



# History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway

December 2024



**We have a few methods of vegetation control. One is slashing with a tractor which is quicker than mowing and usually more effective on taller grass. Slashing also helps to develop fire breaks.**

**This a photo when travelling on the eastern side of the track heading south from Black Bullock Road towards what is known as the summit. The track looks good and clear of weeds which is an indicator of good results in previous track spraying**

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## President’s Message

It has been a busy time for the committee and volunteers especially from the end of November and to Christmas Eve. This newsletter encapsulates the various things that have happened since the last newsletter.

- Hosting the Spring lunch and the usual end of year social gathering
- Successful Veolia Mulwara Trust grant application and purchase of new zero turn mower
- November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> two-day engagement session with ONRSR facilitated by **Garth Schwartz**, Senior Rail Safety Officer-Accreditation and **Jennifer Edmonds**, Senior Rail Safety Officer. We were asked to prepare documents which focused on making sure we knew what steps had to be carried out to run a passenger train to Hazelgrove as well a very careful study of our risk management documents.
- The continuing work on rolling stock items HS36 and locomotive 7321
- Track Work. We finally have the two ground frames in position for the loop at Hazelgrove. The southern frame and its connections are basically good to go and the northern frame is in position but still needs rodding connected. Kilometre post preparation and more line spraying
- Outlining the extra work caused by storm water damage at Hazelgrove.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everybody.**

**Greg Bourne**

**President**

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## Repairing HS36 Ceiling Panels



The First-Class section of HS36 has pressed metal ceilings. Laser cleaning has returned these to their bare metal surface in readiness for re-painting. Unfortunately, the laser cleaning also exposed some badly corroded areas that presented a challenge to the restoration team. The obvious choice was to replace the panel with a new one. Unfortunately, these panels were no longer available so plan B was called for. One of OTHR's team members used to work in the movies and so the proposal was put that a cast be made of the good section of the damaged panel and a completely new panel be made out of fibreglass. So, Michael O'Kane, and his prop making mate Peter Wyborn, set to work to manufacture a new ceiling panel



The first stage was to make a latex mold of the good section of the existing panel. This took a few days. Once the mold was cured a fibreglass section was constructed. This section was then removed and trimmed to refit the mold for the second half to be cast.



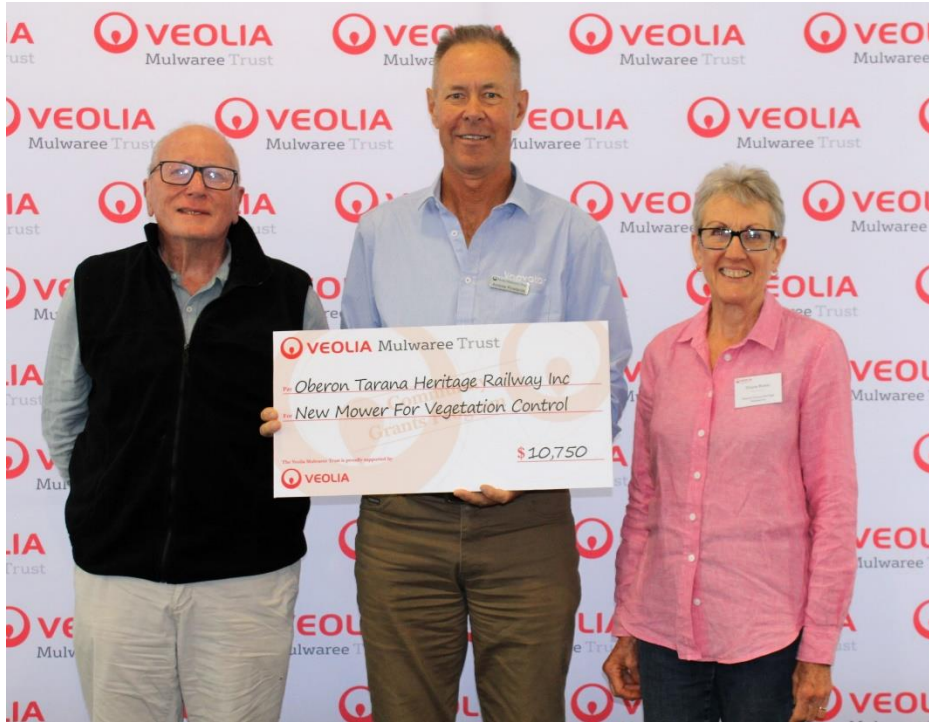
The casting is joined along a natural formation within in the "pressed



metal" so as not to be visible when removed from the mold. Once cured the entire panel was removed from the mold, trimmed and base coated in primer. It is now installed in the First-Class compartment ready for the next coat of paint.







On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of November President Greg Bourne and Secretary travelled to Goulburn for the presentation of a grant to purchase a new lawn mower. We will be using it the yard and along the corridor to maintain greater control of the vegetation.



Vice president Michael Clark on the new mower which arrived on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December



**Andrew Gee MP**  
Federal Member for Calare

Our Ref: SB AG05005

Mr Gregory Bourne  
President  
Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway  
29 Carrington Avenue  
OBERON NSW 2787

Dear Mr Bourne

*Greg*

**Veolia Mulwaree Trust – Grant Recipient**

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc on being awarded \$10,750 in grant funding from the Veolia Mulwaree Trust for the purchase of a new mower for vegetation control.

