



History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway October 2020

**Oberon's Volunteer/Volunteer Group of the Year 2020 Australia Day
Awards 26th January 2020**



OTHR 7321 Locomotive, match truck and the two 1897 End Platform Carriages drawn up to the Oberon Station during driver training session recently.

The first official shunt and the start of tourist railway operations took place on Saturday 3rd October.

Checkout OTHR Facebook Page for more photos - <https://www.facebook.com/OTHR.Inc>

Patrons

Paul Toole

State Member for Bathurst, Deputy Leader of NSW National Party, Minister for Transport and Roads.

Andrew Gee

Federal Member for Calare, Minister assisting the Minister for Trade and Investment, Minister for Decentralisation and Regional Education.

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Presidents Message

The Heritage Operators licence for the section of track from Oberon to Hazelgrove has been executed by Transport for New South Wales. We have had a letter of confirmation from John Holland Rail.

Most of the Newsletters this year have had a position vacant segment. In recent times we have expressions of interest from Mick Sanders and Michael Lane.

Mick Sanders has accepted the position of Operations Manager. He has worked in the rail industry for over 43 years and 31 of those years have been within the operations area in various positions. The most recent being Operations Manager Country Regional Network Transport for NSW 2012 – 2019.

Michael Lane volunteered in the area of safety. He is making a significant contribution to OTHR by reviewing and rewriting the Safety Management Systems documents. He has had extensive experience in the rail industry. The most recent being 2017 - 2019 as a Consultant and prior to that from 2004 – 2017 with ITSIR and then ONRSR.

It is great to have these men working with us.

Recently we had a seminar with two representatives from ONRSR, Martin Jones, Director Operations, Sydney Office, and Rhys Kennedy, Rail Safety Officer, Sydney Office. The first hour or so was to inspect sections of the line between Oberon and Hazelgrove. This was followed by an intensive discussion on identifying higher level of the risks associated with operations outside the Oberon yard. Another full day meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 28th October. We have a “homework” exercise to complete before the 28th.

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Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. Mission Statement

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

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

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- Website: www.othr.com.au

Facebook: www.facebook.com/OTHR.Inc

Editor's thoughts

Three important and exciting events will occur during October.

First and foremost, you will have read in the President's report that the long awaited Heritage Operators Licence to allow management of the line North of Albion Street to Hazelgrove has been executed.

The Scope of Works has been completed and has been submitted to the Canberra Office handling the Community Development Grant of \$1.5M.

We will be fulfilling our plans to refurbish the line to Hazelgrove very shortly.

Secondly, OTHR is about to achieve a major milestone with a passenger train pulling into the station for the first time in 41 years. This event should not be missed; it's happening on Saturday 3rd October.

And lastly, we have secured a venue to hold our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7th October at 6.30 PM. at the Oberon RSL. This is your opportunity to be a part of OTHR's future. Please nominate for any position you favour prior to the meeting, using the nomination form supplied to help guide our future, or come along and vote for the person you think is best suited to committee positions.

October is a month of positive news and it shows that the power of positive thinking actually does work.

"If you are positive, you'll see opportunities instead of obstacles" - Confucius"

Great News for OTHR.

After many delays, the Heritage Operators Licence for the line North of Albion Street to Hazelgrove has been executed by Transport for NSW.

This means our plans for Stage 1; Oberon to Hazelgrove can now be actioned.

The Scope of Works has already been completed and it has been submitted to Canberra Office handling the Community Development Grant of \$1.5M.

Keep an eye out for future progress.

Membership Renewal due 30th June.

Just a reminder that Membership Renewals were due at 30th June 2020.

Your Committee has resolved to increase the membership fee to \$30.00 for the 2020/21 year. This reflects increasing costs most particularly with insurance.

Your membership fee just covers our costs in relation to members and still represents great value for all of us.

For all past members who have allowed their membership to cease, please consider renewing for 2020 and have a stake in the exciting advances we are currently making and will be making in the next few years.

For those of you who have not renewed your membership, it has lapsed as at 30th September 2020.

Stay a part of a great team who will be making great strides in the future of Oberon's and the State's history in the foreseeable future by renewing now.

A renewal application is located at the back of this newsletter.



October 2020 is National Mental Health Month. Your Committee is very aware of mental health issues and are very mindful that all our members are aware of the issues associated with this very common problem.

