



History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. August 2022



OTHR Catering Crew

Left to Right: Mike O'Kane, Events Manager, Elaine Boxer, Catering Manager and Jess Clark, Catering Volunteer.

Photo Janine Sharp.

**OTHR Membership Fee 2022/2023 now due.
Renewal form page 24 of this Newsletter**

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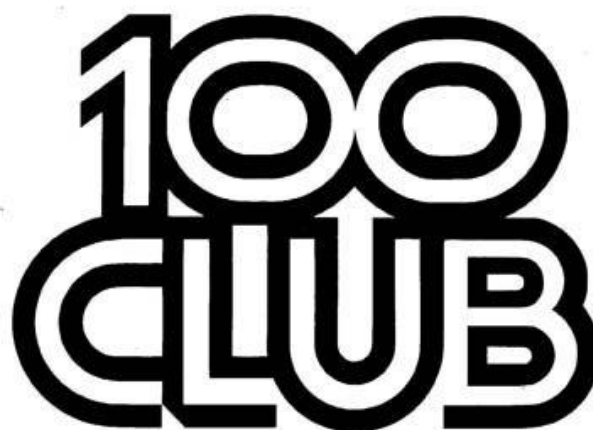
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Your chance to win \$1,000.00

See page 25



The OTHR Great Railway Ball is coming

Finally, after what must seem a lifetime to everyone involved, OTHR is closer than ever to seeing a train running on our line to Hazelgrove. With this in mind and with Spring on the way we have decided it's time to celebrate.

Dig out your glad rags, polish up your dancing shoes and come and join in the celebrations at The Great Railway Ball at the Malachai Gilmore Hall in Oberon.

\$80 PP includes a 3-course meal and complementary glass of Bubbles on arrival. The Malachai has its own licensed bar for further alcoholic purchases, and we have a great band to help you dance the night away.

You can book a table for 8 people, or you can book a seat at a table. You can book via our website www.othr.com.au or you can simply reply to this email with a booking request, and we will get back to you with payment details.

President's Message

My report to the committee on Wednesday had the following points. If we would like to have a tourist train running by Easter 2023. There is more to do than restore the track. We must also ensure the following are completed

ONRSR Variation to Accreditation Rail Transport Operator.

We need to continue the good work that has been done in recent times especially by Michael Lane. He and Mick Sanders reviewed the Level Crossing situation in recent times. As a group we need to follow up the application for a variation to a Rail Transport Operator.

Successful Certification of Rolling Stock

- End platform cars
- Locomotives
- Track Maintenance Vehicles

Review of the Organisation Chart

- We need to ensure that all bases are covered for train movements.

This newsletter has a very good photographic record of the work already completed by CAM. They have had days off after an 8 day shift. They will be back in Oberon from Monday 1st August.

You will notice on page 7 that I will be giving a special presentation of my time in East Timor. I lived and worked there for an extended period of time in 2004 2005 and 2006.

There is a lot of hard work to be completed between now and Christmas. If you can help in any capacity give me a call.

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Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.
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Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. Mission Statement

To be an accredited rail operator to run a tourist train from Oberon station to Tarana station on the main western line. This would allow for tourists to ride a heritage train along the Oberon Tarana branch line which was also known as the pioneer line.

Further, the running of this train would generate tourist related jobs in the Oberon area and give residents in the Oberon/Bathurst area an opportunity by volunteering at OTHR to enhance e rail heritage in the local area.

Network with other rail heritage groups and museums at Valley Heights, Lithgow, Zig Zag, Bathurst, and Cowra to form a Heritage Railway partnership to prioritise and promote the area as a Railway Tourist Precinct

Important contacts

- Mail: PO Box 299 Oberon NSW 2787
- Email: admin@othr.com.au
- Website: www.othr.com.au
- Facebook: www.facebook/OTHR.Inc

Editor's thoughts



It was a cold and frosty start to work on the line by contractors CAM.

Like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of OTHR.

Last month saw so much activity on the Oberon branch line.

Our contractors, CAM, Complete Asset Management, have almost completed the re-sleepering of the line all the way to Hazelgrove and will be shortly moving on to other tasks to bring the line back to life.

We are on schedule and unless the weather gods aren't kind, the contract should be completed by about the end of October.

OTHR's Grand Poo-Bah is thinking that a train could be running to Hazelgrove by around Easter 2023.

Refurbishment of one of our Locomotives together with one End Platform Carriage should be complete by end October.

