



History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway August 2024

President's Message

- **Open Days and Winter Lunch**

We had good attendance figures for the July and August first Saturday Open Days.

Merchandise sales were above average.

The winter lunch was a sell out and we received excellent feedback from those attending.

- **Future Bookings**

We already have bookings from clubs and other community groups in October and November.

It is going to be a very busy couple of months

- **Variation of accreditation**

We have had several meetings with representatives from Transport Heritage New South Wales and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator. You probably know that the Sydney's new metro line (Chatswood to Sydenham) will begin taking passengers from Monday 18th August after the National Rail Safety Regulator gave the project its "final tick of approval". We have a lot of work to do in order to get that final tick of approval to run a passenger train to Hazelgrove. That final tick from the regulator is dependent on our documents for the Management of the Change, the Quality and Integrity of our risk Register and Safety Management Systems.

- **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 9th October. It was previously advertised to be held in the RSL but that is likely to change because the RSL is currently not open on Wednesdays. There will be more detail about the venue change and nomination documents in a separate email in early September. Nomination documents have to be in 7 days before the AGM.

- **Georges River Model Railway Club Goulburn 7th and 8th of September.**

This club organised the Model Railway Exhibition in the Malachi Gilmore Hall for us last year. They have asked us to have a display during the two-day event in Goulburn. I will be attending with advertising material, photographic display as well as some electronic input. More detail page 15.

- **Oberon Council 356 Funding**

The secretary, Elaine Boxer and I attended the 2024/2025 Oberon Council Section 356 Financial Assistance Presentation yesterday afternoon. Our support grant of \$5000 is for rental, insurance and vegetation control. A very welcome contribution!

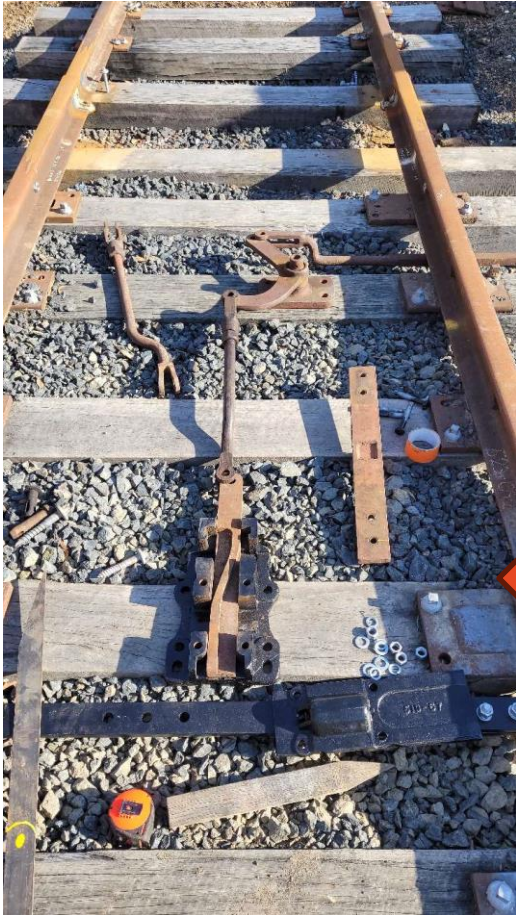
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Track report - Setting up Hazelgrove Turnout



Recently works continued at Hazelgrove with the initial layout of rodding and cranks to connect the turnout to one of our grand frames. This was performed at the south end of the runaround loop. The frame here will be designated frame "B", as it was originally before removal many years ago. This southern end requires a facing point lock (FPL) to allow passenger services to traverse it.

Facing point lock and rodding being positioned for fitment.



Volunteers temporarily layout rodding and bell cranks.

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David Turek – Master Carpenter/Joiner



Restoring heritage trains takes skills, money, passion and time. Throw in a bit of luck too. The Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway (OTHR) group scored well when skilled joiner David Turek took his family to the Malachai Hall in Oberon last year where enthusiasts from across NSW were displaying their model trains. The displays included a model of the proposed line from Oberon to Tarana. Carriages and engines are in the group's possession, most needing some restoration.

David is Bathurst 'born and bred'. Now based in O'Connell, running his joinery business - Turek Joinery. He has done extensive restoration works in Bathurst, including those for the National Trust. Through his skills he can repair or replace heritage windows, doors, staircases and cabinetry. You name it, David has probably done it. He has worked on major buildings in Bathurst including the Court House, 57 Keppel Street, Hatherly House, the Royal Hotel and the restoration of Blackdown House in collaboration with Clive Lucas Stapleton and Partners. Away from Bathurst he has worked on, among others, the Hydro Majestic and Jenolan Caves House. A current focus is repairing and replacing the frames holding stain glass windows in churches.