The theme for this year's campaign promoted by the Mental Health Foundation of Australia is **Mental Health Matters**.

Its objectives are:

- To promote mental health and increase public awareness of mental illness.
- To develop and deliver mental health education programmes to support Australians of all ages.

Should you feel you are not coping at any time and most particularly during the Coronavirus restrictions, a good starting point would be to go and see your General Practitioner for advice and perhaps a referral to an expert.

Immediate Goals

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

1. Obtain full track certification for the Oberon Yard area.
2. Gain approval for the HOL North of Albion Street to approximately 500m north of the Hazelgrove Station.

3. Apply for variation to existing accreditation for Rail Infrastructure Manager & Rail Transport Operator to approximately 500m north of the Hazelgrove Station.
4. Apply for variation to existing accreditation to operate work trains to Hazelgrove.
5. Apply for variation to existing accreditation to operate tourist trains to Hazelgrove.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WAS HELD AT
OBERON RSL
ON WEDNESDAY,
7TH OCTOBER 2020
START AT 6.30 PM.**

The New Committee

President: Greg Bourne
Vicepresident Ken Lingabala
Secretary David McMurray
Treasurer John Brothie
Committee Members
 Graham William
 Michael O'Kane
 Michael Clark

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. recently provided a Media Release as follows:

“OTHR Prepares to Achieve a Major Milestone.

Put aside Saturday October 3rd to see Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. achieve a major milestone.

For the first time in forty one years a passenger train will pull in to Oberon Station.

Although only a short haul from the Rollingstock Shed to the Station it will mark a major milestone and showcase the work that OTHR has achieved both on the railway lines in the Oberon Station precinct, the new station platform rebuilt after 96 years and the Rolling Stock itself.

OTHR Volunteers have been in training, learning to drive the 73 Class Locomotives and they will be shunting the train to the station on the day.

The Association will shortly commence refurbishment of the railway line to Hazelgrove with the prospect of a tourist operation commencing late in 2021.

These are exciting times for the Association and this day will celebrate all the work its volunteers have done during the past 14 years.

Come along and help us celebrate. Because of COVID 19 restrictions activities on the day will be low key. Entry to the Station Precinct is \$5.00 adults and pensioners; children under 18 free.

Oberon District Museum and the Skoda & Tatra Register Museum will also be open with separate entry fees applying.

Take this opportunity to also visit the fantastic Military Museum located opposite the Oberon RSL.”



Photo shows our passenger train drawn up to the Oberon Station during a recent training exercise for Volunteers

Office of National Railway Safety Regulator visits us.

As part of preparing to refurbish the Oberon to Hazelgrove section of line (Stage 1), ONSRS has conducted an inspection of the potential hazards that OTHR are likely to encounter.

This Organisation has been particularly helpful in the past and the results of today's inspection was no exception either.

They certainly highlighted many potential hazards, but we are confident that we can methodically work through the issues.

OTHR a finalist in Central West Team of the Year Award.

Oberon Arts Council wins 2020 Central West Volunteer Team of the Year Award.

Today (24th September 2020) saw the Central West Volunteer Team of the Year Awards undertaken via a Zoom presentation ceremony with Oberon Arts Council taking out the Volunteer of the Year Award for their outstanding work in the Arts in Health Programme.

Since April 2018 a volunteer from Oberon Arts Council has assisted with the planning and delivery of an amazing arts and health programme at the

Oberon MPS every Thursday. More recently due to COVID restrictions the group has continued to meet online each week.

The programme assists with social interaction for the residents and there have been many positive changes in the residents who have been participating in the programme. This is a fantastic initiative with amazing benefits for all involved and a well-deserved award for the group who tirelessly provide their time for the benefit of others. Congratulations also goes to the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Group who were also a nominee in the same category and Greg Bourne who was nominated in the Adult Volunteer of the Year Category for his work with Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway.

Oberon Council congratulates these most valued volunteers."



Left to right: Brenda Lyons, Oberon Councillor and OTHR Member, Gary Wallace, Oberon General Manager, Fran Charge, Oberon Arts Council, Mark Kellam, Relieving Mayor, Oberon Council, Dave McMurray, Publicity Officer OTHR.

Greg was missing from the photo, having to return to the Oberon Rail Yard to continue discussions with ONRSR.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. congratulates the Oberon Arts Council on their win and on the fantastic work they do with the frail elderly in Oberon.