We had a remarkably successful Outside Broadcast by 107.5 FM based in Orange NSW and the interviews conducted during the morning will be turned into Podcasts shortly so everyone can catch up.

OTHR Committee has announced its first annual Ball to be held in the heritage listed Malachai Gilmore Hall in the centre of Oberon in October.

For the motoring enthusiasts amongst us, another Cars and Coffee event will be held, most likely in November.

And just as you think there's nothing more, we have a fabulous give away on the go.

Details of everything are contained in this news-busting Newsletter.

My quote for August has nothing to do with what I just mentioned; it's just that I wanted to say it:

"When I die, I want to go like Grandpa.... peacefully.... sleeping.... not screaming like the passengers in his car...."

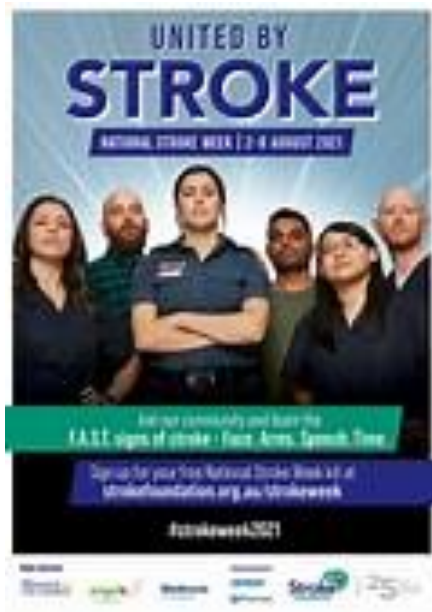


New sleepers in and screwed at Hazelgrove



*Sleeper stack
Just North of Rutters Ridge Road*

Photo Janine Sharp



August is Stroke awareness month. The aim is to educate everyone on learning to spot signs of stroke and what to do. Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway supports stroke awareness particularly among our older readers, but it can happen to anyone. There is a simple way to recognise symptoms of a stroke if you or someone near to you suffers one.

Learn the F.A.S.T. signs of stroke:

- Face:** drooped
- Arms:** can't be raised
- Speech:** slurred or confused
- Time:** is critical to call 000

Learn these signs and you are on your way to save someone's life, who knows the life you save could be your own.



Moving ahead at a rapid rate

CAM on the job.

Monday 27th June saw the official start of the Complete Asset Management (CAM) contract to rebuild/refurbish the Oberon Branch Line from Oberon to Hazelgrove.

Unfortunately, Oberon's weather Gods saw things differently and rained down like you wouldn't believe.

Work was therefore delayed until the following Monday 4th July and despite the very frosty and crisp start, work got underway in earnest.

By week's end most of the 5.6K section being Stage 1 was mostly re-sleepered.

This work is only the beginning of the reconstruction with weeks of work still to be completed.

Level crossing and culverts etc are in the firing line of the construction workers from CAM.

Our Official Photographer, Janine Sharp, is documenting all progress and you can follow her photographic progress on the OTHR Facebook page.



Similar area to photo at left but taken in the morning depicting the heavy cover of frost on the work site

Photo Janine Sharp.



*Some of the machinery working on the track
Photo Janine Sharp.*



Old sleepers removed from the track and stacked.”



*Hard at it! Progress has been made.
Photo Janine Sharp.*

A month or so ago we alluded rather cryptically to an event happening in the future. The announcement is the Great Railway Ball

It seems that interest is high, and spaces are filling quickly. Please indicate your intention as soon as you can.



Choosing a timber for road 3

General Meeting



Reserve the date Wednesday 3rd August 2022.

**Oberon RSL, Dudley Street, Oberon
7.30 pm**

Updates on Oberon to Hazelgrove to line restoration

As well as

President Greg Bourne will be giving a special presentation of his time in East Timor.

100 CLUB

**Your chance to win
\$1,000.00**

You can win \$1,000.00 by investing in our fund raising with a chance to win.

The draw is open to all readers of this Newsletter

A simple way for you to invest to help secure our future.

It works this way:

- Purchase a ticket for \$20.00
- There are only 100 tickets sold.
- When all 100 tickets are sold, we will draw one ticket with your chance to win \$1,000.00
- Simply fill in the entry form that is located at the end of this newsletter, email it to us (or in need post it) and bank your funds to our bank account, detailed in the form.
- Reference your name in the banking details. **This is particularly important.**
- Once we match your entry form with your deposit, we will issue a ticket in your name and email it back to you.
- If you win, we will email you and publish your name in the next available newsletter.
- We will ask for your banking details at that point and direct credit your win.

