



# History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway January 2024



The beautifully restored Set 21 at Oberon Station ready to welcome back visitors in 2024.

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**OTHR Membership is now overdue for renewal.  
Renewal Form at the end of the Newsletter.**

**\$40.00 for 2023/24  
Please renew Now!!**

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*It was difficult to get a close up shot of the under-roof work of the end platform cars HL854. Flaking paint is evident and new timbers have replaced the very rotten existing.*

## President's Message

Several working bees have taken place over the Christmas/New Year break and a great deal has been achieved.

- Michael Clark has been putting the final touches to the north end of HLF854. Just a couple of things that needed to be finished to the high standard that he insists on.
- Michael O'Kane has also been preparing the platform under-roof area of the HLF854 and CBA850.
- Deplating sleepers in the yard which make up "the load of sleepers, timbers and sleeper plates" which will be taken to Hazelgrove over this weekend so that the loop can be reinstated during the next week 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January. See photo on page 12
- We have got used to Oberon's afternoon thunderstorm. The rain and higher temperatures mean that weed control is becoming more than a burden for the volunteers who are trying to keep the weeds under control. We need more people mowing, whipper snipping and spraying!
- Daily checks of how the cess is working alongside the track Oberon to Hazelgrove are also in place. Pooled water can affect the integrity or structure of the formation which can lead to track problems in the future.

2024 is going to be a challenging year. We need to ensure that each section of our SMS documents comply with The Rail Safety National Law and that we have procedures in place to reduce the risks associated with running passenger trains. We have to continue to work on certification "fit for use" for our rolling stock. We will continue with the excellent work that took place during 2023.

Complete Rail, under the leadership, of Jon Bennett has undertaken completion of the loop at Hazelgrove as well as fish plate cleaning and greasing Oberon to Hazelgrove.

Let's get on with it!

**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](mailto:admin@Othr.com.au)

Our rates are competitive.

## Editor's thoughts

As the final seconds of 2023 ticked away, we all enthusiastically looked forward to 2024 and sang the age old "Auld Lang Syne". The song, composed as a poem originally by Robert Burns in 1788, the year Britain established a penal colony in Australia, means "Old Long Since" or "Old times, especially times fondly remembered".

For OTHR it was apt to look back at a year of high achievement and to look forward to perhaps the most exciting times in our short history.

2024 is the year we finally hope to get a train on the track to Hazelgrove and commence revenue services.

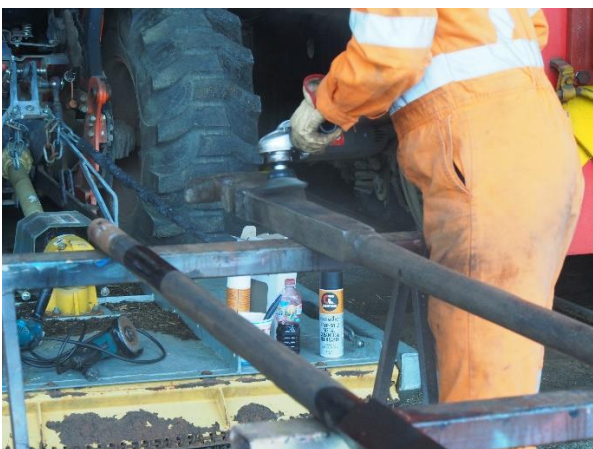
So much work is yet to be done including track accreditation, driver, and volunteer training, finishing the station, landscaping, and picnic facilities at Hazelgrove, finishing the refurbishment of the locomotives, and build the reception/entry kiosk at Oberon.

Your committee is excited and will be relieved to finally get these tasks underway and eventually completed. It will be a time of fantastic celebration.

However, that's just the start and as any railway enthusiast will tell you, the job is never quite finished.

One other major project will be the restoration of HS36 back to its former glory and that may occur prior to the end of 2024.

"Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right. Oprah Winfrey."



