



# History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway May 2023



**As we head towards the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tarana to Oberon branch line,  
Let's glance at our past for just a moment.**

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## President's Message

My apologies. The newsletter is late in fact very late. Towards the end of April, we received a letter from the funding body responsible for administration of the Stronger Country Community Grant that our first payment had been paused. This created some difficulty because some preparatory work had been started at Hazelgrove. This grant was for:

- Restoration of the turnaround loop at the Hazelwood site
- Development of a station platform which will reflect previous construction methods and appearance.
- Development of a picnic area adjacent to the station platform with concrete pathways, a shelter shed, gas BBQs and toilet with disabled access

On Friday we received notice that "the pause on executing new contracts has now lifted". We can now proceed with the Hazelgrove improvements.

Parts of the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant are progressing well, in particular the new walkway at the southern end of the station. The earthworks and retaining wall are nearly complete and the concreter should be able to start work in the next fortnight.

This week two specialist carriage workers from the Lithgow Rail Workshop commenced work on the timber framing carriage HS36. It is skilful, slow and repetitive work. We are pleased with the completed work. They will be on site this week 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May. We have a report on page 10 on the progress on HLF854.

I was asked to give a presentation on "The journey to re-open the Oberon Tarana Branch Line as a Tourist Facility" at the Blue Mountains Association of Cultural Heritage Organisations (BMACHO) on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The preparation involved going back through archival material to get some feeling on what it was really like when the first committee met in 2005 and then when the first working bee occurred in 2006.

The archives had an excellent photographic record of the early working bees and how so much was achieved. Waist high weeds, parts of the track buried in dirt, cattle grids and culverts that needed to be replaced. You will see a few of the photos as you read through this newsletter.

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 the 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**



*First working bee - knee high weeds  
See page 9 for a May 2023 photo*

## Editor's thoughts

We're excited!

Why?

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. now has its sites firmly set on reopening the Oberon to Hazelgrove line (Stage1) in October.

Our volunteers still have a formidable hill to climb before everything falls into place, but we are determined to get the job finished or as near to finished as is humanly possible.

The October celebrations are coming together; the model railway display featuring a working model of the Tarana to Oberon branch line is now set in stone. See story in this newsletter and the poster at the end for full details.

Likewise, The Great Railway Ball has been organised. Details to follow in future editions of this Newsletter.

We are awaiting finalisation of the Picnic Day with our partner, Mayfield Garden, and there will soon be a burst of publicity about this one. Car enthusiasts shouldn't overlook this event and runs organisers should put this in the diary. Accommodation will be tight in Oberon, but there are plenty of places to stay in the Central Tablelands.

Two car clubs have already tentatively booked for this event.

The recreation of the opening of the branch line in 1923 is shaping up to be something special. OTHR Events Manager is working on something special. Again, this event is a fantastic opportunity for a car enthusiast's run and shouldn't be missed. This is a once in a lifetime event.

Barry Hughes "Tractor Orphanage" will be participating in a big way as will the Skoda and Tatra Register Museum and the Oberon Regional Museum. All museums are within walking distance and will add to the historic flavour of the day.

2023 sees the village of Oberon absolutely buzzing. Tourism is bringing in the crowds of visitors. This all bodes well for the future of the OTHR Tourist attraction when it commences operations later in the year.



And finally, although ANZAC Day occurred in April, your committee wishes to acknowledge all those who served in all wars and conflicts.

"Dreams keep us motivated and goals keep us going. But we gotta take action to achieve our goals to make our dreams come true."

Abhishek Kumar.



### General meetings for 2023

- **Quarterly Meeting Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> – Oberon RSL 7.30 PM.**
- **Quarterly Meeting Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> – Oberon RSL 7.30 PM**
- **Incorporating Annual General Meeting Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>**



*Early working bee Night work at tip road*

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

You can win \$1,000.00 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 \$20.00.
- 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 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.

