



History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway February 2022



HS36 Project Leader, Michael Clark, performing some precision woodwork on a Headstock for the 1897 End Platform Carriage. This is another Rolling Stock project.

**OTHR Membership Fee 2021/22 now due.
Renewal form page 19 of this Newsletter**

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Federal Member for Calare, Minister for Veteran Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel.

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President's Message

The big news last Friday, 28th January is that the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator has granted OTHR a variation to accreditation of its Rail Infrastructure Manager from 222.656 km (Scotia Avenue, Oberon) to 216.95 km (Hazelgrove) on the Oberon Branch Line.

Ken Lingabala, Vice-president and Project Manager for the restoration of the line Oberon to Hazelgrove, has retained contact with the Department of Infrastructure which due to the Christmas New Year Period is clearing its back load of work. We are hopeful that money for the continuation of the project is released in the coming days.

Andrew Gee, Federal Member of Calare, was on site last Tuesday to confirm a that grant of \$5000 from the Community Grants Hub, 2021 Volunteer Grants section had been made available. the funding must be spent on a range of eligible items that benefit the volunteers. The list is comprehensive and we will have no trouble in allocating spending that benefits out volunteers. There is a very wide range of

On Saturday 8th January a professional photographer took a series of photos of HS36 and the restoration work on the headstocks on CBA850 during the scheduled working bee. Zhang is going to complete a number of site visits with a view to developing a complete photographic record of the HS36 restoration. It will be a very useful addition to the final report that will have to be submitted to the funding body. Some of his work appears this month.

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 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



Interior of guards section of HS36

Editor's thoughts

Busy.

Putting our physical activities to one side for just a moment, Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc has a whole series of social activities under way for 2022 to cater to a broad range of people.

Covid and State Government requirements may alter this schedule but we can't continue to live under the Doona so the OTHR Events Manager and his merry crew have put together the following activities (so far) for 2022.

Starting with the first Saturday of each month we will open the Oberon Railway Precinct to the general public for inspection and they have the opportunity to indulge in a Devonshire Tea in The Carriage, our pop-up café.

Sunday 27th February will see the staging of the Oberon Railway Cars and Coffee, a casual and entertaining morning of vehicles of all types, a cuppa and a chat. If you are a motoring enthusiast, bring along your interesting vehicle for display or just come along and enjoy the atmosphere of the morning.

March begins with our Open Day on 5th March followed by a major event visit by the Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia on 29th March.

The OTHR Open Day is scheduled for 2nd April

The Packard Car Club of Australia is another major event for OTHR with a visit and day's activities in Oberon scheduled for 5th May. Open day is 7th May.

From June to December the OTHR Open Days will be held on the first Saturday of each month.

We have 2 High Tea events slated to be held during the year.
2 "Stranded Lunches" are anticipated to be staged in Autumn and Spring.

Coinciding with the much-anticipated opening of the railway line to Hazelgrove we will be holding a commemorative Ball around October. A great event on Oberon's social calendar.

And, of course, December will highlight the Oberon Christmas Santa Train.

Don't forget our monthly working bees and the rebuilding of the railway line, the recommissioning of the trains, restoration of HS37 to commence, building infrastructure and regular maintenance of the railway, station precinct and surrounds.

Oh, and one last thing: we are constantly looking for volunteers of all descriptions. If you would enjoy the camaraderie and friendship that comes from being involved with an extremely busy group of enthusiasts, or if you are a member, consider increasing your support by joining us occasionally for some interesting activities and developing friendship amongst likeminded people.

"I love being busy, and I love having a lot going on, it's exciting.

Annette Bening"

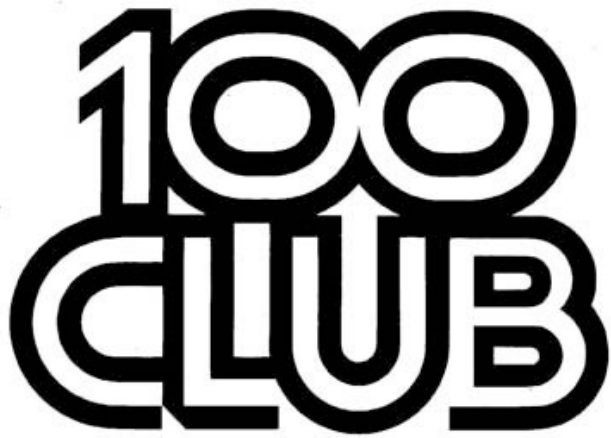


Bi-Monthly General Meetings.

