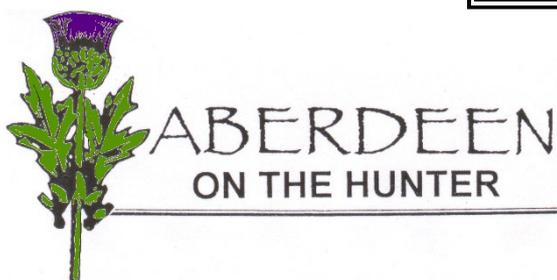


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UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE Inc.

NEWSLETTER

March, 2014

Next Week is Seniors Week

We hope you all have a lovely, active, interesting week.

CAMPBELL'S STORES FIREY HISTORY

The business premises of Messrs. M. Campbell & Co at **Aberdeen** were totally destroyed by fire early on Saturday morning last [**28th April, 1917**], together with the contents. Only the brick walls of the main store remain standing. The loss runs into thousands of pounds and is only partially covered by insurance. The firm

promptly made arrangements to continue business on Monday.

On **Tuesday 9th February, 1909** the stores of M. Campbell & Co. Ltd [Muswellbrook] burnt out – only the walls were left. The building and stock, valued at about £25,000 were destroyed.

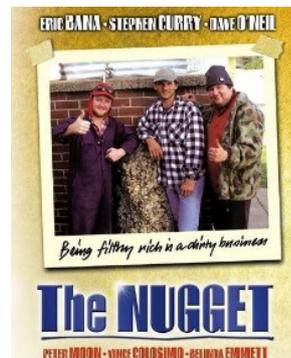
On **Friday 13th August, 1954** a fire broke out in Mr. Dangar Morrison's store at Moonan Flat which completely gutted the building and destroyed all stock. The store was the former business premises of Messrs. M. Campbell & Co. Pty Ltd's branch which Mr. Morrison took over a few years back.

All information from the Muswellbrook Chronicle, researched by Denise Bell.

SENIORS WEEK ACTIVITIES

*Next week - Seniors Week, on **Tuesday 18th 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 movie is **THE NUGGET**, starring Eric Bana, Stephen Curry and 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.



*On **Wednesday, 19th March** Scone Neighbourhood Centre will be hosting a SENIORS EXPO at 130 Liverpool Street, Scone – a great day of information and fun. Morning tea provided and a sausage sizzle lunch. Phone 6545 2562 for further information.

*Free Computer training class at the Aberdeen Neighbourhood Centre will be held on **Friday 21st March**, 1.30pm to 3.30 pm. Introduction to e-books and readers. Learn the various ways to access and read them.

FOR MEN ONLY

“Women are meant to be loved, not understood.” Oscar Wilde

ABERDEEN STORY BOARDS



Photo courtesy of the Scone Advocate.

Our Vice-president, Carol Ray and Secretary, Jan

Wild with a picture similar to one of the story boards we are planning to install around Aberdeen. This has been a long-term project of our group to complement the Aberdeen Walk brochure and the brass plaques around town.

With these story boards we will be able to show a picture, map and several paragraphs of information to describe the landmark which both locals and visitors will find interesting.

We are still working through Council's requirements.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the UHMRL Inc. will be held at 5pm on Wednesday 2nd April, 2014 at Aberdeen Library. All welcome. Please phone one of our committee to confirm date and time.

WAR HISTORY

Denise Bell is looking for photographs (with accompanying stories if possible) of any Aberdeen residents who went to war – doesn't matter which war. She will scan them and return to you. Denise's phone is 6543 7537.

MOVIE DAYS

We would like to thank all of you who come to our movie days and make them such a happy occasion. Also for the raffle prizes donated each month.

OLD PHOTOS

Val Ray donated a few old photos of Aberdeen town and surrounds for our Local Studies Collection. Thanks, Val.

COMMUNITY MUTUAL GROUP – FUNDRAISING

If you use Hunter Mutual (the old Credit Union) for your banking, or if you are considering opening a new bank account, you could consider opening a Community

*Partnership Account S3 which allows you to select the UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE Inc. as your recipient organisation. At the end of the financial year, Hunter Mutual will pay an amount equal to 1.00% of the average annual balance held in your account. These amounts are included with the balances held by other supporters, so there is no way that your chosen recipient organisation will know what your average balances were throughout the year. **WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED OUR FIRST CPA BONUS!***

APRIL MOVIE

Our next regular movie and 3-course luncheon is on Tuesday 8th April, 2014. Doors open 11.30am, and a donation of \$10.00 is requested. The movie is "The Squatter's Daughter," a 1933 Australian melodrama starring Jocelyn Howarth, directed by Ken G. Hall.

One of the popular Australian movies of the 1930's, it is based on a 1907 play by Bert Bailey and Edmund Duggan which had been previously filmed in 1910.

Joan Enderby runs her family sheep station but is about to lose it because she can't afford to buy the lease from the Sherringtons, who run the neighbouring station, Waratah. While Ironbark Sherrington has been away in London looking for a cure to save his sight, his son Clive and overseer, Fletcher have planned to bankrupt Enderby station. Joan is helped by a mysterious newcomer, Wayne Ridgeway, who is actually the rightful heir to the Sherrington estate.

Filming commenced in February 1932 at Cinesound's studios in Bondi and on location at Goonoo Goonoo station near Tamworth.

In 1952, Hall estimated the film had earned just under £50,000 pounds.

