

# History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway

December 2019



## Restoration work on Oberon Station Platform well underway



Restoration of the Oberon Heritage Railway Platform is well underway.

Contractors have removed all old sleepers and coping timbers. Many problems were uncovered during this process and have been rectified. Sleepers from our stockpile are being used in the reconstruction of the wall to ensure authenticity of age and appearance. This was recommended by Oberon Council's Heritage Advisor.

The coping timbers that form the edge of the platform and were in exceptionally poor condition are being replaced with new ones with the same dimensions of the original.

The work is being done by the Morestone Group from Bathurst who specialise in retaining walls and structural landscaping have indicated that the work will be completed in the second half of November.

You Committee is looking forward to its completion and that will represent another step in bringing the Oberon to Tarana Branch Line back to life.

## Patrons

### Paul Toole

State Member for Bathurst, Deputy Leaders of NSW National Party, Minister for Transport and Roads.

### Andrew Gee

Federal Member for Calare, Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister

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### Gregory Bourne

President & Public Officer

### Martyn Salmon

Vice President/Asset Manager

### Secretary

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### David McMurray

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### Ken Lingabala

Engineering Manager

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### Timo Kanko

Operations Manager  
Rolling Stock Manager

### Elaine Boxer

Catering Manager

### Mike O'Kane

Events Manager

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## Presidents Message

Ken Lingabala, who is on the committee and a Civil Engineer, met with Terry Morton of Morestone Group this afternoon (21<sup>st</sup> November) and reported back "Apart from a small section that still has to be backfilled behind the retaining wall and some tidying up work on the platform and the adjoining rail track, all other work has been completed in my view satisfactorily." Terry is confident of completing the tidying up work by the end of next week.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> November I received a letter of support from Transport for New South Wales and the second paragraph read "*I confirm that RailCorp is currently finalising a Heritage Operators Licence ("Licence") to be issued to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. (OTHR) for the proposed operation of rolling stock. No operations are to occur until such time that the Licence has been executed and all conditions of the Licence are satisfied.*" The letter was submitted to Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities as part of our Request for Information Submission for the \$1.5M grant. I expect that the lease documents will be with OTHR in the next week.

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*President Greg Bourne*

## 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 which was also known as the pioneer 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.**

**Network with other rail heritage groups and museums at Valley Heights, Lithgow, Zig Zag, Bathurst and Cowra to form a Heritage Railway partnership to prioritise and promote the area as a Railway Tourist Precinct.**

### **Editor's thoughts**

Exciting times are ahead for Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. 2019/20 will see rapid movement in your association's quest to bring the branch line back to life.

Your new committee is hard at work with projects forging ahead.

Track repairs within the heritage Oberon Railway precinct are almost complete and due to be certified soon. The heritage Oberon Station Platform will be complete and back in safe working order by Mid- November. Another 40ft of railway line has been laid in the rolling stock shed in readiness for HS36 carriage to be returned to Oberon after being missing from the track for more than 40 years.

Funding has been obtained to refinish the line to Hazelgrove. And so much more is planned to delight and excite the enthusiasts and gunzels amongst us as the year progresses.

Our correspondents will tell you more as you read the December Newsletter.

"Enthusiasm is excitement with inspiration, motivation and a pinch of creativity.  
Bo Bennett"



**YOUR COMMITTEE WISHES ALL OUR  
READERS A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS.**

## **NEXT MEETING**

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**OBERON RSL**

**7.30 PM.**





*The 40ft track extension in the Rolling Stock Shed completed at the November working bee.*

## Immediate Goals

Existing goals 1 and 2 have now been achieved as a result of our accreditation recently granted. Your committee has now set a new range of goals to be achieved in the near future as follows:

1. **Obtain track certification for most of the Oberon Yard area.**
2. **Gain approval (having applied) for the HOL North of Albion Street to just south of the Snakes Valley Creek Bridge “stop block” at 208.409Km.**
3. **Apply for variation to existing accreditation for RIM & RSO (for use of TMV’s) to just south of the Snakes Valley Creek Bridge “stop block” at 208.409Km. Time frame 3 – 6 months.**  
**After the federally funded restoration of Stage 1 being the line North to Hazelgrove.**
4. **Apply for variation to existing accreditation to operate work trains to Hazelgrove. Time frame 3 – 6 months.**
5. **Apply for variation to existing accreditation to operate tourist trains to Hazelgrove. Time frame 3 – 6 months.**



## Positions Vacant

As you have read earlier, your committee is looking for members to step up and take a part in the responsibility of running a large scale volunteer enterprise, namely the Oberon to Tarana Heritage Branch Line as a tourism attraction.

Within the next few months and into the future OTHR will be continuing the building of a wonderful community project involving the operations of trains as a tourism attraction that will be the envy of the Central Tablelands and the Central West, if not New South Wales.

Specifically the following positions have been identified and will need to be filled in due course:

- Secretary – the position needs to be filled ASAP.
- Asset Manager – needs to be filled ASAP
- Finance Manager – needs to be filled soon.
- Safety Manager – needs to be filled ASAP
- Curator, Oberon Station Interpretive Display.

All positions will be filled by members or the railway community or the general public with appropriate skills suited to the job.

Please contact President Greg Bourne on [gpbourne@gmail.com](mailto:gpbourne@gmail.com) or [admin@othr.com.au](mailto:admin@othr.com.au) or mobile 0437 389 684 with a CV of experience.

OTHR also needs skilled tradespersons of all types. For example, Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians, Boilermakers, Painters plus more. Please also contact Greg Bourne as above with your experience.

As a result of our recently granted accreditation to shunt locomotives in the Oberon yard we are seeking volunteers who would like to train as drivers or ancillary staff. Please contact Vice President Martyn Salmon by email at [admin@OTHR.com.au](mailto:admin@OTHR.com.au) OTHR is a volunteer group so you will be volunteering with a fun group but with serious intent.

## So... you think you want to volunteer?

WOW, look at all the volunteer positions now becoming available!!

I want to drive a loco or the tractor for shunting or a track maintenance vehicle to haul materials around the yard.

But what do I do?

Step one: contact President Greg or Vice President Martyn via our email address and indicate interest.

Step 2: when advised, organise a medical at the appropriate level (there are three levels of rail medical).

Step 3: when advised, our trainer will instruct you in controlling trains, tractors or TMV's to the appropriate certificate level.

For all other volunteers there is a site induction and further training depending on the type of volunteer assistance you wish to undertake.

All this is a requirement because as an accredited rail operator we need to comply with the national health standards and qualifications as set out by the National Transport Commission.

Shunting in the yard will not be frequent but regular as movements are required. Typically shunting would occur in bringing rolling stock to the station for display at open days, special events and rallies.

Still interested in volunteering? Then let's hear from you.



*Line construction progresses in the Rolling Stock Shed*

## Important Information.

Help us bring our heritage railway to life by becoming a financial member of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

Membership of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is a valuable way you can contribute to our vision.

Individual annual membership cost \$20.00 per year and new members are welcomed at any time during the year.

Membership is required to cover insurance for any volunteer work you are able to contribute.

Membership is due at the end of June annually.

Refer to OTHR website to download an application.



*Another view of the Heritage Station Platform project showing installation of the piers and wall.*



*From the Sleeper Club.*

OK Readers, stuck for an idea for that special person for Christmas?

Consider gifting a railway Sleeper Club Certificate as a way of supporting the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. in your loved one's or friend's name.

A \$20.00 Sleeper Certificate is just one small way of supporting your favourite railway enthusiasts group.

Simply email [admin@othr.com.au](mailto:admin@othr.com.au) with your name, the recipient's name and the number of Certificates you wish to purchase.

Direct deposit \$20.00 for each Certificate to **OTHR, BSB 062-632 Acc. Number 1004 9851** and reference your name so we can match payments. Or, send a cheque with the above details to **PO Box 299, Oberon NSW 2787.**

## New merchandise delivered

Enamelled metal badges have been added to our new range of merchandise.

