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September 2006 Newsletter

September is Daffodil Festival time in Oberon and we have planned a number of activities to publicise our organisation and to attract interest in the restoration work we are carrying out on the line between the Oberon Station and the Hazelgrove siding. We need as many members as possible to help us on both Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, 24th September.

Saturday, 23rd September

Come and visit our information stall which will be set up at 8.30 a.m. in the car park of Spark Electrical in the main street of Oberon (opposite Thrifty-Link Hardware store). We will be selling our OTHR notepads (only \$1.00 each), tickets in our raffle which will be drawn on 28th October and we hope to attract new members to join OTHR.

A photographic display will also be put together showing some of the line's history as well as our recent restoration work on the line.

Please let me know if you can help us out, even for just an hour on the information stall on that day.

A bus has been arranged by OTHR to take visitors on a conducted tour to view various interesting aspects of the railway track between the Oberon Station and Hazelgrove. The bus will leave from near our information stall every hour starting at 10.15 a.m.

Sunday, 24th September

Our next working bee will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday morning with a toolbox meeting in the carpark opposite the trucking yards. We hope as many members as possible will be helping to "fly the flag" at the working bee to show visitors to Oberon what an enthusiastic organisation OTHR is.

Please bring the usual working clothes, hat, leather gloves and safety boots. If any member took home a safety vest from the last working bee, would you please bring the vest to the working bee or return it to Bill Muldoon at Thrifty-Link Hardware.

Jobs planned for this working session include painting culverts and signs (please bring a paintbrush if you would like to paint) and cleaning and lubricating fish plates (you will need a wire brush for this task).

An induction of new members in the compulsory safety training course will be conducted in the carpark by Matt McMahon at 9.00 a.m. If you would like to undertake the course please let me know so that Matt will have the correct number of course documents prepared. A pen is necessary and I suggest that you bring a folding chair for comfort.

Because of the heavy workload for our main organisers over the weekend we ask volunteers to bring their own picnic lunch to the working bee on this occasion.

Call for donations for the Hamper Prize for the Raffle

The second prize in the raffle is a hamper of goodies. We want to make it a very attractive one and have it on show at the Daffodil Festival. Please help out by donating at least one item for the basket. Donations can be left at Bill Muldoon's Thrifty-Link Hardware Store.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th October at 7.30 p.m. in the old dining room of the Oberon RSL Club.

We look forward to seeing you at the Daffodil Festival and ask for your support.



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