Wire brushing the draw gear of HL F854 prior to crack testing



**Annual Renewals were due 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.**

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



**The next Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. General Meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Oberon RSL, 7.30 PM  
And then 10<sup>th</sup> April 10<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**



*OTHR Committee wishes all our volunteers and members a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2024.*

## **OTHR has given away \$3,000.**

### **Have you got in for yours yet?**

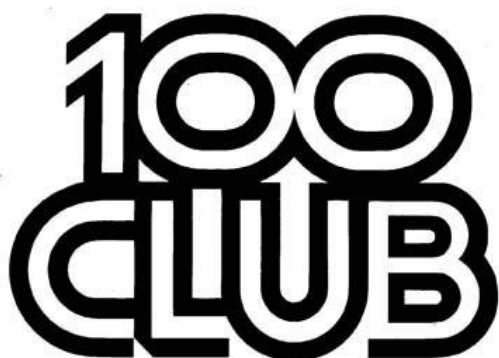
OTHR has given away \$3,000 in prizes in the 100 Club so far.

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.**

## **A thankyou to our Event Sponsors.**

Celebrations as important as the reopening of the Tarana Oberon branch line to Hazelgrove and the commencement of tourist revenue 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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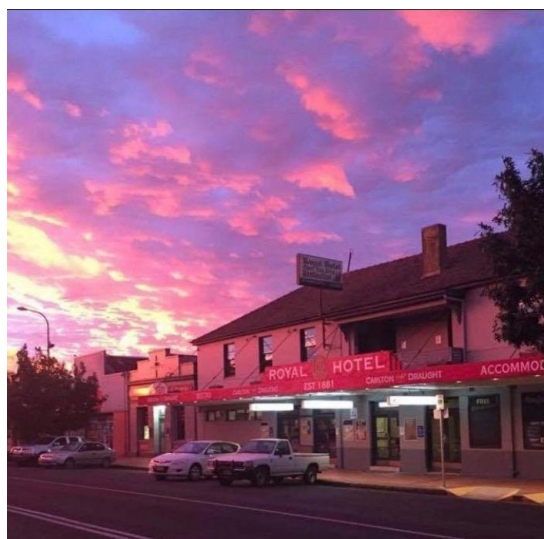
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## It's been a long haul.

Would you believe it's been two long years since OTHR made the decision to rebuild the headstocks of CBA850 and HLF854 otherwise known as Set 21.

The journey also entailed a thorough refurbishment of the carriages both above and below decks.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December saw the two carriages become "joined at the hip" once more, we would like to think looking better than when they entered service in 1897.

There is a bit more work to be done to fully complete the refurbishment at which time they will be pressed into service as our "Café Carriage" once more.

Look for more details soon.

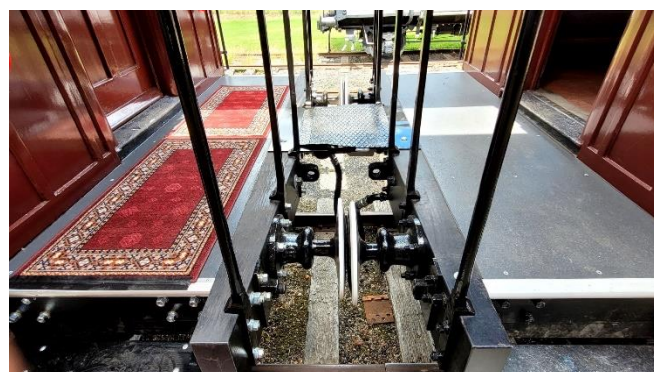
Meanwhile one of our Locomotives, 7321, is undergoing a refurbishment as well. It was an ordinary looking caterpillar that is transforming into a beautiful butterfly. It will be emerging soon and will be a joy to see.



*A side view of Set 21 at Oberon Station.*



*Now "joined at the hip".*



*A closer view of the detailed work.*

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*A view of the interior of "Café Carriage"*



*Mark Handel preparing truss rod threads.*



*Close up of the detailed workmanship.*



*And she stands proud of the jacks and support blocks.*

## **The End is in Sight.**

You've just read the previous article, so what was the process to get to that stage?

We've given you a rundown over previous newsletters about the process of restoration, and one of the last jobs is detailed here.

A major milestone was reached with HLF854 today with the truss rods turnbuckles fitted and tensioned enabling the removal of the support blocks and jacks. HLF854 is standing by itself once again after its headstock replacement. This has been a huge undertaking by OTHR.