They are of a very good quality and a great addition to your collection of OTHR memorabilia.

Prices: \$10.00 members, \$12.50 non-members, plus P&P if purchasing online/order form. See the order form later in the Newsletter.

Get in for yours now.

An online store is being set up to allow distant members to purchase our merchandise. Look for it soon as part of the OTHR website.

Further additions to the merchandise range will be added slowly throughout 2019.

A select number of local businesses are now stocking OTHR merchandise. The stores include Oberon Visitor Information Centre, Oberon Licenced Post Office, Kringle Cottage, Arrows Newsagency and Mama Snow's Café, Tarana

## Sleepers

You are reminded that we have a supply of sleepers for sale. Some are suitable for landscaping and some suitable for firewood. See the advertisement later in the newsletter about firewood. If you want to purchase landscaping sleepers, contact President Greg Bourne.

These sales are a good source of income for your organisation.

## About Oberon.....

Spring and summer in Oberon is a combination of stable, temperate alpine climate with more than enough attractions to keep a group of visitors occupied for a week or more.

It's always a challenge for an association's events manager or co-ordinator to continue to come up with interesting places to go and see.

Have you ever considered Oberon?

Oberon is the first authentic country town west of the Blue Mountains. It is the home of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. Within the heritage railway precinct you will find a vibrant and active heritage railway interpretive centre, the only Skoda Tatra Car Museum in Australia, and a regional museum. Nearby is one of the best private museums featuring tractors and other memorabilia and a fantastic military museum also close by.

Mayfield Garden is the largest cool climate garden in the world, over 160 acres in size; the World Heritage listed Jenolan caves; the museums and world famous racing car track and shopping delights of nearby Bathurst and of course the sites and delights of the famous Blue Mountains also within 50 minutes' drive of Oberon.

Oberon Council activities during December include:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Oberon Community Carols in the Recreation Ground.
- Fish River FREE Festival at the O'Connell Pub.
- Mutton Falls Night Market.
- Malachai Gilmore Hall Midsummer Night's Ball.

Piqued your interest? Who do you contact?

To get you started you can contact Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc., (0408 606 889 Dave), the Oberon Visitor Information Centre on 6329 8210 Mat, Debbie or Lynne)

We have expertise in organising group stays, from a day to a week, and can assist you in organising a visit to Oberon.

Some past events have included:

- Morgan Muster (an anniversary tour by the Morgan Owners Club).
- Triumph Car Club weekend.
- Geelong Car Club week-long visit.
- Peugeot Car Nationals over an extended week end.
- Various seniors bus groups.
- School Children.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Horseless Carriage Club International Tour.
- Insights Railway Tour
- "Downunder Jampot Rally" organised in conjunction with the AJS & Matchless Motorcycle group and OH@CC.
- Weekend visitors enjoying lunch and a visit to the two museums and railway interpretive centre on site as part of Oberon Outdoor Week.



*Some of the AJS & Matchless Motorcycles plus a locally owned Chevrolet at the Oberon Station Precinct.*

Oberon, the perfect place to base yourself for a week or a few days or even just a day!

Oberon is just two hours from Sydney's Western Suburbs, two and a half hours from Canberra, and an easy and lovely drive from Dubbo as well as the Hunter Valley.

There is a team of friendly locals here to help.

One thing's for sure, you will be more than welcome in Oberon!



Contact us any time to discuss.

Oberon, Simply Spectacular!

Email [admin@othr.com.au](mailto:admin@othr.com.au)

Or phone 0437 389 684 Greg, or 0408 606 889

Dave.

We would appreciate you passing this newsletter to others who might be thinking about a wonderful and vibrant trip to a spectacular part of Australia.



*AJS and Matchless entrants enjoying lunch in the Rolling Stock Shed.*

## **Date announced for 2020 Oberon Heritage Fair**

OTHR Committee has announced the Oberon Heritage Fair will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

2020 sees Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. promoting the Fair at the Oberon Heritage Station Precinct.

