Another year has quickly passed and Christmas is looming again. This year as our end of year get together we are planning a trip to view “Cudgewa Station” with thanks to Heather Baird and Malcolm Star, followed by viewing some historic Cudgewa locations with Jennie Star and then afternoon tea at Cudgewa Hall where they have a historical display. If members could please bring a plate it would be appreciated. We will be leaving the museum at 1.30pm on Tuesday 12th December. Names to be left at Museum 60762600 or contact Marg 60775252. Our monthly meeting will be held as usual at 10am at the museum.

**Thouglala Gold Mining Tour** on Saturday 18th November was a great success with over 60 people attending and the rain holding off until lunchtime. Also a demonstration of gold panning complete with some gold! Thanks very much to John Murphy for his organisation and diligence and for sharing his knowledge of the gold mining era at Thouglala.

**Historical Tour of Shopping Precinct** is planned for the evening of Thursday 15th February so mark this date on the calendar.

**WORKING BEE to be held on Sunday 3rd December at 9am to clear out and reorganise the wagon shed.** We need to remove excess material, get the corrugated iron out of storage and reorganise wagons etc so that they can be better viewed by visitors. All help gratefully received, bring along a mate to help.

**Tiny McNamara’s home videos** – These were donated to the museum and we would like to digitise them so they can be easily viewed. There are many interesting topics [how long or how clear we don’t know] such as the inaugural flight to Corryong, Princess Anne’s visit, Opening of High School, Anzac Day 1964, Opening of Bowling Green & Saleyards, High School sports, Nariel Folk Festival, Corryong Show, Football and Towong Races with various district weddings [Delree Nankervis, Jeanie Wild, Lesley Scott, Glenice McNamara, Keith Boonzaayer, Betty Evans, Joyce Hill, Marie Jarvis]. These were taken in the 1960’s and early 1970’s. The cost of digitising can be as little as $733 for 14 films or $5,600 for all of them. We opened a crowd funding page but need much more interest so if you are prepared to donate – [https://chuffed.org/p..../digitising-home-movies-from-1960’s-70’s](https://chuffed.org/p..../digitising-home-movies-from-1960’s-70’s) or donations may be left at the museum. Specific films will also be available for purchase if digitised.
Museum Masterplan has been a work in progress for the last six months and hopefully now we have a clear plan for buildings and displays for the next few years. You may have noticed that we have cleared the vegetation from behind the Museum [Wheeler St] and placed the farm machinery along the fence which can be viewed from the street. We will have signs for this in the near future. Thanks to Chris Wilkinson for his assistance. We also plan to clear the area behind the Blacksmith’s shop of vegetation and better display some equipment there. Next a new building is to be erected adjacent to the Courier shed for the Jeep and trailer, Snowy Mountains and other displays. Work has commenced on cutting and barking logs for building a replica Jack Riley’s hut later next year. These logs have to cure for twelve months before using. Also with the knowledge and ability of Brett Lee, one of our volunteers, we will be treated to an exhibition of making shingles for the roof next year. The dairy is to be moved behind Jarvis Cottage to allow room for this. John Murphy is also building a miniature version of Jack Riley’s hut to go with the internal display. A container is being purchased to house our seating, marquees etc and some painting and floorcoverings in original front rooms and a dedicated office space will allow the Research room to return to its original purpose and not be so messy and overcrowded. As you can see we have plenty going on as well as improving our current displays, signage and cataloguing which are ongoing, so if there is anything you are interested in helping with please let us know.

Volunteers – Your assistance is greatly appreciated and without you we would not be able to open as regularly as we do. We encourage you all to come in and put your names down at a time to suit you on the desk. Two volunteers each shift would be desirable if not always possible. If you have other skills that could help us in some way or have any concerns or suggestions please contact any of the executive.

AGM to be held on Tuesday 13th February 2018 – time and place will be advertised later in the Courier