



Bi- Monthly Meeting Minutes

3rd April 2019, 7.30pm

Oberon RSL Club

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting opened at 7.30 PM

2. **Present:**

John Boxer, Elaine Boxer, Neville Green, Graham Priddle, Brenda Lyon, Greg Bourne, Geoff Smith, David McMurray, Richard Webb, Martyn Salmon.

3. **Apologies:** Tim Arnison

4. **Safety Management**

ONRSR monthly report submitted.

No incidents reported.

5. **Minutes of meeting of 6th February 2019 Committee Meeting.**

That the minutes from the previous Committee Meeting as tabled be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: David McMurray Seconded: Geoff Smith, Carried.

Business arising:

A couple of spelling errors reported.

Martyn clarified the outcome of drawbar and ONSRS approval all happened since 6th February.

6. **Correspondence per schedule.**

Motion: That the meeting receive the correspondence as tabled.

Moved: Martyn Salmon Seconded: Graham Williams Carried.

Business arising from the correspondence: Nil

7. **President's Report**

The month of March kicked off with the first Saturday Open Day. It coincided with the opening of the Skoda Tatra Museum.

The Skoda Tatra committee had done a great job of advertising the opening and a very large crowd was present.

We had a visit from the representatives of ONSRS on Thursday 14th which went very well. It was obvious to them that a lot of hard work was being done by the committee. Since the meeting, we have applied for a variation to our accreditation – to shunt in the Oberon yard using a tractor or a locomotive.

On Saturday 16th the Oberon yard had a good number of visitors as part of the bi-annual Oberon Heritage Fair.

A very successful working bee was conducted on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. Timbers were inserted in toad 3 and other work was done on the refrigerated van.

We received emails from John Holland Rail and the Lowes Mount land swap/rail crossing is progressing and the application for improvements to the station platform are being processed.

There are busy times ahead. SMS documentation needs developing. We need to improve the track in the yard by inserting timbers under turnouts and continue with replacing sleepers where appropriate. Keep your eye on the website to get advance notification of the working bees.

John Holland Rail – John Holland Group.

Station platform: email from JHG on Friday with signature from TfNSW. Documents forwarded to Heritage Council of New South Wales. Automated response stated – Section 57(2) 14 days for reply.

Lowes Mount Road: email from Teena Renes: “I also advise that JHR, TfNSW and Council will be working collaboratively to resolve the land tenure matters with respect to Lowes Mount Road and the associated railway crossing/s as soon as possible”

THNSW – Sector Networking Day.

Saturday 30th March – History House, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Update on the movement of historic items from various locations to Chullora. I had asked for an update about this and the current status of HS36.

General comment: There is a conversation going on about what is going to happen. Nothing will happen quickly because the Chullora site needs modification to house the exhibits. HS36 is still listed as coming to Oberon. It is undercover at Broadmeadows at the present time.

Jennifer Edmonds spoke about:

- ATHRA – Association of Tourist and Heritage Rail Australia
Training Packages
Insurance
- Grant deadlines
- Guidelines for the care of larger and working historic objects. 87 page booklet provided. Sourced from Association of British Transport & Engineering museums.
Early evaluation and Acquisition, page 6
Condition Survey – we can go to Broadmeadows and inspect – page 8
- Managing a volunteer – run organisation: good governance by:
Suzanne Holohan, BComm (Hons), BA (Hons)
Executive Director, Royal Australian Historic Society.
- Brand video and website update with David Bennett
- Work Health and Safety Workshop with John Thorogood.

8. Treasurer’s Report.

No report tonight, but one was rendered to Committee Meeting last week. Everything was in order.

9. General Business.

In relation to the platform refurbishment, it has been decided to include a 4 inch pipe for electrical wiring and bring water to the front of the station. This is to allow for future use when the project is operating.

Insurance: currently working with brokers to come up with a suitable package and we will also work with ATHRA.

Grants: there are currently 3 grants available for State owned rolling stock and 1 extra for wide ranging use.

Guidelines for care of larger and working historic objects. (refer to Presidents report)
We need to evaluate and survey HS36 and consider its conservation and restoration.

Sales of landscaping sleepers have raised about \$1K.

Next Open Day 6th April 2019.

Vintage Fair March 2020. We have lodged a Council 356 donations application for 2019/20 to cover both Fair expenses and council equipment hire generally.

Black Springs Public School will be visiting the station precinct on 11th April 2019.

There will also be a car club visit on Easter Sunday.

Brenda Lyon has requested some help with car parking at Mayfield Garden on 13/14th May or 20/21 May. There will be some payment to OTHR and anyone available is requested to help out.

Elaine Boxer sought clarification on the work done to the refrigerated van. Answer was that the offside door was fixed.

Work on platform – what will happen on open days? Answer: It is hoped that the works will be completed over a three week period and it is hoped there will be minimal disruption to open days. May have to close for one day only.

Martyn Salmon: He has tentatively sought and received the services of Scott McGregor to speak at the next general meeting. May have to devote some time to him as he will be interesting and have plenty to tell us. We may have a fall back to Ben O'Regan, Project Manager of the Bathurst Rail Museum in need.

Shane from Hi-Tech Rail is donating time to assist with rail certification. He has identified some small issues which will be amended by working bees in the near future.

Meeting closed 8.40 PM

Chairman's signature