



# April 2011 Newsletter

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*May monthly meeting - Wed 4th  
at 7.30pm at the Oberon RSL Club.*



The new OTHR Committee of Management, elected at the AGM. (l to r) Graham Parker, Marjorie Webb, Tim Arnison, Bill Muldoon, Ian Davis, Peter Culley and Kylie Moorhead.

The AGM and elections remind us all that Membership **FEES** are now due – they remain at \$15 per person and may be paid by cheque, EFT or by credit card/PayPal via the website.

## **Around the traps...**

Frame B – the points levers at the northern end of the station platform – have now been completely re-conditioned and re-assembled. A points indicator unit has been re-furbished and is ready for installation.

Preparations are in hand to move the two locos to the line next to the platform. One of the locos needs a new set of batteries and various options are being explored.

The plans for the big rolling stock shed are drawn up and will be presented to the Oberon Council very shortly.

Quotes for the shed erection will soon be in hand.

The scrap metal drive was a great success – thanks to all who participated.

## **Appeal from the Editor**

The Newsletter Editor would like to invite all those who receive the Newsletter by post to consider switching to email if at all possible. This will be a considerable saving of postal costs for OTHR – and you will receive your newsletter promptly and in colour! **Notify the editor!**

## **Next Working Bee – End April**

### **Working Bee Dates for 2011**

<b>Apr/May</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>June</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>July:</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>August:</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>September:</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>October:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>November:</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>December:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup></b>

## **Workbee Accommodation Needed!**

Some local OTHR members have volunteered their spare accommodation for out of town members during workbee times. Would members who are able to billet workers during the working bee periods please make contact with Laurie Evans to let him know. If you need accommodation please let Laurie Evans know as soon as possible (preferably the Wed before the working bee) if you require accommodation - Ph 6336 1254.

## **Workbee Catering**

Any OTHR member who can donate food items for the hungry fettlers of the working bee crew is asked to contact Lynette Ireland on 0428 490 809, prior to the working bee. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and will help OTHR conserve some precious funds.

## Profile – Kylie Moorhead, Secretary

Born and educated in Oberon, Kylie's family origins go back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet and her family has been living at Duckmaloi literally since the early convict days. Kylie ventured as far as Bathurst to obtain a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) at Charles Sturt Uni. and then took up an accounting position at Jenolan Caves House, later moving to Tip Top Bakeries in Orange.

Returning to Oberon, Kylie married Shane in 2002 and is currently the proud mother of two children, aged 5 and 2. She is now deeply involved in the accounting side of Shane's varied engineering businesses in both Oberon and Bathurst.

Following Shane's lead, Kylie has become involved in many local volunteer groups, including the Bushfire Brigade, Bathurst Aero Club, Fish River Sailing Club, Oberon Children's Centre Committee and the local P&C. Kylie has been working behind the scenes for OTHR for quite some time, preparing financial reports and Sleeper Club records and she is now contributing to the website updating in addition to her Secretarial duties.

OTHR is indeed fortunate that Kylie has found time to take on the many and various duties involved in the Secretary's position. We wish her the best of luck. (See Kylie's photo on the front page).

## Steam & Vintage Fair Funds to OTHR



New OTHR President Tim Arnison (left) looks a picture of happiness as he receives a cheque for \$1711 from Oberon Heritage & Collectors Club President, Jim Hawkes. This was the share of the gate takings from the highly successful Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair, which was a joint effort by OH&CC and OTHR. The combined displays seemed to work extremely well over the two days (in spite of the weather) and it is anticipated that future events will be organised in a similar fashion. Who knows, by that time next year OTHR may even have some trains running!

## Video of NSW Railways

Railway enthusiast Peter Loechel has donated a video which includes a segment of trains operating out of Oberon station. This video had been transposed to DVD and is now being edited by new member Jess Frith. Many thank to both Peter and Jess.

## Level Crossing Gates

A set of level crossing gates acquired by member Graham Williams has been donated to OTHR – many thanks Graham. These gates will now be fully restored by the Oberon Men's Shed group – thanks guys.

The Oberon Council is now the process of acquiring materials for re-instating the level crossings and a planning meeting has been scheduled between the Council and ITSRR. OTHR will be actively involved in this process and will report on the progress as and when we have further news.

## Conservation Proceeds Apace

Conservation Volunteers Australia have now organised a group of 5 willing volunteers to assist OTHR in restoring S truck 14201. This is one of the better condition S trucks we have at Oberon Station. These volunteers are now rolling up on Wednesday and Friday to work on the project. This team will be ably supervised by OTHR Track Manager Peter Culley. We now look forward to seeing how the work develops – keep watching this space for progress photos.



## Rotary dinner donation

Following the highly successful dinner in the heritage carriages at Oberon station, OTHR was most grateful to receive a donation of \$250 from the local Rotary group. This may well set a precedent for future events of this type.

## Additions to OTHR's website –

Our website is slowly evolving as more features are added. The site now has more historic documents and photos, as well as photos and slide shows of recent events. The latest addition to the Historic Documents section is the Oberon yard diagram – circa 1965. If you have not visited for a while, please check it out.

**NB:** Please send suggestions and material to incorporate in the Newsletter to Col at... [taranaob@activ8.net.au](mailto:taranaob@activ8.net.au) Please put *OTHR Newsletter* in the subject line – so your e-mail will not be deleted!