



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Wednesday 7th March 2012

at 7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club

1 Call to Order

Present Tim Arnison (Chair), Ian Davis, Kylie Moorhead, Philip De Baun, John Boxer, Elaine Boxer, Lorraine Fielding, Jenny Cole, Sue White, Jim Hawkes, Graham Parker, Peter Culley, Arthur Robinson, Tony Thackray, Richard Webb, Marjorie Webb
Minute Secretary: Lyndle Hawkes

Apologies Lynette Ireland, Glenda & Col Bembrick, Shane Moorhead

3 Minutes from Previous Minutes

Discussion: The minutes of the annual general meeting held on 2ndth March 2011 were distributed and read.

Resolution: *That the minutes from the previous annual general meeting as tabled be accepted as true and proper.*

Moved: Graham Parker, Seconded: Ian Davis, Carried

4 Committee Reports

4.1 President's Report

Discussion: This year has been a very successful year for OTHR, and listed below are a few of the major things that have happened during the year.

The Maritime Mining & Power Credit Union, our first sponsor/partner came on board. We hope this is the first of many milestones in funding. We are also very grateful to Mawhood Brothers Supa IGA who for the last 3 years has directed to us donations from their Community Chest totalling a staggering \$15,809.15.

Through the winter months we have run wood raffles every fortnight in the main street on a Saturday morning which has been a successful campaign in earning us funds and promoting our project to the locals in Oberon. Also, now that we have the semblance of rolling stock in the station yard we have been showing it off to many groups and hosting catered functions in and around the carriages as fund raisers. Congratulations to our catering team.

The end-platform carriages went to Sydney's White Bay where they were used in the latest filming of the story of "The Great Gatsby" in November 2011. Both carriages were repainted externally before being returned to Oberon and on their return they were placed at the Station platform.

A major milestone during the year was getting the paper work in place to allow the #73 Class locos to be moved within the station yard under their own power. This enabled us to line the locomotives up with the carriages at the station platform. This was the first locomotive movement at Oberon Station for over 30 years. We still have some ways to go before this can become a regular thing however with much to be done before getting our next level of ITSR accreditation.

We went during the year to Coolah to inspect the disused rail sidings, and are now negotiating the dismantling of the points and rails and transporting them back to Oberon. The points and rail there will be used for the construction of lines into our planned rolling stock shed, and installing a run-around loop at the Hazelgrove siding. We were donated several truck loads of sleepers and some rail from RailCorp for which we are very grateful. Approvals for the rolling stock storage shed have been acquired and construction has started. The shed is due to be completed by June 2012.

The preparation of the road crossing at Albion Street is progressing with negotiations with Oberon Council and Traffic Committee continuing. The turnover of several senior staff at Oberon Council in the last year has unfortunately delayed the installation of these crossings longer than we'd hoped.

A big restoration project during the year was the "S" truck that we have at Oberon on behalf of the Office of Rail Heritage. It has been stripped down to bare metal and rebuilt by a group from Conservation Volunteers Australia with funding from RailCorp. The project is now complete and the volunteers received an award from the Office of Rail Heritage for their fine work.

During the year Margaret and Bob Connors moved out of the area. They had both been vigorously involved with OTHR almost from the beginning. We wish them well in their new life in the Newcastle district.

It has been a pleasure and a challenge to lead the group over the past year, and I look forward to more great things happening for OTHR in the coming year.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Discussion: See attached Annual Financial Report
<http://othr.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/2012-OTHR-Annual-Report.pdf>

Resolution: *Motion : That the Annual Financial Report be adopted as a true and accurate record of the association*

Moved: Tim Arnison, Seconded : Graham Parker Carried

Motion : That in the opinion of the Committee of Management Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc is able to pay its debts as and when they fall due

Moved : Tim Arnison, Seconded : Graham Parker Carried

5 Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

Discussion: Standing orders were suspended at this point in the proceedings and the election of officers was carried out in accordance with the organisation's rules of association. Jim Hawkes took the Chair and declared vacant all the positions in the Committee of Management.
The following members were subsequently elected as Executive Officers and Committee of Management members for the forthcoming twelve months.

Executive Officers

<u>President</u>	Tim Arnison
<u>Vice President</u>	Shane Moorhead
<u>Secretary</u>	Kylie Moorhead
<u>Treasurer</u>	Marjorie Webb

Ordinary Committee of Management Members

Ian Davis
Peter Culley
Graham Parker

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- 6 **Meeting Closed** There being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed at 8pm. The next Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th March 2013 at 7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club**
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