



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held on Wednesday 1st October 2014 at
7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club**

1 Call to Order

Present Tim Arnison (Chair), Greg Bourne, Jim Hawkes, Col Bembrick, Elaine Boxer,
John Brotchie, Graham Williams, Ian Davis, Peter Culley, Glenda Bembrick,
Marjorie Webb, Richard Webb, Doug Booker

2 Minute Secretary: Lyndle Hawkes

Apologies Elizabeth Brotchie, Kylie Moorhead, Arthur Robinson

3 Minutes from Previous Minutes

Discussion: The minutes of the annual general meeting held on 2nd October 2013 were
distributed and read.

Resolution: *That the minutes from the previous annual general meeting as tabled be accepted
as true and proper.*

Moved: Peter Culley, Seconded: Ian Davis, Carried

4 Committee Reports

4.1 President's Report

- Discussion: This past year OTHR have had many positive things occur and some, also, on the minus side.
- The rolling stock shed was finished , power connected and two American Suburban carriages moved into the shed, out of the weather.
 - On a very wet 1st March 2014 the shed was officially opened.
 - The flush toilet in the Station building was installed
 - A combined social evening with Oberon Rotary was held inside the rolling stock shed with a screening of Baz Luhrmann's film "The Great Gatsby" which featured our American Suburban carriages.
 - In February 2014 the Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair gave OTHR an opportunity to open the gates to the public for a weekend.
 - During the year rail and points sets were collected from Coolah with the help of volunteers. Some of the points and rail are now being used to build a second road into the rolling stock shed.
 - With the assistance of JHR and Henry Transport heavy rail for the level crossings was collected from Wallerawang.
 - More recently, 3 items of rolling stock were brought to Oberon from Bathurst. Two of these items need extensive restoration.
 - OTHR Heritage Rail Display is now open to the public on the first Saturday of each month – manned by volunteers from 10am-2pm in an effort to raise OTHR's profile in the community and region.
 - OTHR committee has been very involved with SMS documents, reviewing some risk assessments at general meetings. The SMS document system, which was originally written some years ago comprises many documents that are not relevant to the work being carried out now. In August, after advice from and consultation with ONRSR staff, OTHR voluntarily agreed to "suspend railway operations". That means no wheels to move on rails – until SMS documentation is relevant to the work now being carried out by OTHR , then documentation can develop thereafter.
 - OTHR have hired a consultant to help with SMS documents
 - During the year, there have been no reports of injuries.
 - On the other side of the ledger, the number of volunteers attending working bees has declined.
 - Long time OTHR member Kylie Moorhead has had to step down from her active role with OTHR, while Peter Culley relinquished his role as Track Manager. Both members have been involved with OTHR since the beginning and have achieved an enormous amount in their respective areas. Thank you to both, and we hope to continue to see you around.
 - OTHR are still having difficulties negotiating with Oberon Museum for access to Oberon Station meter box, an important requirement for the electricity provider to furnish us with accurate electricity bills!

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Discussion: See attached Annual Financial Report

Resolution: *Motion : That the Annual Financial Report be adopted as a true and accurate record of the association*

Moved: Tim Arnison, Seconded : Marjorie Webb Carried

Motion : That in the opinion of the Committee of Management Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc is able to pay its debts as and when they fall due

Moved : Tim Arnison, Seconded : Ian Davis Carried

5 **Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members**

Discussion: Standing orders were suspended at this point in the proceedings and the election of officers was carried out in accordance with the organisation's rules of association. Jim Hawkes took the Chair and declared vacant all the positions in the Committee of Management.

The following members were subsequently elected as Executive Officers and Committee of Management members for the forthcoming twelve months.

Executive Officers

<u>President</u>	Tim Arnison
<u>Vice President</u>	No nominations
<u>Secretary</u>	Elaine Boxer
<u>Treasurer</u>	John Brotchie

Ordinary Committee of Management Members

Track Manager	Graham Williams
Website/social media	Greg Bourne
Website/SMS	Ian Davis
Minutes secretary	Lyndle Hawkes
OTHR public profile	David McMurray
Publicity/Editor	Col Bembrick

- 6 **Meeting Closed** There being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed at 7.50pm. The next Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club**
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