*HLF854 truss rod and turnbuckle fitted and adjusted.*

## **Some Incidents over the Years.**

"Lithgow Mercury Friday 3 March 1944:

Approximately a quarter of a mile of railway track on the Oberon line was damaged late on Friday Afternoon when a mixed train, carrying goods and passengers, was derailed two miles from Oberon. Railway Officials state the accident was caused by wood rotting away from beneath cattle stop. This resulted in the rails spreading out of alignment. The wheels of the train cut into 100 sleepers. None of the train crew or passengers was injured., but a girder under the up rail of the cattle stop broke an axle box on the engine. The breakdown van and 25 repairmen from Bathurst reached the scene of the accident at midnight and re-railment operations and repairs to the track were carried out under the supervision of Mr. S.H. McRae, of Lithgow District Superintendent's' office, locomotive engineer of Bathurst and Inspector Hill, of the Way and Work Department. Working under difficulties on the slippery surface of frost-coated ash-banks along the "perway" repair men jettisoned two trucks of sand and had the line open at 4 o'clock on the Saturday morning. Rail traffic was able to resume normal speed at 7 am. Passengers on the train were transported to Oberon in cars."



“National Advocate, Wednesday 31 March 1948:

Porter’s Nasty Accident.

Mt. John Shaw, Junior Porter at Oberon Railway Station, met with a nasty accident at Oberon Railway yards whilst unloading a 44-gallon drum of petrol with the crane. It slipped and knocked him to the ground. The drum fell on his hand, which was badly lacerated. He was taken to Oberon District Hospital for medical attention.

Luckily there were people nearby, who came immediately to his assistance. His condition is satisfactory, and he has been allowed to go home.”

“Lithgow Mercury Friday 20 June 1952:

Landslide on Oberon-Tarana Branch Line.

Train services between Oberon and Tarana were held up yesterday by a landslide which swept away the ballast of the line between Carlwood and Hazelgrove.

Railway authorities hoped to have the line back in operation this morning.

The landslide occurred on a mountainside and was discovered about 9.30 am yesterday morning.

The two mixed trains to and from Oberon were immediately cancelled, and arrangements were made to take passengers between Oberon and Tarana by bus to meet the normal schedule.

Two ballast trains worked all day at the scene of the slide.”

“Lithgow Mercury Friday 18 November 1921:

Oberon Line Accident.

We understand from Mr. Looby, Oberon Coroner, that he has not yet concluded the enquiry into the fatal blasting accident on the Oberon-Tarana railway line construction. Mr. Looby visited the scene of the accident, and a demonstration of battery blasting was given similar to that which preceded the accident. The Coroner then adjourned the enquiry until next Monday”.

“Sydney Mail, Wednesday 13 July 1932.

The town of Oberon is 3,700ft above sea level, but the plateau on which it is situated rises to over 4,000 ft in many places. The town itself is a pretty place with a population of several hundreds and some good buildings along its one wide, long street. A clean, spacious-looking town, it is very much exposed to winds from all directions, and because of this and its great elevation, it has a long, cold winter and much snow. It is the terminus of the branch railway line from Tarana, which climbs about 1200 ft in the 15 miles of its winding journey up the mountains. There are many large sheep stations in the district, but the locality is chiefly famous for the production of green peas, apples, and potatoes. Indeed, it is probably the best pea-producing district in Australia.

Since the town is on the highest part of the Great Dividing Range, there are many swampy areas nearby, swamps which are near the watershed separating the eastward-flowing or coastal streams from the westward-flowing or inland streams. These latter streams are small and sluggish just here, but they quickly gain volume and velocity and form well-known trout streams as the Fish, Duckmaloi, and Campbell Rivers, which in turn flow into the Macquarie, Abercrombie, and Lachlan Rivers. The town is a great trout-fishing centre and the “jumping off” place for many enthusiastic fishermen.