With two museums and the Oberon Railway Interpretive Display all on site, the Fair promises a very different format to the Fair presented by the Oberon Heritage & Collectors Club Inc. in 2019. Both groups are closely aligned and take it year about to present the Fair.

**Reserve Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020** to enjoy a day of all things heritage. This event is not to be missed.



*Using the pig's foot on a dog spike. Our volunteers hard at work.*

**Next Working Bee.**

**Keep an eye on the  
"News/What's On"  
Section of the  
Website.**

## October/November Working Bee wrap....

OTHR had a number of mini working bees during the period. Tasks included:

- Vegetation control around the tracks
- De-Clutter in front of the office/store in preparation of extending 6 road.
- Moving sleepers and rail inside the Rollingstock shed in preparation of the Project working bee.
- Removal of seating in part of HLF854 so repainting can commence.
- Painting of the underframes on S14201 and CW17192.

Project Working bee 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

A project working bee was held on the first Wednesday and Thursday of November, to extend 6 road further into the rollingstock shed. This will allow for more rollingstock to be stabled undercover and restoration works to be carried out.

Wednesday morning saw six OTHR volunteers laying out sleepers and moving the rail into place. After bolting the newer rail to the existing rail on the southern end, ensuring the rail was straight, the down rail was pinned 1 in 4. The process was repeated on the up rail, gauging and pinning 1 in 4, before pinning the entire panel.

Thursday morning saw seven OTHR volunteers with two new members at their first working bee. With the extension complete, volunteers moved onto other tasks which included:

- De-pinning sleepers for the station retaining wall
- Some painting inside HLF 854.

- Reorganising work benches and storage areas.

**We are always on the lookout for volunteers for working bees.**

**Generally volunteers are required to participate in allocated tasks.**

**If you can help, contact President Greg.**

**Not all work is onerous and can be as little or as much as you can put in.**

**We would like to see anyone with railway trade experience but that's not a requirement.**

**There is a job for everyone.**

**You don't have to attend every working bee, just the ones that fit in your timeframe.**

**You will take away experiences from your time at Oberon.**

**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.



*Removing a dog spike.  
Latest working bee activity*

## Important Dates for Volunteers

Open days are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month to coincide with the Oberon Farmers Market.

Volunteers will be required to meet and greet visitors, show them through the displays and try to answer any questions.

If you wish to volunteer at the open days please contact President Greg. All that's required is a broad knowledge of OTHR history and an ability to talk with people. The work is rewarding.

## Monthly Open Days.

The Oberon Station precinct holds open days on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, the same day as the Oberon Farmers Markets.

Some changes have been made, with the establishment of a professional though small railway interpretive display; an entry fee of \$5.00 pp (children under 18 free), and a pop up café serving a Devonshire tea for an additional \$10.00.

The result has seen a large increase in visitors comprising locals and tourists.

Your committee is also actively advertising for group visits and we are providing a railway experience bar none.

Groups are starting to line up and results so far have been encouraging.

If you are a member of another group, say a car club or Rotary or Probus or a gardening club, etc. and that group is looking for an excursion, please suggest they book a group visit to Oberon station.



*Hosting a recent group tour*

## Insights Tour Group made welcome at Oberon Heritage Station.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway welcomed an Insight Railway Tour to the Oberon Heritage Precinct on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. A group of 15 enjoyed lunch and a tour of the railway precinct. Our volunteers made the group very welcome and were able to answer many interesting questions tossed up by the visitors.



*Volunteers using the OTHR Dog Spike Puller and our recent working bee.*



## **Oberon welcomed the AJS and Matchless Motorcycle “Downunder Jampot Rally”**

Approximately 70 entrants from all over Australia were involved with the “Downunder Jampot Rally” at Oberon from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.

Pat Dwyer, President of the Oberon Heritage & Collectors Club Inc. organised a number of road trips on Oberon’s fantastic touring roads. Sunday saw a ride and treasure hunt to Burruga and back followed by lunch in the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.’s Rolling Stock Shed.

