



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
held on Wednesday 7th October 2015 at  
7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club**

**1 Call to Order**

Present Tim Arnison (Chair), Ian Davis, Col Bembrick, Jim Hawkes, Elaine Boxer, Arthur Robinson, John Brotchie, Peter Culley, Doug Booker, Graham Williams, Bob & Sally Parrington, Martyn Salmon

2 Minute Secretary: Lyndle Hawkes

Apologies David McMurray, Marjorie & Richard Webb, Glenda Bembrick, Elizabeth Brotchie, John Boxer

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**3 Minutes from Previous Minutes**

Discussion: The minutes of the annual general meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 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: Peter Culley, Carried

**4 Committee Reports**

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**4.1 President's Report**

Discussion:

Things achieved in the last twelve months:

- This is OTHR's 10<sup>th</sup> year in existence
- Albion Street crossing installed
- Planning of Lowes Mt Road crossing underway – now awaiting acquisition of suitable rail
- Track Manager, Graham Williams and the working bee group have replaced nearly all the sub-standard sleepers in the yard and made all the tracks fit for use
- Two large OTHR logo signs erected on the rolling stock shed to help raise our profile
- OTHR also had a large display at the recent Bathex exhibition held in conjunction with Bathurst's bicentennial celebrations
- A fundraising/anniversary film afternoon will be held on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> at Lithgow Film Society. Hope you all have your tickets, available from the Cobweb Craft shop.
- During the year OTHR agreed with ONRSR to voluntarily suspend railway operations until SMS are developed into a workable document which precludes getting adverse findings until OTHR is ready.
- It is a year since rolling stock moved
- Some OTHR members attended a first aid course
- OTHR is continuing negotiations to get HS36 returned from Broadmeadow to Oberon. Further assessments have to be carried out.
- Approaches have been made as to the possibility of using the rail access track between Hazelgrove and Carlwood as a cycle track. This might have merit for OTHR and will be further investigated this year.
- In November we had a successful "think morning" where all ideas were canvassed in relation to OTHR's future
- Members attended a Christmas Party in the rolling stock shed and everyone walked away with a gift!
- OTHR was open in conjunction with the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair in February. Bathurst Miniature Railway members brought a working display which caused much interest. Approximately 200 people came through the gates.
- An Oberon U3A bus trip to Valley Heights Railway museum was well attended by OTHR members in October.
- Recently some OTHR committee members visited the Lithgow State Mine Railway to meet their management and look around. Networking with other rail groups is vital for OTHR.
- The fence at the rear of the Station building has been moved to allow access for maintenance and to facilitate reading of the electricity meter.
- The amount of merchandise for sale has been extended, available for purchase in the Station buildings, in the Heritage Rail Display on the first Saturday each month which attracts varying responses but is an important element of OTHR's operation.
- During the year Greg Bourne stepped down from the Committee and our long time member and photographer, Doug Booker is leaving the district. Doug has very kindly donated his large collection of OTHR photos, taken over the years. Thank you to Doug and all the best. Hope to see you back from time to time.
- I am pleased to say that we have had no serious incidences or injuries. It's good to see all our members at working bees wearing the required hi-vis wear.
- In conclusion, it has been a busy year and I am sure that the coming year will be even more rewarding for our volunteers as we continue to make progress.

#### 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 : Elaine Boxer 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 : John Brotchie, Seconded : Elaine Boxer 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>	Peter Culley
<u>Secretary</u>	Elaine Boxer
<u>Treasurer</u>	John Brotchie
<u>Public Officer</u>	Elaine Boxer

##### **Ordinary Committee of Management Members**

Track Manager	Graham Williams
Website/SMS	Ian Davis
OTHR public profile	David McMurray
Publicity/Editor	Col Bembrick

- 6 **Meeting Closed** There being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed at 7.50pm. The next Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club**
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