



Minutes of the General Meeting
Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 7.30 pm
Oberon RSL Club

- 1. Present:** Greg Bourne, Barry Richards, Ian & Victoria Theyers, Steve Bosenquet, David McMurray, John Boxer, Barry Webb, Arthur Robinson, Elaine Boxer.
- 2. Apologies:** Tim Arnison, Martyn Salmon, John Brothie, Ken Lingabala.

The guest speaker for this meeting was Mark Kellam who spoke about his time as Commander of the United Nations fleet in the Gulf War.

3. Minutes from the previous meeting:

The Minutes from the meeting of the 6th June 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record;

Moved G Bourne.....; Seconded: D McMurray..... Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes: Greg updated the meeting on the progress of the land swap between Oberon Council and John Holland Rail. Progress is slow as Oberon Council cannot get any commitment from JHR on this issue.

4. Safety Management

No safety issues identified.

5. President's Report.

Shunt on Tuesday 3rd July – successful and was widely “liked” on the Facebook page.

ONRSR Visit and JHR HOL – successful and helpful in determining our road map
RHA (NSW) Meeting – attended – listened to reports from other Heritage Rail Groups as well as some networking

- Insurance Broker
- Heritage Rail Engineering Standards
- Photos – which have not arrived yet

Cattle truck – shift to Oberon Yard has been organised for this Sunday after a couple of visits to Warwick Armstrong's farm on Duckmaloi Road, Crane – Shane Moorhead
Truck Richard Webb.

Contacted my brother in law who is an engineer. He has compiled a spread sheet with enough data to show that the 78 hp International tractor is up to the task of getting carriages moving. His main comment was that stopping it, especially if it “gets away” is the thing that should be of greatest concern. Copy of spreadsheet is available on request.

A new draw bar for the tractor will need to be manufactured as the assessment of the existing bar identified that it was not strong enough.

The second round of THNSW grants is open and OTHR is applying for this grant to undertake a major restoration of the cattle truck. Warwick Armstrong has milled the timber for this job but he was unable to complete the work.

Greg and David met with Alvaro Marques from the NSW Premiers Office about the major funding application made to NSW State Government last year to complete the track to Tarana. It would seem the NSW Government has moved the goal posts on this

funding and our application now needs to be updated. The Economic Development Officer for Oberon Council has offered to help with this application.

6. Other Business.

- John Boxer asked about the movement of Louise Krieger's carriage to the station platform. Greg explained that the locos cannot access the section of rail the carriage stands on as they are too heavy. The goal is to shunt this carriage using the tractor.
- Greg has been discussing the wiring of the rolling stock shed with Ian Theyers to eliminate the use of extension cords within the shed. Ian says this can be achieved relatively easily and will also undertake tagging of all electrical equipment in the shed.
- David reported on the Morgan Car Club visit scheduled for October 19th. There will be approximately 110 cars and 250 people so Victoria will need assistance with the catering from volunteers. The Men's Shed will help out and Elaine will contact the catering ladies from OTHR for volunteers.
- Arthur recently visited Goulburn Men's Shed to talk about OTHR. He encouraged them to visit sometime in the future.
- Arthur identified that the flag pole needs a new rope as the old one is rotten. It needs to be replaced with proper flag pole rope. Greg will investigate the use of the Oberon Council cherry-picker as a part of our in-kind contribution from Oberon Council. This needs to be done before the October visit.
- Greg noted that there are still a lot of sleepers at the tip yard that would be good for firewood. These need to be retrieved before they all disappear.
- Barry Richards donated a number of books on Heritage Railways in Wales and England that may suggest ideas for OTHR in the future. Thanks to Barry for these books.

The meeting: closed 8.40pm. . Next meeting **AGM 3rd October 2018.**