



UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM of RURAL LIFE Inc

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NEWSLETTER

March 2018

**Your membership is important to us.
If you have not paid for 2018 please do so soon.**

The lovely rain we received last week was very welcome. I hope you were lucky enough to get some. Hopefully the heat of summer is gone and we can look forward to some nice autumn weather. Aberdeen has some lovely deciduous tree. Keep an eye out for the change of colour.

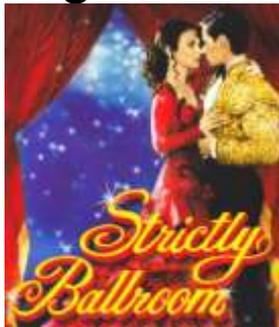
Aberdeen also has some significant old buildings, so interesting in fact, that we are hosting a visit from the volunteer historians from Friends of Grossman House in Maitland this coming June.

The Local Studies Group has recently purchased another Showcase; this one is for the Aberdeen Library to use for variable displays which will include crafts, local items and 'master pieces' produced by the children's activities during the holidays. Check it out next time you are in the Library.

Our local history scanning day will be early this month, on 23rd March, due to Easter. If you would like to see the collection of photos of Aberdeen, call in to the Library from 2pm to 4.30pm.

Note that the next movie will be for Senior's Week and will be a morning tea starting at 10am, we ask for a \$5 donation and please book in with Daphne.

**Senior's Week
Morning Tea & Movie**



Tuesday 10th April 10am
Morning Tea \$5 donation
Bookings Daphne 65438356

Next Meeting UHMRL

Wednesday 28th March 2018
4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.

**New members and volunteers always
welcome.**

**Scanning afternoon for the
local history collection of the
Aberdeen Local Studies Group**

Friday 23rd March 2018
2pm - 4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.
Come along and look through our photo
collection of Aberdeen's memories or see the
display in our showcase in the Library
anytime.

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

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At the last meeting, Mr. A. A. Burgess unfolded a scheme to build a memorial to the soldiers of Aberdeen and district. He suggested that a public building should be erected, connected with a Soldiers' Club, etc., and on which an Honor Roll worthy of the object should be erected. He thought something in the vicinity of £1000 would be required. This could be raised by many ways—a monster carnival entertainment by the different societies, clubs, etc., in aid of funds, donations, and a system of donations spread over five years, with an equal instalment each year. The members were most enthusiastic about it, and after considerable discussion, it was decided that a sub-committee devise a scheme to place before the next meeting, and if it be accepted, the Mayor be requested to call a public meeting to consider the proposal.

King Lucerne.—While almost everyone is feeling the pinch of drought the Blairmore farmers are kept busy in supply the king fodder for starving stock. Surrounding dairymen are even purchasing green lucerne just now. The flats still retain their greenness, the stock are sticking to it well, and one farmer trucks milk every night that supplies Moree next day. Lucerne chaff and hay has been sent in all directions. Moree, Boccabki, Warialda, Narrabri, Coolangatta, and Willow Tree, on the north, have been large buyers; Sydney got its share; and the close, handy places like Muswellbrook, Rouchel, Brushy Hill, and Sandy Creek have been fortunate in having fodder so close. The lucerne seed pool amongst the farmers are not so keen in selling, as they anticipate good prices when rain comes. Five years ago Blairmore could not supply 100 tons of hay, and this year the farmers held over 4000 tons. New land is prepared everywhere on the flats awaiting sowing. More lucerne.

Sporting.

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An effort is about to be made to revive the Aberdeen Jockey Club.

The Scone Rifle Club will fire the first round of its quarterly handicap shoot on the local range tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

The Scone Jockey Club will discuss a programme on Friday, 8th March, in the interests of the local Hospital and the Red Cross Fund. So as to enable both worthy causes to receive the full benefit of the outing, it is the intention of the members of the club to forego their privileges for that day.

Scone is to have a Most Popular Man's competition in connection with the forthcoming celebration of Australia Day in April next. The Jockey Club, being practically the only local sporting body not defunct, has been asked to nominate a candidate. The club having acquiesced, Mr. President Shaw is to carry the sports' banner. Therefore, it is up to all votaries of sport, in its different branches, to see that their candidate gets a clear run—yes, on the rails, if possible—for interference in the running might prove disastrous to his chances of success.