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For the OTHR group his challenge recently has been to first recreate a gutter moulding mould for HS36. The original gutter was rotted out with a 1 metre section totally missing. Using salvaged 19th century oregon David created the length of timbers needed for the carriage. Shown below is one of the lengths of gutter.



OTHR is very fortunate that David found his way to the 2023 Centenary exhibition. With his skills, passion and vast collection of salvaged timbers.

HS36 Update

Work continues in earnest on HS36. New sections of gutter were delivered as mentioned above. Dowelling of all nail and screw holes has been completed on the north east wall of the guard's compartment. This framework has been coated in bitumen paint for its protection prior to matchboard being applied. We were in a position to apply the new matchboard to this framework but found the compound curve at the base of the wall would have been too tight to bend the board and subsequently it would not be possible to install the next board into it. We have since built a frame to steam bend the bottom of the boards to allow easy fitment.

The corner of the roof where the gutter is attached at the guard's end has been cleaned, bitumen painted and new canvas applied from the roof to the bottom of the gutter line. The next step here is to bitumen patch and paint the roof, but only after the lighting electrical cables have been replaced.

The guards end outer wall was then addressed with the removal of the heavily damaged and rotten matchboards. The frame was revealed showing a lot of evidence of its former configurations. Interconnectivity cabling was still in place. This cabling allowed passengers isolated in the "dog boxes" to press a button if needed to alert the guard. The guard would then drop the air to signal to the engineer to stop the train. This interconnectivity cable would connect to the next car in the consist, thus enabling all cars to have the ability to signal the guard if an emergency occurred.

The rear framework was in pretty good condition with just some rot in the lower timber to be cut out and replaced. That said over 1200 nail and screw holes were dowelled. The frame then bitumen painted ready for matchboard to be applied.

Work continues inside the car with paint preparations in the first-class compartments. The ceilings, even though they were laser cleaned, still require some clean up in the fiddly corners.

One of our zinc ceiling panels was found to have quite a few holes in it. They almost look like they were caused by electrolysis at some point which would not be surprising given they are zinc. We are lucky to have a pressed metal ceiling manufacturer in Bathurst. Scott from Wunderlite was more than happy to assist us with how to repair this panel. Unfortunately, he did not have our pattern on hand but kindly supplied us with a zinc sheet to help patch the panel to create a base on which to perform a repair.

We have found and sourced our malthoid floor coverings from a supplier in Wetherill Park. Malthoid is an all-natural flooring product used for many many years. Most will remember it as lino. This product is made in France and distributed through Forbo. Malthoid is what was used in HS36 along with many other items of rolling stock in the NSW fleet.

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Vent repair works



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Lots of dowelling on north east guard wall. Since completed ready for matchboard.

