



**UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM of RURAL LIFE Inc
& Aberdeen Local Studies Group**

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NEWSLETTER

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Aberdeen's recent Highland Games day was a great success, blessed with a beautiful sunny day after a glorious biting frost. It looked to me that there was a record crowd in attendance. Aberdeen is very proud of its Scottish roots but should also be proud of its Australian tradition of all getting in and having a go. All who helped to make the day a success should be congratulated. Also congratulations to those involved in getting the "Aberdeen Whisper" up and going again. A local publication is such an important part of a small community. Local news, local issues, local advertisements and even just the convenience of having the phone number of your local fast food at your fingertips. Be sure to read it right through and support it if you can with news, advertisements and items of interest.

The Aberdeen Local Studies Group would also like some local input, they are collecting the story of Aberdeen. Their efforts so far, have produced a large photo collection but they would also love to have some of your stories. There will be some sheets with questions for anyone who would like to contribute.



Tuesday 8th August 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, 26th July, 2017
4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.**

**New members and volunteers always
welcome.**

**Scanning afternoon for the
Aberdeen Local Study Group
Friday, 28th July, 2017
2pm - 4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.
Come in and have a look through our
photo collection.**

Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life Inc. raising funds to establish a Museum and Cultural Centre in Aberdeen.
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Streets on the Eastern side of the Rail Line:

Moray, Graeme, Bedford, St. Andrew and Perth Streets all continue on the eastern side of the rail line.

WALKER STREET: This small section of street was originally part of Macqueen Street but separated from it when the railway line was constructed. Although it still appears as Macqueen Street on many modern maps, the name was changed to Walker Street some years ago. As this street was the main access street to the front gates of the meatworks it was named for Frederic Joseph Walker who acquired a majority holding in the Aberdeen Chilling & Freezing Co. Meatworks in 1926.

McLEOD STREET: Kenneth McLeod was the first Chief Stockman for the A.C. & F. Co. and an Alderman in the Municipality of Aberdeen. He was the original owner of the paddocks in the area of this street.

KYUGA STREET: Although the street is not spelt KAYUGA the street was named after the property granted to Donald McIntyre. His brother, Peter McIntyre, arrived in the colony in 1825 as T.P. Macqueen's agent and selected the land for Macqueen's "Segenhoe Estate" and the land grants for himself and his brothers. (Donald McIntyre had been in America and named his new property "Kayuga" after Cayuga Lake in New York State.)

CAMPBELL STREET: Origin unknown. In the 1890's blocks of land along Campbell Street were subdivided and advertised for sale.

UPPER CAMPBELL STREET: Continuation of Campbell Street.

WARATAH LANE: Following the modern trend of Australiana names.

MARGARET PLACE: Origin unknown - Margaret ----- ?

With the easterly extension of Perth Street it is planned for two new streets to be created.

HIGHLAND WAY: A name in keeping with the town's links to Scottish Heritage.

HEREFORD STREET: Named for their importance in the beef cattle industry of the area and their links with the Aberdeen Meatworks.

With the annual Aberdeen Highland Games having just been held, I would like to see a continuation of Scottish themed names in the town. Scottish themed names may even help with tourism? As the town continues to grow and new street are created we could have a series of names that reflect our early Scottish links. These could include Caledonian, Tartan, Piper, Thistle, Heather, Clan, Celtic, Gaelic, various clan names including Cunningham, for an early Hunter Valley explorer and botanist, Allan Cunningham (another name with Scottish origins). The list is endless. We can be a little bit of Scotland all year round, not just for one day in July.

KENNEDY PLACE : Sorry. Last month I missed this street on the western side of the railway. Kennedy Place runs off the southern end of Segenhoe Street and is named for Mr. John Kennedy, a highly regarded officer with the local NSW Forestry Commission. He lived in Aberdeen, loved his trees and owned the land near this subdivision.

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