



History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway November 2023



Tables set, candles lit and all set for a rocking night at the Grand Railway Ball, celebrating the Centenary of the opening of the Tarana to Oberon pioneer branch line.

Image credit Michael Clark

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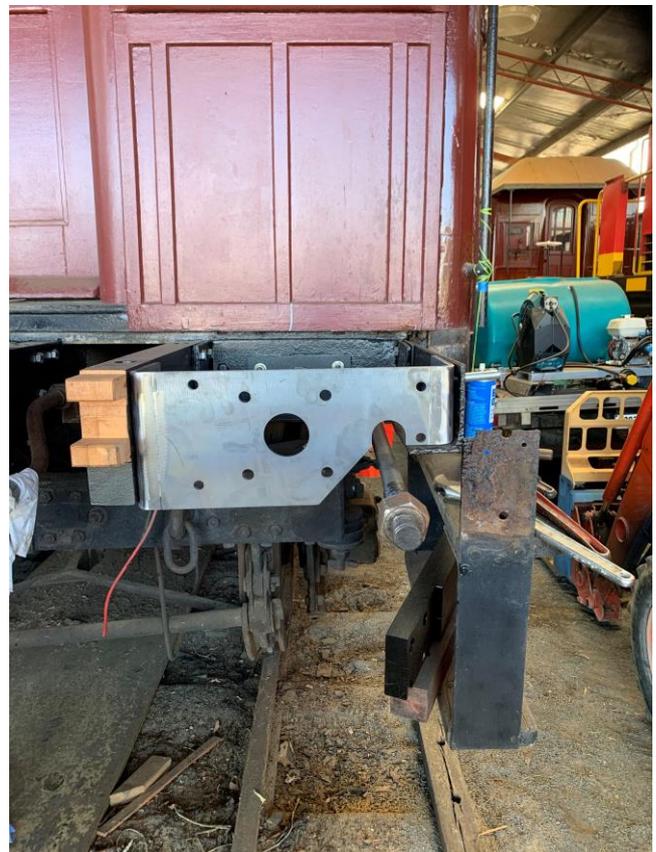
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HLF854 headstock replacement

President's Message

October was very busy for the committee and members who helped out in many different ways. An event on three of the four weekends. A huge commitment by many. Thank you so much for your support.

We had larger than expected number of visitors in the yard during the long weekend and on the Saturday of the Picnic in the Park. The visitors were more than impressed with the progress being made in the precinct and in particular the restoration work being done in the rolling stock shed.

Working bees have continued every Saturday and at the moment several days during the week.

- The track from Oberon to Hazelgrove has been sprayed for weeds.
- About a hundred sleepers have been sorted from the stockpile and had plates removed. They are ready for installation in the loop at Hazelgrove.
- An enormous amount of work has been done in the rolling stock shed on HLF854 and locomotive 7321. There are a few photos of the progress in this newsletter.

We just made the deadline for the next round of funding from the Community Building Project. Our focus was on improving the equipment that is used in track work. A battery operated dog spike puller and rail saw. The dog spike puller removes a spike in 3 to 7 seconds. Much easier and quicker than sledge hammer and pig's foot.



Greg Bourne
President

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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.

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 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



Oberon Station Precinct and Train are for hire for photo shoots and films. Whether it is a wedding, school formal, family reunions, settings for filming or any occasion, email admin@Othr.com.au

Our rates are competitive.

Editor's thoughts

Here we are at the pointy end of 2023.

October has been a particularly busy year for OTHR. The group has just finished a month of celebrating the opening of the Tarana to Oberon branch line in 1923. The last two event reports are found later in the newsletter.

Restoration of the rolling stock has been continuing as fast as we can. Planning for the remaining infrastructure is well in hand and we are looking forward to commencement of passenger services as soon as we have safety approval from the regulators and training has been completed.

Requests for tours and Open Day activities continue to ramp up and will resume as soon as we get the locomotive and carriages restoration complete and back to the station.

Lastly, OTHR held its AGM.

“Busy days are opportunities to create extraordinary results”.



Dance floor action at the Great Railway Ball

Annual Renewals were due 1st July 2023.