The beauty of the surrounding scenery and streams is finding growing favour with tourists. Oberon is only 18 miles by good, but mountainous, roads from Jenolan Caves, while tracks lead to such little-known but magnificent scenic spots as Kanangra Walls and the Oberon Hills. There is also a possible track through Gingkin to the Wombeyan Caves. The lovely city of Bathurst is about 30 miles away. There has been a good deal of alluvial and quartz reef mining about the town; and nearby at Mount Werong, was found the largest diamond yet discovered in Australia. This diamond weighed over 20 carats.

For a quiet holiday in an invigorating climate amid beautiful scenery, there can be no better place than this highland village of Oberon. – Wirrawoo.”

Now compare this 1932 description with modern day Oberon found a little later in this newsletter.



*Oberon's Malachai Gilmore Hall, an Art Deco masterpiece built in 1938.*

## **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 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](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. 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 has produced many entertainers over the years; it must be something in the water.

Following this theme, this month we look at the talented Pye family.

Mickey Pye and his younger sister Clancey come from a musical family.

Clancey Pye is a finalist in the Tamworth Country Music Festival's Toyota Star maker of the Year. She is fast becoming one of the most exciting singer-songwriters in Australian Country music. Her debut EP exploded onto country music charts in 2020 and her breakout songs, "Get Lost" and "Heaven Can't Wait" debuted at No 1 on iTunes Country Singles Chart.

Meanwhile her brother Mickey was the 2015 winner of the Tamworth Country Music Festival Toyota Star maker and is a five times finalist in the same event. His debut album in 2015 came in at No 2 on the Australian Country Aria charts.

Mickey established the respected Bathurst Academy of Music that teaches and fosters young music talent in the Central West. Bamfest is an annual music festival in Bathurst and is a chance for his talented students to show what they can do. A growing number of talented students are now making their way in Country Music circles.

Mickey is a touring guitarist for many of the top Country Artists and has most recently toured with Travis Collins.

Like I said, there must be something in our water!

Oberon has so much to offer Australia with talented residents, beautiful landscapes and much more. We are not merely a small town on the byway of a road map.



*A Summer scene at the Blue Lake, Jenolan Caves.*

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 newly re-opened O'Connell Hotel, all located in Oberon's circle of villages.

Further, the Tourist Hotel those graces one end of the Oberon village main street has 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 has now opened 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:

- 6th January 2024 OTHR Open Day. Note the café will not be open on this day.
- 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Oberon Australia Day Celebrations.

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:

- 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1923.
- Oberon Railway Cars and Coffee/ Picnic in the Park
- The Great Railway Ball.
- Private Booking, 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations.
- Private function, Christmas Party.

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**



*Full load of sleepers, timbers and sleeper plates ready to be transported Hazelgrove next week*



*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.

**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](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 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.

## 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.

This month we welcome:

Bruce Jones of Oberon NSW  
Bob Beattie of Hazelgrove, 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???

- If you get lost in the bush, find a Kangaroo, and follow it.  
You'll be in the middle of the road in no time.
- I failed math so many times at school, I can't even count.
- Blunt Pencils are really pointless.
- The man who invented Velcro has died. RIP.

## 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](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 6336-204



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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:

- **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.

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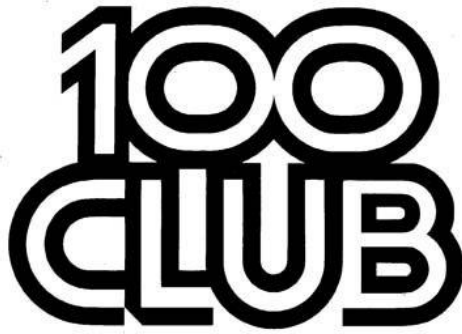
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Membership represents a significant financial contribution to our organization. Members receive regular newsletters and invitations to special events. Membership is required to cover insurance for any voluntary work you can contribute.

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



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

**Number of Tickets @ 20.00 each:**

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone Number:</b>	
<b>Amount Banked:</b>	(Be sure to reference your name in the deposit)
<b>Date</b>	
<b>OTHR Bank details</b>	<b>BSB: 062 632</b> <b>Account No: 1004 9851</b>
<b>Email this entry to:</b>	<a href="mailto:admin@othr.com.au">admin@othr.com.au</a>

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