Reserve the Date Wednesday 6th April 2022.

Your committee will re-commence General Meetings on the above date. All welcome after such a long break due to Corona 19 virus.

Oberon RSL, Dudley Street, Oberon 7.30 PM.



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

OTHR launches its 100 Club Draw No. 1 for 2022 in February.

You can win \$1,000.00 by investing in our fund raising with a chance to win.

The draw is open to all readers of this Newsletter.

It's a simple way for you to invest to help secure our future.

It works this way:

- Purchase a ticket for \$20.00.
- There are only 100 tickets sold.
- When all 100 tickets are sold, we will draw one ticket with your chance to win \$1,000.00
- Simply fill in the entry form that is located at the end of this 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. **This is important.**
- 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.

This is a wonderful way to support the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc and at the same time have a 1 in 100 chance of winning \$1,000.00.

The plan is to run 100 clubs regularly, so the chance to win will be on-going.

We have checked with all States and Territories in Australia and have been cleared to run the 100 Club, no matter where you live.

**"Big Engine" makes it to
Oberon.**



Peter Neve OAM, Editor of "The Railway News" submitted this photo from his personal collection of possibly the only time a "big engine" ever made it to Oberon. The occasion being a tour train organised by the South Pacific Electric Railway, otherwise known as SPER and the Sydney Tramway Museum. The date was Sunday 31.08.1969. Thanks for the photo and the story behind it, Peter.

The photo also shows a Ford Falcon and a bus parked up at the original entrance and parking area of Oberon Station.



OBERON
MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE

A reminder...

**OTHR Membership is due for renewal
on 1st July 2021**

\$40.00 for 2021/22.

Renew Now!!

Short Term Goals

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

Immediate:

- Continue the fit for use certification on the two locomotives and end platform cars.
- Vegetation Control in the Oberon yard and rail corridor to Hazelgrove

Ongoing to January 2023

Reconstruct and have the Oberon to Hazelgrove section of track certified.

Complete the process of ensuring the two locomotives and end platform cars are certified fit for use

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

Implement the completed review of SMS and Operational Procedures documents



View of intricate pressed ceiling in H36

Oberon Cars and Coffee

Oberon Cars and Coffee is on again on Sunday February 27th February.

The coffee's organised and the B&E Rolls and Sausage sangers are on the way.

A great fun event for all enthusiasts of cars of all kinds. The event will be located in the OTHR car park in North Street, Oberon NSW from 9.30 AM.

Bring your car, truck tractor bike or anything on wheels for a fun morning a cuppa and a chat.

Entry is free.

A vintage-style poster for the Oberon Railway Cars & Coffee event. The top features the text 'OBERON RAILWAY' in a stylized font with stars. Below it, three cars (red, black, and yellow) are shown. The main title is '- CARS & COFFEE -' in large, bold letters. The date 'SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2022' and time '9.30am 'til 1.30pm' are listed. The venue is 'Oberon Station Parking Area, North Street, Oberon NSW.' and it mentions 'All proceeds to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.' The poster also describes the event as a place for cars of all types, including modern, classic, rods, trucks, bikes, and tractors. It encourages people to stop by for an hour or two to enjoy the atmosphere and chat with enthusiasts. Food items like coffee, sausage sandwiches, and bacon & egg rolls are mentioned for sale. The event is open for inspection with a \$5.00 entry fee. At the bottom, it says 'NO MATTER WHAT YOU DRIVE WE WANT TO SEE IT' in a red banner.

OBERON RAILWAY

- CARS & COFFEE -

SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2022

9.30am 'til 1.30pm

Venue: Oberon Station Parking Area, North Street, Oberon NSW.
All proceeds to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

An event for Cars of all types
Modern, Classic, Rods, Trucks, Bikes, Tractors - anything on wheels.
Set against the backdrop of the Oberon Heritage Station,
the display event is free.

Stop by for an hour or two and enjoy a very
different ambience, admire great machinery
and have a chat with enthusiasts.

Coffee, Sausage Sandwiches
and Bacon & Egg Rolls for sale.

Oberon Heritage Station Precinct
open for inspection, entry \$5.00.