The group were unanimous in their praise for Oberon and the effort we two groups went to make their stay fun and entertaining.

Group organiser, David De Lapp, said the only disappointing feature was that they hadn’t found Oberon sooner!



*One of the competing bikes, a Sunbeam. What a fabulous bike*

## **Oberon Outdoor Week activities at OTHR.**

A hectic week of activities during Oberon Outdoor Week culminated in two tours of Oberon’s museums on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

A highlight of both days was lunch for the guests in the Rolling Stock Shed and a tour of the two museums and the railway interpretive centre on site followed by a visit the Oberon RSL Sub Branch Military Museum just down the road.

“OTHR was pleased to be involved in the inaugural Oberon Outdoor Week organised by Oberon Council and the Visitor Information Centre and we will have much more to show in 2020” President Greg Bourne said in support of this very worthwhile Oberon initiative.



*Start of the fitout of one end of one of the 1897 End Platform Carriages as a café.*

*This will be an exciting new addition to our monthly open days and will provide refreshments on our tourist train experience in due course.*

## **OTHR Café on the way.**

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is constructing a new café in one of the 1897 End Platform Carriages.

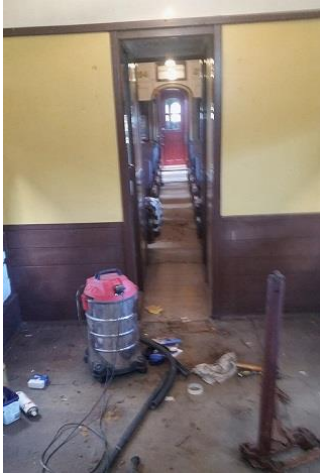
The café will be staged at the Oberon Heritage Station during open days and special events to cater for visitors who would enjoy a cuppa and a light meal or Devonshire tea experience when they visit us.

The café will be part of the OTHR Tourist Train experience when we are operating to Hazelgrove and in due course beyond. It will also be a catering point for special event train tours.

The café is being constructed in such a way that it doesn’t destroy the integrity of the carriage; all items removed are being carefully stored and the carriage can be restored to original condition easily in due course.

The café is yet another innovative way guests and visitors can enjoy our railway journey.





*Another view of the fitout in progress*

## Welcome New Members

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is always looking for new members.

This month we introduce:

Colin Short of Epping NSW.

Michael Clark of Austral, NSW

Michael is a Jack of all trades.

Jessie Bijok of Austral, NSW

Jessie's skills include gardening, cooking and general duties.

We extend a very warm welcome to all new members for this month.

Interested in railways or the Oberon to Tarana line in particular, why not give your support by becoming a member?



*Oberon Station Platform refurbishment well underway*

## Not so well.....

If anyone hears about any member on the sick list, please let the editor know via President Greg so we can send get well wishes on behalf of the association.

Tony Buckland

Tony is a long standing member and active volunteer.

We send our best wishes to Tony and hope to see him back on deck soon.

## Remembering....

If anyone hears of the passing of one of our members please let the editor know via President Greg so we can make a special mention

## Say Whaaat???

- I used to wonder what it'd be like to read other people's minds.  
Then I got a Facebook account and now I'm over it.
- Good Girls are Bad Girls that never got caught.
- Common Sense is like deodorant.  
The people who need it most never use it.

- You know you're getting old when you feel bad in the morning without having any fun the night before.

## Sponsors

Seeking funding continues to be one of your committee's priorities.

Sponsorships are a very important part of the funding of our activities. It matters not whether a person or company contributes cash or kind, each will be considered as a sponsorship. The reason is that any person or company that contributes in kind is helping us in as much as we don't have to pay for those services and the sponsor is foregoing income. The committee needs to seek cash sponsors and this task is ongoing.

Currently we now have five sponsors on board, all sponsors offer in kind support for which we are extremely grateful.