OTHR Committee's draw will be final, and we won't accept any further claim.

This is a wonderful way to support the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc and at the same time have a 1 in 100 chance to win \$1,000.00.

The plan is to run 100 Clubs regularly, so the chance to win will be on-going.
We have checked with all States and Territories in Australia and have been cleared to run the 100 Club, no matter where you live.

The second OTHR 100 Club is now underway. Get your ticket/s now.

Application form is at the end of this newsletter



OBERON

More than you imagine



Track work underway with the walking track beside.

**Win A Double Pass
To see
“The Railway Children
Return”
In Cinemas September 15**



Inspired by one of the most beloved British family films of all time, *THE RAILWAY CHILDREN RETURN* is an enchanting, moving and heart-warming adventure for a new generation.

The story follows a group of children who are evacuated to a Yorkshire village during the Second World War, where they encounter a young soldier who, like them, is far from home.

It hits cinemas September 15.
Classification PG.

And to celebrate the restoration of the Oberon to Hazelgrove Railway Line and the film's release, **STUDIOCANAL** and Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is giving away 5 double passes (**T/Cs apply*)

To have a chance at winning a double pass, simply send your details including your name, address, phone number and email address to admin@othr.com.au by **31st August 2022**

Your details will be entered into a draw for your chance to win a double pass to this delightful film starring Jenny Agutter, Sheriden Smith, Austin Haynes, KJ Atkins with Beau Gadsen, Eden Hamilton, and Zac Cudby.

We'll notify and post the passes to the 5 lucky winners.

**Terms and Conditions printed on the back of the ticket.*

Short Term Goals

A new range of goals to be achieved as soon as possible follows:

Immediate:

- **Continue the fit for use certification on the two locomotives and end platform cars.**
- **Vegetation Control in the Oberon yard and rail corridor to Hazelgrove.**

Ongoing to January 2023

Reconstruct and have the Oberon to Hazelgrove section of track certified.

Complete the process of ensuring the two locomotives and end platform cars are certified fit for use.

Apply for variation of existing accreditation to become a Rail Transport Operator Oberon to Hazelgrove.

Implement the completed review of SMS and Operational Procedures documents.

107.5 FM Outside Broadcast a success.

Despite a typical wintery morning with howling winds, driving rain, almost 0c and a glitch with the live stream, the broadcast was deemed to be a success with many compliments passing our way.

107.5 FM is Orange NSW based and is run entirely by volunteers. Chair of the station Amanda Spalding and Secretary Darrell Hair, themselves volunteers presented about three hours of railway music, interviews, and fun.



Whilst the show revolved around OTHR, Mayor Mark Kellam, local businessman Tim Salmon from Down to Earth Produce, Bill Wilcox from the Oberon RSL Sub-Branch Military Museum and Peter Bowditch, Reporter for the local Oberon Review spoke about Oberon, their business interests and of course the Military Museum.

Volunteers from OTHR each spoke about their area of expertise.

Interviewees from OTHR included Greg Bourne, President, Michael Clark, HS36 restoration manager, Mark Handel, Rolling Stock Manager and Track Manager, Nathan O'Regan, volunteer, Mike O'Kane, Events Manager and Elaine Boxer, Catering Manager. For those readers who listened to the broadcast, it was a wonderful insight into what OTHR is trying to achieve and of Oberon itself.

107.5 FM will be turning the interviews into podcasts so, you will be able to listen to them at leisure.

OTHR congratulates 107.5 FM and its volunteers in their endeavour to make a wonderful community radio station even better.

We hope to host them again sometime in the future...perhaps when the train is track.

President Greg live to air with presenter Darrell Hair.



Manager Restoration HS36 Michael Clark speaks with Darrell Hair



Presenter Amanda Spalding interviewing Events Manager Mike O'Kane and Catering Manager Elaine Boxer



Mayor Mark Kellam enjoys a chat about Oberon with Darrell Hair and Amanda Spalding.



Couple of delighted customers

Open Day 2nd July

While the Outside Broadcast was underway, OTHR was also hosting its monthly Open Day.

Saturday morning weather was ordinary, but a few brave souls made it onto the station to support us with the project.

The majority took advantage of the Carriage Café and enjoyed a fantastic Devonshire Tea. What more could you want on a cold and rainy day.

