



UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM of RURAL LIFE Inc

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NEWSLETTER

June 2017

We have been having some really 'Scottish' weather to get us in the mood for the Aberdeen Highland Games to be held on the first Saturday in July. Aberdeen has a proud Scottish heritage as shown by so many of our street names which you can read about in our May newsletter, (still available online) and continued here on page 2. We will have a display highlighting Aberdeen's Scottish connection in our showcase in the Library, (Thank you Jan) if you can't get there on Friday ask the Librarian to give you a peek. We also have some interesting stories and memories given to use by local people.

Kevin Taylor, a longtime resident of "Honeymoon Lane" has contributed many of his stories and photos and we are very grateful for his help.

Congratulations to all involved in the very enjoyable Quilt Affair held in Aberdeen recently, thanks to Liz Birch and her helpers, well done to all the exhibitors especially Helen Saunders whose quilt was "Viewers' Choice". Congratulations to the winners of our Mother's Day Raffle (details on our webpage) and thank you to all the generous local supporters and sponsors.

The Dartbrook Mine has changed hands and this newsletter is now being printed courtesy of the new owners Australian Pacific Coal. Thank you to them and Eleanor for looking after us.



THE FOURTH WISH
John Meillon Robert Bantley, Robyn Nevin and introducing Roger!

Tuesday 11th July 11.30am
for Lunch \$10 donation

**Bookings Daphne 65438356
or Jan 65437150**

by previous Friday if possible to help the caterers

Next Meeting UHMRL

Wednesday, 28th June, 2017

4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.

**New members and volunteers always
welcome.**

If you have visitors for the Highland Games
bring them in on Friday for the

**Scanning afternoon for the
Aberdeen Local Study Group**

Friday, 30th June, 2017

2pm - 4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.

Last day before the Highland Games to have a
look at our Scottish display in our showcase in
the Library or look through our photo collection
of Aberdeen's memories.

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New Streets on the Western side of the Rail Line:

Hall Street: The Hall family. In the early days of the colony, George Hall and his seven sons established cattle runs across NSW and into Queensland.

From the 1830's they acquired many properties in the Upper Hunter including "Blairmore", "St. Heliers", "Ridgelands", "Gundebri", "Nandowra" and "Dartbrook Station". Dartbrook House became the headquarters for a vast pastoral empire.

"Dartbrook" was the home of his son, Thomas Simpson Hall (b.1808), the breeder of Hall's Blue Heeler (Cattle Dog).

George Hall's grandson, Ebenezer Richard Hall (b.1868), built a large home on the corner of Moray and Segenhoe Street which he originally named "Blairmore House". He served as an Alderman in the Municipality of Aberdeen with two terms as Mayor (1919-22 and 1926-27) and may have been responsible for the naming of the streets.

Dart Street: "Dartbrook" was the name given to the property on the Dart Brook and the original land grant to pioneer, George Hall.

Nandowra Street: "Nandowra" - Property near Scone and home of Matthew Henry Hall.

Gundebri Street: "Gundebri" - Property of the Hall Family near Merriwa.

McAdam Street: Mr. R.C. McAdam was the manager of the Aberdeen Meatworks 1898-1924. In the early 1900's the A.C.& F. Company built a row of 14 homes for their employees along Rouchel Road and today some still refer to this as "Honeymoon Lane". McAdam Street forms the start of Rouchel Road.

Eldon Street: A new street created between St. Andrew and Bedford Streets to create smaller housing blocks for the new employees of the meatworks.

Origin Unknown. Possibly named by someone connected with the meatworks. There is a small Eldon Street in Glasgow, Scotland, an Eldon Village near Shildon in Durham County and there is an Eldon Hill in the Peak District of Derbyshire.

Short Street: A short street created when the railway altered the original layout of the town.

Mackenzie Street: In 1863 Murdo Cameron Mackenzie opened his first store in the front room of the old inn. Mackenzie prospered and erected a large general store in Aberdeen. He became the First Mayor of Aberdeen Municipality in 1895.

Wattle Street: Following the modern trend of using Australian names.

Shannon Close: I have been informed that it was named for Shannon Bartier, the daughter of Geoff Bartier, the subdivision's developer.

Jean O'Bryan Close: When Hilton O'Bryan subdivided his block the small street that was created was named after his late wife, Jean O'Bryan.

Alexander Close: Subdivision of the property "Woodstock" by Joe and Margaret Alexander which they had previously operated as a strawberry farm and a vineyard.