**NO MATTER WHAT YOU DRIVE
WE WANT TO SEE IT**

OTHR Events Calendar 2022

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc is entering the next phase of operations.

Your committee is filling the calendar quickly and this will assist you in making decisions to visit the Oberon Railway Precinct.

There is always capacity for your club, association or you to visit the Oberon Railway Precinct and surrounds. We can put together a very interesting event for a group that will leave you in awe of Oberon activities and big toys for boys.

Our initial contact is: admin@othr.com.au or tourism@oberon.nsw.gov.au

Events during February are:

- 5th February, Open Day 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Enjoy a Devonshire Tea on board our Carriage Café, see and hear the progress of the group in developing a major tourism attraction in the very near future. Cost including entry \$15.00 PP children under 18 \$10.00 PP.
- 27th February, Cars and Coffee 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. A destination for a drive to Oberon in NSW's Central Tablelands. On arrival display your classic or modern vehicle, enjoy a Bacon and Egg Roll and a cuppa and a chat. This is a free event except for food (\$5.00 PP), soft drinks and water (\$2.00 PP) and coffee at an appropriate cost.

Events during March:

- 5th March, Open Day 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Enjoy Devonshire Tea, see and hear the progress of the group in developing a major tourism attraction in the very near future. Cost including entry \$15.00 PP, children under 18 \$10.00 PP.
- 19th March, Stranded lunch at the Station. This is an exclusive event restricted to 20 people at a cost of \$100.00 PP including alcohol or alternative beverages.

All fare is made in house by our country cooks and is of high quality as you would expect. Book early as this event will be exclusive and popular.

- 29th March, Tour by Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia who will be hosted to a Fettle's Lunch and a tour of the Oberon Heritage Station Complex.

Keep an eye on this column for future events or book yours now, you won't be disappointed.



You could enjoy fare similar to this when you book your group visit.



Event Manager and Volunteer, Mike O'Kane putting in an extraordinary effort on the head stocks of the End Platform Carriage

How do I get to Oberon from Sydney by Public Transport?

A good question you might ask.

In fact, this question was posed to our committee recently and it transpires that it is not all that easy.

Oberon is reasonably isolated as far as public transport is concerned.

So. Here's how to do it:

Purchase a ticket at Central station or from wherever you are departing, for Tarana on the Main Western Line. Travel via the "Bathurst Bullet Train".

The "Bathurst Bullet Train" arrives at Tarana Railway Station at 6.14 PM, Monday Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Evening and 7.05 PM on Wednesday evening.

A connecting bus service leaves Tarana for Oberon at 6.20 PM (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, and 7.15 PM Wed)

For the return trip the connecting bus service leaves Oberon at 7.15 AM Mon to Fri to meet the "Bathurst Bullet Train" at 8.07 AM at Tarana. There is a different timetable operating during School Holidays and there is no service on public holidays.

It's best to book accommodation for two nights. Further information and tickets for the "Bathurst Bullet Train" service is available at transportnsw.info Bus tickets are purchased when boarding bus. Passenger fee applies. Opal cards are accepted.

As an alternative, one of our volunteers will pick you up at Mount Victoria, NSW but this can only be done by appointment.



Bathurst Bullet Train at Central 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

Hiring fees are incredibly competitive.



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

OTHR features in Oberon Australia Day Awards.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc has been honoured in 2022 to be nominated for major Australia Day Awards in Oberon.

Unfortunately, we weren't successful but I thought you would be interested in the nominations and the reasons why these nominations were made.

Volunteer Group of the Year. Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

The major goal of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is to establish a tourist attraction that will benefit the Oberon Community, increase employment and boost visitors to the Oberon LGA for generations to come. The Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc has been volunteering as a group since 2006. During this time, it has been headed by a large number of volunteers and has achieved an outstanding amount with volunteers working tirelessly and selflessly for many years, the group is now starting the results of their efforts. The last three years have seen great strides by the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. leadership team, headed by Gregory Bourne. With immense fundraising efforts, ongoing grant applications and old fashioned hard work, the current team is now to the point where the main goal of operating a functioning railway as a tourist attraction has become a reality.