# 100 CLUB

## **Model Railway Exhibition**

**Celebrating 100 years of the Oberon  
Tarana Railway Line.**

### **October long Weekend 2023.**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 3<sup>rd</sup> October. At the Malachai  
Gilmore Hall**

**124 Oberon Street, Oberon NSW**

**Featuring an N Scale reproduction of the  
Oberon Tarana Branch Line as well as  
many other layouts and models of  
Australian Branch Lines**

**Adults \$10 Families \$20**

#### **Opening Times**

**Saturday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.**

**Sunday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.**

**Monday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.**

**Tuesday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.**

**This will be a unique and must-see event for  
everyone.**



*Oberon Station, celebrating 100 years 1923 - 2023.*

## **A reminder...**

**OTHR Membership is due for renewal on  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

**\$40.00 for 2023/24  
Renew Now!!**



**Noted in an emailed  
Newsletter compiled by  
Peter Neve OAM**

“Last December, the Society was offered a right – hand turnout point, together with a significant amount of rail from what had been the RDI (formerly Clyde Engineering originally) facility at Kelso, near Bathurst. The EI Workshops had closed several years ago, and the site has since been sold for redevelopment for several manufacturing facilities. The former siding and turnout was not required and was donated to OTHR on the basis that the Society dismantle the track. Both has since been delivered to Oberon, with the point subsequently being taken down to Hazelgrove. A left-hand point was obtained from near Gilgandra, being taken down to Hazelgrove on 25/03.

The two points will be installed into the recently reconstructed main line at the proposed interim terminus at Hazelgrove, replacing the original points which were removed/recovered prior to the society taking over the line. Installation will allow the construction of a locomotive run – round facility at this location – as covered more fully in the coverage in last month’s Email Newsletter.

Interestingly, OTHR does not propose to ballast the reconstructed line, “so is retain its heritage authenticity.” Close examination of my photos from the operating era do disclose absolutely minimal use of ballast – rock or ash.”



**And from the Western  
Advocate September 1979  
And reproduced via History of Oberon People  
(HOOP), featured by Graham Fletcher, local  
historian.**

### **“Cheers for the last train run.**

The last train to Oberon was a sad occasion, but a dozen or so train buffs were at the station to cheer her off.

At 8.30 am yesterday the train left the small Tarana Station headed along its historic 23 kilometre trip to Oberon.

It returned to Tarana around 12.45 pm and later made its way back to Lithgow.

It was the last train to run between Tarana and Oberon ending around 100 years of service to Oberon. Road transport will now take over from the train service.

The Tarana acting station manager said yesterday that the was closing of the train run attracted some attention.

‘We received over 10 calls from people during the week asking about the train and when it would make its last run’, he said.

‘There were some 15 people at the station to see it off on its final journey to Oberon and there were some passengers on the train.

‘They took photograph of the train as well’ he said.

Mr Lionel Peppernell, the station master at Tarana for the past 12 years, is on holidays at present.

However, he made the effort to come back, to be in attendance on the last run.'

Mr Peppernell travelled on the train to Oberon and back...the first time he had done so since he became the station master at Tarana.

Members of the NSW Railway Historical Society were also at the station yesterday morning.

The Tarana – Oberon railway line will still be maintained in case circumstances warrant its re – opening.”

Graham Fletcher wonders how long the line was maintained after closing, with reference to the last paragraph.

## A note of thanks from Lachlan Valley Railway.

“Just to let you know that over the last two weeks we have completed the re-sleeping of the section from Cowra to the Lachlan River. We are most grateful for your donation of the fittings for the steel sleepers, without which the job would not have gone ahead. We put in 250 new timber and 150 steel sleepers, all of which went at the Lachlan River end as we discovered there are large infestations of white ants in that area. We hope to run trains over Easter between Cowra and the river, which despite being only 2.5 kms, is at least a destination. We can also run from the station to our Depot which is another kilometre, where we can allow passengers off to inspect our museum.

Once again thanks.

Regards

Ian Cameron”

OTHR was pleased to have been able to assist Lachlan Valley Rail Inc. in getting their track serviceable. I believe they ran five trips and carried about 350 passengers.



*Early working bee - repairing culvert*

## Paul Toole MP

### “FUNDING BOOST TO HERITAGE RAILWAY

A grant of \$172,455 from Stronger Country Communities Fund has been awarded and will be used towards the rebuild the turnaround loop, restoration of Hazelgrove Station and construct a picnic ground at Hazelgrove.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc (OTHR) has been working through the process of certification for its locomotives and heritage End Platform Carriages.

President of the OTHR Greg Bourne said they are getting close to returning the railway back to its former glory.

The platform’s looking great and now we’ve got the tracks fixed we can actually shift and move around the locos and carriages.

OTHR estimates that the branch line has the potential to attract between 5000 and 8000 visitors of all ages in its first year of operation.”



*Left to right top, Greg Bourne President OTHR, Paul Toole MP, Mark Handel Rolling stock Manager, Michael Clark Committee Man and Carriage restorer, and below Dave McMurray, Secretary OTHR.*

**Picnic Day**  
**An event for all Car Clubs**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

One of the 1923 Opening Day events was a picnic in the park.

