



October 2013 Newsletter

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At the recent AGM a new committee was elected – you will recognise a few of the “old” hands in the lineup. Tim Arnison was re-elected as President, Kylie Moorhead is now Vice-president, while Elaine Boxer remains as Secretary as does Marjorie Webb as Treasurer. Other Committee members elected were Peter Culley, Ian Davis and Lyndle Hawkes. Congratulations to all those officer bearers. Peter was persuaded to put his hand up once again to fill the essential spot of Track Manager – thanks Peter!

However, we are still on the lookout for a Systems Manager – anyone with SMS documentation experience would be most welcome.

At the AGM President Tim Arnison gave a valuable summary of all we have achieved over the last 12 months – and it is considerable – just see the last twelve issues of this Newsletter if you have any doubts!

November Spring Fair

A major Spring Open Day will take place on 2nd November – see flyer below. This will be in conjunction with our friends from the Oberon Heritage & Collectors Club. OTHR locos and rolling stock will of course be open for inspection. Come along and have a day outing with a difference.

SPRING FAIR
November 2nd 10am – 3pm

OBERON STATION

Live steam displays – Ruston Proctor traction engine plus 7 1/4 inch steam railway.

Rail museum display.

Sausage sizzle, cakes and slices for sale.

Coffee by Tay's Epicurean

Entry Fee – Gold Coin Donation

Upcoming Working Bees:

12th – 18th October

9th – 15th November

During the current (October) working bee we will be preparing the station precinct for the upcoming Spring Fair. If time and manpower permits, then further work on the new roads into the shed may be undertaken.

The weather has now warmed up a little, so roll up and lend a hand in getting the Oberon station site ready for the Spring Fair. Your input is needed and appreciated!

If you can attend the coming *October* working bee, please let our Track Manager, Peter Culley know as soon as possible.

Peter's contact details are – 0427 042448.

Next Meeting

Ordinary General Meeting

7:30pm 6th November, 2013

Fettler Accommodation

The Oberon Men's Shed team continues to offer accommodation to our out-of-town fettlers. The only cost will be to join the Men's Shed at an annual fee of \$10 – an absolute bargain! Any 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.

The Pioneer Rail Trail

Running beside the rail line from Oberon to Hazelgrove is an excellent rail trail (see railtrails.org.au). Walk or cycle this trail and see the work of OTHR volunteers up close – see if you can count the 10 500 sleepers we've laid! Starting at Oberon Station gates, this trail is already proving popular with cyclists, walkers and fitness groups – the first 6km to Hazelgrove is sealed, but the alternative return cycle track includes some dirt roads.

The Bush Telegraph

The “industrial archaeology” work at Carlwood station site has now progressed to the extent that the concrete foundations of both Frame A and B have been protected from further damage and “preserved” until Carlwood station site is re-established. The old concrete water tank that stood next to the PC1 building at Carlwood has been found (in two pieces) in the paddock below the road at Carlwood (see below). Also, the remains of the concrete foundations of the PC1 have been located and excavated prior to completing a plan of the site.



The tonnes of rail retrieved from Coolah and Leadville have at last been transferred to the station – our thanks go to Armstrong Transport. The substantial hoard of rail at Oberon station can be seen in the photo. These rails and the salvaged points are earmarked for the new roads into the rolling stock shed and the run-around loop at Hazelgrove.



Station Open Days

It is intended to open Oberon station on two Saturdays – 5th & 12th Oct - for groups of walkers taking part in the “Festival of Walking”. Volunteers to assist in showing the visitors around on these days are required between the hours of 10am and 3pm. – contact our Secretary, Elaine on 02 6336 0441.

Article in the “Coolah Diary”

As a result of our activities at Coolah and Leadville we did eventually get a one page article published on p32 of the August 14th issue. A copy will be displayed in the station shortly, and also on the OTHR website.

THE GREAT COOLAH LEADVILLE RAIL HEIST



The Phillip de Baun Legacy

A valued member and supporter of OTHR since 2007, Phillip passed away in February this year. An accountant by profession, Phillip lived in Mosman and had a house in Oberon, attending OTHR working bees and meetings whenever he was able.

OTHR would like to acknowledge his great generosity for he has left us a substantial legacy in his will of some \$5000 – this is on top of his regular donations (which at the time he insisted be anonymous) while he was an active member.



A giant of a man but gently spoken, he always had some pertinent comments and useful ideas when attending meetings. His friendship and advice will be sorely missed. Once again, our sympathies go out to his family and colleagues.

Membership reminder.... Now Due!!

The full annual membership for OTHR is still only \$15 per person – send your cheque to our Treasurer Marjorie Webb at the address on the masthead. You can also easily pay online at our website or by direct deposit – BSB 062-632, Acc: 1004 9851 – but don't forget to include your name! Don't delay ... join today!

Contacts: *Secretary*, Elaine: Ph 02 6336 0441, and by Email: admin@othr.com.au

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 photos of current events.

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