The Oberon Arts Council is another example of the wonderful volunteer groups that work tirelessly in the community and without whom the community would largely cease to function at consistently high levels.

Positions Vacant

Your committee is looking for members to step up and take a part in the responsibility of running a large-scale volunteer enterprise, namely the Oberon to Tarana Heritage Branch Line as a tourist attraction.

Within the next few months and into the future OTHR will be continuing the building of a wonderful community project involving the operations of trains as a tourism attraction that will be the envy of the Central Tablelands and the Central West, if not New South Wales.

Specifically, the following positions have been identified and will need to be filled in due course:

- Finance Manager – needs to be filled soon.
- Safety Manager – needs to be filled soon.
- Curator, Oberon Station Interpretive Display.

All positions will be filled by members, the railway community or the general public with appropriate skills suited to the job.

OTHR also needs skilled tradespersons of all types. For example, Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians, Boilermakers, Painters plus more.

Please also contact Greg Bourne as above your experience.

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

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.

Still interested in volunteering? Then let's hear from you.

We have Jobs. But what do they entail?

It's often said by some that they would like to volunteer but don't know where to look; they have skills that must be of use but where?

OTHR has jobs and we are looking for people with particular skills. Do you want to be part of a progressive association with bold plans and a grand vision that is steaming ahead?

Give President Greg a call and find out whether you have the qualifications to fill the vacancies. (Listed under "Positions Vacant")

Driver Training

Our first class of candidates in driver training for our 73 Class Diesels has concluded.

All candidates passed the course.

Congratulations!!.



Another photo of our trainee drivers shunting in the Oberon Yard

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 possible 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 \$30.00 per year 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 at the end of this Newsletter.



Trainee shunting in the Oberon Yard

Secured your New Merchandise Yet?

A novelty wooden Train Whistle has just been added to OTHR's merchandise range.

The whistle is a good size and sounds like a train whistle should. It is a great addition to your collection.

Purchase one or two for the children or grandchildren and let them annoy you for a long time.

Cost for members is \$10.00 and non-members \$15.00.

The order form is to be found later in this newsletter.



Some of the fine produce available from the Long Arm Cafe.

About Oberon.....

Spring in Oberon is a sheer delight. Picture the landscape splashed in Emerald Green, trees are bursting back to life and the vibrant colours of the multitude of flowers are very evident. The Central Tablelands is an ideal destination for all sorts of groups and associations.

October welcomes a visit from the Standard and Triumph Car Club from the Mid North Coast. They will be spending a few days in town and have a full itinerary to keep them more than occupied.

Oberon is always welcoming of groups of all genres. Some of the recent visitors to the Oberon Station Precinct have been:

- Morgan Muster (an anniversary tour by the Morgan Owners Club).
- Geelong Car Club week-long visit.
- Peugeot Car Nationals over an extended weekend.
- Various seniors bus groups.
- School Children.
- 7th Horseless Carriage Club International Tour.
- Insights Railway Tour
- “Downunder Jampot Rally” organised in conjunction with the AJS & Matchless Motorcycle group and OH@CC.

Weekend visitors enjoying lunch and a visit

- to the two museums and railway interpretive centre on site as part of Oberon Outdoor Week.

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 week or a few days or even just a day!

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.

Oberon, More Than You Expect.



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.

Working Bees.

We will advise when bi-monthly 2 day working bees will recommence.

We will continue with the “mini working bees” which are usually held on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Contact details are in this newsletter if you want to join in.



Tree down near Hazelgrove!

We will be looking for volunteers to help with the removal.

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

Generally, volunteers are required to participate in allocated 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.

Monthly Open Days.

The next Open Day will be Saturday, November 7th and will coincide with the Oberon Farmers Market.

Volunteers will be required to 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.

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), and a pop-up café serving a Devonshire tea for an additional \$10.00.

The result has seen a large 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.

Oberon's big dump of Snow.

Oberon experienced a big dump of snow in an unusual weather event during 21st – 23rd August 2020. Visitors flocked to the township and surrounds to witness nature's wonderland.



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?

Recent new members:

Christopher Walters, Nathan O'Regan

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???

