



January 2016 Newsletter

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Well, the New Year is barely a week old and already we have had a successful working bee – see photos - thanks to Graham Williams and his small but select band of willing fettlers.

The OTHR 2015 Christmas Party was a great success, with over 20 people attending the Bistro evening at the Royal Hotel, Oberon. The food was voted to be excellent and a lengthy chat-fest was had by many members around the tables.



The coming months of 2016 year look like being a very busy time for OTHR and the year has already got off to a cracking start – see working bee news. Also keep your eye on the Community Newsletter for updates

The first social event of the calendar is the OTHR 10th Birthday Dinner – see flyer on page three. This is a follow-up to our 10th birthday film event last October.

Also in 2016 expect to see lots of progress reports on the completion of the perway and rail associated with the newly installed Lowes Mount Rd level crossing.

Plans are also underway in 2016 to see the two 73 class diesel locos finally moved into the rolling stock shed, where they will be out of the weather and some general maintenance can be achieved.

Next Monthly Meeting:

7:30pm 3rd February, 2016

(Note: Committee Meeting:

20th Jan)

Working Bee News:

The January working bee saw the joining of the Albion St crossing heavy rail to the pre-existing main line to Tarana. Transition fish plates have been manufactured and installed to join the two differing weights of rail. A few bolts remain to be installed....



New rail panels are now in place at either side of the crossing....



If you would like to be part of our dedicated band of hard-working volunteers and assist with the work during the upcoming working bees, please contact our Track Manager, Graham Williams on 0422 596 438. Graham is always keen to hear from members who are prepared to step up and have a go!

Next Working Bee

6th – 10th February, 2016

Feb 12th OTHR 10th Anniversary Dinner –

OTHR will be holding a special 10th Anniversary Dinner at the rolling stock shed on the Friday night before the Steam and Vintage Fair - see flyer on page three for details....

Steam & Vintage Fair



February 2016 again sees this event held in Oberon and this year promises to be bigger and better than ever! The dates are Fri, Sat and Sun, Feb 12th to 14th. See the website... <http://www.oberonsteamfair.com.au/>

Once again, OTHR will be a part of this show, having the station precinct and the rolling stock open for inspection on the Saturday.

The Bathurst Miniature Railway Society will be running train rides with both steam and diesel engines (7 1/4") for the enthusiasts. Souvenirs and badges are also available for sale. There will be a raffle and a coffee vendor on site, so come and enjoy the fun of the day.

Volunteers wanted!!

OTHR opens the railway station on the first Saturday of every month with a Heritage Display.

We are looking for volunteers to man the display between 10am and 2pm on these days. No particular skills are needed - if you like talking to people & have an interest in railway heritage, that is all you need.

If you feel you could give some time to this activity call Elaine on 6336 0441 to nominate which month (or months) you prefer.

Swiss Insights

In the village of Arosa the Tschuggen Hotel has its very own self-drive rack and pinion monorail to take guests to the ski slopes. It has seat belts and 12 pivoting seats to cope with the gradients. Here the two cars are approaching the top station.



Vale Col Jarrett

Long-time OTHR member Col Jarrett passed away on 27th November, 2015. Col had a long and varied career, leaving home at the age of 14 to work to help support his family. He soon joined the army and learned to play the bugle, eventually finding himself as part of the occupying forces in Japan after WWII.

He was not afraid of hard work and on retirement gave his time and energy to help with the restoration and running of the historic "James Craig". Although "getting on in years" Col willingly pitched in at any odd jobs around the Oberon station and was a keen supporter of OTHR and the heritage rail project. He will long be remembered by his OTHR friends. Our sympathies go out to his extended family.

In the Journals...

Those interested in the history, location and condition of pre-cast concrete buildings of the NSW railways are recommended to see the 23 page article by Jim Longworth in the May 2005 issue of "Australian Railway History". This valuable resource contains photos, scale drawings and tabulated data concerning the known pre-cast buildings in NSW.

There are 145 buildings listed, including 99 Pc1 "waiting sheds". Most of these structures were built between 1917 and 1932 and are long-since demolished - such was the fate of the Carlwood and Hazelgrove Pc1 sheds.

Highland Pine Supports OTHR

Our thanks go to the guys at Highland Pine Products for moving their "temporary" fence out of the rail corridor. The photo below shows the fence moved further westwards away from the rail. This will allow OTHR to swing the track slightly to make a gentle S bend in the southern approaches to the Lowes Mount Rd crossing. Work in this area is now underway.



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Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway

10th Anniversary Spit Roast Dinner

When: Friday 12th February

6.30pm

Where: Oberon Railway Rolling Stock Shed -
access via Albion St

Cost: \$20/head for 2 courses. BYO drinks

Music: **Kala & Dave DJ's**

Come and join the fun, have your meal in a
heritage carriage and soak up the ambiance of
the Heritage Railway.

Booking & payment details on OTHR and OHCC
websites /newsletters.

Contact: Elaine Boxer 63360441

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Payment and Booking form

All reservations must be pre-paid- by 5th February 2016.

No bookings will be taken on the night.

Name _____

\$20 per person x _____ persons = Total \$ _____

Methods of payment: Cheque/Money Order made payable to Oberon Tarana
Heritage Railway Inc.

Direct payment to BSB 062-632 Acc no 1004 9851. Please
ensure your name is included on the statement reference

Return completed form to: Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway, PO Box 299, Oberon 2787
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