aerosols.)*

You would be most welcome to join us in our quest to make our troops know they are valued."

For more information call Carole on 6543 7134 after 3pm.

Lookout Grandpa!!

A six year old goes to the hospital with her mother to visit Grandpa. When they get to the hospital she runs ahead of her mother and bursts into her Grandpa's room. "Grandpa, Grandpa," she says excitedly, "as soon as my Mother comes into the room, make a noise like a frog!"

"What?" said her Grandpa.

"Make a noise like a frog, because my mum said that as soon as you croak, we're all going to Disneyland!"

* From Anne Van Wiene's Aberdeen history books.

Our Goals

The goals of the **Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life Inc.** include:

"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."

Next Meeting

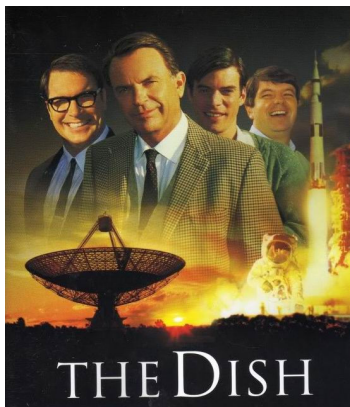
If you are interested in joining us you are invited to attend our next meeting which will be held at **5.00 pm on Wednesday 1st May 2013 at the Aberdeen Library**. Please phone our Secretary to confirm date and time.

Next Movie and Luncheon

Our monthly movie and luncheons form part of our fund-raising and we appreciate your support of these events. The Dish, starring Sam Neill will be shown as our next Golden Oldies movie. It is a classic comedy film from the creators of "The Castle".

It is on **Tuesday, 14th May at the Aberdeen Sports and Recreation Club Auditorium and all are invited**. Enjoy a 3-course luncheon and movie. Doors open at 11.30am and a donation of \$10 will help towards our goal to save the collection of artefacts at Glenbawn Museum and relocate the items to a museum in Aberdeen where they can be cared for and appreciated by everyone.

Booking is essential as numbers are limited. Telephone Jan 65437150 or Jan 65425168



Storyline

This movie is a comedy based on Australia's role in the Apollo 11 Mission in July 1969

In the days before the space mission that marked humankind's first steps on the moon, NASA was working with a group of Australian technicians who had agreed to rig up a satellite interface. That the Aussies placed the satellite dish smack dab in the middle of an Australian sheep farm in the boondocks town of Parkes was just one of the reasons that NASA was concerned. Based on a true story, The Dish takes a smart, witty, comical look at the differing cultural attitudes between Australia and the U.S. while revisiting one of the greatest events in history

Our Reference Library and Artefacts

Books

We would like to acquire a copy of Anne Van Wienen's Aberdeen history books for our reference library. They are:

1. **A Pictorial History of Aberdeen, N.S.W.** (Yellow cover)
2. **Aberdeen N.S.W. A Social History** (Blue cover)
3. **History of Aberdeen N.S.W. – Families** (Pink cover).

Also, David and Rhonda Weston's book "**Blood, Sweat and Years – Aberdeen Meatworks Centenary 1892 – 1992**". (A quote from this book: "Nothing is wasted, man has found a use for every part. At one time the 'colon' was saved from sheep and processed as 'condoms.' The trimming of these was a 'very careful job' – they couldn't afford any nicks in them!")

Any other local history books.

Photos

If you have any old photos of Aberdeen we would love to borrow them to copy for our files. We will **return** them to you. It would be great if you could also give us a story relating to them.

Artefacts

We would love to give a home to any items of interest from early Aberdeen that you may have no further use for. Any stories attaching to these items would also be appreciated.

Membership Fees

Annual Membership renewals are now due. If you are an Associate Member, your payment of \$5 would be appreciated. Full membership is \$25 per annum. Membership and Associate Membership forms are now available if you would like to join us.

We are still looking for a **Treasurer** and would love you to help us out! Also, if you would like to help us on our movie days, just contact one of our committee – see below.

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