This grant is a significant recognition of the vital work your organisation does in preserving and maintaining our region's rich railway heritage. The new mower will undoubtedly play a crucial role in ensuring that the railway environment remains well-maintained and accessible for the enjoyment of all.

Your dedication and commitment to preserving the history and beauty of our local railway are truly commendable. The Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc is a shining example of community spirit and the positive impact that passionate volunteers can have on our region.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved grant. I look forward to seeing the continued success of your efforts and the positive outcomes that this funding will bring to your organisation and the wider community.

Yours sincerely

*[Handwritten signature of Andrew Gee]*

Andrew Gee MP  
Independent Federal Member for Calare

Dated: *26/11/24*

*Another successful grant for the amazing OTHR team! Well done!!!*



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## Track Work



Laying the concrete pad for the installation of frame A at the northern end of Hazelgrove.



Volunteers Michael Clark and Mark Handel giving the final check of frame A northern end at Hazelgrove

This weekend a couple of hours was spent checking measurements and fittings for the rods. This part of the Hazelgrove turnaround is nearing completion. A sleeper has to be removed and replaced by a 4-metre timber.





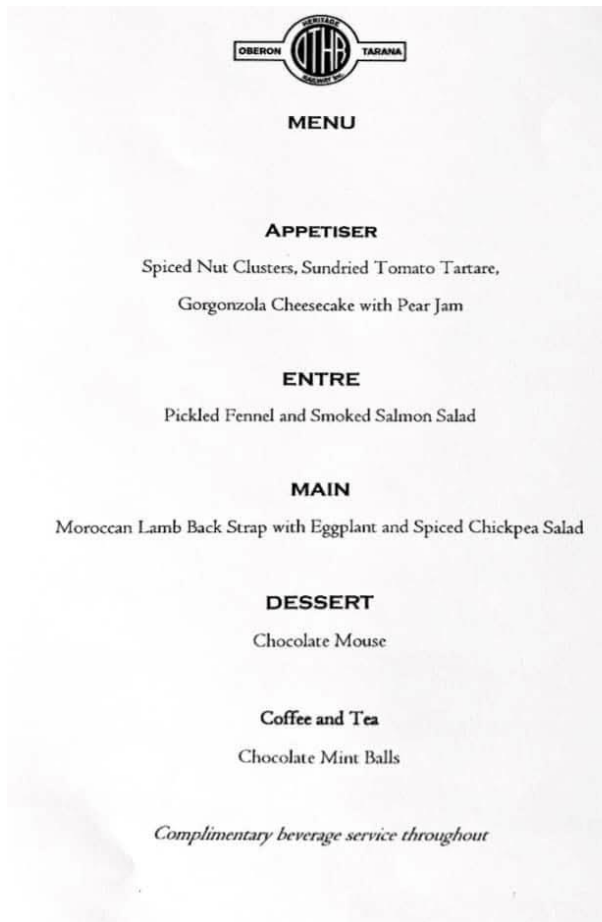
**Preparation for the installation of kilometre and half kilometre posts along the line Hazelgrove to Oberon. The posts and standard shape markers are ready to go**



**Trent Elliott moving the spray unit over the turnaround loop at Hazelgrove**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> of November saw the hosting of our Spring Lunch. 20 visitors delighted in a marvellous menu created by our wonderful catering staff. Good food and plenty of laughs all around.

Keep an eye out for our next major lunch experience early next year. You don't want to miss it



**Rolling Stock**





**Mark Handel spraying undercoat on the compressor cover of locomotive 7321.**



**Mike O’Kane developed a better process of stripping the paint off the engine bay doors and sand boxes from 7321 this month. Mike and Mark really got to work on stripping the paint back. Most have been relocated to Mark’s place for painting in the near future.**



Early in the December we had nearly 100 mm of rain over a couple of days. It had a big impact on Black Bullock Road and then in the cess in the Hazelgrove area. which had its greatest impact. Lots of storm water, lots of damage and more work for volunteers



Vice-president Michael Clark clearing a blocked pipe. You can see that the storm water was re-directed to the right and down Black Bullock Road,



The storm water carried leaves sticks rocks and weeds onto the track – note that the track is completely covered in some places.





**The fines from the road base on Black Bullock Road collected in the cess and will have to be removed.**



**Just south of Black Bullock Road a huge mound of road base collected and blocked the water from flowing under a culvert. Water collected on the other side of the line. A build up of water in the cess is not a good look!**



**The fence was removed, the road base shifted and the water level dropped between 100 mm & 120mm.**



## 2024 Event Sponsors.

The OTHR Committee congratulates the following local businesses who have committed to partnering our events in 2024

They are listed on our website using this link. <https://othr.com.au/sponsors/>

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### Renewal or Application for Membership

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

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

Tick appropriate box

Membership is \$40.00 per person

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount payable

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*All donations are tax deductible. The treasurer sends a receipt for membership which will also*

Payment can be made in the following ways however EFT is preferred.

- **Direct Bank Transfer** – our bank details are **BSB: 062 632 Account number: 1004 9851.**
- **PayPal via our website.**
- **Cash** - can be paid direct on Open Days
- **Cheques** - made payable to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. and mailed to PO Box 299 Oberon NSW 2787

**\*\*\*\* Please include your name as the reference on your EFT transfer**

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_