*Lengthening the line in the Rolling Stock Shed*

## Visit OTHR every time you come to Oberon

Make sure you keep up to date with work in progress at the Oberon Station Precinct and the Oberon branch line.

The heritage listed PC3 station building contains a small interpretive centre consisting of memorabilia and a photo display of the history of the Oberon to Tarana branch line.

The wider Oberon Heritage precinct house a variety of rolling stock most of which is rare and has a story to tell.

Ask any of our enthusiastic volunteers for the low down on the machinery.

OTHR and the Skoda Tatra Museum are open between 10 AM and 2 PM on the first Saturday of each month, coinciding with the Oberon Farmers Market.

Admission \$5 (18 and over), Devonshire Tea \$10. Skoda Tatra Museum entry by way of a donation.

For group visits: see <http://othr.com.au> (contact us) or contact President Greg.

## 2005 a year to remember

2005 was the year of the establishment of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. It was the year that gave birth to the vision of refurbishing the Oberon to Tarana branch line as a tourism attraction.

The first committee was full of enthusiasm no doubt inspired by some nifty ditties such as:

- Fix You – Coldplay
- Bat Country – Avenged Sevenfold
- Wake Me Up When September Ends – Green Day
- Octavarium – Dream Theater
- Stricken – Disturbed

And some of the headlines featured:

- YouTube was founded
- 1oz of gold was worth US\$513.00
- Top baby names included Emily, Madison, Olivia, Michael, Mathew and Jacob
- Brad Pitt left Jennifer Aniston for Angelina Jolie
- January 20 saw the second inauguration of George W Bush

And you probably looked like this:



## We have Jobs. But what do they entail?

It's often said by some that they would like to volunteer but don't know where to look; they have skills that must be of use but where?

OTHR has jobs and we are looking for people with particular skills. Do you want to be part of a progressive association with bold plans and a grand vision that is steaming ahead?

So what do these jobs entail? Let's look at a couple this month:

**Asset Manager.** This position would suit someone who is meticulous, has some computer skills and lots of patience.

Duties include:

- Maintaining a written record (database) of all OTHR's equipment, tools, machinery, infrastructure, rollingstock, and locomotives. A duplicate copy of the database is to be provided to the Document Controller so that it is available on the OTHR computer for use by Managers.
- Progressively add a photographic record in the above database.
- Carry out regular stocktakes as required by the Committee of Management.
- Utilise the data to advise the Committee of Management on projected needs or shortfalls on assets deterioration and on damaged assets.

**Finance Manager.** This position is very well suited to someone with an accounting background. Duties include:

- Complies with OTHR's Safety Management System provisions and related standards and procedures.
- Prepares annual Financial Plans with the Treasurer and the Finance Sub-Committee.
- Prepares accounts for audit and annual financial statements for the Office of Fair Trading.
- Chairs the Finance Sub-Committee.
- Applies for grants from funding bodies.
- Organises raffles and other fund raising activities.
- Organises promotional goods for sale in collaboration with the Publicity Officer.
- Co-ordinates the preparation of OTHR's Business Plan.
- May carry out random audits to ascertain compliance with Safety Management System.

If you have skills suited to either position and would like to become a part of a professional association initially as a volunteer then we would love to talk to you.

Please contact President Greg for a discussion.





*Volunteers clearing the track. Circa 2008*

## 2019 PWI NSW Annual: Convention

President Greg Bourne recently attended the 2019 PWI NSW Annual Convention held in Bathurst NSW. The convention was attended by all the major players in NSW State Rail including State and Corporate Members. Key note speaker was Paul Toole, Deputy Leader of the NSW National Party and Minister for Transport and Roads. He is an OTHR Co-Patron.

Mark Harris, President, Permanent Way Institution, opened the Convention with an inspiring address, parts of which are reproduced below.

“The Sydney Railway Company, a private company established to serve the interests of the port of Sydney, announced proposals to build a railway line to Bathurst in 1848. The company was taken over by the New South Wales Government in 1854. Construction continued and the line over the Blue Mountains to Bathurst was opened in 1876 and continued the same year to Blayney. Bathurst had already been established as a major agricultural and economic town due to the large pastoral holdings and the 1850’s gold rush which boosted the population of the town.