Citizen of the Year. David McMurray (OTHR Secretary)

David is actively involved in many groups in Oberon including the Oberon Men's Shed and Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. It was through David's vision and persistence that the Oberon Men's Shed started in 2009 and has continued to thrive since then. A good Men's Shed has a co-ordinator who has both the technical and social skills to develop a safe and happy environment where men are welcome to work a project of their choice in their own time and where the only "must" is to observe safe working practices, all in the spirit of mateship and this sums up David's role perfectly. David is

always willing to assist other groups with his knowledge, whether it be with grant funding applications, writing newsletters or as a waiter at the "Coffee and Cars" events put on by OTHR. David is there to give a helping hand. As a long-term member of the Australia Day Working Party, David contributes his time each year to ensure the success of the event.

Citizen of the Year Gregory Bourne (OTHR President)

As President of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. since 2017, Greg has worked tirelessly to capitalise on past volunteer's hard work and to steer the current committee and volunteers in bringing the association to the point where the primary goal of running a tourist train for the benefit of Oberon has become a reality. Greg has worked tirelessly for the past four years with little acknowledgement and the impact of his efforts has had on the Oberon Community is vast. He has lobbied extensively to attract funding from both State and Federal Governments and worked through vast amounts of red tape to ensure the OTHR project is well placed to achieve its goal of establishing a tourist attraction that will benefit the Oberon Community, increase employment and boost visitors to the Oberon LGA for generations to come.

With the reasons stated under each nomination was there any wonder why the nominees wouldn't have been a shoe-in?

The standard of local volunteers is mind bending both in effort and time put into the community as a whole.

For these reasons the awardees of the two categories were:

Volunteer Group of the Year. Rotary Club of Oberon

Headed by President James Shea, Rotary has worked constantly to raise funds for meeting the many and varied need within the Oberon Community.

Citizen of the Year Ashleigh Hotham.

Ashleigh works in the Aged Care Sector and was awarded this accolade not only because of her work with the aged, but going above and beyond her duties to provide assistance and support to allow Oberon's Aged to carry on with life in a dignified manner and be as independent as possible.

Congratulations to all the nominees who were recognised at Oberon's 2022 Australia Day.



Andrew Gee formally presents Volunteer Grant.

January 25th saw an official visit from Andrew Gee to the Oberon Heritage Precinct to present a grant of \$5,000.00.

The Grant funds are to be used for the benefit of volunteers and the committee is yet to decide how to get the best value from these funds.

Andrew is the Federal Member for Calare, Minister for Veterans Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel. And of course he is OTHR Co-Patron.

Want to volunteer but don't know how to go about it?

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is a volunteer group working to bring a major tourist attraction on-line later in 2022 or early 2023.

We are looking for motivated people to work in a volunteer capacity in all sorts of occupations.

You don't need to know about railways; just have a desire to serve a community by volunteering your skills with an enthusiastic group of other volunteers.

If you have skills in Catering, Cleaning, Accounting, Business Administration, Computers, I.T., Carpentry, Cabinet Making, Diesel Mechanics, Fettleing, General Labouring, Interpersonal Skills or any other vocation, and can take directions and work with a team, then OTHR wants you.

Be a part of potentially a great tourist attraction for the Central Tablelands/Central West and NSW.

Find out what it takes to become a valued volunteer working with an experienced and enthusiastic team.

Enquire at: admin@othr.com.au or
Mobile 0437 389 684 (President Greg Bourne)

HS36

From Carolyn Hyde's research:

"...a new type of carriage is now in service on the Oberon- Tarana service
The carriage is a combination of a guard's van and passenger coach having accommodation for 40 passengers and will be ample capacity for the average needs of the service to Oberon...

National Advocate (Bathurst) 6th March 1941."



Mr. & Mrs Howe leaving Oberon on HS36.

Our Code

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. (OTHR) is a not for profit, member-based organisation. We have a responsibility to strive to make informed, consistent, and ethical decisions.

Our code is a public statement that OTHR is committed to doing the right things the right way. Our code applies to all OTHR committee members and members.

We are proud of our culture, and understand it is continually shaped by the behaviours and attitudes demonstrated on a day-to-day basis by all our people.

Our code includes references to relevant OTHR requirements (OTHR policies and procedures) and other helpful tools and resources.

No code of conduct can ever cover every situation, OTHR relies on you to use sound judgement and speak up when you have questions or concerns.

All committee members, members, volunteers, and employees of OTHR are representatives of OTHR and are expected to act responsibly and professionally.

