



February 2013 Newsletter

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Well, the 2013 Steam & Vintage Fair has come and gone with OTHR members welcoming visitors to the station and plying them with morning tea, etc. A steady stream of visitors passed through the station precinct from about midday Saturday onwards. Our thanks to all the volunteers who assisted on the weekend. All our usual wares were on display, plus the added attraction of the rolling stock shed where there was a display of live

Next Meeting

Ordinary General Meeting

7:30pm 6th March, 2013

steam models plus a working miniature steam loco on a short length of track. Matt McMahon's Matilda tank also featured in this area of the yard, while up on the loading bank Arthur Robinson's 1928 Chev Roadster looked to be in superb condition. (See photos over the page). OTHR souvenir mugs, post cards, key tags and pens were on sale as well as other items. The weather was fine and sunny so a good experience was had by all our visitors.

Rolling Stock Shed Progress

The February Working Bee saw considerable progress on the final tasks needed to complete the Rolling Stock shed. As can be seen in the photo below, a fine coat of paint has now been applied to the whole shed, making the building look very smart indeed. A few more jobs need to be done before we can claim the shed is completely finished. These include the guttering & drainage, plus the water to the fire hoses. The latter is now in progress. We expect that very soon now we will be granted a "Certificate of Occupancy" by Oberon Shire Council.



Upcoming Working Bees:

Sat 2nd Mar – Fri 8th Mar

Sat 30th Mar - Fri 5th Apr

Sat 27th Apr – Fri 3rd May

Sat 8th Jun – Fri 14th Jun

Sat 6th Jul – Fri 12th Jul

The *March* working bee will involve the remaining tasks on the rolling stock shed and, if time permits, some work on the track to sort out the first "road" to go into the shed.

If you can attend this *March* working bee, please let Track Manager, Peter Culley, know as soon as possible – Peter's contact details are – 0427 042448.

The Bush Telegraph....

Warwick Armstrong has volunteered to refurbish our wooden cattle wagon as a donation to OTHR. Lots of thanks Warwick! This will be a considerable task, requiring lots of time and expertise.

Discussions are underway with Borg Panels to re-instate the level crossing at "Gate 6". Many truck movements occur across this level crossing, so its restoration and safe operation are essential to our future rail operations.

The Oberon Shire Council is currently connecting the water mains to our fire hoses on the rolling stock shed.

I believe we have to thank Graham Williams for organising the smart new "Hazelgrove" station sign (see photo over page). The first small step in the restoration of the Hazelgrove station site.

Welcome to New Secretary....

The February General Meeting saw a change of guard for our secretary, Kylie Moorhead stepping down and being replaced by Elaine Boxer. Kylie will take on more of the safety management documentation work with Ian Davis. We extend our thanks to Kylie for all her hard work over the last few years.

In welcoming Elaine we are sure we have another hard worker and someone very competent to step into this position, as Elaine comes to us with a wealth of experience on committees and in community volunteering positions. We wish her all the very best.

Please note that the email address of the Secretary remains the same at admin@othr.com.au, while Elaine's phone is 02 6336 0441.

Steam & Vintage Fair Gallery



Photo Gallery .. top to bottom...

- New Oberon station bell being presented by Wayne Dempsey to our President, Tim Arnison.
- New carpet in the heritage carriages.
- Arthur's 1928 Chevrolet Roadster and the 73 class locos.
- Miniature steam loco (7^{1/4} inch gauge) in the rolling stock shed (Note new Hazelgrove sign!).
- Harley Ferguson and his live steam models.
- Matt's Matilda tank.

Can You Help...? OTHR member Rudi lives at Katoomba and has received a model train set as a gift. Rudi is disabled and would like some help in setting up this train set. If anyone has experience in this area and can spare a few hours in Katoomba, Rudi and OTHR would be extremely grateful. Contact the OTHR Secretary on admin@otr.com.au

REMINDER...

Fettler Accommodation

The Oberon Men's Shed team is now offering accommodation to our out-of-town fettlers. The only cost of this overnight accommodation will be to join the Men's Shed at an annual fee of \$10 – an absolute bargain! Out-of-town volunteers requiring accommodation over the working bee days should contact Laurie Evans (Ph 63361254) - co-ordinator for fettler accommodation.

Working Bee Catering

Members who can assist with catering for our fettlers should contact Lynette Ireland on 0428 490 809. Volunteers are required to assist with the catering - any edible donations will be greatly appreciated.

Membership reminder.... Not Yet Due!!

Our financial year now runs to 30th June, so the good news is your membership is not due until 30th June, 2013. The membership is still only \$15 per person – send your cheque to our Treasurer Marjorie at the address on the masthead. You can also easily pay online at our website.

Remember that our Ordinary General meeting minutes are now available on our website. You can also easily find us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/OTHR.Inc

Check out the events calendar on our website, plus new historic photos.

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