

Annual General Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### **Presidents Report**

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

**Thank you to all the committee and members, for your continued valued support and help.** To Aberdeen Library of our monthly meetings and scanning afternoons and displays. Dartbook office Aust Pacific Coal for printing our Monthly Newsletter compiled by Dianne and Jan S

The past year achievements include:

- Upper Hunter Shire Council morning tea for nominee and the Australia Day luncheon and awards at the RSL Club.
- Presentation of our monthly movies and we thank Aberdeen Sport & Recreation Club for venue & kitchen hire.
- Displays of interest in our museum "Glass display" unit at Aberdeen Library thank you to Jan Sumner for her expertise in this area for the many displays throughout the year, inc Dolls & Toys, Scottish, Elements of Aberdeen books /Photos
- Senior Morning tea and movie held with interest and support from local residents and the Upper Hunter Shire Council.
- Four Heritage Story Boards installed in Jockey Park, supported by Lions Club and Upper Hunter Shire Council.
- We held a successful Mother's Day Raffle in April at the Quilt Affair 2019.
- Display Board at the front of the Library installed for notices and events.
- Newspaper shelves completed thank you Jan S and the Cultural Activity Grant.

### *Grants and acquisitions include*

- Cultural Activity Grants Upper Hunter Shire successful for Local Studies Group a, also for the monthly movies.
- UHSC Senior week donation from Upper Hunter Shire Council
- Books including "Rouchel" by Mr Geoff Harrison, Muswellbrook Show.

February to December, eleven movies hired from Canberra Sound and Film Archives shown, Thanks to Jim, Mick, Kevin and all volunteers, Robyn, Jan S, Val & Bruce, Daphne, Dianne, myself, who contributed time and help with setting up, preparing and serving a three course luncheon, raffle table contributions and loyal attendees, also helpers Avril and Jen. Jim arranged for new Velcro for hanging the Stage curtains for the movies.

Member, Val attended Open Day and viewing for “Blairmore House” Aberdeen.

Holly McNamee re Maitland National Trust enquired about “Glenbawn Museum Collection”

Singleton Historical Soc. and the Men’s shed recently obtained the “Paget’s” Bread Cart that was *on loan* to Glenbawn Museum it will be carefully repaired and displayed.

Aberdeen Local Studies Group at the Library, continues to grow, holding a number of Chronical, Scone Advocate and Hunter Valley Newspapers thanks to Muswellbrook Historical Society. Many interesting articles and objects bought in for scanning and discussion, held last Friday of the month. Thank you to all members and supporters involved.

Thank you to Sue, the Librarian for her support to the Local Studies Group visitors’, a family researching information and history on their local descendants, Denise Bell also contributed information.

We support the insulation of the *gate posts*, a structural engineers report completed for the meat works in the Aberdeen CBD redevelopment, placement at Danger Park ongoing, two story boards ready to be installed.

New sign for Fitzgerald Bridge on order through Muswellbrook Signs.

Contact has been made to Paterson Rail Motor Society re Heritage train visit to Aberdeen October 2020

Contact with E Walter re Disability Parking on level ground at the front of the Library, as part of Disability Inclusion Action Plan UHSC

#### Action Plan 2019

- To continue to update information on the Aberdeen Remembers FB and website [abedeenmusuem.org.au](http://abedeenmusuem.org.au)
- Record, collect and create awareness of the Heritage & History of Aberdeen.
- Encourage interest and membership for UHMRL “Golden Oldies Movies “and Aberdeen Local Studies Group.
- Celebrate the Sesquicentenary of the opening of the Railway to Aberdeen 17<sup>th</sup>/18 October 2020

Carol Ray. President.

