



Minutes of the General Meeting
4th November 2015 at 7.30 pm
 Oberon RSL Club

1. **Present:** Ian Davis, Col Bembrick, John Brothcie, Arthur Robinson, Tim Arnison, Marjorie & Richard Webb, Elaine Boxer.
2. **Apologies:** Glenda Bembrick
3. **Minutes from the previous meeting:**
 The Minutes from the meeting of the 7th October were accepted as a true and accurate record; *Moved I Davis; Seconded C Bembrick.* Carried.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Safety Management

Total no. member hours 350.8. This represents a substantial increase on August (131) and September (191) hours.
 No safety issues reported.

5. Correspondence.

Received	Sent
21/10 CB response to birthday celebration question	23/10 TA to A Bird re contract
22/10 S Knight Smith re roof replacement progress	23/10 TA reply to CB re birthday celebrations
27/10 RHA notice of AGM	24/10 M Docker re Murder Mystery event
28/10 Address for J Hebblewhite	27/10 D Ward permission to use photos from web
28/10 M Lorimer update web postings	27/10 JH re HPP lease
28/10 V Astalos re HPP fence & lease	31/10 J Hebblewhite letter of support
31/10 D McM essence of DA support for Skoda	31/10 Bathurst Miniature Railway invitation to attend Steam & Vintage Fair
	1/11 2015 Charities Annual Statement
	1/11 D McM re OTHR info for tourist mag
	3/11 TA to OC re LMt Rd crossing a& 94 lb rail

Resolution: *That the meeting receive the correspondence*
Moved E Boxer; Seconded I Davis. Carried.

6. Committee Reports.

6.1 President:

- There has been slow movement behind the scenes in regard to the repair of the station roof. JH Rail have sent an application to the heritage branch. Supposedly there is funding to do the job.
- We have given approval for a privately owned end platform car to be parked at the station for the next few years. It was at the Train Movers depot, which has now been sold. A local solicitor has agreed to draw up a simple agreement between the owner, Louise Prior and OTHR. At the time of delivery of this the water Gin will be taken away
- Wayne Dempsey went out to Train Movers depot to look at all the equipment that is for sale-

it is to be auctioned on line.

- The Skoda Tatra club are pushing on with wanting to build their Museum on a portion of land at the western side of our car park. Part on the OTHR leased land and part on the Museum leased land.
- We are very pleased to have a new person looking after our web page. Michael Lorimer is coming to grips with it and I hope that Ian and I will have a meeting with him in the near future to plan some changes and update of our SMS on line
- OTHR is investigating the possibilities of getting HS36 back to Oberon.. This is still being assessed by Rail heritage.
- While on Rail Heritage there is a two day annual conference in Sydney on 21-22 November. If anyone would like to attend please see Elaine or myself for details
- We had a very interesting afternoon at the Lithgow Valley Film Society. Where we watched two films in a relaxed atmosphere. Thank you to Col and Glenda for arranging and producing a great big birthday cake. It is somewhat disappointing that we have trouble getting members to join in with fundraiser when they are arranged. We are planning to have a social event in connection with the Steam Fair. A meal in the shed on the Friday night, 12th February 2016, possibly with music.
- Lowes Mount Road. The Council has cleaned out the drain between the cycle track and rail line It is now surveyed to put in pipes so it will all be underground.
- We have had the route for the crossing on Lowes Mt Road surveyed by Voerman and Ratsep in Bathurst. It is estimated that the crossing will need to be made to approx. 40 metres. It has been decided to build it from 94lb rail with the same size rail being used as the check rail. A group of us went to Zig Zag to investigate what was on the swap list. On Monday we returned with an excavator and pulled out approx. 180 M of rail and prepared it for transport back to Oberon. It is planned that the swap will happen on Friday 6th November with the use of a council truck.
- I had a meeting with Downers, the road contractors, on Tuesday and it is hoped that we can install the crossing on Lowes Mount road in the last week of November.

6.2 Systems Manager.

- A policy document is almost completed using Glenreagh Railway documents as a guideline. Many if the policies have been condensed into one document, referenced to WorkCover documents.

6.3 Treasurer's Report

Current account balance at 31 st October	\$11,213
Balance on IBD	\$ 19,854

Resolution: *That the treasurer's report be accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved J Brotchie; Seconded I Davis.*

6.4 Track Manager's Report.

In the absence of the Track Manager the President requested that A Robinson give the meeting an update of progress.

- The storage rail in front of the old crane is almost complete.
- Siding to Scotia Ave & run around line is pinned and nearly complete.

6.5. Public Officers Report.

- Charities annual report submitted for 2015.

6.6.Publicity Officer's Report

- Birthday film event enjoyed by about 30 people.
- Publicity article published in Community Newsletter
- New brochures distributed to Tarana Pub and Goulburn Roundhouse.
- Carlwood ground frame protection upgraded.
- Items for November Newsletter to Col by this coming Sat. pm

7. General Business.

- Concern was voiced about the lack of volunteers in light of the deadline to get the next level crossing constructed. There is 40 mts of track to be constructed and if it is not ready by end November the date to install it may be delayed.
- The weeds on the track to Hazelgrove need spraying and OTHR received a request from Council to spray the weeds on the Scotia Ave boundary. The neighbour is concerned about snakes in the long grass.
- A date and ideas for a Christmas party were discussed. The date is set for 19th December, a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting: closed 8.50pm. Next meeting Wednesday 2nd of December.