Make sure you don't miss future benefits and the pleasure of being part of a vibrant group of volunteers.



Oberon Tarana heritage Railway Inc. acknowledges those who died while serving in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

We will observe a minute silence on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

It's a time to honour our service personnel who died in service of Australia.

Results of Annual General Meeting. 11th October 2023

Oberon Tarana heritage Railway Inc's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 in accordance with issued notice.

President Greg Bourne presented his report listing the major tasks undertaken during 2022 – 23.

Auditor, Justin Enright presented the audited accounts of OTHR that are ready to be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Elections for Committee 2023/24 were held, and the following members were elected:

President: Greg Bourne.

Vice President: Michael Clark.

Secretary: Dave McMurray..

Treasurer: Jessie Clark

General Committee: Mike O'Kane, Mark Handel, Elaine Boxer.

Congratulations to the new Committee.

OTHR has given away \$3,000. Have you got in for yours yet?

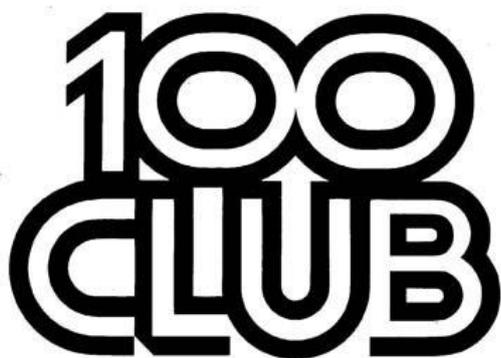
OTHR has given away \$3,000 in prizes in the 100 Club so far.

You can be in with a chance if you purchase a ticket.

Prizes so far have gone to South Australia, Wollongong and of course to Oberon.

An application form can be found at the end of this Newsletter. Simply follow the instructions to get your ticket today.

As they say in the classics...you've got to be in it to win it!



Draw No 4 is now selling.

Your chance to win \$1,000.

You can win \$1,000 by investing in our fund raising with a chance to win.

It's a simple way for you to invest to help secure our future.

It works this way:

- Purchase a ticket for \$20.
- There are only 100 tickets sold.
- When all 100 tickets are sold, we will draw one ticket with your chance to win \$1,000.
- Simply fill in the entry form that will be located at the end of the February 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.
- 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.

We have checked with all States and Territories in Australia and have been cleared to run the 100 Club, no matter where you live.

Get your ticket now for a chance of winning. Application form at the end of this Newsletter.



Preparing to drill holes for the guard's end headstock of HLF854

October Event Sponsors.

Celebrations as important as the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc's 100th anniversary of the opening of the Tarana Oberon branch line and the commencement of tourist passenger services mean nothing if not shared with the Oberon community.

The OTHR Committee congratulates the following local businesses to date who have committed to partnering our celebration events.

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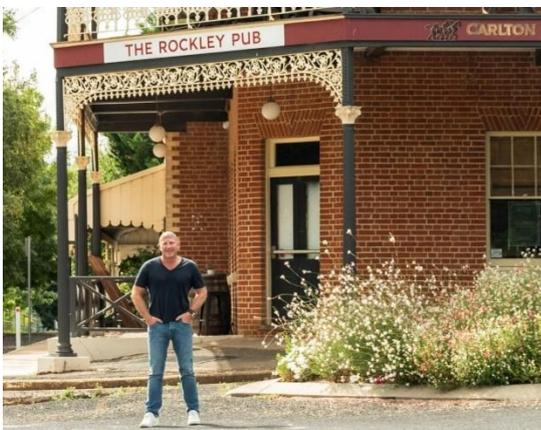
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**DJ's Café
169 Oberon Street, Oberon, NSW 2787**

Celebration Sponsor

Spark Electrical Oberon

Oberon Bakehouse

Kringle Cottage

Oberon Pharmacy

Barkers Butchery

Picnic Day Cars and Coffee Picnic in the Park.

The Gods shone on us on Saturday 21st October 2023.

Celebrating "A Picnic in the Park," an event from 100 years ago, OTHR's modern twist was a Cars and Coffee event at The Common, Oberon's wonderful park in the centre of town.