As a representative of OTHR, you are expected to act in the best interests of OTHR and to conduct yourself in a manner that does not discredit:

- An individual team member, having regard to their position held within OTHR, or
- The reputation of OTHR.

Whenever there is conflict or a difference between an applicable legal requirement and Our Code, you must apply the strictest standard.

Our partners, and third parties, can also have a direct impact on the reputation of OTHR through their behaviours and actions. For this reason, we want to work with our partners to ensure that they share our commitment to safety, ethics, and compliance. We also expect and encourage all our contractors and their employees to act in a way that is consistent with Our Code. We will take appropriate measures where we believe they have not met our expectations or their contractual obligations

Important Information.

Help us bring our heritage railway to life by becoming a financial member of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

Membership of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is a valuable way you can contribute to our vision. Individual annual membership costs \$40.00 per year from 1st 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



Michael Clark and Mike O'Kane performing precision carpentry on the End Platform Carriage

Volunteers Wanted.

If you are a Carpenter or Cabinet Maker, have time to volunteer a couple of hours every now and then and can see yourself in this photo, then call Greg Bourne.

Greg is President of OTHR and would love to have a chat about you volunteering on a great railway project.

Call him now on 0437 389 684 or email admin@othr.com.au



*Another angle of the making of headstocks for our
End Platform Carriage
against a lovely Oberon Summer sky.*

About Oberon.....

February is the month that Oberon really gets into top gear with events and visitors flocking to town.

Oberon's biggest day of the year, Australia Day, staged on 26th January, signals events at a gathering place for the coming year. Fun, colour and action feature in February

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

- Saturday 5th. Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc Open Day. Come and inspect the Oberon Station Precinct, hear about our future plans and enjoy a Devonshire Tea in our Carriage Café.
- Saturday 5th. Renzaglia Wines presents "Live at Bella Luna." Bring your family and friends and enjoy an afternoon of live music by local artists at Renzaglia Wines and Bella Luna Vineyard from 2.00 – 8.00 pm. BYO picnic or simply add a food platter to your ticket. A big range of Renzaglia Wines and local brewer, Cosmo Brewing with their selection of cleansing ales.
- Saturday 12th. Oberon Show – step right up and experience a local show like no other! An agricultural show, it is held each year and aims to showcase local agriculture and arts and crafts. There are traditional favourites through

to amusements, show bags and a host of special surprises culminating in a massive entertainment event and fireworks display. See you there.....

- Saturday 26th. Oberon Rodeo is back! Held in the Oberon Showground, the event features all the traditional rodeo events, including bull, horse and calf roping events. The day also sees the staging of the Rod Brien Memorial bull ride and the Jack Johnson Memorial saddle bronc event. Entry is \$25 adults, \$15 children and \$65 families. This is a day not to be missed.
- Sunday 27th. Oberon Railway Cars and Coffee. An attraction for all motoring enthusiasts. Great Coffee, B&E Rolls and Sausage Sandwiches available. Apart from the food and coffee, this is a free event.

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:

- A Bathurst Retirement Village.
- The Morris Register.
- Seniors Week tour.
- Taree Historic Motor Club Inc.
- Cars and Coffee
- Yuletide High Teas

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.



A spectacular bucking horse at the Oberon Rodeo

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



*Enjoy a Devonshire Tea in the OTHR Carriage Café
Photo Neale's Rail Photo*



Some of OTHR's merchandise.

This is a fundraiser for OTHR and at the same time gives you a memento of a great project.

Got yours Yet?

An order form is located at the end of this Newsletter.



Interior of the 1st class section of HS36 that is about to be restored to its former glory.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time helping to restore this historic 1891 carriage or take part in any other OTHR activity then talk to President Greg Bourne on 0437 389 684 or email admin@othr.com.au about your skills and available time.

Monthly Open Days.

**Are held on the first Saturday of the month.
Next Open Day**

We need volunteers for Open Days.

Volunteers will meet and greet visitors, show them through the displays and try to answer any questions.

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 significant increase in visitors comprising locals and tourists.

Your committee is also actively advertising for group visits, and we are providing a railway experience bar none.

Groups are starting to line up and results so far have been encouraging. If you are a member of another group, say a car club or Rotary or Probus or a gardening club, etc. and that group is looking for an excursion, please suggest they book a group visit to Oberon station.