- Time flies like an arrow.....fruit flies like a banana.
- There has been a protest organised for tomorrow against Fairy Bread.....police are expecting hundreds and thousands.
- Everyone that has been through John Lennon International Airport has had to be quarantined. Imagine....all the people.
- **Breaking News.** John Travolta has been hospitalised with suspected Covid 19. Doctors have now confirmed that it was only Saturday Night Fever and they assure everyone he is Stayin' Alive. Apparently he had Chills that were multiplyin'

OTHR Precinct

A Must See!

Make sure you keep up to date with work in progress at the Oberon Station Precinct and the Oberon branch line.

The heritage listed PC3 station building contains a small interpretive centre consisting of memorabilia and a photo display of the history of the Oberon to Tarana branch line.

The wider Oberon Heritage precinct houses a variety of rolling stock most of which is rare and has a story to tell.

Ask any of our enthusiastic volunteers for the low down on the machinery.

OTHR, Oberon District Museum and the Skoda Tatra Museum are open between 10 AM and 2 PM on the first Saturday of each month, coinciding with the Oberon Farmers Market.

Admission \$5 (18 and over), Devonshire Tea \$5

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.

Training

Training is an ongoing issue for OTHR.

Some of the training can be conducted in house and some needs to be done externally.

A couple of areas are being examined just now and include:

- Rail Safety Workers Certificate. This can be done online.
- TMV Training. This can be done in house. There is a Medical Certificate requirement.
- Locomotive Driver Training. We have a permanent trainer/assessor

- Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate can be done externally online.
- Working with Children Certificate. This can be done online and is free for volunteers.

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.

The investment is \$100 per new sleeper.

A great idea for Birthdays, a Special Event or even Christmas.

Get yours now!

The NSW Railways' Z19 Class

Steam locomotive.

Paul Ballard is expanding on the history of the Z19 Class Steam Locomotive, the type that was used extensively on the Oberon – Tarana branch line in the steam era.

Here are his recollections:

"There is only one way to begin the story of the "19's", and that is with a reminder about the story of the farmer who had the same axe for over 50 years – he had only had to replace the head twice and the handle half a dozen or so times....

The year was 1877, and the first of the "093" Class Locomotives arrived in New South Wales from their builders, Beyer Peacock and Company of Manchester (UK). Subsequent deliveries were from Beyer Peacock and Henry Vale & Co. (of Auburn NSW, but there were also "Henry Vale" heavy engineering businesses in New Zealand and South

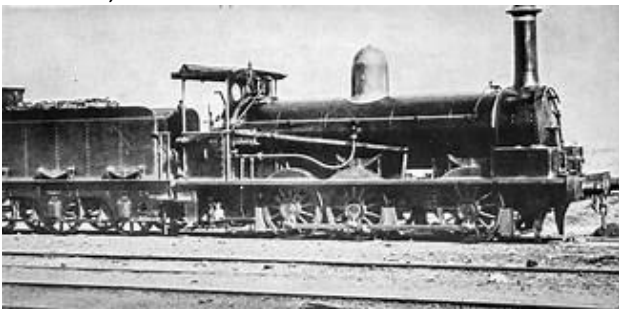
Africa – were they the same Company?) brought the total number to 77 by 1891.

They were considered “a very useful locomotive” , capable of hauling a 130 ton freight train up the Blue Mountains at a “speed” of up to 8 miles per hour....

Meanwhile 1891 saw all NSW Locomotives “Re-Numbered”, and these became known as the “A93” class; but there were two other similar locomotives (“17” Class and perhaps a third from another earlier class, which were added to the “A93’s”, which would match the total of 80 appearing in some records.

1891 also saw the beginning of major rebuilding of these locomotives. Fireboxes and Cabs were the major visual changes; with the cabs being fully enclosed and the fireboxes/boilers ultimately becoming the “Belpaire” (square top in front of the cab) type after a few other attempts. These changes increased their Grate Area. Hearing Surface and Boiler Pressure (and hence weight), thereby further improving performance (and pretty much totally changing their appearance). A further re-numbering (of the entire locomotive fleet) in 1924 saw these locomotives coded Z19.

