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## *Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.* *Graham Williams - OTHR Fetter*



*Graham pauses for a moment before lifting the replacement sleepers into place on the line.*

Graham is one of OTHR's most enthusiastic volunteers and travels from his home in the Southern Tablelands for all of our weeklong working bees.

He organises his work schedule as the rural merchandise manager at Bowral Co-op to ensure that he can spend at least 3 days on the track restoration work during the working bees.

Graham's fascination with steam trains and heritage railways began at an early age when he lived in Richmond. He recalls riding on the footplate of P class locos and in the cab of a 31-class tank loco. Graham first joined OTHR about 12 months ago and says that he fell in love with the district and having an old railway line in Oberon made it even more irresistible. He admits that the challenge of restoring a piece of railway history has become an obsession and he strives at every opportunity to give as much assistance as he can to our organisation.

Graham has often said, *"The one thing that stays in my mind about OTHR is the warmth and friendship of the people who work on the track. Sometimes the challenge in front of us seems daunting, but you get inspiration from others around you."*

Graham has helped OTHR in many ways and he has become a very valued member of the track restoration team. We always look forward to his visits during the long working bees.