



Minutes of the General Meeting
Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7.30 pm
Oberon RSL Club

Our guest speaker for this meeting was Bill Harrison from Glenreagh Mountain Railway. He presented a very interesting talk on the difficulties and successes over the history of the railway and had some most interesting photographs of their progress. It was much enjoyed by the members present.

- 1. Present:** T Arnison, P Culley, G Williams, G Priddle, W Franks, E Boxer, J Brothie, D McMurray, I Davis, C & G Bembrick, J Boxer, A Robinson.

Guests: Ray & Pam Bannerman

Apologies: M Salmon

- 2. Minutes from the previous meeting:**

The Minutes from the meeting of the 3rd August 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record;

Moved ...T Arnison.....; Seconded: ...I Davis.. Carried.

- 3. Safety Management**

Tim asked all members to identify safety issues and bring them to the attention of the Committee..

- 4. Presidents Reports.**

Museum claim of car park and Skoda. A letter has been sent in response to this claim to Ray McMahon with copies to Oberon Council, John Holland and Paul Toole.

Heritage Operators Licence No further update

Station roof there is still a hold up with the asbestos removal process for the roof.

THNSW sector workshop in Sydney on 19/11 in the morning it was all about grants and applying for monies etc. One item we might easily get funding for would be for an audio history of Wayne Dempsey and his carriage building. After lunch I went to an **operators group** where there was a presentation from ONRSR, Australian Standards Authority, The RHA and national RHA called ATHRA. Then onto Leichardt by vintage double decker bus for the grants presentation. We were successful in getting a Grant from TH NSW for \$9,900 (we applied for \$16,000) to re-roof the end platform cars. We have asked Alex Griffiths to come and give a proper written quote. While I was there I was able to network a little.

Amazing how many people see our Face book entries and read our newsletters etc. Talked to Peter Simpson from Goulburn who are having similar problems. We spoke to Natalie Pelliam who is a director of TfNSW suggesting to her that closed heritage line be under the control of TH NSW

Miniature Rail track. We had a meeting with Council on 5/12 re miniature rail track. They have given in principle agreement to this project and will meet some of the costs towards it, either in kind or financial.

Leases to OC and OTHR by JH. JH want Council to enter a new lease in connection to cycle path and another lease for us to do weed control.

Meeting with Grant Windsham and Shardi Darwish from ONRSR . We went through where we are at and how we should progress to getting authority to operate TMV's in the station precinct. They were positive and believe we can have this authority within 4-6 months.

Store room. Good progress is being made on the building of the store room

5. Other Business.

Christmas Party. Elaine asked for confirmations for attendance at this function. Col & Glenda and Arthur will attend.

Steam Fair. This is planned for 11th February 2017. Could all members who have some time on the day please notify Tim or Elaine if they are able to assist. There will be gate duties, raffle ticket sales and manning of the heritage display room. The railway will only be open on the Saturday. There was a suggestion that some of the old black & white photos on the website be downloaded and made up as post cards.

Col Bembrick noted he had finished restoring Ground Frame B and that it would need to be moved from his shed. A crane will be required to lift the frame. There is also another Insights Tour for southern NSW and North Victoria which will be a 6 day tour.

Advertisement for this could go in the Newsletter.

Ray Bannerman attended the meeting as a guest and offered to undertake any signage and paint work required by OTHR. He is a retired railway sign writer.

Arthur queried the situation with the new induction cards. They are not yet printed.

Another training period is to be planned in the New Year.

The meeting: closed 9 pm. Next meeting **1st February 2017.**