



History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway
17th June 2024



3085 In Goulburn Roundhouse May 2023

President's Message

The volunteers have been busy delivering on a wide range of projects. This newsletter concentrates on:

- Delivery of steam locomotive 3085,
- Progress reports on 73 class locomotives improvements
- HS36 outlining the various areas that have been started since the last newsletter
- Track report Hazelgrove welding and timber replacements near frame C in the Oberon yard.
- Good attendance on recent Open Days. Attendees quite amazed at the steady progress
- Important Information: 100 club and success in Community Building Partnership grant CBP23-3353.

The committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month. We have decided to produce the newsletter every second month. It will be sent out after the monthly committee meeting. Please note that the next General Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting in October.

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President

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Locomotive 3085

After 2 years of negotiations, we are pleased to announce that steam locomotive 3085 has become part of our heritage fleet here at OTHR. This would not have been possible without the help of Transport Heritage New South Wales and a big thank you to them. We also thank Goulburn Roundhouse for their help in allowing the acquisition to take place.

I know that some of the purists will say that the 30 class locos never ran on the Tarana to Oberon branch line, and they would be correct. However, to obtain a 19 class locomotive has been impossible, in spite of the considerable effort of committee members to have a 19 class locomotive in Oberon. The 30 class can run on tight curves and steep grades making ideal for use in Oberon to operate on our heritage line.

Originally of the S636 class, these locos were specifically designed for the Sydney suburban network. They were known for their trouble free operation. The electrification of the Sydney inner suburban network resulted in a surplus of these locomotives which were too valuable to scrap. Several became shunters at country yards including Bathurst. They were able to handle the steep grades at the Portland Cement works. They remained hauling Toronto and Maitland local area until the late 1970's. Many of them were used on the South Maitland Railway when the private rail network was operated by the NSW government. They were also a common sight in the Sydney yards until the 1970's when they were replaced by the 73 class shunters.

Important Specifications of the 3085 Locomotive.

First number	1006
Axle load	14.16
Overall length	40 feet 9 inches
Rigid wheel base	10 feet 9 inches
Tractive effort	19,120 lbs
Driving wheel diameter	55 inches/1397 millimetres
Steam pressure	160 psi
Cylinders	18.5 x 24
Heating surface	118.5 firebox square feet 1334.0 tubes and flues



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Lifting rig on the front of the locomotive



Off the low loader then the slow swivel to Oberon main line

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Careful movement to lower 3805 onto the rails



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New members are welcome

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A gentle lowering onto the rails



3805 On the track next step - shunt to rolling stock shed

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Ready for the shunt to the rolling stock shed



Shunting underway: 7307 showing signs of having to do more work than normal

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Undercover in the Rolling Stock Shed

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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.

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.



The committee is advertising for group visits. We can provide a railway suited to your group. If you are a member of another group, such as a Car Club, Rotary or Probus and the group is looking for an excursion, please suggest they book a group visit to Oberon station.

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,

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Locomotive Report

The side doors from loco 7321 have been stripped and repaired. Some doors have had hinges replaced before priming and painted. The colour scheme is new. The Indian red has been updated to reflect the corporate colour of our maroon uniforms. A new colour of striking light blue has been added to give some individuality and lift the dark maroon body work. The short cab is finished and ready to be reinstalled. The loco doors will be re-hung on the locomotive when painting of the body is completed.



All of the air instruments in the cab have been repaired, recalibrated and certified. The brake controls are back from overhaul and certification. Three safety valves have been serviced, adjusted and are ready for reinstallation. Next issue – the big job of re-assembly begins.

Track Report.

All repairs to the track between Oberon Yard and Hazelgrove have been completed. A small number of faults in the yard are still to be repaired.

The southern Hazelgrove turnout is fully installed and welded into the main line. The turnout has been lifted and packed. The runaround loop line is now complete. Some lifting of the mainline is still required. The point levers and rodding need to be installed. The volunteers need to be commended after putting many long days to achieve a great result.



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Hazelgrove Welding in late May



Preheat



Thermite welding. Hot stuff!

Attention now turns to the road crossings. Each road crossing must have a level crossing interface agreement Oberon council. Data collection is taking place and will form part of the detailed information in our future meetings with ONRSR

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Timber replacement at Frame C – Main line near end of Rolling Stock Shed



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HS36 Update

Work continues on HS36 with gutter repairs continuing. Existing gutters on the west side have been removed and repaired where possible. New gutter sections were delivered in April. These sections were made from Oregon recycled from a Sydney house which was built in the 1840's, so the guttering will actually be older than the car.

All the roof vents have been removed as all required repair. Most have now been repaired of any cracks and fractures and look good ready for painting.

