



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
at 7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club

### 1 Call to Order

Present Tim Arnison (Chair), Ian Davis, , John Boxer, Elaine Boxer, Jim Hawkes, Peter Culley, Arthur Robinson, Marjorie & Richard Webb, Martyn Salmon, Graham Priddle, Col & Glenda Bembrick, David McMurray, Graham Williams, John Brotchie.

Apologies Ross Adams, John Donohoe, John Glastonbury, Greg Bourne.

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### 3 Minutes from Previous Minutes

Discussion: The minutes of the annual general meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were distributed and read.

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

Moved: Tim Arnison, Seconded: Graham Williams , Carried

### 4 Committee Reports

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#### 4.1 President's Report

This year has been one where OTHR has seen progress and in other ways not seen as much activity as many of us would have wished.

Part of the way through the year we were told by John Holland Rail, the managing agents for the rail line between Tarana and Oberon, that the Licence and agreements that we had been operating under were not valid. We had to cease work on the infrastructure until this was corrected. We have now applied to become the Heritage Rail Operator for the Oberon Station precinct and this has been approved by TfNSW, the owners of the railway, and the paper work is being produced by JH. Let's hope that when this is completed the weather is kinder and we are able to work outside again.

But apart from this we have still achieved many things in the last twelve months such as :-

- An exchange of rail line with Zig Zag railway made possible by the transport provided by Oberon Council
- The installation of the road crossing of Lowes Mount Road.
- Signage on the rolling stock storage shed.
- Swapping with Valley Heights Loco Museum of some heavy 3phase workshop machinery for some display cabinets for our heritage displays.
- A 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and film afternoon with the Lithgow Film Society.
- We also had a maned display at the Bathurst Gen and Mineral fair at Bathurst showgrounds.
- A group of us met at Tarana Station a group from Insight Tours who were travelling through the district by Rail Motor.
- We received delivery of rail memorabilia, equipment and a large miniature rail layout from Mr Ross Tighe.

Behind the scenes the work has carried on continuously.

Fund raising has progressed. We produced The OTHR business plan which clearly states where we are and where we are aiming to go. This was part of the appeal we pushed to several corporations seeking their interest and some funding. Also we have launched a Go fund me account where we have received to date almost \$5,000

The review and rewriting of our SMS documents has been continuous. The documents under review are placed on the SMS web page, part of the OTHR web page, and we are very glad for the comments that have continued to come in as part of this review.

A planning meeting was held to identify and prioritise the works that have to be undertaken. We had an induction afternoon where many current members and some new members undertook their induction or update.

Some of the materials are now on site for the building of a new storage shed inside the rolling stock shed. It is planned that when finished much of the office equipment, records and excess memorabilia will be moved from the station to there.

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#### 4.2 Treasurer's Report

Discussion: See attached Annual Financial Report

Resolution: *Motion : That the Annual Financial Report be adopted as a true and accurate record of the association*  
*Moved: John Brotchie; Seconded : David McMurray. 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 : Ian Davis Carried*

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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>	Peter Culley
<u>Track Manager</u>	Graham Williams
<u>Secretary</u>	Elaine Boxer
<u>Treasurer</u>	John Brotchie

**Ordinary Committee of Management Members**

Ian Davis  
Martyn Salmon  
David McMurray

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- 6 **Meeting Closed** There being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club**
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