



March 2012 Newsletter

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Your **regular correspondent Col Bembrick** is away at the moment (freezing his @#&\$ off in substantially sub-zero temps) star-gazing in Norway, and has left your OTHR Secretary to try to fill the gap for this month's newsletter.

That being said, we've had a pretty eventful month or so (without Col) at OTHR recently, gaining our approvals for moving the locos to the station platform, and culminating with the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair



Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair (Top) Moving the locos has created a real working station look and feel once again. (Left) Ian Davis & Russell Merriman stepping onto the carriages which created a lot of interest over the weekend. (Centre) Having the locos at the station platform added a real buzz! (Right) Lynette & her catering team worked tirelessly all weekend.

which was run with great success once again, despite a small shower or two of rain both days.

First wheels rolling at Oberon Station in 32 years!

After a fairly long and drawn-out attempt, we finally got ITSR approval to move our 73 class locomotives from their position on a siding to in front of the platform. The move happened on February 10th, and this milestone for OTHR was the first time a locomotive has moved under its own power on this line since the last train ran out on 27/9/1979.

The approvals were a one-off exemption to our accreditation, and we still have a lot of paperwork and training to do before this can become a regular event.

Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair

The organisers were very happy with this event which is in its 5th year now in Oberon showcasing an extensive range of steam, vintage, classic and heritage machinery and vehicles of all types and tastes. We had our gates open as a festival partner, and our visitors were invited to have a close and personal tour of our locos and carriages. We had volunteers on hand to talk the talk, and some delicious home-made goodies keep satisfy every appetite. We hope to make over \$2,500 in proceeds from our various activities over the weekend which is terrific.

Annual General Meeting

Your committee has been busy over the last few weeks writing our reports, getting the books in order and audited to prepare our Annual Report which was presented at our AGM, held Wednesday 7th March.

2012 Membership Renewal - Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc

(Please see reverse side to update your contact details)

Members Name(s) _____

Amount Remitted @ \$15 / member _____

Mail your cheque or money order to OTHR, PO Box 299, Oberon NSW 2787
Or our bank details are (Commonwealth Bank) BSB 062-632, Account 10049851)

The minutes of the AGM and the Annual Report can be found on our website (go to the “About” tab and select “Meetings”). If those members without the wonders of the internet would like a copy please contact Kylie.

We are happy to have elected our Committee of Management for the coming year:

President	Tim Arnison	6335 6307 ah
Vice President	Shane Moorhead	0407 935 527
Treasurer	Marjorie Webb	6337 5835 ah
Secretary	Kylie Moorhead	6336 0207
Systems Manager	Ian Davis	6335 6228
Publicity Officer	Colin Bembrick	6337 5202
Public Officer	Graham Parker	6336 1076
Track Manager	Peter Culley	0427 042 448

The new committee will do some planning and announce working bee dates for the rest of 2012 in the next couple of weeks.

Interpretative Signage
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We were fortunate to gain some funding via the Veolia Mulwaree Trust to enable us to get some signage made for the Oberon Yard depicting the Station on it’s opening day in 1923. The etched aluminium sign arrived just in time to be erected on some vertical timber sleepers near front gates. Many thanks to Col Bembrick for heading up this project over recent months.



Best wishes to Wayne Dempsey

We send our very best wishes to our member, volunteer and good friend Wayne Dempsey (carriage restorer extraordinaire!) Wayne’s illness got the better of him whilst he was at Oberon in recent weeks, and he is now recovering in hospital in Sydney. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him soon to hear more about the wonderful history of our 1890s end-platform carriages.

April Working Bee

To fit in around Easter, our April working bee dates have been locked in to the **14-20th April 2012.**

We will announce further working bee dates after the committee does a little planning later during the month. We appreciate that our volunteers need all the time we can give them to plan to come and help us – especially those of you who travel from afar. Hopefully we’ll have a few new faces at the April working bee so if you haven’t come along for a while, consider putting in an appearance in April.

Autumn Raffle

If you are interested in purchasing a few tickets in our current raffle which is drawn 5/4/12 (just before Easter). The winner has a choice of prizes – a Glider Experience flight over Bathurst, a beautiful framed limited edition print, or some Gulf Western Oil V8 Racewear package.

Tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5!

Contact our Secretary Kylie Moorhead if you would like us to send you out a few tickets. Phone 6336 0207 or email admin@othr.com.au.

Shed Update

Much of the March working bee was taken up by volunteers preparing the formwork for the shed foundations (pictured). Members attending our April working bee will be involved with assembling the steel framework and trusses, and installing iron sheeting on to the roof sections.



OTHR Membership

At the time of preparing this newsletter, our membership stands at a very healthy 282 members. It is very heartening for us to have so many of your show your interest and support of our heritage rail project. Your membership is an important contribution to us, and your renewals are now due.

There are several easy ways to pay your membership:

- Cut and fill out the form at the bottom and send with your cheque or money order
- Pay cash to the treasurer at our next meeting, or
- Pay with your credit card or Paypal online via our website.

Finally, a very big WELCOME to our new members who are receiving this newsletter for the first time. ☺

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If your contact details have changed, please provide your updated details below:

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Postal Address _____

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