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## March 2007 Newsletter

Many activities have taken place in our busy organization. Some highlights are listed below.

### Annual General Meeting

A well-attended AGM took place on 7<sup>th</sup> of March and the following committee members were elected for 2007:

*President:* Shane Moorhead (6336 1991)  
*Vice President:* Bill Muldoon  
*Secretary:* Margaret Conners (6336 1211)  
*Treasurer:* Marjorie Webb (6337 5835)  
*Track Manager:* Peter Culley (0427 042 448)  
*Systems Manger:* Matt McMahon  
*Publicity Officer:* Bob Conners  
*Project Officer:* Rick Fletcher  
*Assistant Project Officer:* Charles Hazlewood  
*Public Officer:* Margaret Conners

Congratulations to the above on their election and many thanks to all Committee Members for their dedicated contributions during 2006.

### Membership for 2007 is now due

At the February meeting members voted to increase the family membership fees to \$20.00 but fees for individuals, students and concession cardholders would remain at \$10.00.

Let's make 2007 a big membership year and aim for at least 200 family memberships. A membership form is enclosed for you to complete and post it with your payment to our Treasurer, Marjorie Webb (see address on form) as early as possible. If there are no changes to your details please just include your name and then mark the form "No changes" to save time. *Remember that donations to OTHR over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.*

### Progress on the Line

Both cattle stops located north and south of the tip road have almost been completed and are worth looking at for the quality of the restoration work. Further clearing of weeds and rubbish has taken place and we have laid the first replacement sleepers on the line at the Hazelgrove Station end.

### Working Bees – Full Steam Ahead!

We have to stoke up the boilers to put most of our efforts into sleeper laying back to Oberon. A condition of the development grant from Tourism Australia is that all sleepers must be laid between Hazelgrove and Oberon by the end of February '08.

This is quite a challenge but our dedicated volunteers are determined to meet it. Many thanks are due to Greg Noble and his RailCorp gang who demonstrated how to remove the original deteriorated sleepers and replace them with good ones. A great start has been made on the sleeper laying project from Hazelgrove and this will continue at each Saturday working bee.

### Key Working Bee Dates

- Friday working bees will continue during the year. Meet at the shipping container near Black Bullock Road at 4.00 p.m.

- Saturday Working Bees will take place on the **first and third Saturdays of each month.** Meet at Black Bullock Road (near the Hazelgrove siding) at 7.30 a.m.
- Week long Working Bees will take place on the following dates:
  - 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May inclusive
  - 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August inclusive
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November inclusive
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February inclusiveThe two weekends of those weeks are included.

What better way to spend your annual holidays than getting fit in the uplifting Oberon climate! We plan to organise a "fettlers' camp" for our volunteers. More details in our next newsletter.

**Remember** there are jobs for the fit and less than fit volunteers and many tasks do not require lifting.

### Great Community Support

OTHR is receiving strong and widespread support from the Oberon community. We thank the following for their recent assistance, particularly during the working bees: Oberon Council, Oberon Trash-Pak, Brian Nunan Fertilisers, Mawhood & Sons Supermarket, Ripple Spring Water, MCF Engineering, Thrifty-Link Hardware, Linfox, Oberon Pies & Pastries, the Rotary Club of Oberon, Moorhead Engineering and the Big Trout Motel which has made rooms available free of charge for out of town volunteers.

### Meeting Dates

Monthly meetings take place at the Oberon RSL Club on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. You are invited to join us.

*Bob Conners* – Publicity Officer