



UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM of RURAL LIFE Inc

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NEWSLETTER

April, 2016

John Scriven's Projector

As many of you all know, it was always John Scriven's dream to open a movie theatre and restaurant to help fund a museum and cultural centre in Aberdeen.

For many years the UHMRL have been storing a massive professional 35mm projector outfit, and an array of accessories. This equipment was once used by "Twilight Films" to show films from The Domain onto a giant screen mounted on a barge on Sydney Harbour.

With the difficulty of obtaining 35mm films, this equipment was surplus to our needs so it has all been donated to the Tamworth Regional Film and Sound Archives. Working closely with the National Film and Sound Archives in Canberra, this group of volunteers are preserving historical visual and audio material and transferring it to a digital format. The projector has gone to a very good home and the UHMRL committee is proud to support their valuable work.

The Aberdeen Local Studies Group

The ALSG will be continuing with their scanning afternoons (usually held on the last Friday of the month) and are now anxious to start using their new digital voice recorder and begin collecting oral histories from local residents with their tales from their past.

The group has applied for a grant and are hoping to receive funding to put a museum standard display cabinet in the Aberdeen Library.

In conjunction with the Quilt Affair on Sunday, 17th April, the Aberdeen Local Study Group will mount a display in the front room of the library with copies of some of the images that we hold in their collection.

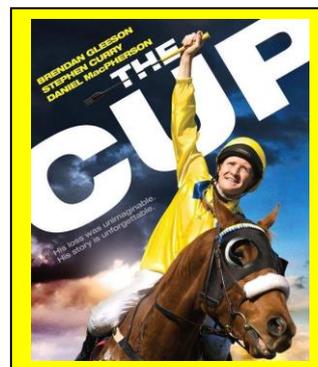
Congratulations to Kevin Taylor, a regular with the group, who has recently compiled a booklet on events in his life in Aberdeen - he typed the story and has added photographs. A copy of Kevin's work has been donated to the group. Thanks Kevin.

Hopefully this might encourage others to think about doing the same and put pen to paper with tales from their life.

Next Luncheon & Movie

Tuesday, 10th May

"THE CUP"



DVD, Colour, 102 min, [PG]

Bookings: Ruth 65437872 or Daphne 65438356

Next meeting UHMRL -

Wednesday, 27th May at 4 pm
Aberdeen Library .

New member & volunteers always welcome.

Next scanning afternoon for the
Aberdeen Local Study Group -
Friday, 29th May

2pm - 4.30pm at the Aberdeen Library.

Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life Inc. raising funds to establish a Museum and Cultural Centre in Aberdeen.

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Lake Glenbawn Museum of Rural Life

On the long weekend in June, 2016, the museum at Lake Glenbawn will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its opening. Recently several members of our group sat in on a meeting with Steve Edmonds, the CEO of the Crown Holiday Parks Trust, Mark Reedman from Arts Upper Hunter and other local groups with concerns about the collection.

It was the first time Mr. Edmonds had been inside the museum and he was amazed with the items he saw on display and the condition that some were in. He stated that the collection was the Trust's responsibility and that the current situation could not continue.

They are a long way from making any final decisions on the collections held at the museum.

Mark Reedman states that Mr. Edmonds "supports the idea of a picnic day to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the museum's opening. While he felt that the opening of the museum for the day posed problems, it was agreed that some items might be displayed in the hall at the tennis courts. In addition, it was agreed that a register of individuals wishing to view the whole collection be started with a view to conduction supervised visits."



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Information is being sort on the origin and stories of items held within the collection, the families that donated the artefacts or any photographs relating to the items and their use.

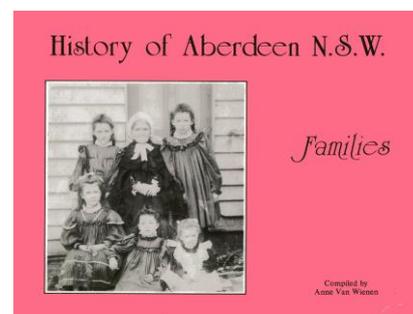
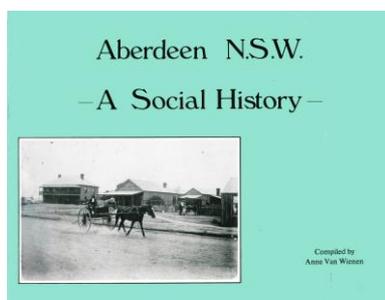
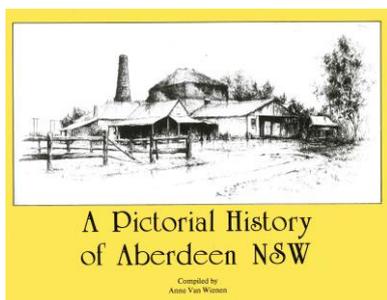
A picnic day at Lake Glenbawn is being planned for 12th June, 2016.



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Any booklets on the history of Aberdeen and the local area or any publication from the Scone & Upper Hunter or Muswellbrook Historical Societies.



This set of three booklets were compiled by Anne Van Wiene in the 1980's.

April 17th - Sunday - Aberdeen Quilt Affair

The annual Quilt Affair will be held with a display of the most fantastic quilts spread throughout the Aberdeen Library, Aberdeen RSL and at St. Mark's Church & Hall.

There will be markets in the Rose Garden with a BBQ and refreshments.

April 19th - Town Meeting at the Aberdeen Community Hall – 6 pm

Upper Hunter Shire Council invites residents to view the plans and give feedback on the Draft Town Revitalisation Master Plan for Aberdeen.

May 5th to 15th - Scone & Upper Hunter Horse Festival

May 21st & 22nd - St. Heliers Heavy Horse Field Days

Thank you to all those who support our functions and generously donate to our monthly raffle.