About 60 classic vehicles from around New South Wales attended throughout the day and around 250 visitors enjoyed a flawless Oberon Spring Day that made strolling in the park easy while enjoying the rock songs belted out by The Union, a local vintage band.

Picnickers shaded themselves under 100 year old trees while idly looking at the magnificent vista and allowing the world to drift by.

Meanwhile the Oberon Station precinct was open for inspection, and many took advantage including State Member for Bathurst and our co-patron, Paul Toole.

OTHR committee declared this day yet another successful event celebrating the opening of the Tarana to Oberon branch line on 3rd October 1923.

Naturally this event would not have been possible if it weren't for our generous sponsors detailed in the previous news item.



Some of the vehicles that were attending including visitors' cars from Sydney and Mudgee.



Local Band "The Union" who belted out old rock at the "Picnic in the Park".



Visitors turned out in all sorts of vehicles. This is the cabin of a small truck come Rod.

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Just a couple of vehicles drawn from the collections of the Oberon Heritage and Collectors Club, a local car club here in Oberon, NSW.



A classic Beetle.



A classic spot for a Cars and Coffee event. Thanks to Oberon Council for the venue.



Mark Handel removing rust from locomotive 7321



Co-Patron and State Member for Bathurst, Paul Toole takes in the newly restored End Platform Car CBA850. Photo Loveridge Digital

From Paul Toole's Facebook Page.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc had a great day out celebrating 100 years ago of the opening of the Tarana to Oberon pioneer line.

These volunteers are working tirelessly to reopen the line between Oberon and Hazelgrove to provide rides for locals and visitors alike to help boost the visitor economy.

Proud to be their patron and supporting them with funding to make this project a reality in the near future.

Thanks to Loveridge Digital for taking some great pictures of the occasion.



Left to right: Mark Langdon, Asset Manager, Paul Toole Co-Patron, and State Member for Bathurst with Greg Bourne, OTHR President on Oberon Station Platform. Photo: Loveridge Digital.

“Cars and Coffee for railway centenary”

The opening of the railway line between Oberon and Tarana in October 1923 was celebrated with a picnic and the same thing happened on the centenary in October 2023.

The picnic this year was held in the Oberon Common and was combined with the occasional Cars and Coffee events run by the Oberon Taana Heritage Railway Inc (OTHR)

The weather was almost perfect and despite competition from several other events happening in the area on the same day a good crowd turned out to chat, grab a hotdog, drink some coffee from the Get Roasted coffee trailer, look at some classic cars and listen to some music from The Union.

One person who came in character was Greg Standen. “I think I’m the last living person who worked on the line when it was running,” he said.

He wore his old uniform for the day, complete with the ribbons for length of service. “It will be wonderful to see the trains running again. It will take me back all those years when I was a part of it all”.

OTHR Secretary Dave McMurray was there in two capacities, enthusiastically celebrating the railway’s centenary and as part of the classic car collection.

“I’ve always loved cars and it’s great to get the old things out of the shed and onto the road” he said.

“We had a bit of competition from other car shows today but enough turned up to make it an event.

“What’s important about today is the celebration of the railway’s centenary, and with the picnic and the open day at the station we are making sure that nobody forgets that the railway will be reopening soon.”

OTHR have been celebrating the centenary throughout October. The next event is the big one - the Railway Ball at the Malachai Gilmore Hall on Saturday, October 28. It might be called a “ball” but it will be an old-time bush dance with music provided by The Nodding Thistles. Last year’s ball was the social event of the year, and this year looks like being even better”.

Peter Bowditch - Oberon Review - Thursday, October 26, 2023.



A grand old girl who celebrates her 69 birthday this year.



Another local classic.

2023 Great Railway Ball.

So, where were you on Saturday Night 28th October?

Chances were that if you weren’t at the 2023 Great Railway Ball you weren’t having much fun at all.

A good group of merrymakers graced the Malachai Gilmore Hall to enjoy great company, great music, great dancing, and great food.

Visitors from far and wide made this hoedown the duck’s guts joining in dance and song to the strains of The Nodding Thistles.

The Malachai Gilmore Hall again was a fantastic heritage venue and is a credit to owners Jonny and Lucy East.