Proposals for the first railways in NSW were largely driven by the interests of the large land holders seeking improved transport for their wool from the

inland centres of Bathurst, Goulburn, Muswellbrook and Singleton. The town received a substantial boost in activity and development from the arrival of the railway which allowed the townspeople to commute and trade with Sydney. In 2019 the “Bathurst Bullet” train service provides a fast link to Sydney and has facilitated the town’s development into the thriving regional centre it is today. With the help of Minister Toole, a new service, an “extra Bullet Train” is being introduced to give commuters a lot more flexibility.”

We’ll have a look at some of the other aspects of the Convention during the next few newsletters.



*Volunteer activities. Circa 2008*

## Summer Special

**Firewood grade sleepers for sale**

**6 x 4 Box trailer load**

**\$50.00**



## **Contacts**

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Would you like to become a sponsor? Contact President Greg to find out how you can participate in OTHR's exciting sponsorship deals. There are a number of sponsorship levels available. By sponsoring OTHR and its vision you will become a partner of the programme.

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Phone: 0437 389 684

## **Proud Sponsors**

### **Primary Sponsor**



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### **Bronze Sponsor**

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Oberon Trash-Pak is a family business owned and operated by Wayne & Michelle White. Services offered are regular out of town garbage service, septic tank and grease trap pump outs. Oberon Trash-Pak offers Domestic and Commercial Mini Skip Bins, Portable Toilets, Rubbish Removal. "You don't have to live in town to get a regular garbage service"  
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Along with the Australian specialist construction brands Orminoid and Lanko, Davco is part of the international ParexGroup. ParexGroup is a truly global company and a leading producer of speciality dry-mix solutions with 3.905 employees. The group has a strong local focus.



*A creative photo of rail lengths in the Oberon Heritage Yard*



*Locomotive 1919 about to depart Oberon Station on the way to Tarana.  
Photographer and date unknown.*



*A classic motorcycle at the Oberon Heritage Yard*



*Volunteers clearing the line circa 2008.*



*Who remembers a bag like this one?*



*The end of the new line in the Rolling stock Shed.*





## Official OTHR Merchandise

**Buy Now.**

### **OTHR Cap.**

Bottle Green with white OTHR logo, fits all sizes.

Purchase today and be a part of the OTHR team. Proceeds go towards the refurbishment of the Oberon to Tarana line.

**Priced at \$29.00 non - members, \$24.00 members.** Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage.

### **OTHR Badge**

New Product. Reproduced from the original OTHR badge; metal and enamel.

**Priced at \$15.50 non-members - \$13.50 members.** Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will include extra postage.

Payment:

**Direct Bank Transfer - BSB 062632. Account Number: 1004 9851.** Please include your name as a reference.

**Cheques** – made payable to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. and mailed to PO Box 299 Oberon NSW 2787.





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## **Merchandise Order Form**

Official OTHR Cap      \$29.00 non - members      \$24.00 members.

Official OTHR Badge      \$15.50 non – members      \$13.50 members

Price includes Postage and Packing

Product/Quantity:	
Name:	
Mailing address: Street Number	Street
_____	_____
Or Post Office Box Number	
Suburb or Town	
State and Postcode	
Your contact details	
Phone:	_____
Email address:	_____

	Number	Total
Caps at membership price \$24.00	_____	\$_____
Caps at non-members price \$29.00	_____	\$_____
Badge at membership price \$13.50	_____	\$_____
Badge at non-membership price \$15.50	_____	\$_____
Total		\$_____

Payment can be made in the following ways

- **Cheques** - made payable to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. and mailed to PO Box 299 Oberon NSW 2787
- **Cash** - can be paid direct to our Treasurer at any of our bi-monthly general meetings or at an Open Day.
- **Direct Bank Transfer** – our bank details are **BSB: 062 632 Account number: 1004 9851**. Please include your name as the reference statement