



November 2012 Newsletter

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Your **regular correspondent Col Bembrick** is away star-gazing once again and your OTHR Secretary is doing her best to fill the gap for this month's newsletter.

I'm not complaining too much though as we've had a pretty busy and exciting month with lots to report.

Next General Meeting:
Wednesday 7th November, 7.30pm
Oberon RSL Club

Guest Speaker – Michael Forbes, Zig Zag Railway

We are very pleased to welcome Michael Forbes, the Manager of the Zig Zag Railway as the guest speaker at our next general meeting, on Wednesday 7th November. OTHR can learn many lessons from Zig Zag's recent and ongoing experiences and is grateful to Michael for being willing to come and share them with us. All members are very welcome at our general meetings.

Our Thank You BBQ...

On Sunday 14/10/12 OTHR and the Oberon Heritage & Collectors Club held a thankyou BBQ for all the generous folks who help out with the OTHR project, and the Annual Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair event which is held in February each year in Oberon.

A great turnout was had with volunteers enjoying a sausage sizzle and a chat about the heritage items on display at OTHR, and the various vintage vehicles the OH&CC members rolled up in!



The three stooges (centre with hats on) - Jim Hawkes, Shane Moorhead and Peter Culley at the Volunteers BBQ

Many thanks to Jim & Lyndle Hawkes from the Oberon Heritage & Collector's Club for organising the event.

Handover of the Historic Railway Gates

An official moment was also taken on the same day as our BBQ (14/10) for the Oberon Correctional Centre and the Oberon Men's Shed to hand back to OTHR railway gates which were restored for OTHR. The gates were received by OTHR patron Paul Toole on behalf of OTHR.



(L-R) OTHR President Tim Arnison, OTHR Patron Paul Toole MP, Oberon Correctional Centre Manager Mark Kennedy, Ian Davis and John Boxer from the Oberon Men's Shed and Correctional Centre inmate Justin with the recently restored railway crossing gates.

The gates were originally sourced by OTHR member Graham Williams who came upon them at the railway yard in Thirlmere in south west Sydney. After enquiring about the gates he found they were on the list to be scrapped. While the exact date and locality the gates were originally installed is unknown, they are estimated to be at least 80-years-old. The gates are typical of the type of manually operated level crossing gates used all around NSW.

Originally Oberon Men's Shed took on the restoration project but decided to involve inmates from Oberon Correctional Centre as part of the Community Consultative Committees' development to maintain positive relationships with the local community. Members from Oberon Men's Shed worked with Justin and other inmates from the centre in the restoration project over a three month period.

Shed progress ..

Many thanks to everyone who attended our October working bee. It was one of the most well-attended in recent times and a terrific amount of progress was achieved. (We put it down to a great week of weather!)

The rolling stock shed is 'all-but-finished' with only the guttering and other minor work yet to be completed.



(Left) Peter Culley and Mel Marriot are all smiles declaring the shed 'all but finished' at the end of the working bee.

Great progress was also made in restoring the section of line (which originally ran to the turntable) into the shed. It is hoped that the next working bee will see this line completed and ready

to be inspected and signed out ready for the carriages to be moved into the shed.



Some great 'aerial' photos were taken by Peter Culley showing the Oberon Yard area and the progress of the line into the shed.

Looking northward from the station towards the newly completed rolling stock shed.



Roger, Bob and Arthur working at 'the end of the line'.

Our final working bee for 2012 will be held
10-16th November

Contact **Peter Culley 0427 042 448**
to let him to know if you can make it.

Membership Reminder .. \$15 per person.

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Drawn: 5th December 2012

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