



UPPER HUNTER MUSEUM of RURAL LIFE Inc
& Aberdeen Local Studies Group
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NEWSLETTER
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Winter has a few more cold days in store for us but it won't be long now and Spring will arrive. Have you seen the wattles are already in flower? It is a great time of year to plan some outings and to get together with friends or family. The Aberdeen Big Boys Toys is fast approaching. This event held on the first Saturday in September has become a very popular day out for families and especially the big "boys".

For the first time this year there is also a "Get Together" organised, starting at 4pm at the R.S.L. Club for locals and returning locals. If you have family or friends who have left the district this is a great time to invite them back for the weekend. They can have an interesting day out at Jefferson Park and then back to the local RSL for catching up with old friends and talking about the old days. The movie next month is a real "olden days" treat, starring the world famous George Wallace. Born in Aberdeen and hailed as one of the greatest comedians of his time, George Wallace performed on stage and in short films before making five full length films. In 1939, "Gone to the Dogs" was partly film near Aberdeen and had its world premier at the theatre in Aberdeen.

Luncheon & Movie



Tuesday 11th September 11.30am
For lunch \$10 donation
Bookings Daphne 65438356
by Friday if possible.

Next Meeting UHMRL

Wednesday 29th August 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 31st August 2018
2pm - 4.30pm at Aberdeen Library.

Come along and look through our photo collection of Aberdeen's memories, and bring in some of your old photos to add to the collection.

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

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Virtual Reality Workshop

Members of the Local Studies Group recently attended a Virtual Reality Workshop at the Upper Hunter Council Administration Centre which was funded through the Country Arts Support program.

You may have heard the term 'virtual reality' without knowing what that means. It was a whole new world to us too.



However new technology can do many useful things in this modern world and we learnt a lot. If you ever get a chance to put on some of those funny goggles, do give it a go. It might just surprise you.

The other thing we noticed on the day was just how many people there are in the Upper Hunter working with a passion towards similar goals. There is a group of people in every small town looking after a museum, a gallery, a collection or a workshop of some kind with the history of the region in their hands.

One such group, from the city of Maitland, known as 'The Friends of Grossman House' visited Aberdeen on the 24 June. They enjoyed a walking tour around our historic town viewing some of the beautiful old buildings, with special mention of 'St Austell', the Segenhoe Inn and our lovely unique St Mark's Church. With approximately 40 people on the tour they had lunch at Segenhoe Inn and an exhibition of photographs of historic buildings from the Local Studies Group at the Aberdeen Library.