The month of events celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the Tarana to Oberon branch line would not have been possible if it weren't for our sponsors:

Gold: Oberon Council, Mawhood Bros Pty Ltd, Titania Motel, Oberon Earthmoving, The Rockley Pub, Elders Emms Mooney, Jenolan Caravan Park Oberon.

Silver: CRT, Saul Grading Services, Reliance Bank.

Bronze: Oberon Lifestyle Properties, DJ's Café.

Celebration: Spark Electrical, Oberon Bakehouse, Kringle Cottage, Oberon Pharmacy.



"The Nodding Thistles"



Definitely a knees up at the Ball.



Guests enjoying the entertainment

Occasionally things happen!

Yesterday, 25th October, someone stole our temporary fencing on Lowes Mount Road.

We remind everyone that we are a volunteer organisation and don't have available funds to replace fencing at will.

This is a low act; police are involved, and we are reviewing security footage.

If you know somebody who has acquired security fencing recently, we would like them to return the fencing and concrete blocks immediately. Or alternatively tell us and we'll advise the Oberon Police to follow up.



Intending to marry? Why not consider the Oberon Station as your venue?

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is introducing the Oberon Precinct and Train as a venue for wedding 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 via our email address:

admin@othr.com.au

Hiring fees are competitive.



So... you think you want to volunteer?

OTHR is seeking expressions of interest from members who have the necessary accreditation to drive 73 Class Locomotives or those who would like to learn/train. Importantly all accredited drivers will need to also volunteer in many of the other tasks required of OTHR.

We are also seeking interest for carriage attendants, guards, and station attendants.

Step 1: Your interest should be lodged with the President or Secretary at admin@othr.com.au

Important information about moving rolling stock: Shunting in the yard will not be frequent but regular as movements are required. Typically shunting would occur in bringing rolling stock to the station for display at open days, special events and rallies.

Medicals:

The level of certification depends on your level of interest.

- Driver Level 1 medical certificate
TMV operator Level 2 medical certificate.
- For all volunteers there is a site induction and further training depending on the type of volunteer assistance you wish to undertake.
- OTHR needs to comply with the guidelines of ONRSR – the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator and other Laws either Federal or State.
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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.

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. 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.

About Oberon.....

Oberon is not all landscape and beautiful days.

We have lots of unique characters and artists both musical and creative living in and around town or at least have been born and bred in the district. Musical entertainers such as Chris Callaghan, the Pye siblings, Michael (Mickey) and Clancey, and an up and comer of late Chloe Swannell, and many more.

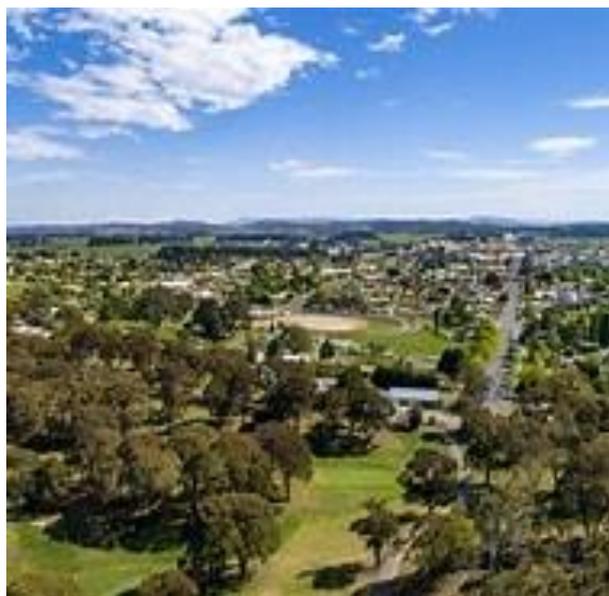
One artist from the Arts side of the coin is well known bush poet and raconteur, Brian Beesley.

Brian is a published author, a poet, and a bush poet of some renown.

