



## Minutes of the General Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30 pm

Oberon RSL Club

### 1 Call to Order

Present Tim Arnison (Chair), Ian Davis, Col Bembrick, Jim Hawkes, Arthur Robinson, Paul McDonald, Elaine Boxer, Greg Bourne, Graham Williams, Doug Booker  
Minute Secretary: Lyndle Hawkes

2 Apologies Glenda Bembrick, John Brotchie

### 3 Minutes from Previous Meeting

Discussion: The minutes of the general meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were distributed and read.

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

Moved: Ian Davis, Seconded: Col Bembrick, Carried

#### 3.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Discussion: No business arising

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### 4 Safety Management

Discussion:

- No incidences reported
- Monthly safety report submitted to ONRSR
- Total 197 volunteer man hours for February
- Approx 67 volunteer hours dedicated to administrative matters in February

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### 5 Correspondence

Discussion:	<i>Received:</i>	<i>Sent:</i>
	20/02/15 GW re plough van seat upholstery 22/02/15 M Conners re Station lease/carpark	20/02/15 J Hawkes re firewood sleepers 22/02/15 TA to Alan Cairney request meeting in OTHR carpark
	23/02/15 GB re meeting Julie Stott	24/02/15 Sympathy card to Warwick Armstrong
	24/02/15 R Hedditch re Bathurst Fabrication Yard	03/03/15 Reply to ONRSR re RRVs
	25/02/15 CB agreement to signage on shed	03/03/15 Feb monthly safety report to ONRSR
	25/02/15 P McDonald - article on restored Garratt 6029 Canberra	
	27/02/15 Stan Knight-Smith re Station roof	
	28/02/15 D McMurray re cost of line refurbishment Oberon to Tarana	
	01/03/15 Nathan Carter re return of loan items – rail saw & borer	
	02/03/15 Melanie Pearce media contact	
	02/03/15 ATSB report	
	03/03/15 Oberon Tourist booklet	
	03/03/15 Oberon Council invitation to participate in WW1 anniversary events	
	03/03/15 Origin Energy request urgent access to meter box	
	03/03/15 Highgate Publishing notification of new title on Australian Railways	
	03/03/15 VIM grant application	
	03/03/15 Transport Heritage NSW forum to be held on 21/3/15	

Resolution: *Motion: That the meeting receive the correspondence*  
 Moved: Elaine Boxer, Seconded: Tim Arnison Carried.

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### 5.1 Business Arising from Correspondence

Discussion:

- Graham Williams responding to Nathan Carter’s request to return rail borer & saw
- Discussion took place regarding the invitation to take part in Oberon Council’s WW1 anniversary celebrations on 11<sup>th</sup> April
- VIM grants close 17<sup>th</sup> April – Col Bembrick offer to re-apply later in 2015
- Highgate Publishing notification of a new Australian Railways title – Col to include in March Newsletter
- Graham Williams is awaiting further contact re Bathurst Fabrication Yard but believes the enquiry is about the history of the site & past personnel

Actions:	Item	Person	Deadline
	<i>Attendance at Transport Heritage NSW</i>	<i>Tim</i>	<i>21/3/15</i>

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### 5.2 New Memberships

Discussion: Wayne Dureau, Hazelgrove

Resolution: *Motion: That the new member applications be accepted.*  
 Moved: Elaine Boxer, Seconded: Tim Arnison Carried.

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## 6 Committee Reports

### 6.1 President's Report

- Discussion:
- Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair weekend went well. Thanks to all volunteers who helped, but it reinforced the requirement for more members to come forward and volunteer for these large events.
  - At the request of Oberon Museum, road base was deposited within OTHR's boundaries – Oberon Council was asked by Oberon Museum committee to improve the car park but Oberon Council did not realise that OTHR is the lessee. OTHR President met Council? and Councillor Kerry Gibbons on site to discuss the matter. In principal OTHR's President has no objection to improving the site. Oberon Council suggested creating another entrance into the car park through Pine St, maintaining the Scotia Ave gate as an exit only. Agreement was reached that no further work be carried out until the Museum committee negotiate with OTHR satisfactory outcomes to outstanding issues eg precluding access to the meter box by the electricity provider.
  - ONRSR suggested that OTHR get a third party with the necessary accreditations to move the #73 class locos into the rolling stock shed
  - Funds held by Oberon Council on behalf of OTHR – Stan Knight-Smith (JHR) requested details and costs of proposed work on the Station building to facilitate release of those funds.
  - Outstanding issues Oberon Council re level crossings etc – no recent update on these issues due to the Director of Engineering being on holidays
  - Approval received from Oberon Council for signage to be erected on the northern end of rolling stock shed
  - Donation of rail books from Barry Richard - does OTHR have any members with experience of setting up a library for the many and varied items accumulating in the audio/visual/print collection?
  - Our thoughts go to Warwick Armstrong and his family with the passing of his wife Beryl. OTHR will make a donation to the Motor Neurone Association as requested by the Armstrong family.
  - The last Station Master at Oberon Station is visiting OTHR on 7<sup>th</sup> March. His name is Alan Brook and his daughter, Jane, will bring him from Dubbo. A working bee will be in progress at the time of their visit.