OTHR is planning a picnic day in conjunction with Mayfield Garden and the Skoda and Tatra Register Museum.

An up-market style Cars and Coffee event for all car clubs and motoring enthusiasts in New South Wales.

A jazz band will be playing on the green to entertain all car enthusiasts and picnickers. Mayfield Garden will be catering for everyone with a picnic hamper. We encourage all enthusiasts to dress in the vintage of your vehicle.

**Whatever you do, don't miss this once in a lifetime event.**

**Events Managers: pencil this event into your club's diary.**

We haven't settled the cost of this event yet. Mayfield Garden will be handling all ticketing and catering on our behalf for this event. Further advice to come.



*A fine line up of lovely old vehicles from the era when the Oberon Branch Line was opened in 1923.*



*Don't miss the opportunity to visit Mayfield Garden for the OTHR Picnic Day 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

**Official Opening Oberon to Hazelgrove**  
**21<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

**Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. will officially open the Oberon to Hazelgrove Section (Stage 1) at 11.00 am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**

**The event will be a re-enactment of the original event in 1923**

**All readers are invited to participate in the opening ceremony. Bring your classic vehicle and dress in period costume and enjoy the fun.**



*Opening Day 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1923*



*Put your classic in the picture at the re-enactment of the opening of the Oberon Branch line.*

**Association Events Managers: Pencil this in your diary!**

**Stay posted, more details to come.**



*Referral from page 3 2023 photo taken from almost the same spot*

## **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](mailto:admin@othr.com.au)

Hiring fees are incredibly competitive.



*You can hire Oberon Station for your Vintage Wedding Photo.*

## 2023 Great Railway Ball.

Yes, The Great Railway Ball for 2023 is on again on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

The Ball is part of the OTHR Month of Celebrations of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the Oberon branch line and the resumption of passenger services to Hazelgrove (Stage1).

The initial Ball in 2022 was a huge success and your committee is planning to build on it for 2023.

Our plan is to take it up a notch or two for this year's guests. Be quick to organise tickets as space is limited to approximately 120 guests and tickets will be gone in a flash. Full details and pricing will be released shortly.

*Be entertained by a big band at The Great Railway Ball 2023*



*Be a part of The Great Railway Ball. Tickets will be snapped up quickly.*

## Restoration of Headstocks on HLF854 continues at a faster pace.

Headstock replacement on HLF854, is progressing very well although a few unwanted issues have emerged.

So, a cold day in Oberon, just recently, saw all volunteers confined to the relative warmth of the rolling stock shed and workshop.

CBA850 is getting a fresh coat of internal paint while HLF854 End Platform Carriage had one of its headstocks stripped down; metal rails and angles needed and cleaned ready for Rustmasters and Blackjack. There are a few metal and timber issues that can be seen in the images below; nothing that can't be fixed. The other end metals are now rustproofed.

Meanwhile, administration work is also huge for our railway and regulations must be rewritten and updated, so a lot of particularly important work was also performed on our Safety Management System documentation.



*Exposed timbers do require a bit of work.*



*Metal rails and bibs and bobs removed for some restoration work.*



*Some work to do here.  
A bit like restoring a car, only bigger!*

*One of the delicate tools used to dismantle headstocks.*

## A Volunteer's Other Interest.

You might know one of OTHR's earliest and still current volunteer, Arthur Robinson. Besides railways, Arthur has another interest in classic bicycles. This collection is yet another hidden treasure not expected in a small town.

Last Good Friday, Arthur, together with brothers Robert and Ken plus a good friend, displayed a very small selection of their extensive collection of bikes at the Malachai Gilmore Hall.

The display drew a crowd of over 250 spectators. A couple of bikes from their immaculate display are pictured below.



*One of over 400 bikes in the collection*



*Arthur, his brothers, and friend had about 40 bikes on show.*

## 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.

**Step 1:** Your interest should be lodged with the Secretary at [admin@othr.com.au](mailto: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.

## 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 from 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## About Oberon.....

May is midway in the Autumnal season in Oberon.

Delicate autumnal colours are everywhere, and Oberon shows them off to the absolute best advantage. May is one of the best months to see Oberon's colours at their best.

Early misty mornings are the best and to meander along any of Oberon pathways is an absolute delight.



*Autumn around Shooters Hill. NSW, a short drive from Oberon. Photo Dave Watson.*

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 the soon to be re-opened O'Connell Hotel, all located in Oberon's circle of villages.