An unexpected visitor in the form of one of our co-patrons, i.e. Paul Toole, Deputy Premier of NSW called in. "I was in the area, and I thought I'd call in to see how the railway project was progressing" he said.

How wonderful to see you, Paul. You can be like Paul and call in on any of our Open Days (first Saturday of every month), enjoy some friendly banter, look over all aspects of the Railway, stop in for morning tea and purchase some merchandise or buy a 100 Club Raffle ticket.



Paul Toole Member for Bathurst, Deputy Premier, Leader of NW Nationals, Minister for Police together with John Brotchie (left) Treasurer, OTHR.



Some of OTHR volunteers at the July Open Day. (Left to right) Dave McMurray, Secretary, Paul Toole Co-Patron, Elaine Boxer, Catering Manager and Mike O'Kane, Events Manager.

Restoration of carriages and locomotives continues.

Both Michael Clark and Mark Handel continue to work on the refurbishment of the End Platform Carriages and one of the locomotives with the help of Nathan O'Regan and others.

The plan is to have one of the carriages and the locomotive certified as "fit for purpose" by the end of October 2022.

Michael's work was recently featured in a news report by Channel 7 Orange, also featuring the start of the railway track to Hazelgrove. The report can be seen on the OTHR Facebook page.



Michael Clark with a newly built headstock being refitted to the End Platform Carriage.

Oberon Branch Line Centenary.

It's a little over a year 'til the Oberon to Tarana branch line turns 100 years on 3rd October 2023. What an exciting time to celebrate and your committee is starting the planning process.

This is an ideal opportunity for all members to get involved. What ideas do you have?

Contact the committee at admin@othr.com.au. We'll consider everything.



Attention Events Directors! Should your Association...

be planning a road trip to Oberon in the next couple of months, be aware that our Carriage Café will be out of service for essential servicing and maintenance.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc still offers alternative and interesting venues within the Station precinct.

Contact Dave McMurray on 0408 606 889 or admin@othr.com.au to discuss your proposed visit and discover other delightful places to visit when in Oberon NSW.

There's more than you imagine!

OTHR Events Calendar 2022

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc is entering the next phase of operations.

Your committee is filling the calendar quickly and this will assist you in making decisions to visit the Oberon Station Precinct.

There is always capacity for your club, association, or you to visit the Oberon Station Precinct and surrounds. We can put together a remarkably interesting event for a group that will leave you in awe of Oberon activities and big toys for boys.

Our initial contact is: admin@othr.com.au or tourism@oberon.nsw.gov.au

Events during August are:

- Open Day Saturday 6th August 2022.

Keep an eye on this column for future events or book yours now, you won't be disappointed.



Will this seat the part of your destination soon?

Marriage at the Railway.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. offers the quite different Oberon Precinct as a venue for weddings and other photo or filming opportunities.

Should marriage be in the offing, or you know a relative or friend who is about to marry, OTHR is offering a unique venue for that exclusive wedding photo that you will treasure for all time.

You have the choice of the Oberon Station or the Station and Train.

Enquiries can be made at: admin@othr.com.au

Hiring fees are incredibly competitive.



You could be the wedding couple with Oberon Station Precinct as a backdrop.

Want to volunteer but don't know how to go about it?

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is a volunteer group working to bring a major tourist attraction on-line later in 2022 or early 2023.

We are looking for motivated people to work in a volunteer capacity in all sorts of occupations. You don't need to know about railways; just have a desire to serve a community by volunteering your skills with an enthusiastic group of other volunteers.

If you have skills in Catering, Cleaning, Accounting, Business Administration, Computers, I.T., Carpentry, Cabinet Making Diesel Mechanics, Fettleing, General labouring, Interpersonal Skills or any other vocation, and can take directions and work with a team, then OTHR wants you.

Be a part of potentially a great tourist attraction for the Central Tablelands/Central West and NSW.

Find out what it takes to become a valued volunteer working with an experienced and enthusiastic team.



A fine group of volunteers. (left to right) Mark Handel, Greg Bourne, Nathan O'Regan.

Our Code

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. (OTHR) is a not for profit, member-based organisation. We have a responsibility to strive to make informed, consistent, and ethical decisions.

Our code is a public statement that OTHR is committed to doing the right things the right way. Our code applies to all OTHR committee members and members. We are proud of our culture, and understand it is continually shaped by the behaviours and attitudes demonstrated on a day-to-day basis by all our people.

Our code includes references to relevant OTHR requirements (OTHR policies and procedures) and other helpful tools and resources.

