

UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM of RURAL LIFE Inc
& ABERDEEN LOCAL STUDIES GROUP
P.O. Box 140. Aberdeen, NSW, 2336.

NEWSLETTER - October, 2017

Chai Fong Lee (1930-2017)

Known to us all as Lee Fong, he was born in rural China and arrived in Australia in 1954 where he eventually found himself in Aberdeen.

Described by his daughter as a social man, the people of Aberdeen were to become his extended family as he involved himself in community life.

He believed in good old Australian values of working hard and contributing to the community. Material wealth was not important to him.

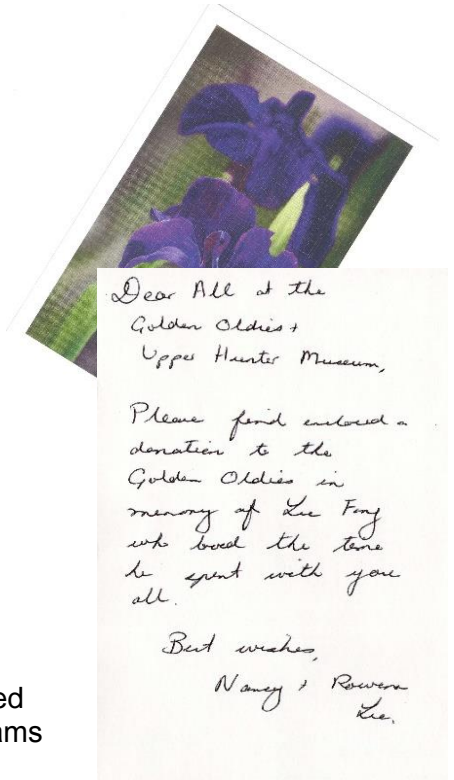
As regular at our luncheons, we knew a man with a kind and gentle nature who was always very generous with his freshly harvested vegetables.

It has been a privilege to have known Lee and his presence will be a great loss to all our lives.

From the earliest days of the UHMRL Lee always supported the group.

At the last luncheon Kevin Taylor handed over a \$250 donation that he had received from Lee's wife, Rowena, and his daughter Nancy.

With thanks to Rowena and Nancy this sizable donation is greatly appreciated by the group and will hopefully contribute to the fulfilment of the group's dreams for a Museum / Cultural Centre in Aberdeen.



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Next Aberdeen Golden Oldies Luncheon
Tuesday, 14th November, 2017

“HORSEPLAY”



Bookings: Daphne 65 438 356

Next Meeting UHMRL

Wednesday, 25th October, 2017
4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.

New members and volunteers
are always welcome.

**Next scanning afternoon for the
Aberdeen Local Study Group**

Friday, 27th October, 2017
2pm - 4pm at Aberdeen Library.

We will be there to scan your photos or you can
have a look through the collection of Aberdeen
memories we have collected so far.

Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life Inc. raising funds to establish a Museum and Cultural Centre in Aberdeen.
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ABERDEEN'S GRAIN SILO



Grain Silos on the Main North Line at Aberdeen - 2007

While many rural towns are using their silo walls for large scale public art works, that not only reflect the local community but also promote the region, Aberdeen is to lose their silos.

As we have recently read in the Aberdeen Whisper, we now learn that the steel, double cylindrical, grain silos near the railway at Aberdeen are soon to be demolished as GrainCorp have no plans to put them to any other use.

“They’re perhaps the last reminder of the strong connection the Aberdeen region had with cropping”. “The Aberdeen silos once held pride and place in the centre of town.....”
The Aberdeen Whisper – October, 2017

So far little research has been done on the Aberdeen Grain Silos No. SO44.

Can anyone inform us as to when the silos were built or have any photographs taken during their construction? Does anyone know when they ceased operation?

From photographs in our collection we know that there was no silos near the railway station in 1958 but we have information that by the mid 1960's trucks were delivering grain to the Aberdeen silo.

On learning that the silos were to be demolished, Kevin Taylor has started taking photographs of the silos as they exist today and will continue to take a series of images as they are demolished. [JS]



ADVANCED NOTICE:

The Annual General Meeting of the UHMRL Inc. for 2017 will be held on 22nd November, 2017 at 4.30 pm in the Aberdeen Library.

All positions will be declared vacant. All Welcome.