One of the exquisite events that happened in April was "The Producers Table" at the Malachai Gilmore Hall and was a fitting end to the Field to Forest Festival. The event showcased some of the region's outstanding produce including trout, beef, even garlic and honey to wine.

It was a culinary delight under a collaboration of The Hungry Hare's Ed Power and Essington Park's Simone Logue.

It pays to keep an eye on "About Oberon." Another great event advertised for Oberon was "CC's got the Blues." Oberon's Chris "Oberon is cold nine months of the year and then there's winter" Callaghan, a renowned singer/song writer and Oberon born and bred, was supported with yet another up-and-coming artist, Malcolm Voerman for a sell-out show at our beloved Malachai Gilmore Hall. A fantastic country and blues show in a unique setting.

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

- 17<sup>th</sup> May, Country & Western Trivia and Dance Night featuring Oberon's own Clancy Pye.
- 27 – 31<sup>st</sup> May Waste to Art Oberon 2023.
- 28<sup>th</sup> May 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:

- 107.5 FM Orange radio station outside broadcast.

- Two small group private viewings of rail buffs and photographers.
- One private group visit.
- 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
- Member Tony Cliff from Bendigo, Vic called in for a look as he knew of our work via this newsletter.

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](mailto:www.admin@othr.com.au) to discuss your proposed visit.*

## Monthly Open Days.

**Are held on the first Saturday of the month.  
Next Open Day Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

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).

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 (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



*New Headstocks for HS36*

## Working Bees.

Regular working bees will have to restart as we come out of lockdown. Keep an eye on the website or OTHR Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Personal Protective Equipment must be worn.

Contact: Greg Bourne President

Email: [admin@othr.com.au](mailto: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 allocate 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.

## Sponsors

### 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.

In May we welcome:  
Lincoln Briffa of Oberon, NSW

### 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???

- My favourite schoolteacher was Miss Turtle. Funny name but she tortoise well enough.
- Lance is an uncommon name nowadays. But in medieval times people were named Lance A Lot.
- Our salads were a bit on the dry side. It was a situation that needed addressing.
- When I was a child, my Mum told me I could be anyone I wanted to be. She didn't tell me that identity theft was a crime, however.



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](mailto:admin@othr.com.au)

Our rates are competitive.

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.

Currently we now have four 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

### Primary Sponsor Oberon Council



### 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](http://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."

Contact: 0427 104 318 or 6336-2049



*A unique photo of OTHR Locomotive 7307*



*Properties of this file indicates it was taken in 2005*

## 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.

The investment is \$100 per new sleeper.

Get yours now!



*This photo taken in May 2023 - Result of a tremendous amount of work by volunteers.*

## Official OTHR Merchandise

### Buy Now.



**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.

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#### **OTHR Coffee Cup**

Black with white OTHR lettering. Flip top 2 Go.

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#### **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 \$38.99 non – members - \$33.99 members.** Price includes GST and Postage and handling to anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage.



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**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: _____
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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		\$
OTHR Beanie at member price \$33.99		\$
OTHR Beanie at non-member price \$38.99		\$
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*

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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.

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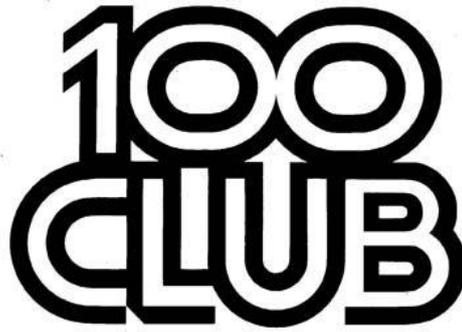
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Membership represents a significant financial contribution to our organization. Members receive regular newsletters and invitations to special events. Membership is required to cover insurance for any voluntary work you can contribute.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.  
Your 1 in 100 chance to win \$1,000.00**

**Number of Tickets @ 20.00 each:**

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# Oberon Model Railway Exhibition

Celebrating 100 years of the Oberon Tarana Railway Line

## OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND 2023

30th Sept - 3 Oct. At the Malachi Gilmore Hall

124 Oberon Street Oberon NSW

Featuring an N Scale reproduction of the Oberon Tarana Branch Line as well as many other models of Australian Branch Lines

**ADULTS \$10 FAMILYS \$20**

### Opening Times

Saturday 9 am-5pm

Sunday 10 am -4pm

Monday 9am-5pm

Tuesday 9am-5pm