No code of conduct can ever cover every situation, OTHR relies on you to use sound judgement and speak up when you have questions or concerns.

All committee members, members, volunteers, and employees of OTHR are representatives of OTHR and are expected to act responsibly and professionally.

As a representative of OTHR, you are expected to act in the best interests of OTHR and to conduct yourself in a manner that does not discredit:

- An individual team member, having regard to their position held within OTHR, or
- The reputation of OTHR.

Whenever there is conflict or a difference between an applicable legal requirement and Our Code, you must apply the strictest standard.

Our partners, and third parties, can also have a direct impact on the reputation of OTHR through their behaviours and actions. For this reason, we want to work with our partners to ensure that they share our commitment to safety, ethics and compliance.

We also expect and encourage all our contractors and their employees to act in a way that is consistent with Our Code. We will take appropriate measures where we believe they have not met our expectations or their contractual obligations.



Looking down the line

Important Information.

Help us bring our heritage railway to life by becoming a financial member of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

Membership of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is a valuable way you can contribute to our vision. Individual annual membership costs \$40.00 per year from 1st July 2021 and new members are welcomed at any time during the year.

Membership is required to cover insurance for any volunteer work you can contribute.

Membership is due at the end of June annually.

Refer to OTHR website to download an application or see the application form at the end of this Newsletter.



Even when the skies are gloomy and grey, we are open.

Volunteers Wanted.

If you are a Mechanic or Apprentice Mechanic with some experience, have time to volunteer a couple of hours every now and then and can see yourself in this roll, then call Greg Bourne.

Greg is President of OTHR and would love to have a chat about you volunteering on a great railway project.

Call him now on 0437 389 684 or email admin@other.com.au

About Oberon.....

Oberon is well into Winter. The Winter Solstice has passed but the days are still short, and the nights are distinctly chilly. Oberon has experienced its coldest period for a long time.

Nevertheless, Oberon always has something on the go and great events that will be sure to impress City Slickers and Country Hicks alike.

This month we present:

- 6th August Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc Open Day.
- Oberon Museum every Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday.
- Skoda & Tatra Register Museum 6th August.
- Oberon RSL Subbranch Military Museum every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.
- Oberon Community and Farmers Winter Markets. 6th August.
- 13th August Malachai Nights presents Colin Buchanan "In Real Life Tour"
- 20th August 62nd Burruga Sheep Show and Country Fair
- 28th August Tarana Community Farmers Markets.

Come and check us out, say "G'Day" to the locals and we'll certainly extend the hand of friendship.

For the latest in what's happening check with the knowledgeable girls at the Oberon Visitor Information Centre.

Oberon is always welcoming of groups of all genres.

Some of the recent visitors to the Oberon Station Precinct have been:

- Cars and Coffee
- Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia.
- Private visit from a Dubbo group
- Probus Club of Tomaree, NSW
- Packard Automobile Club of Australia Inc.
- The Winter Lunch
- 107.5 FM Orange radio station outside broadcast.

Museums in Oberon?

Another fascinating museum in Oberon is the Oberon and District Museum. Located adjacent to OTHR and established in 1989, it

holds an interesting and varied collection of artifacts and memorabilia.

Displays include a 3D model of Oberon township as it was in the 1930s, A blacksmiths shed, old farming equipment, a forestry and timber display and an 1887 era timber cottage with furniture, plus a vast collection of historic photos.

Oberon and District Museum is being refurbished with all displays in modern facilities. The volunteers are active and have a workshop where historic items are restored.

Oberon and District Museum can be added to your visit when you come to the station.



Oberon has an enthusiastic team available help you plan an action-packed itinerary, whether it is for a day or a week.

Contact the girls at the Oberon Visitor Information Centre on 02 6329 8210 or Dave McMurray from OTHR on 0408 606 889 to discover the possibilities.

Oberon, the perfect place to base yourself for a day, a few days, or a week!

Oberon is just two hours from Sydney's Western Suburbs, two and a half hours from Canberra, and an easy and lovely drive from Dubbo as well as the Hunter Valley.

One thing's for sure, you will be more than welcome in Oberon! There is a team of friendly locals here to help. Contact us any time to discuss.

Did you know....

That on Open Days OTHR has a pop-up café in one of the carriages at the station.

Come along and try our scrumptious scones, mouth-watering cakes with tea or coffee. Our café staff would love to look after you. \$15.00 pp gets you entry to the station precinct and morning tea, children (under 18) \$10.00 pp.