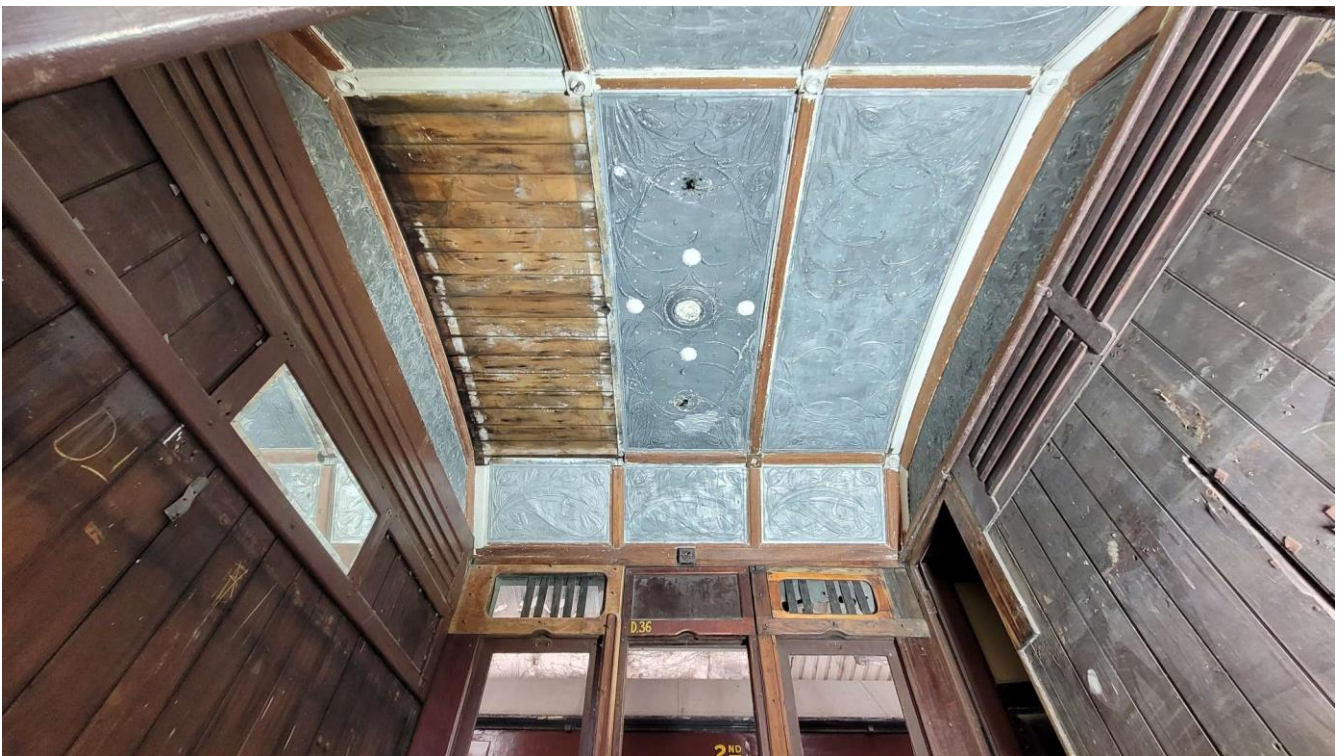


Mock frame built to enable steam bending of matchboards.

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Some of the First-Class seating completed and delivered.



Ceiling panel removed for repair.

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Ceiling panel holes requiring repair.



Rot cut out from bottom rail of guard's end wall.

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Spliced in timbers and lots more dowelling



Guard's end repairs completed, bitumen painted and ready for matchboard

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Canvas being added to gutter line.



Canvas bitumised and waterproofed

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Locomotive Report

7307

All of the reconditioned brake stands that were done for 7321 have now been fitted to 7307 to allow for certification on this loco. The distributing valve and other associated valves have also been replaced. The instruments remain to be changed over. The axle boxes are under repair. The fuel tanks need to be cleaned and serviced - a tedious job but quite achievable. All of the brake gear removed will now be overhauled and refitted to 7321

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Painting has been paused due to the cold winter weather. When the certification work on 7307 is finished 7321 will be the focus of rolling stock

3085

This had some initial inspections with a schedule of work being submitted to THNSW. The first works needed are cleaning, lubricating and repairing the damage in the previous move to Goulburn.

Members have sent in a good number of historical photos of 3085 and others of the 30 class in general. It is difficult to include them in our newsletter because we must be mindful of copyright and licensing.



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Winter Lunch

The 20th of July saw our Winter Lunch event take place. It was a very cold day with maximums around 2 degrees but that didn't stop our visitors enjoying a wonderful lunch. Snow was predicted and indeed arrived at around noon, just as our visitors arrived. Our order for snow arrived on time.

Our menu volunteers prepared the following sumptuous menu.

Crunchy Caramel Popcorn Bites
Beer and Chilli Peanut Clusters
Marinated Olives

Choux with Prawn and Trout Filling
Caramelised Onion and Brie Tartlets

Blue Cheese and Cauliflower Soup

Slow Cooked Lamb Shank
Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Green Beans

Chocolate Cake with Poached Pear

Tea and Coffee
Apricot and Almond Biscotti

Stay tuned for our next lunch spectacular.



A cold cold day for our Winter Lunch

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HLF854 dressed and ready.



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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
 Email: admin@othr.com.au Mobile: 0437 389 684

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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The Georges River Model
Railway Club is presenting
the Goulburn Model Expo
on the weekend of
7th and 8th September, 2024
Veolia Arena
Braidwood Rd Goulburn.
\$10 Adults
\$20 Family
\$8 Pensioner
Children 12 and under free

Web link to the website

<https://www.goulburnmodelexpo.com.au/homePage.php>



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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.

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Sponsor	Address or Telephone	Type	Web URL
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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
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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/
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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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