He penned a poem and presented it to Oberon Council on the occasion of Oberon's Centenary of Local Government in 2007. This is quite a lengthy tome but here are a couple of excerpts:
"But time moved quickly and my rolling hills and rushing streams were opened up to squatters and free settlers with their dreams.
They laid steel lines to Bathurst, bridged my rivers, carved out tracks across my length and breadth, with shovels, picks and aching backs.
They faced the drought of thirty-eight, which ended with a flood – but nothing nature tried to do could poison bushman's blood."

"I am your cold and frosty clime beyond the ocean waves;
I am your stunning sandstone bluffs; I am your limestone caves.
I am your long and winding roads to where you want to be;
I am your peaceful hide-away; I am your sanity;
I am your pleasant soft green hills, that nature smiles upon;
I am your pine-clad forestry - I am your Oberon."

The full poem is available on request from OTHR and is worth a read.



Oberon, Central Tablelands, NSW.

Oberon is only about two hours from Sydney, so make the trip up to enjoy our alpine climate; there's plenty to see in the district and if you ever tire of the region's beauty then try one of our quaint and unique eateries.

Who doesn't like food? Oberon has many eateries each offering a lovely takeaway with coffee or a long lunch.

Cafes such as Cafe Oberon, DJ's, The Hub, Peter's Cafe, Pick of the Bunch, the Rainbow Trout, or the Royal Hotel, the Oberon RSL, or the Oberon Golf Club; no matter your culinary taste, Oberon has something for you. District wise, there's the Rockley Hotel, the Hampton Halfway Hotel, the Tarana Hotel, Mumma Snow's Café Tarana, and O'Connell Hotel, all located in Oberon's circle of villages.

Further, the dormant Tourist Hotel that graces one end of the Oberon village main street is about to re-open as a restaurant and wine bar. Ed Power and his son are purveying fine wine and meals with the flavours of the four corners of the world.

The Milbrey Café and Craft Shop is about to open in the main street. It will delight your taste sensory and tempt you with local crafts.

Oberon truly is delighting us with a taste of renewal.

Oberon always has something on the go and great events that will be sure to impress City Slickers and Country hicks alike:

- 28th October – 3rd December, Oberon Outdoor Festival 2023
- 4th November OTHR Open Day at Oberon Station
- 4th November Oberon Community and Farmers Markets
- 4th and 5th November, Oberon Open Gardens
- 5th November O'Connell Artisan's Market.
- 12th November A Midsummer Night Digital Dream
- 17th – 19th November Oberon Campdraft
- 18th November Oberon Outdoor Festival Black Springs Heritage Tour.
- 24th – 26th November, Oberon Chamber Music Festival of events
- 25th November Skoberon Art Prize
- 26th November, Oberon Outdoor Festival Teddy Bear's Picnic.
- 26th November Tarana Farmers Markets.

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

For the latest in what else'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:

- Portland Car Club, Portland, NSW.
- Group of model train enthusiasts.
- Secondary visit by Model Train Enthusiasts.
- Pittwater Motor Enthusiasts Club Inc. Northern Beaches, Sydney, NSW
- Model Railway Exhibition, celebrating the opening of the Tarana to Oberon branch line, 3rd October 1923.
- Oberon Cars and Coffee/ Picnic in the Park with open day at Oberon Station
- The Great Railway Ball at the Malachai Gilmore Hall.

Oberon has an enthusiastic team available to 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.

We would appreciate you passing this newsletter to others who might be thinking about a wonderful and vibrant trip to a spectacular part of Australia.



OBERON
MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE



Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc can cater for group visits of 12 and upwards.

*At the present time we are not able to provide catering because of the headstock work on HLF 854
Contact www.admin@othr.com.au to discuss your proposed visit.*

A reminder...

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Monthly Open Days.

Monthly Open Days are continuing the first Saturday of the month. Please note, morning teas and other catering activities are on hold while restoration of carriage HLF854 continues.

We will host group tours of the Oberon Heritage Precinct on request.

We need volunteers for Open Days.

Volunteers will meet and greet visitors, show them through the displays and try to answer any questions. If you wish to volunteer at the open days, please contact President Greg. 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 \$5.00 pp (children under 18 free).

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 (18 and over),

Oberon District Museum admission \$5.

Skoda Tatra Museum entry by way of a donation.