Admission \$5 (18 and over), 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> for contact details

Working Bees.

We will be trying to have at least one week day and each Saturday throughout the year. Keep an eye on the website or OTHR Facebook page for up-to-date information. If you are not a regular participant please make contact – details at othr.com.au

Personal Protective Equipment must be worn.

Current membership is a necessity to ensure insurance compliance

Contact: Greg Bourne President

Email: 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 allocated tasks.

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:

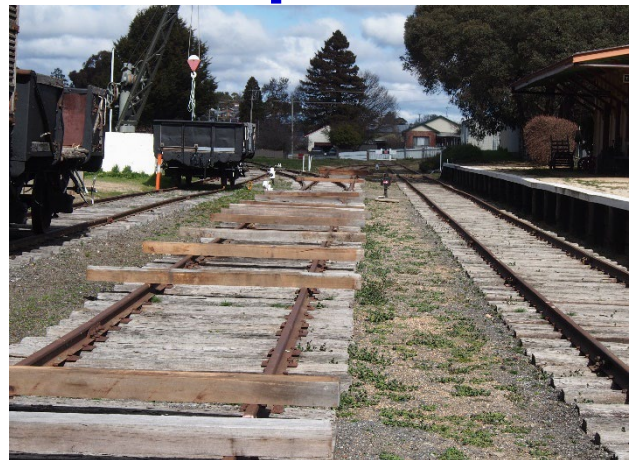
Developing new skills - Meeting new people

Assisting with a meaningful and important cause

Contributing to the community

A sense of belonging.

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!

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 February we welcome:

Gabriel Harris of Stuart Town NSW.
Samuel Garland of Lithgow

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.

A shout out to one of our longest serving members. Charles Hazelwood who continues to suffer ill health.

We would like to acknowledge a very long-term member, Harry Shannon, who hasn't been keeping the best of health in recent times.

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 Whaat???

- Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again"
- I'm trying to organise a hide and seek tournament but good players are really hard to find.
- I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
- What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, Their, they're.

Some of the photos from Kang's visit on



These photos are part of the "before" collection. It will be interesting to see the end product at the end of the restoration

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



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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.

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Black with white OTHR lettering. Flip top 2 Go.

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Coffee Cup at member price \$24.50		\$
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Total		\$

Payment can be made in the following ways

- **Cheques** - made payable to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. and mailed to PO Box 299 Oberon NSW 2787
- **Cash** - can be paid direct to our Treasurer at any of our bi-monthly general meetings or at an Open Day.
- **Direct Bank Transfer** – our bank details are **BSB: 062 632 Account number: 1004 9851**. Please include your name as the reference statement.



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Renewal or Application for Membership

I/We wish to renew my membership or to apply to become a member of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. and agree to be bound by the Articles of Association of the organization and its Rules and Regulations

Name	
Mailing address	Street Number _____ Street _____ Or Post Office Box Number _____ Suburb/Town _____ State _____ Postcode _____
Phone	Mobile _____ Home phone _____
Email address	

Tick appropriate box

Membership is \$40.00 per person

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\$ _____

Donation

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\$ _____

Total amount payable

\$ _____

*All donations are tax deductible.
The treasurer sends a receipt for
membership which will also
include information of any
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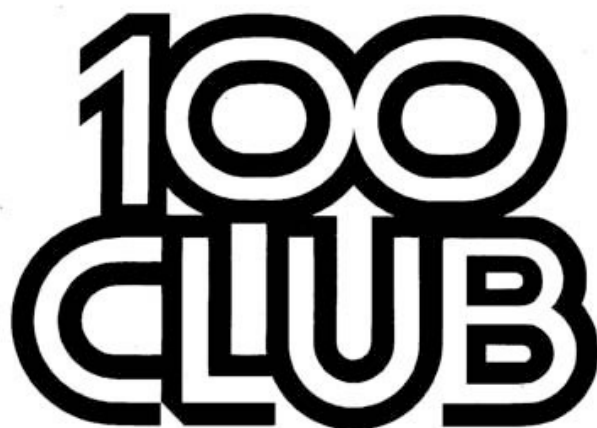
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Expertise (Please complete if you are joining OTHR for the first time) Indicate any skills, expertise or areas of interest you may be able to share with us as the railway is being restored ready for operation. We need members with a wide range of skills 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 can contribute.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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