There was concern that the malthoid on the roof may have contained asbestos. THNSW was notified and they quickly arranged for samples to be taken. Work stopped while awaiting results. We were pleased to hear that all tests came back negative.

Nail holes continue to be drilled and doweled. Mike O'Kane has commenced work preparing the first class cabins for painting. Given the very poor condition of the ceilings and the difficult job of stripping back to clean pressed tin we decided to engage the latest in laser pulse technology to remove the ceiling paint. This worked well but was quite tedious for the operator. Mike has also commenced worked on the far south second class compartment.

Our first class seats are progressing well at our local Oberon upholsterer and look great.



Michael Clark removing roof vents for repair on HS36

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Michael Clark – HS36 Project Manager removing damaged roof vents for repair.



1st class ceiling before laser cleaning.

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Ceiling after laser cleaning



Close up of one of the laser cleaned panels in first class almost ready for paint.

Important Information

100 Club Result. The 4th Draw was won by Dawn M. from South Penrith.

CBP23 - 3353 Grant. We were advised by Paul Toole, Member for Bathurst and Chris Minns MP, Premier of New South that our grant application for "Improvements to Rail Corridor Maintenance Equipment and Kitchen Facilities" was successful and the approved funding figure is \$20,354.

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First class seat stripped back.



First class seat with reapplied horse hair all fluffed up ready for coverings.

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Open Days Morning teas and Light Lunches

Monthly Open Days are continuing on the first Saturday of the month, Devonshire teas (\$10) and light lunches (\$15) are available in the carriage, HLF854

We will host group tours of the Oberon Heritage Precinct on request. There is also opportunity for catered functions in the carriage.

An entry fee of \$5.00 pp (children under 18 free).

Contact Secretary Elaine Boxer:
admin@othr.com.au
Website <http://othr.com.au>

Working Bees - It is your railway, be a part of its development!

Regular working bees are now occurring every Saturday with opportunities during the week if you are available.

Personal Protective Equipment boots and orange Hi-Viz must be worn.

All volunteers are required to pass a General Induction Program. On track volunteers will need to progress to Rail Safety Worker (RSW) status.

Contact: Greg Bourne President
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You do not have to attend every working bee, just the ones that fit in your timeframe.

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.

OTHR is seeking expressions of interest from members who would like to join the training program to become qualified carriage attendants, guards, station attendants, drivers and second persons as well as other important roles.

These roles will require other regular forms of volunteering to support OTHR.

Your interest should be lodged with the President or Secretary at admin@othr.com.au

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.

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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/>

Sponsor	Address or Telephone	Type	Web URL
Oberon Council	02 6329 8100	Gold	https://www.oberon.nsw.gov.au/
Mawhoods IGA and Liquor	02 6336 0344	Gold	https://igaoberon.com.au/
Elders - Emms Mooney	02 6336 1109	Gold	https://emmsmooney.eldersrealestate.com.au/
Titania Motel	02 6336 1377	Gold	https://www.titaniamotel.com.au/
Oberon Earthmoving	0411 729 732	Gold	https://www.oberonearthmoving.com.au/contact-us
The Rockley Pub	02 6337 9415	Gold	https://www.therockleypub.com.au/
Oberon CRT	02 6336 1506	Silver	https://www.crt.com.au/store/oberon-industrial-farming-supplies/
Sauls Grading Services	0409 361 557	Silver	
Reliance Bank	157 Oberon Street 02 6336 0451	Silver	https://www.visitoberon.com/business/financial-professional-services/reliance-credit-union/
Royal Hotel Oberon	113 Oberon Street 02 6336 1011	Silver	https://royalhoteloberon.com.au/
Jenolan Caravan park	7 Cunynghame St	Silver	http://www.jenolanholidaypark.com.au/
Oberon Lifestyle Properties	83 Oberon Street 02 6336 0179	Bronze	https://oberonlifestyleproperties.com.au/
DJ's Cafe	169 Oberon Street 02 6336 1528	Bronze	https://www.oberonaustralia.com.au/1224/djs-cafe/
Spark Electrical	Oberon Street	Celebration	https://sparkedelectrical.com.au/
Oberon Bakehouse	159 Oberon Street 02 6336 1075	Celebration	https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Restaurant_Review-g504263-d13223293-Reviews-The_Oberon_Bakehouse-Oberon_Blue_Mountains_New_South_Wales.html
Kringle Cottage	159 Oberon Street 0428 412 757	Celebration	https://www.facebook.com/morethanjustachristmasshop/
Oberon Pharmacy	135 Oberon Street 02 6336 1466	Celebration	https://www.oberonpharmacy.com.au/
Barkers Butchery	171 Oberon Street 02 6336 1516	Celebration	https://www.oberonaustralia.com.au/1213/barkers-butchery/

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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 include information of av donation.

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.

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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