

February 2007 Newsletter

****Take part in a new chapter in the history of the Oberon to Tarana railway****

Sleeper laying working bee on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February at Hazelgrove Siding
I hope all members have been doing their sleeper laying training because the time has now come for the first replacement sleepers to be laid on the line. Greg Noble and a group of volunteer expert sleeper layers will start work at the Hazelgrove end of the line this coming Saturday and will train OTHR volunteers in these procedures. Work will commence at 7.30 a.m. It is planned to continue the sleeper laying on Sunday, 25th February. OTHR will provide morning and afternoon tea and lunch for all volunteers. Please wear your protective clothing, ID induction cards and safety vests. And bring your cameras to record this historical event!

We need assistance from members who aren't able to do physical work on the line. OTHR seeks members who can help with paperwork and/or preparing food and drinks for the workers during the working bee. Please let us know if you can assist.

Directions to the Hazelgrove Siding for new members

Drive north from the Oberon Station along Lowes Mount Road for approx. 5 kms past the turn off to the rubbish tip. Turn right on to Black Bullock Road and continue to the rail crossing. There is parking near the old Hazelgrove siding.

Accommodation for out-of-town members -

Please contact me ASAP if you would like to work on both days of next weekend's working bee so that we can arrange overnight accommodation with local members.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - New Safety Training course

Prior to working with the sleepers ALL volunteers must attend a sleeper laying safety induction session which will be held on Friday, 23rd February at 7.30 p.m. in the function room at the Oberon RSL Club. This is specific to sleeper laying procedures and will take approximately 40 minutes. For new members who have not undertaken the basic safety training induction, our trainer, Matt McMahon will conduct a course for you immediately after the sleeper laying safety procedures course. The latter course takes approximately 1 hour.

If you can't attend on Friday night, please let me know so that Matt can induct you on Saturday morning before you commence work on the line.

Friday evening working bees:

Start at 4.00 p.m. and will continue until members are notified to the contrary. Always meet at the OTHR shipping container which is currently located near the garbage tip road (off Lowes Mount Road). Protective clothing and ID induction cards must be worn at all times. For more information contact our Track Manager, Peter Culley (0427 042 448).

Donations for OTHR's shipping container

If you would like to donate any spare crockery, cutlery, folding chairs or drinking water containers which can be used during our working bees, we would be very grateful. Please contact our Track Manager, Peter Culley (0427 042 448).

****Reminder**

Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, 7th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Function Room at the Oberon RSL Club. Please come along, hear the reports, "have your say" and elect the Committee of Management for 2007.

All future monthly meetings will be held in the Function Room behind the large auditorium at the RSL Club.

We hope to see a good roll up of volunteers for next weekend's working bee.

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