Yet another good reason to come along and see what the railway folk are doing at the station.



*Some of OTHR's merchandise.
This is a fundraiser for OTHR and at the same
time gives you a memento of a great project.
Got yours yet?
An order form is at the end of this newsletter.*

Monthly Open Days.

**Are held on the first Saturday of the month.
Next Open Day Saturday 6th August 2022**

We need volunteers for Open Days. Volunteers will meet and greet visitors, show them through the displays and try to answer any questions. All that's required is a broad knowledge of OTHR history and an ability to talk with people. The work is rewarding and fun. Great friendships can form at these days.

Some changes have been made, with the establishment of a professional though small railway interpretive display. An entry fee of \$5.00pp (children under 18 free), and a pop-up café serving Devonshire Teas for an additional \$10.00 pp.

The result has seen a significant increase in visitors comprising locals and tourists. Your committee is also actively advertising for group visits, and we are providing a railway experience bar none.

Groups are starting to line up and results so far have been encouraging. If you are a member of another group, say a car club or Rotary or Probus or a gardening club, etc. and that group is looking for an excursion, please suggest they book a group visit to Oberon Station.

Admission \$5.00 pp (children under 18 free),
Devonshire Tea \$10.00 pp.

Oberon District Museum \$5 pp.

Skoda and Tatra Museum entry by way of a donation.

For group visits, see <http://other.com.au> for contact details.

Event Organisers....

There's so much to do in Oberon and surrounds.

When puzzling about where your next extended run should go, give Oberon a thought.

Located in the New South Wales Central Tablelands and about 180K from Sydney, Oberon punches above its weight when it comes to attractions and points of interest.

Apart from the Oberon Heritage Station Precinct now hitting its straps, there are another four interesting museums covering all sorts of genres and each guaranteed to please your members, the stunning Mayfield Garden close to town and another small but

spectacular garden located in town open subject to seasons.

Jenolan Caves is now only accessed via Oberon and advice concerning access should be sought from either Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc or the Oberon Visitor Information Centre.

There is Oberon's fantastic park in the town centre, "The Common" and Lake Oberon just a couple of kilometres out of town; both have sites suitable for a display as does the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. All sites have inviting and varied backdrops.

Runs are catered for with the Oberon Visitor Information Centre having produced a series of maps of our back roads and range from approx. 30Ks to 300Ks starting and finishing in Oberon and all on sealed roads.

Accommodation is no problem for small groups up to say 60, but for larger groups advice should be sought from Oberon's Visitor Information Centre. Good food is available ranging from traditional Café style or Pub Food through to Bistro style or even an upmarket restaurant at Jenolan Caves. There are fabulous country pubs and cafes scattered throughout the district at places like Tarana, Hampton, and Rockley.

Discuss partaking in the famous OTHR gourmet "Fettler's Lunch" or morning tea in the pop-up Carriage Café. OTHR caters to groups from 10 upwards for a meal in a unique "olde worlde" setting.

As Oberon is situated mid-way on "The Tablelands Way" cities and towns such as Goulburn, Crookwell, Taralga, Bathurst, Orange, Sofala, Rylstone, and Mudgee, are within an easy day's drive even allowing for site-seeing along the way.

Have a chat to Dave McMurray from OTHR on 0408 606 889 first up to find out how you can plan a few days or a week in Oberon.

Sleeper Club



Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc's Sleeper Club is a wonderful way of contributing to the rebuilding of our great project.

When investing in a sleeper you'll receive a Certificate noting your purchase and this can make a wonderful and unique gift for any rail buff, your family, or friends. A great idea for Birthdays, a Special Event or even Christmas.

An investment is \$100 per new sleeper.
Get yours now!

Working Bees.

We will be trying to have at least one weekday and each Saturday throughout the year. Keep an eye on the website or OTHR Facebook page for up-to-date information. If you are not a regular participant, please make contact – details at other.com.au

Personal Protective Equipment must be worn.

Current membership is a necessity to ensure insurance compliance.

Contact Greg Bourne, President.
Email: admin@other.com.au Mobile 0437 389 684

We are always on the lookout for volunteers for working bees.

Volunteers are required to participate in allocated tasks.

Not all work is onerous and can be as little or as much as you can put in. There is a job for everyone.

You don't have to attend every working bee, just the ones that fit in your timeframe.

You will take away experiences from your time at Oberon.

Some of the benefits of volunteering are:

- **Developing new skills**
- **Meeting new people**
- **Assisting with a meaningful and important cause**
- **Contributing to the community**
- **A sense of belonging.**

Welcome New Members.

