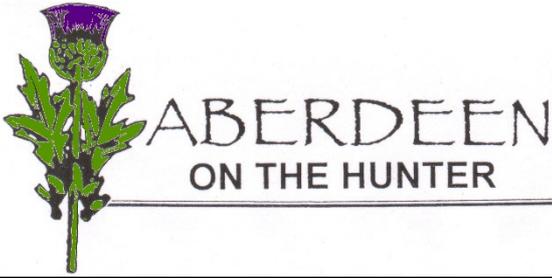


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UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE Inc.

**NEWSLETTER**

February, 2014

## Best Wishes to All for a Happy and Healthy 2014

### FINAL FAREWELL

*We have to say a final farewell to the Orana Zoo – also known as “The Old Zoo” - where our founder, John Scriven lived in his family home. After John died in May 2011, the property was acquired by St. Joseph’s High School. They have now demolished everything to make way for their new buildings. It is very sad for us. Many of us will have a pang of nostalgia as we go past the empty*

*property. There will be memories of the early days where John’s mother made lovely floral arrangements with her orchids, children and families enjoyed seeing the birds, animals and exotic plants. More recently, for me, the old house had an air of comfortable chaos, overgrown with vines and plants, and welcoming.*

*When John retired and moved home from the city, he put up a huge outdoor screen and screened old movies. He also hosted fundraising dinners, setting up the tables in the open. If it rained he would find space in his house so that the dinner could go ahead.*

*I hope the school acknowledges John somewhere in the new buildings.*

### NEXT MONTH

The government acknowledges **Seniors Week** in March, and we will be screening an extra movie to celebrate this. Our usual movie and luncheon, beginning at 11.30am will be screened on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** and is a 16mm film. A donation of \$10 is requested. Bookings to 6542 5168.

The movie is **SINGING IN THE RAIN**, starring Gene Kelly, Donald O’Connor and Debbie Reynolds. It is a 1952 American musical comedy. It offers a light-hearted depiction of Hollywood in the late 1920’s with the three stars portraying performers caught up in the transmission from silent films to “talkies.”

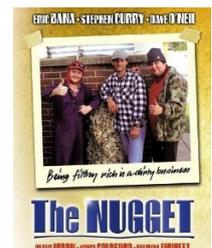
It is now frequently described as one of the best musicals ever made.



The following week, on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be screening a movie (DVD) with morning tea, beginning at 10.00 am. We are asking for a donation of \$5.00. Bookings to 6542 5168.

**THE NUGGET**, starring Eric Bana, Stephen Curry, Dave O’Neil. This movie looks at how instant wealth suddenly changes the lives of three working class men – not necessarily for the better, but always with hilarious consequences.

This film won the ASSG Award for Best Achievement in Sound for a Feature film – Sound Recording; and Screen Music Award for Best Feature Film Score. It was also nominated for the Australian Comedy Award for Outstanding Comic Screenplay.



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## UHMRL NEWS

### Membership Fees

UHMRL Membership fees for 2014 are now due. \$25.00 annual Membership and \$5.00 for Associate Membership.

### Next Meeting

Next meeting of the UHMRL will be held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 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.

### New Innovation

We have set up an Aberdeen Local Study Collection as a group under the umbrella of the UHMRL Inc. We are gathering together a collection of photographs, maps, documents, etc. to be housed at the Aberdeen Library for public perusal. We would love to have donations of any appropriate memorabilia. If you want to retain possession of your memorabilia, we would be

happy to scan the documents or artefacts and return them to you immediately.

### Old Movies

We are having difficulty acquiring many of the popular old films that have been requested. Most of them are now too valuable or fragile and now only available on DVD. We will endeavour to entertain our audiences with those films that are still available.

### **FOR LADIES ONLY**

*Quote from Stephen Fry at the end of a recent QI program:  
"Little girls grow up to be women, and little boys grow up to be big little boys."*

## ABERDEEN NEWS

### Aberdeen Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to the following:  
**Citizen of the Year:** Tess O'Brien

**Young Citizen of the Year:** Brock Lloyd

**Young Sports star of the Year:** Edan Tickle

### U3A

It is never too late to learn something new and the University of the Third Age (U3A) is opening locally.

The U3A can assist in keeping brains and bodies healthy through participation in creative and learning activities. "We are here to inform, to entertain and to educate."

If you are over 50 and would like to take advantage of the **University of the Third Age** you could contact the formation chairman, Pastor Ross Neville of Scone for information. The

group will cover Scone, Aberdeen and Muswellbrook (SAM). Pastor Neville can be contacted on Phone 6545 1396, or email [ross.neville3@bigpond.com](mailto:ross.neville3@bigpond.com).

### Introduction to Home Healing

Pat Collins – our local talented Herbalist - will be running her popular course on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Walk around her gardens discovering herbs (and useful weeds) to use cosmetically, medicinally and for edible purposes. Make products for everyday needs to take home and share.

Phone 6541 1884 or email [thecentre196@hotmail.com](mailto:thecentre196@hotmail.com) to book and get further information.

### MKR

A local couple, Jason and Annie Chesworth featured in the first episode of the popular TV

cooking show My Kitchen Rules. They got a good result in this episode, and are maintaining silence concerning the end result for the whole show. We'll have to keep watching! Jason and Annie work at the family cheese making business, Hunter Belle Cheese in Muswellbrook. MKR took six months to tape.

### Did You Know?

The late father of Mark Donaldson (the young soldier who became the first Australian in almost 40 years to be awarded the Victoria Cross, for his actions in Afghanistan and has kept a high profile), worked at the Aberdeen Meatworks as a Meat Inspector. It is sad that he didn't survive long enough to see his son become a true Australian hero.