For group visits: see <http://othr.com.au> (contact us) or contact President Greg

Working Bees.

Regular working bees are now occurring every Saturday and mid-week. Keep an eye on the website or OTHR Facebook page for up-to-date information. Personal Protective Equipment and orange Hi-Viz must be worn.

Contact: Greg Bourne President

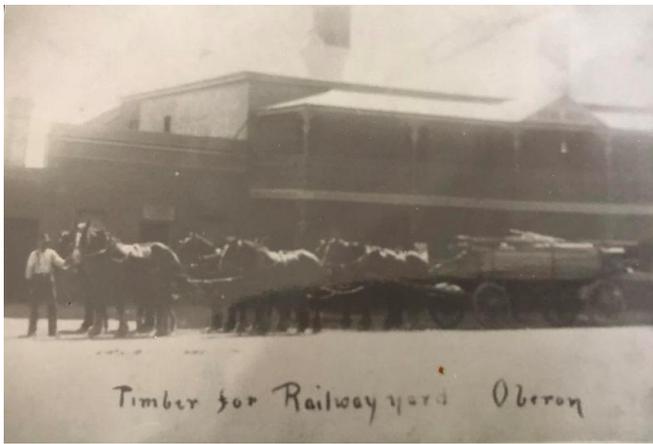
Email: admin@othr.com.au Mobile: 0437 389 684

We are always on the lookout for volunteers for working bees. Volunteers are required to participate in many tasks. If you can help, contact President Greg. 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.



Timber for Railway yard Oberon

The photo suggests that the timber is for the Railway yard, Oberon, NSW

Welcome New Members

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

New member in October Peter Dunham

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 Whaat???

- Just bought a sweet car online. Previously owned by Neil Diamond.
- I had an appointment to see my psychic next week, but she just called to cancel it. She said I won't be able to make it.
- The inventor of the throat lozenge died last week. There was no coffin at his funeral.
- How does a man show that he is planning? He buys two slabs of beer.



Carlwood Siding



Oberon Station



Oberon Station? All photos from the family collection of Graham Fletcher, Tarana, NSW. Date unknown.



Michael Clark continues the headstock work on HLJF854

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.

Would you like to become a sponsor? Contact President Greg. There are a few sponsorship levels available. By sponsoring OTHR and its vision you will become a partner of the programme

Primary Sponsor Oberon Council

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

Silver Sponsor Titania Motel Titania Motel is your gateway to rural Oberon, NSW. Located in a quiet residential area, the motel has a range of rooms to suit everyone.

When booking your room be sure to mention that you are here to visit Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. for a discounted room rate.

Your host is Denise Voytilla

Ph: 6336 1377 or Mob: 0400 347 122

Website www.titaniamotel.com.au

11 – 13 Tarana Crescent, Oberon, NSW 2787

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?

Mob: 0418 619 709

7 Cunninghame 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."



Most of 7321 has been sanded and about half of it has been primed. It is looking good



Mike O'Kane in action on HLF854



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Phone President: 0437 389 684

ABN: 98 107 506 208

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:

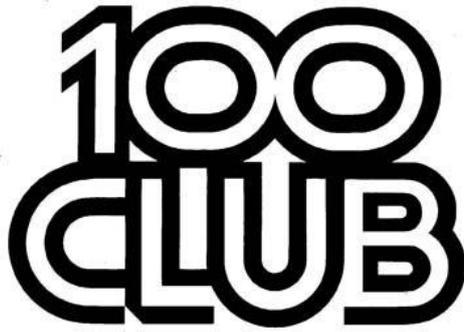
- **Cheques** - made payable to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. and mailed to PO Box 299 Oberon NSW 2787
- **Cash** - can be paid direct to our Treasurer at any of our bi-monthly general meetings.
- **Direct Bank Transfer** – our bank details are **BSB: 062 632 Account number: 1004 9851.**
- **PayPal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

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: _____

**OTHR Membership is now overdue for renewal. \$40.00 for 2023/24
Renewal Form at the end of the Newsletter. Please renew Now!!**



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Your 1 in 100 chance to win \$1,000.00.
Number of Tickets @ 20.00 each:**

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

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