But that’s not the end! As the photograph (n) indicates,



they were originally fitted with six wheel tenders of relatively limited capacity. As they aged and were replaced in main line operations, they were identified as being ideal for shunting work, particularly at Darling Harbour (Sydney) and Port Waratah (Newcastle) Goods Yards; but also for Light Branch Lines where they could handle grades as steep as 1 in 25 and curves as sharp as 5 chains (330feet) radius – the Dorrigo, Batlow and Oberon Lines in particular. However, their small tenders didn’t suit operation in isolated branches, so they were further modified – the scrapping of some

American “Baldwin” (J483/Z29) Locomotives in the late 1920’s and early 1930’s provided high capacity “bogie” (8 wheel) tenders which were fitted for use on “our” Branch Line Locomotives. So they ended up as some of the most “multicultural” in Australia!

And their performance? Never spectacular, but quite well. The average speed of a Tarana – Oberon train was around 11 miles per hour in either direction, which was quicker than the 9 M.P.H. in the Batlow Line and 10 M.P.H. to Dorrigo.

The story continues.... Those with a bit of knowledge of some of the “crazy” branch lines in the State’s past will know that the Camden Line had grades steeper than 1 in 25, so why weren’t they used there? Well, they were, but only after further rebuilding. Camden (and some other lines) didn’t have turntable facilities, so really needed to be operated by “tank” engines, like the “20” class. But the “20’s were also built by Beyer Peacock around the same time, with a fair amount of commonality with the major working parts of the “19’s”, so when more “20’s” were needed, they were “created” locally by taking 14 of the “19’s”, adding a few extra wheels, side water tanks and a coal bunker – instant “20”.

Where are the “19’s” now? Sadly, none are still operational, but three are stored at either end of the Glenreagh-Dorrigo Line (one at Glenreagh and 2 at Dorrigo) and another is on display at the Trainworks Museum (Thirlmere), in full Branch Line Configuration – the tender attached to it came from an Oberon Line locomotive.

Meanwhile, you may wonder why anybody would bother to write something like this. Well, I guess it’s just because I have always had a “thing” for unusual little Branch Lines, riding as many as possible before their closures, and taking what photographs I could afford. The only chance I ever had to ride in the cab of a “19” was on the Tumut to Batlow Line (actually the Gilmore to Kunama Line), but the trains used to start at Tumut and run to Gilmore before branching off; and the line was pretty much disused beyond Batlow when I went there. That train was headed by a pair of “19’s”, and the only other opportunity I had to ride on a train pulled by them was to Oberon, where you’ll see on the Website that, again, we have a pair of

“19’s” – so I think I can claim to have ridden behind four of them, but never one!



*A couple of Z19 Class Locomotives making their way to Oberon
Photo: Paul Ballard.*

Sponsors

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

Sponsorships are a very 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 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.

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 Highlands Motor Inn

Highlands Motor Inn, quality accommodation at an affordable price.

We don’t work to a budget; we work to exceed your expectations

Contact: (02) 6336 – 1866

77-79 Dart Street, Oberon NSW 2787

Bronze Sponsor Oberon Trash Pak

Oberon Trash-Pak is a family business owned and operated by Wayne & Michelle White.

Services offered are regular out of town garbage service, septic tank and grease trap pump outs.

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

“You don’t have to live in town to get a regular garbage service”

Contact: 0427 104 318 or 6336-2049



Official OTHR Merchandise

Buy Now.

OTHR Cap.

Bottle Green with white OTHR logo fits all sizes. Purchase today and be a part of the OTHR team. Proceeds go towards the refurbishment of the Oberon to Tarana line.

Priced at \$29.00 non - members, \$24.00 members. Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage.

OTHR Badge

Reproduced from the original OTHR badge, metal and enamel.

Priced at \$15.50 non-members - \$13.50 members. Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will include extra postage.

OTHR Whistle

New Product. A must for your memorabilia collection....sounds just like a train whistle!!

Priced at \$24.50 non-members – \$19.50 members. Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will include extra postage.



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Merchandise Order Form

Official OTHR Cap	\$29.00 non - members	\$24.00 members.
Official OTHR Badge	\$15.50 non – members	\$13.50 members
Official OTHR Whistle	\$24.50 non - members	\$19.50 members

Price includes Postage and Packing

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

	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	_____	\$_____
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	<hr/> Suburb/Town <hr/> State <hr/> Postcode <hr/>
Phone	Mobile <hr/> Home phone <hr/>
Email address	

Tick appropriate box

Membership is \$30.00 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.

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 are able to contribute.

Signed:

 Date:
