



# History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway October 2021



## Memorabilia at Oberon Station

*Photo Janine Sharp*

**OTHR Membership fee 2021/22 now due.**

**Renewal form page 18 of this Newslette**

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## President's Message

With the recent changes on lockdown and stay at home orders ending next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of October we have been able to make plans for future Open Days, working bees and group bookings.

**Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November has been set for the Annual General Meeting.  
7.30 pm Oberon RSL**

We will of course have to follow the recommendations set down for each activity. It is important to minimise the risks of the spread of covid in the future. Social distancing, wearing of masks, using QR codes and the correct level of vaccinations will be carefully monitored.

Gates have been added to the Albion Street security area. Deliveries a of a turnout and timbers have come from Gilgandra and a semi load of sleepers from West Wyalong. The plan is to have a kilometre of rail delivered in the next fortnight.

We have had to extend the date for the closing of tenders – covid restrictions on travel have prevented interested companies from coming to Oberon to inspect the site.

Over the next few months we will be concentrating on

- End platform carriages - certification fit for use – undercarriage and headstocks
- Locomotives 7321 and 7307 – maintenance – certification fit for use
- Track work – planned maintenance – sleepers and timbers on roads 3, 4, 5 & 6.
- Vegetation control – Oberon Station to Hazelgrove.

**Greg Bourne  
President**

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- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/OTHR.Inc](http://www.facebook.com/OTHR.Inc)

## 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 e 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**



*The new entrance to the "yard" off Albion Street.*

## Editor's thoughts

Romance.

Romance at OTHR? No this isn't about Geezers trying hard to remember how good they thought they were.

Romance and Rail seem to go hand in hand; and so it is with OTHR. Most of us here at OTHR have a romance with rail and most likely that's what is driving us even from childhood.

When asked as a child what did you want to do when you grew up you always answered "astronaut, explorer, mechanic, race car driver" but of course the right answer was "train driver"

My early memories were as a child standing on the station (in my case West Ryde NSW) when the sound of the approaching steam train or diesel became louder and louder, enveloping me in steam and smoke or fumes, the smell of brake dust and coal carrying with it the imagery of power, mystery and adventure. Once inside a carriage the smell of old leather, fresh paint and the remnants of spent coal or fumes wafted through the air. Stick your head out of a window only to be blasted by smoke, steam and cinders was a joy to behold.

Romance and Trains have been the theme in traditional and popular music since the early 1800's, and over the years have appeared in folk, blues, country, rock and jazz. Songs popular in Australia included Casey Jones, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Rock Island Line, Southern Aurora, Freight Train, Peace Train and my personal favourite, Last Train to Georgia.

Countless poems have been written about trains and railways including The Railway Train, The Rail Road, Homeward, and The Iron Horse.

Romance and film. There are dozens of films made on or about trains and railway including Union Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande, The Iron Horse, Murder on the Orient Express, The Day of the Roses and of course Backtrack filmed partly on our own Oberon the Tarana branch line.

Romance and Mystery themes. Railways have spawned countless themes for entertainment on

trains. Murder Mysteries are popular as are Stranded themed nights, good food and wine, music and theatre all make modern entertainment on trains a joy.

Romance and marriage are a delight to brides who are looking for something a little different for a steamy marriage ceremony in an old-fashioned setting.

OTHR is striving to return romance to the Oberon branch line, re-creating the romance of train travel from the 1920's to the 1970's and you can look forward to many themed train journeys in the not too distant future.

Anyone with railway romance in their blood is welcome to join the OTHR association.

So come on and join a bunch of old romantics bringing a wonderful branch line back to life and creating something for which Oberon, the Central Tablelands and New South Wales can be justly proud.

"There's something about the sound of a train that's very romantic and nostalgic and hopeful.  
Paul Simon"

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Breast cancer remains the most common cancer among Australian women (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer). Survival rates continue to improve in Australia with 89 out of every 100 women diagnosed with invasive breast cancer now surviving five or more years beyond diagnosis.

## Short Term Goals

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

### Immediate:

- Install new gates on Albion Street
- Continue track work in Station Yard
- Continue work on HLF854
- Vegetation Control in the corridor

### Ongoing to December 2021

Full track certification for the Oberon Yard area.

Secure a variation to existing accreditation for Rail Infrastructure Manager to approximately 500m north of the Hazelgrove Station. Reconstruct and have the section of track certified.

Commence the process of ensuring the two locomotives and end platform cars are “fit for use” Oberon to Hazelgrove

Apply for variation to existing accreditation to become a Rail Transport Operator Oberon to Hazelgrove.

Complete the review of SMS and Operational Procedures documents



*Passenger train at Tarana*

## Daffodils

By William Wordsworth



I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils.  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

One of the highlights of Oberon in October is a sea of yellow. William Wordsworth may as well have been describing Oberon in the opening verse of his famous poem



*We've come a long way.  
Oberon Station Precinct prior to 2006*



Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc

Contract No: CDG 1296 – Stage 1

**Tender to carry out restoration work to reopen 5.8km of railway line from Hazelgrove to Oberon**

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway is an accredited railway operator carrying out railway operations in Oberon Yard.

Tenders are invited from experienced railway contractors to carry out rail restoration work to reopen 5.8km of the non-operational railway line from Hazelgrove to Oberon.

RFQ form and Scope document are available for interested tenderers. Please email to [admin@othr.com.au](mailto:admin@othr.com.au) to receive a copy of the tender documents. For any enquiries phone Ken Lingabala on 0407 064 786.

The closing date for the restoration of the rail line tender from Oberon to Hazelgrove, has been extended by two weeks to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**A reminder...**

**OTHR Membership is due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

**Due to ever increasing costs we must set the membership fee at**

**\$40.00 for 2021/22.**

**Renew Now!!**

**An Interesting fact**



These historic images from the Graeme Bedwin/David Taylor collection were taken in October 1966.

After the Oberon Line was dieselised in 1963, the EMD 49 Class were frequent visitors on the steeply graded line. They replaced the veteran 19 Class on the mixed trains between Tarana and Oberon.

The 49 was originally purchased to dieselise the Parkes – Broken Hill line in 1960.

The last of the class, 4918, has just departed Tarana with a mixed train to Oberon.

Graeme's picture is the coloured shot below, while David's is the black and white shot above.

This snippet of history appears on the OTHR Facebook page.



## We've sourced a turnout for the railway project.

Through our network of contacts your committee has sourced a turnout at Gilgandra NSW suitable for use at Hazelgrove. This is in addition to one that we already have in the station yard previously sourced from Coolah, NSW.

These assets will save considerable expenditure on the project. We had previously been quoted nearly \$500K for supply of a new turnout.

These assets will certainly do the job!



*New turnout arrives at Oberon Storage Yard*



*Unloading the turnout materials received from Gilgandra, NSW*

## limited seating

Corona Virus has delayed the Yuletide High Tea event again.

We won't be beaten, so have rescheduled this event and added a second date.

The Yuletide High Tea is an exclusive event and despite adding another date, seating is still very limited. We have 6 bookings left for 20<sup>th</sup> November and 4 bookings left for 4<sup>th</sup> December.

For an entertaining experience aboard our 1897 End Platform Carriage including a sumptuous High Tea complete with champagne and beer book now.

No payment will be due until the dates are finally confirmed just in case 'Rona raises its head again.

Confirm your interest today, we wouldn't want you missing out on an experience exclusive to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

*Join us for a*  
**YULETIDE HIGH TEA**

**YULE TIDE HIGH TEA**  
SATURDAY 20th November &  
SATURDAY 4th December at 5pm

\$60 pp (includes champagne and beer)

*This event is not open to anyone below the age of 18*

*TABLES SEAT 2 PEOPLE ONLY*

*If you are booking for more than 2 we will endeavour to place you opposite each other*

**SEATING STRICTLY LIMITED**

For bookings [mokups@gmail.com](mailto:mokups@gmail.com)  
Or phone 0418295190

## Did you know...

That on Open Days OTHR has a pop-up café in one of the carriages at the station?

Come along and try our scrumptious scones, mouth-watering cake with a tea or coffee. Our café staff would love to look after you.

\$15.00 PP gets you entry to the station precinct and morning tea, children (under 18) \$10.00 only.

Yet another good reason to come along and see what the railway folk are doing at the station.

## New Feature for OTHR.

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.



*This could be your Bridal Party with Oberon Station Precinct as a backdrop.*

## Annual General Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 7.30 pm Oberon RSL

Each year OTHR has an AGM to elect the committee for the next year.

The constitution states that the committee is to consist of:

- the office-bearers of the association
  - (a) the president,
  - (b) the vice-president,
  - (c) the treasurer,
  - (d) the secretary
- at least 3 ordinary committee members,

Each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the association under clause 15.

The total number of committee members is to be 7.

The appointment of Line Managers is then determined by the new committee.

A nomination form is included on page 19 of this newsletter. Nominations for the various positions need to be emailed to Secretary Dave McMurray by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

### Dave McMurray

Email: [mcmurrayfamily2@bigpond.com](mailto:mcmurrayfamily2@bigpond.com)

Mobile: 0408 606 889

New committee members are always welcome. If you need further information please also contact the current president Greg Bourne or any of the other current committee members.

### Greg Bourne

President

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

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## 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.

## There was plenty of interest in the proposed new railway.

Carolyn Hide's excellent research on the Oberon to Tarana Railway has turned up some interesting information.

From the National Advocate (Bathurst NSW Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1915:

"Oberon's need for a Railway.

Prize Essay at Annual Show.

At the Oberon Show two prizes were "given by the "Mercury" for the best essays on the district's need for a railway. The former in the girls' section was Dora Cash, a scholar at Essington Public School. (Essington was a settlement at the time a few kilometres west of Oberon. Very little evidence of the settlement is left today – Ed).

The following was her effort – In consequence of the increasing prominence of the township of Oberon, its coming importance as a tourist resort; in view of its proximity to the Jenolan Caves, and above all the growing output of the surrounding agricultural and pastoral district; the construction of a railway is the one factor missing which would complete its success as one of the foremost country towns of this State.

It is 16 miles from the nearest railway station – Tarana. Owing to this the profit on produce, etc., is greatly diminished. The staple products of the Oberon district are rye, oats, and other cereals; potatoes and other vegetables; timber, trout, fruit, various minerals, principally copper and gold; wool, livestock, hides, and skins. Rye and oats are grown all over the district, especially about Hazelgrove. Other cereals grown are wheat, barley, and corn, in smaller quantities. Potatoes are extensively cultivated throughout the district, particularly in the vicinity of Oberon and Irish Corner. The soil is specially suited for their growth. The only remaining vegetables grown to any extent are turnips, pumpkins, and melons.

The main timber wealth abounds in the "cold country." Along the routes the line would probably be constructed there are numerous trees suitable for cutting into sleepers. This would reduce the cost of the line, as sleepers are very scarce just at present.

Trout thrive well in the Duckmaloi River, and during the fishing season the banks of the river are thronged with fishes anxious to procure a successful "catch".

On account of the suitability of the soil for apple growing, the fruit is very plentiful in good seasons. Most of the other fruits – peach, pear, plum, etc., likewise grow well.

Owing to the distances from the railway, many good mines are idle, and should a line be constructed to Oberon, those mines would re-open, and the district would benefit considerably.

The evident causes for Oberon being a tourist resort are the healthy climate, the splendid scenery about the fertile surroundings of the Duckmaloi and Fish Rivers, and the proximity of one of the world-famed natural beauties – the Jenolan Caves. These Caves attract people from all countries.

If the line were constructed the cartage of the produce to market would be considerably reduced. The fares for conveyance would be cheaper, travelling would be more convenient, and more people would visit Oberon. Some would, perhaps, settle on the land, and bring the vicinity of Oberon in contact with closer settlement; consequently, more buildings would be erected and the township of Oberon would be extended. A railway would greatly benefit the local annual show, which is now one of the great successes of the district.

If a railway were built to Oberon, in all probability it would be continued to Burruga, thus bringing about a great boom for the mine, which could be worked much cheaper. Taking a rough calculation. The cost of the line from Tarana to Oberon would be something over 100,000 pounds.”

This was an interesting essay on so many levels by such a young lady. What did Ms Cash forecast for Oberon that has come to nothing with the rise and fall of the Tarana – Oberon branch line and what did she forecast that is only now happening over 100 years later?

The essay is also a microcosm of rural life in Oberon in 1915. It was written during World War 1 and that event doesn't appear to be impacting Oberon very much at all at that point of time. The essay was written just eight years before the Tarana – Oberon branch line came to life.



*Locomotive on the Tarana Oberon line 1942*

## And a Word from Max....

Member Max Merrett has the last word:

“OTHR family, COVID has kept me away of late, but this is surely the best news we have had for years. Thanks to Greg and the committee and the tireless efforts of all those who toiled relentlessly in the face of naysayers.....And a huge thanks to those visionaries who fought to get this off the ground and keeping it moving, even when times were tough and the odds were stacked against us. Thank you to every person ever involved along the way, past and present, to make this happen. And a big shout out to the Commonwealth and MP Andrew Gee for backing such a worthwhile community project. Onwards and upwards OTHR”

Max was commenting on the issue of notice for tenders to repair/refurbish the Oberon – Tarana Railway Line to Hazelgrove.

The comment came via the OTHR Facebook page



*More turnout materials unloaded to the Oberon Storage 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.



*Ready for rehabilitation at the Hazelgrove terminal.*

## **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.....

Spring has well and truly sprung in Oberon; still a bit chilly at night but what a lovely time of year!

COVID19 restrictions are wreaking havoc thus the usual events that occur have had to be curtailed again.

However, the glass is always half full here and there are some events planned. Best check with the Oberon Visitor Information Centre if you are thinking of coming to the Central Tablelands.

For the latest in what'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:

- Standard and Triumph Car Club.
- A Bathurst Retirement Village.
- The Morris Register.
- Seniors Week tour.
- Taree Historic Motor Club Inc.
- Cars and Coffee

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.



# OBERON

MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE

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.

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.**

**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.

**Are held on the first Saturday of the month.  
Please note we have cancelled the October Open Day due to Covid restrictions**

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), 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.

Admission \$5 (18 and over), Devonshire Tea \$10

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

## 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 October we welcome:

Tom Pall of Moss Vale, 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.

It's with regret that we report the passing of Wayne Dempsey. Wayne was a very long-term member and a great supporter of OTHR.

He wasn't keeping good health for some time.

Vale Wayne.



## Say Whaat???

- The wife asked me if I'd seen the dog bowl. I said "To be perfectly honest, I didn't even know he played cricket"
- Bury me with my old records. It'll be my vinyl resting place.
- Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.
- The king of Spain has been quarantined on his private jet. That means the reign in Spain stays mainly on the plane.



Have a special event and need a unique backdrop? 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, send a message to [admin@othr.com](mailto:admin@othr.com) with your enquiry.

Our rates are competitive.

## 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.

## OTHR Precinct

### A Must See!

Moves are afoot at the Station Precinct and beyond.

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. There is now a small cinema showing the OTHR history past, present and future, well worth a look.

OTHR Open Days now feature our train drawn up to the station, where you can enjoy a Devonshire Tea at our pop-up café in one of the American style End Platform Carriages.

The wider Oberon Heritage precinct houses a variety of rolling stock most of which are 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.

## 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.

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.

### 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

## 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!

## Official OTHR Merchandise Buy Now.



**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 - A novelty whistle** for your collection.

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

### **OTHR Coffee Cup**

Black with white OTHR lettering. Flip top 2 Go.

**Priced at \$29.00 non-members, \$24.50 members.** Price includes GST and Postage and Handling 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: _____                                       |
| Email address: _____                               |

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage.

| 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 |        | \$    |
| 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 _____<br>Or Post Office Box Number _____<br>Suburb/Town _____<br>State _____ Postcode _____ |
| Phone           | Mobile _____<br>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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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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination Form**  
**Office Bearers – OTHR Inc.**  
ABN: 98 107 506 208  
**Annual General Meeting 2021**

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominating Member 1:**

Full name:- \_\_\_\_\_ Signed:- \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominating Member 2:**

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed:- \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of nominated person**

I, \_\_\_\_\_

(full name of nominated member) consent to be nominated for the position indicated above.

**Signature of nominated member:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:-** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominations for the various positions need to be emailed to**  
**Secretary Dave McMurray**  
**by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October.**  
**Email: [mcmurrayfamily2@bigpond.com](mailto:mcmurrayfamily2@bigpond.com)**  
**Mobile: 0408 606 889**



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a sumptuous

## YULE TIDE HIGH TEA

SATURDAY 20th November &  
SATURDAY 4th December at 5pm

\$60 pp (includes champagne and beer)

*This event is not open to anyone below the age of 18*

*TABLES SEAT 2 PEOPLE ONLY*

*If you are booking for more than 2 we will endeavour  
to place you opposite each other*

**SEATING STRICTLY LIMITED**

For bookings [mokups@gmail.com](mailto:mokups@gmail.com)  
Or phone 0418295190