

Annual General Meeting, 22nd November 2017

President's Report

As President of the Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life Inc. including Aberdeen Local Studies Group, *I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land, of Elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place.*

I am very pleased to be able to present my report for the past year, in doing so I thank the Aberdeen library for support.

I am proud of the achievements during the past year including

- Upper Hunter Shire Council 2017 Australia Day Awards Nomination Certificate, we were well represented by UHMRL Inc. members at the presentation at Aberdeen Sport and Recreation Club.
- Presentation of the monthly "Golden Oldies Luncheon/Movies" at the Aberdeen Sport and Recreation Club for the local residents and surrounding district seniors by our volunteers, a hard working group.
- Placement of a new storage cupboard.
- Ongoing displays in our Museum glass unit at Aberdeen Library by the Aberdeen Local Study Group including a Scottish display for the Highland Game with items on display from Ian Morgan of much interest to all.
- 2NM Radio interview re Aberdeen with Pete Holland

Catering for Seniors Week morning tea 7th March 2017.

Members and friends helped sell raffle tickets at the Aberdeen Quilt Affair 30th April 2017, thank you to those who donated items, local businesses, Aberdeen Pharmacy, Aberdeen Newsagent, Liberty Rose Studio, Scone pharmacies and members Val, Robyn, Beryl and Jan who did such a great job to display the raffle prizes and sell extra tickets.

Members had an input of ideas for the UHSC on the CBD redevelopment of Aberdeen re footpaths for disability access and available transport to the movies.

Workshops attended included;

- Significance Training day at Tamworth in February.
- Representation on the CBD redevelopment of Aberdeen, with Tony Berry from Willow Grove and Judy Morgan.
- I travelled to Singleton for the NSW Premier and Cabinets visit in June.
- History Week at Tamworth attended with Heather Ranclaud from UHSC.

Grants and acquisitions include;

- Department of Social Service Volunteers Grant
- Scone & Upper Hunter Cultural Activity Grant, Aberdeen Local Study Group
- UHSC Seniors week donation.
- Donation from the Family of the Late Chai Fong Lee of Aberdeen.
- Regional Australia Bank

The Aberdeen Local Studies Group continues monthly scanning of photos and historical collection of articles for Aberdeen, always very successful and informative afternoons. Kevin Taylor is an inspiration to us all with his continued involvement in collecting history, also Jan Sumner who is specialized in producing the newsletter, filing our photos, and contributing articles of interest about Aberdeen to the "Whisper" magazine which has again been published since June 2017 by Hunter Valley Printing. Dianne continues to be involved in scanning, recording and the continued updates on the web page and emailing the Newsletter to various people. A big thanks to Eleanor at Australian Pacific Coal, Dartbrook, for printing of the monthly Newsletter.

Gathering of information for the Heritage storyboards is ongoing and we hope for another 6 in the new year

Action Plan

- To put information on the website, for our collection, our events and activities during the coming year.
- To continue interest in Aberdeen Remembers on Facebook, thank you Dianne.
- To increase our membership and support of the Aberdeen Local Studies Group and the Golden Oldies Monthly Luncheon/ Movies
- Continue record and gather information of Aberdeen's History.
- Complete the Anzac story board
- Create a story board for the local Cemetery
- Install the next Heritage Story Boards.

I conclude thanking for the wonderful co-operation of all the committee, supported by our members and friends, the Aberdeen Sport and Recreation Club, Dianne Walmsley, Vice President, an inspiration, Jan Wild for a super Secretary, Jan Sumner an accurate Treasurer, Tim, volunteer members Val & Bruce Ray, Robyn Betteridge, Jim Hartin, Kevin Taylor, Mick Dunn, Avril, Mary, Daphne, also Mick Carey, Ian Morgan and all hard workers and attendees on our luncheon/ movie days, again thank you.

Carol Ray. President