

Annual General Meeting 28th November 2018

President's Report

I present this 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.*

I am very pleased to present my report for 2018 and in doing so thank *all the committee, especially* Jan Wild Secretary, Dianne and Jan S. Treasurer for help and support; Aberdeen Library for our monthly meetings and scanning afternoons and displays; Australian Pacific Coal Dartbrook and Willow Grove 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, with Kevin Taylor our volunteer "Golden Oldies Movies" & Local Studies researcher, for 2018 presented with Aberdeen Citizen of Year.
- Presentation of our monthly movies and we thank Aberdeen Sport & Recreation Club for venue & kitchen hire & to all whom attend, local senior residents of Aberdeen & district, and our hard working volunteers.
- 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 including: Objects of Interest & Lamp display, Collection of our photos and reference books, Scottish display for the Highland Games weekend, Previously Quilt Affair, Butter Factory & meatworks.

February; Purchase & delivery of display cabinet to be utilized by the Aberdeen Library.

Re enquiries Glenbawn Dam we have no control over the museum collection.

Seniors Morning tea and movie held with interest and support from local residents and the Upper Hunter Shire Council.

Visit by Friends of Grossman House 24th June 2018 when many enjoyed our display of memorabilia and artefacts. They also visited "Orwell", St Marks Church and Segenhoe Inn and the RSL.

September: Members attended "Back to Aberdeen" at the RSL. Copies of our Heritage Story Boards were displayed.

Grants and acquisitions include

- Purchase of Dawn in the Valley, for our collection.
- Thanks to Denise Bell re research on Tripp Family for Local Studies Group.
- Application through Office of Environment, Community Heritage Project at Council was not successful but we thank Jacquie Bakewell for her assistance.
- Cultural Activity Grants Upper Hunter Shire successful for Local Studies Group a promotional sign board, also for the monthly movies.
- UHSC Senior week donation.

- Stronger Communities Programme future funding filed for next round through Barnaby Joyce's Office.

Workshop: Several members attended Augmented Reality on 7th August 2018 Country Arts Support Programme with Heather Ranclaud at the Upper Hunter Shire Council.

I attended the Newcastle Museum Meeting at the Singleton Army Museum, a wonderful behind the scenes tour and explanation of collection and storage.

Lions Club support placement of Heritage Story Boards in Jockey Park with support from UHSC. We support the installation of the *gate posts* of the meat works in the Aberdeen CBD redevelopment in Danger Park.

Eleven Movies for the year February to December supported and attended, three course luncheon with a movie from the National Sound and Film Archives, Canberra. Thanks to Jim, Mick, Kevin and all volunteers, Jan W, Robyn, Jan S, Val & Bruce, Daphne, Dianne, helpers Avril and Jen, who contribute time and work, help with setting up, preparing and serving meals, raffle table contributions and your loyalty.

Aberdeen Local Studies Group at the Library, continues to be supported and has many interesting articles and objects bought in for scanning and discussion, held last Friday of the month. Thank you Dianne for all your scanning work, Jan for detailed files & photos, also Kevin for his research, Val and Bruce for showing us the antique lamp c1870 and black out lamp.

Action Plan 2019

- Record and collect History of Aberdeen.
- Install Heritage story boards at Jockey Park.
- To continue to update information on the Aberdeen Remembers FB and website abedeenmusuem.org.au
- Grow interest and membership for UHMRL "Golden Oldies Movies" and Aberdeen Local Studies Group.
- Create awareness of the Heritage & History of Aberdeen.

Carol Ray. President.