



Minutes of the General Meeting
Wednesday 3rd august 2016 at 7.30 pm
 Oberon RSL Club

1. **Present:** T Arnison, P Culley, J Brotchie A Robinson M Salmon, E Boxer.
2. **Apologies:** C & G Bembrick.

3. **Minutes from the previous meeting:**

The Minutes from the meeting of the 1st June 2016 were read by secretary & accepted as a true and accurate record;

Moved E Boxer.....; Seconded: M Salmon..... Carried.

4. **Safety Management**

No reported issues. Ian & Tim will be working on SMS documents and more will be ready for ratification soon.

5. **Correspondence.**

Received	Sent
- 29/6 OTHR web customer service	- 1/7 D McM Tourism submission
- 6/7 ATSB collision report	- 9/7 D McM reply to CBA re donation
- 5/7 ATSB report	- 20/7 TA to C Riddiford re rail corridor
- 5/7 M Connors re heritage listings	- 26/7 A Moritz re management OTHR
- 7/7 TA re water & flagpole repair	- 29/7 TA to C Riddiford request progress HOL
- 7/7 ONRSR report	- 2/8 EB to CHH re Structaflor
- 7/7 CB bridge report mailed out	
- 11/7 TA re help from THNSW	
- 12/7 C Riddiford HOL proposal	
- 13/7 RHA stronger Communities grant	
- 14/7 request for 8 class parts	
- 16/7 GW comments re HOL	
- 14/7 THNSW 2016 grants	
- 19/7 Stronger Communities Funding	
- 20/7 Fed Govt TDDI funding	
- 25/7 C Riddiford Clarification HOL	
- 26/7 Webpage design offer	
- 26/7 ATSB report	
- 28/7 I Davis Structaflor estimate	
- 29/7 ATSB report	
- 31/7 Complaint re tarp	
- 2/8 Canberra Railway Museum tours	
- 2/8 Auction Rail carriages	

Resolution: *That the meeting receive the correspondence*

Moved; T Arnison SecondedP Culley.. Carried.

Business arising from Correspondence: E Boxer to ask C Bembrick if report on Snakes Valley Creek bridge can be uploaded.

6. **Presidents Report.**

- Tim spoke about the proposal for a Heritage Operators Licence with John Holland. Discussion with John Holland has been ongoing with a proposal for OTHR to hold a HOL over the station precinct. This would allow the use of rolling stock in the

station yard. Once the HOL is in place the lease on the station precinct would be null. The rail corridor is leased by Oberon Council and the land swap on Lowes Mt Rd needs to be formalised. The cycle track from Oberon to Hazelgrove needs a licence agreement with Oberon council. After these issues have been resolved OTHR will be able to apply for a HOL on the rail corridor.

- Station Roof. The contractors are waiting for 4 days of fine weather to get the roof replaced.
- Extraordinary meeting. The Committee met on 28th July to discuss funding opportunities for the projects we have planned. The store room to be erected in the rolling stock shed will be timber framed and constructed. This project did not fit the criteria for current available grants so OTHR will fund this one. Donations for the timber will be sought from Borg Panels and Structaflor.

Carriage restoration. Tim will make an application for Stage 3 funding through Transport Heritage NSW for the replacement of the roofs of the 2 end platform carriages in the first stage of restoration. The work must be completed within 12 months as part of the grant requirements.

Miniature Railway. Funding will be sought for this project through the Veolia Trust grants scheme once a plan has been produced.

Moving HS36 from Broadmeadow to Oberon. An application for this is currently being prepared.

Induction Training Day. Cards for those who attended will be issued soon. The next induction Training day will be held on September 3rd at 2pm in the rolling stock shed.

Meeting with THNSW. Jennifer Edmonds & Andrew Moritz, CEO from THNSW met with OTHR on 8th July. The group was given a guided tour of the station precinct by P Culley. During the meeting A Moritz suggested that THNSW take over the operation of the Oberon-Tarana line from John Holland. THNSW aims are heritage focussed and tourist based which would be an advantage for OTHR.

7.General Business.

7.1 OTHR has been donated a miniature railway (HO gauge) and other various memorabilia. This will be unloaded during the working bee. This donation was from Mr Tighe who has n been thanked with a lifetime membership.

7.2. A further project for completion is the rear fence on Albion Street and the hanging of the crossing gates.

7.3. The Gofundme Account has raised about \$4000 so far. The web home page will be updated to include a site for donations.

7.4 Arthur requested a maintenance check on the ride-on mower – the battery and drive bearings need replacing.

7.5. The next working bee start on 6th August, all hands are encouraged to attend.

The meeting: closed 8.45pm. Next meeting **5th October 2016.**