OTHR is always looking for new members. Interested in railways or the Oberon to Tarana railway track, why not give your support by becoming a member?

Not So Well

If anyone hears about any member on the sick list, please let the editor know via President Greg so we can send get well wishes on behalf of the association.

Remembering

Let us know of the passing of any of our members so we can acknowledge them appropriately.

Contact President Greg with all details.

Say Whaaat???

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on a head"

The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron." the other says "Are you sure?" the first replies "Yes, I'm positive"



Oberon Station Precinct and Train are for hire for photo shoots and films.

Whether it's a wedding, school formal, family reunions, settings for filming or any occasion, send a message to admin@othr.com.au with your enquiry.

Our rates are extremely competitive

Sponsors

Seeking funding continues to be one of your committee's priorities.

Sponsorships are an especially important part of the funding of our activities. It matters not whether a person or company contributes cash or kind, each will be considered as a sponsorship. The reason is that any person or company that contributes in kind is helping us in as much as we don't have to pay for those services and the sponsor is foregoing income. The committee needs to seek cash sponsors and this task is ongoing.

We now have six sponsors on board, all sponsors offer in kind support for which we are extremely grateful.

Would you like to become a sponsor? Contact President Greg to find out how you can participate in OTHR's exciting sponsorship deals. There are a few sponsorship levels available. By sponsoring OTHR and its vision you will become a partner of the programme.

OTHR has added a new sponsor – Oberon Earthmoving Pty Ltd. This company supplies the gravel needs of OTHR. The company has an exceptional reputation, diverse knowledge base and plenty of experience with the highest levels of customer satisfaction. This business is family owned.

Primary Sponsor. Oberon Council



OBERON

MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE

Oberon Council is a proudly independent council which has supported OTHR from its very beginning. The council administers the Oberon Local Government Area and is second to none when looking after the community.

Silver Sponsor

OBERON Civil & Earthmoving
EARTHMOVING Contractors

Specialising in all your Rural Property and Lifestyle Block n
Driveways & Access Roads | House pads | Detailed earthworks
| Septic Systems | Drainage | Land Clearing | Material Supply | And n

Contact Zac today for a quote
0411 729 732 or zac@oberonearthmoving.com.a

Bronze Sponsor. Jenolan Holiday Park

Jenolan Holiday Park offers a range of accommodation in Oberon to suit everyone.

Would you like to book your accommodation now?

Your hosts: Don and Lyn

Phone: 02 6336 0344

jenolancaravanpark@bigpond.com

7 Cunynghame Street, Oberon NSW 2787

Bronze Sponsor. Highlands Motor Inn

Highlands Motor Inn, quality accommodation at an affordable price. We don't work to a budget; we work to exceed your expectations.

Contact (02) 6336 – 1866

77 – 79 Dart Street, Oberon NSW 2787

Bronze Sponsor. Oberon Trash Pak.

Oberon Trash-Pak is a family business owned and operated by Wayne & Michelle White. Services offered are regular out of town garbage service, septic tank, and grease trap pump outs.

Oberon Trash-Pak offers Domestic and Commercial Mini Skip Bins, Portable Toilets, Rubbish Removal.

"You don't have to live in town to get a regular garbage service"

Contact 0427 104 318 or 6336 – 2049

Bronze Sponsor. Oberon Outdoor and Electronic.



Oberon Outdoor and Electronic is the locally owned hub for all your electronic, DIY and outdoor needs.

Contact Soap (Neale Evans) to discuss all your outdoor and electronic needs.

125 – 127 Oberon Street, Oberon NSW 2787

Phone 6336 – 0199

Email: soap7@iinet.com.au



A pile of the old sleepers at Hazelgrove



Don't forget that the 100 Club Raffle is available to **all readers** of this newsletter.

Draw No 1 was won by Matthew Pritchard of Flagstaff Point in SA.

Draw no 2 is open and I'd hate you to miss a 1 in 100 chance of winning \$1,000.00

There are tickets available.

It's simple to enter; just go to the end of this Newsletter, download the entry form, fill it in and follow the instructions.

Don't delay in joining the 100 Club: \$20.00 per ticket with a 1 in 100 chance of winning \$1,000.00.

You or any of your club members can enter. Go halves with a mate or quarters with four others.

You will be helping a great association.

You may mail your entry and payment to PO Box 299 Oberon NSW 2787 if you wish.