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### 6.2 Systems Manager's Report

- Discussion:
- Greg Bourne and Ian Davis reviewing SMS documents – ongoing  
SMS sub-committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March prior to the Committee meeting  
Further discussion at March Committee meeting regarding the filing and storage of same.

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### 6.3 Treasurer's Report

Discussion:	The following accounts were presented to be passed for payment:	
	Reimburse Col Bembrick	\$ 106.36
	Local Community Insurance Services	\$ 2,441.60
	Oberon Council rates & water	\$ 182.00
	Mawhoods Mitre 10	\$ 593.06
	Ashley Wilkinson	\$ 1,331.00
	Arrows Newsagency	\$ 3.99
	Reimburse Tim Arnison	\$ 500.00
	Oberon Concrete	\$ 643.50
	Reimburse Kylie Moorhead	\$ 142.99
	Oberon Engineering	\$ 160.00
	IGA	\$ 100.53
	Lithgow Fire Protection Services	\$ 426.80
	Oberon Industrial & Farming Supplies	\$ 135.00
	<b>Total expenses for February 2015</b>	<b>\$ 6,766.83</b>
	<b>Total income for February 2015</b>	<b>\$ 1,367.16</b>
	<b>IBD balance at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015</b>	<b>\$19,431.96</b>

Resolution: *Motion : That the Treasurer's report be accepted as a true and accurate record.*  
Moved : Tim Arnison      Seconded : Elaine Boxer      Carried

### 6.4 Track Manager's Report

- Discussion:
- March working bee begins on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March.
  - Pinning and gauging of points & frogs for another road into the rolling stock shed.
  - Discussion about the fuel levels and batteries in #73 class locos. Graham Williams said he received an offer of mechanical assistance with the locos. Graham to follow up.
  - Discussion about removal of graffiti from refrigerated van
  - Contacted Alan Leaver inviting him to inspect the American Suburban carriages and requested suggestions for creating a management plan.
  - Suggest inspecting the sleepers currently stored at Hazelgrove to assay their condition, within the next 6 months.
  - Highland Pine boundary – needs surveying so track can start being laid out.

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## 6.5 **Publicity Officer's Report**

- Discussion:
- Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair – estimated 200+ through the Rail Heritage Display - very successful event.
  - Ground Frame B, Leadville – restoration commenced
  - Car cover purchased for Section Car “Ross’s Rocket”
  - Discussion with Mike O’Kane re signage on north wall of the rolling stock shed
  - Discussion with Ross Adams of Lithgow Valley Film Society re OTHR fundraising/birthday function – awaiting further information
  - Rail Heritage Display roster – to be published in March Newsletter
  - March Newsletter – appeal for all materials to Col at [taranaob@activ8.net.au](mailto:taranaob@activ8.net.au)  
No later than Sunday morning 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## 7 **General Business**

### 7.1 **Item 1 Oberon Station table**

Discussion: Arthur Robinson discussed the possibility of retrieving the Oberon Station Master’s table which is now part of the dining room furniture at the Royal Hotel, Oberon. Arthur has approached the publican who offered the table to OTHR if a replacement was proffered.

### 7.2 **Item 2 Plough van’s future**

Discussion: Greg Bourne expressed confusion about an email from Mike O’Kane which assumed the plough van will become a display space for rail paraphernalia. Discussion took place about creating such a display space, its possibilities and similar examples at other rail tourism sites.

### 7.3 **Item 3 Sundry items**

- Discussion:
- Jim Hawkes offered OTHR congratulations on a successful HS & VF 2015 display and open days.
  - Reminder to committee members to send a copy of all outgoing communications to the Secretary to facilitate accurate record-keeping.
  - Paul McDonald said the removal of graffiti from the refrigerated van should take priority as its blatant example could encourage more vandalism on the site.
  - Paul McDonald said more advertising should be erected to publicise the Rail Heritage Display open days. Jim Hawkes will assist by parking his truck in the main street this Saturday bearing the RHD signs.

9 **Meeting Closed** Next meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015

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