



**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30 pm**  
Oberon RSL Club

1. **Present:** Tim Arnison, Graham Priddle, David McMurray, Graham Williams, John Boxer, Elaine Boxer.
2. **Apologies:** Col & Glenda Bembrick  
**Guest speaker** Gary Reynolds presented an enthralling history of the Canberra Heritage Railway. It was a very interesting and empowering presentation documenting the problems they faced and how they surmounted them. The future is not so bright for them but they have not given in yet, so we will watch with interest.
3. **Minutes from the previous meeting:**  
The Minutes from the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record;  
*Moved E Boxer.....; Seconded: D McMurray..... Carried.*
4. **Safety Management**  
No safety issues identified.
5. **Committee Reports.**  
**President:**
  - 5.1. David McMurray suggested that OTHR have a display at the Men's Shed at the Showground on the monthly market days. This was agreed to by the Committee and will commence in June.
  - 5.2 OTHR has applied for a Variation of Accreditation from ONRSR to allow the use of track maintenance vehicles in the station precinct. We are waiting confirmation from ONRSR.
  - 5.3 OTHR has a grant to repair the carriages' roofs and work will begin in June on one carriage.
  - 5.4. Tim reminded the members of the forthcoming meeting with Skoda Car Club and Museums Australia on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017. All members are welcome and lunch will be provided. It will commence at 11am at the Station.
  - 5.5 At the Oberon Council Democracy Day that was held in March OTHR was not represented as there were no volunteers willing to mount a display for this event. It is very disappointing that OTHR has so few active members able to help at these kind of events.
  - 5.6 Tim attended a meeting on 28/3 in Goulburn with other local Heritage Rail operators to discuss the Heritage Operators Licence provided to these groups by Transport for NSW. It was agreed that the document as provided is unsuitable for Heritage Operators and needs to be amended. Transport Heritage NSW will commence negotiations with TfNSW regarding the changes to the HOL.
  - 5.7 Two starter motors for the loco have been repaired and are now able to be returned to the loco.
6. **Other Business.**  
Options for the guest speaker for June was discussed and the following suggestions made:
  - Ross Jackson Vice President RHA
  - Barry Potter, Orange Miniature Railway
  - Lyn Causer Visitor Information centre on the future of tourism

- LVR and the Orange project
- Lawrence Ryan Cowra Council
- Keith Ward Valley Heights Heritage Railway
- Tim Charge, OBTA regarding tourism and OTHR.

*Action: Approach possible speakers for June meeting*

*Elaine*

**The meeting:** closed 9pm . Next meeting **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**