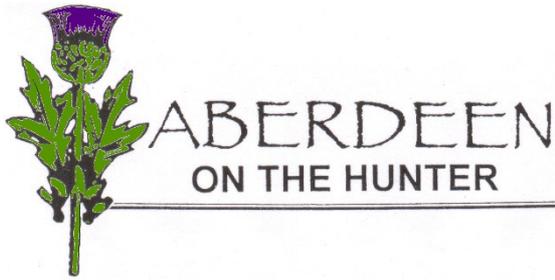


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UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE  
Inc.

**NEWSLETTER**

**December, 2013**

## Season's Greetings

### NSW RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING

In October, Scone hosted about 220 women at the 21<sup>st</sup> Rural Women's Gathering. NSW Gatherings began in Orange in 1993 instigated by the Department of Primary Industries Rural Women's Network along with FarmSafe Central West and a committee of volunteers, as a way of bringing rural women together for networking, learning, gaining inspiration and ideas, and sharing information.

Our Vice President Carol Ray was a finalist in the 'Fashions on the Field' at the opening session out at the Scone Racecourse on Friday night where we also watched equestrian demonstrations.

Scone's speakers were inspiring women with amazing stories.

We enjoyed top class entertainment, inspirational speakers, informative workshops and delicious food.

One of our speakers was Kelly Foran who set up her foundation called **"Friendly Faces, Helping Hands"**

following a traumatic life experience necessitating many years of visiting hospitals, and finding accommodation, buying food and other items in strange cities and including all the difficulties doing this with a family. You can read her story on her website: [friendlyfaces.info/](http://friendlyfaces.info/)

Kelly says of her Foundation:

- We link rural communities to the major hospitals, health facilities and resources within cities.
- We help assist country people to source information to make a trying, traumatic time easier.
- We give the power of information to help in a difficult time, to get control of some of the situation.
- We base this on experience.

The next gathering will be in Coolamon Shire.

### BROAD CROSSING



You may remember last month we showed you the building of the lovely new bridge at Broad Crossing, replacing the low level causeway which collapsed in 2011. It was said to be able to withstand a one in 200 year flood. It was opened with much aplomb and fanfare with Members of Parliament, Council, etc. Just one week later we had a downpour which washed away the south eastern embankment! This work was apparently done by Council, not the bridge contractors.

*(Photo taken by Denise Bell.)*

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## NEXT MOVIE AND LUNCHEON

Next movie and 3 course luncheon will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February in the Aberdeen Sports & Recreation Club Auditorium, which is wheelchair friendly.

Doors open at 11.30am. A donation of \$10 is requested. Please 'phone Jan on 6543 7150 or Jan on 6542 5168 to book your place.



The movie is ADAM'S RIB starring Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy. It's the hilarious answer to who wears the pants. This film was written specifically as a Tracy-Hepburn vehicle – their sixth film together - and was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Screenplay in 1950.

The American Film Institute honoured the film's stars, naming Katharine Hepburn the greatest American screen legend among females, and Spencer Tracy No. 9 amongst males.

## NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the UHMRL will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at 5.00pm in the Aberdeen Library. We would love you to come to support us in our endeavours. Please phone our Secretary to confirm date and time.

### STORYBOARDS

Our TAFE OUTREACH course has finished, and you will soon see lectern-style storyboards around Aberdeen pointing out our historic buildings and telling our story.

### LOCAL HISTORY STUDIES GROUP

Our committee is planning a Local History Studies Group which will set up access to Aberdeen's historical documents and some artefacts. The idea is to have somewhere for people to do local research. If anyone is

interested in joining this group, please let us know.

We would love to borrow any photos you have to copy and return to you. Photos and artefacts are of most use if we have a story to accompany them. We can arrange to have a recorder and assist you with talking about them.

### ABERDEEN CARES

Carole Johnston and her 'Care Package Cadets' continue to send much appreciated care packages to Australian Soldiers, Sailors and

Airmen. Their count so far is 240 for this year. Carole would still like contributions if you wish to donate to this project. Yes, troops are coming home for Christmas BUT many are staying and will continue to be in Afghanistan. Carole's phone number is 6543 7134.

ABERDEEN TREASURES has also sent linen and clothing to the **Blue Mountains** for those affected by the recent bush fires; and to Sydney for the ravaged **Philippines**.

*"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass.*

*It's about learning to dance in the rain."*

A big THANK YOU to all who helped make 2013 movie days the success they were. There were many people who helped with catering; setting up the hall each time; the projectionist; the waiters and waitresses; the 'music makers'; the people who donated raffle prizes; AngloAmerican who print our newsletter and assist with our expenses; and anyone else who helped us. Your help is much appreciated.

**Wishing you all a happy holiday season and hope to see you in February next year.**