OTHR Cap. - Maroon with white OTHR logo fits all sizes. Purchase today and be a part of the OTHR team.

Proceeds go towards the refurbishment of the Oberon to Tarana line.

Priced at \$29.00 non - members, \$24.00 members.

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage.

OTHR Badge - Reproduced from the original OTHR badge, metal, and enamel.

Priced at \$15.50 non-members - \$13.50 members.

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will include extra postage.

OTHR Whistle - A novelty whistle for your collection.

Priced at \$24.50 non-members – \$19.50 members.

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will include extra postage.

OTHR Coffee Cup

Black with white OTHR lettering. Flip top 2 Go.

Priced at \$29.00 non-members, \$24.50 members.

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage.

OTHR Beanie

Maroon with white OTHR logo. Fits all sizes. Lovely fleecy feel and is warm. Purchase today and be a part of the OTHR team.

Priced at \$39.99 non-members, \$34.00 members.

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling to anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage



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Website: - othr.com.au

Phone President 0437 389 684

ABN 98 107 506 208

Merchandise Order Form

Product/Quantity:
Name:
Mailing address: Street Number: _____ Street _____
Or Post Office Box Number
Suburb or Town
State and Postcode
Your contact details
Phone: _____
Email address: _____

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage.

Description	Number	Total
Caps at membership price \$24.00		\$
Caps at non-members price \$29.00		\$
Badge at membership price \$13.50		\$
Badge at non-membership price \$15.50		\$
Whistle at member price \$19.50		\$
Whistle at non-member price \$24.50		\$
Coffee Cup at member price \$24.50		\$
Coffee Cup at non-member price \$29.00		\$
Total		\$

Payment can be made in the following ways

- **Cheques** - made payable to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. and mailed to PO Box 299 Oberon NSW 2787
- **Cash** - can be paid direct to our Treasurer at any of our bi-monthly general meetings or at an Open Day.
- **Direct Bank Transfer** – our bank details are **BSB: 062 632 Account number: 1004 9851**. Please include your name as the reference statement.



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Renewal or Application for Membership

I/We wish to renew my membership or to apply to become a member of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. and agree to be bound by the Articles of Association of the organization and its Rules and Regulations

Name	
Mailing address	Street Number _____ Street _____ Or Post Office Box Number _____ Suburb/Town _____ State _____ Postcode _____
Phone	Mobile _____ Home phone _____
Email address	

Tick appropriate box

Membership is \$40.00 per person

\$ _____

Donation

\$ _____

Total amount payable

\$ _____

*All donations are tax deductible.
The treasurer sends a receipt for membership which will also include information of any donation*

Payment can be made in the following ways:

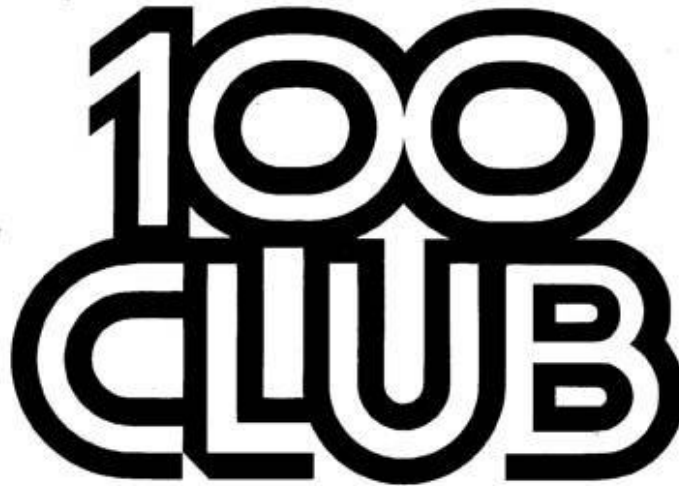
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Expertise (Please complete if you are joining OTHR for the first time) Indicate any skills, expertise, or areas of interest you may be able to share with us as the railway is being restored ready for operation. We need members with a wide range of skills from labouring, catering to professional management.

Membership represents a significant financial contribution to our organization. Members receive regular newsletters and invitations to special events. Membership is required to cover insurance for any voluntary work you can contribute.

Signed:

Date:



Number of Tickets @ 20.00 each:

Name:	
Address:	
Email Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Amount Banked:	\$ (Be sure to reference your name in the deposit)
Date	
OTHR Bank details	BSB: 062 632 Account No: 1004 9851
Email this entry to:	admin@othr.com.au

Office use only

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