



Minutes of the General Meeting
Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 7.30 pm
Oberon RSL Club

- 1. Present:** T Arnison, , G Williams, E Boxer, J Brotchie, D McMurray, C & G Bembrick, M Salmon, , M & R Webb, A Robinson, G Priddle.

Apologies:

Tim welcomed everyone and introduced Janelle Middleton, Acting Manager for Museums, Bathurst Regional Council. Janelle gave a very interesting talk about the opening of the rail museum in Bathurst. It will be static display incorporating the HO model railway donated by a local family. The museum is planned for opening in September 2018. The laser printed model she brought of the layout was very informative. Links with Bathurst Museums were forged and discussion of a heritage rail trail was discussed. OTHR will invite Janelle to our Open Day on February 11th to view our precinct and work on future ideas for the 2 museums. She suggested OTHR look at the National Stronger Regions Fund in the next round, keep the grant below \$1 million and address disadvantage.

- 2. Minutes from the previous meeting:**

The Minutes from the meeting of the 7th December 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record;

Moved T Arnison.....; Seconded: D McMurray..... Carried.

It was proposed to invite Janelle to the Open Day and send a thankyou letter. Elaine to do this.

- 3. Safety Management**

No safety issues identified.

Graham Priddle suggested the culverts on the line to Hazelgrove might need some work before trains run on them. Richard Webb noted that the original repair work on these culverts was quite solid, and they should survive quite some time yet.

- 4. Committee Reports.**

President:

4.1 The Heritage Operators Licence from John Holland is progressing. A letter to the CEO of John Holland produced some activity from the Properties Office. A licence for Vegetation Control on the line is also under consideration with John Holland.

4.2 OTHR had a visit from Stephen & Glenda Birrell from Tremain's Mill in Bathurst. The rail line ran into the mill originally and there is still a weigh bridge and hoppers there. We have agreed to loan them S Truck S662 which they will endeavour to restore. Stephen will apply for grant funding for the materials for the restoration and OTHR volunteers will do the restoration work. It won't be restored to the same level as the truck we have at the station but will be suitable for an undercover static display.

4.3. A strategic Planning Meeting was held on 15th January at the rolling stock shed to identify the work that needs to be done and the priorities for the projects identified. High priorities were to finish the store room, move excess material from the station buildings, work on the HOL, restore the plough van and revise the ladder on the signal and paint it. The complete list was quite long and will be used to identify the next set of priorities when the current lot is finished.

4.4. The annual Safety Report was submitted to ONRSR.

4.5 Transport Heritage NSW will be having a Sector Development day on 18th February. Tim will attend and he invited members who are interested to attend. The day is an opportunity for all Heritage operators in the State to meet and discuss issues. Graham Priddle said he would attend the day with Tim.

4.6 There is new software installed by Col Bembrick on the office computer for Photoshop. This will allow us more flexibility in using photographs for printing etc.

4.7 Tim was recently interviewed by a consultant for the State Government regarding the relationship between THNSW, TfNSW and the State Government. When ORH was disbanded the link between the groups was overlooked. OTHR was interviewed because of our relationship with John Holland. Other heritage operators were also interviewed.

4.8 The application for Variation of Accreditation is going ahead with ONRSR. The SMS documents continue to be reviewed and updated.

5. Treasurers Report:

Balance at Bank	\$21,157
IBD	\$20378
Total Funds	\$ 41,535

6. Other Business.

Dates for the heritage display open days were discussed, name allocated to the dates. David to put these in the Newsletter.

Arthur noted the mower needs servicing and new blades. Arthur to procure quote for service on the mower from a local provider.

Graham Priddle proposed a vote of appreciation to the volunteers who maintain and restore the station precinct.

Col provided Graham Williams with a spanner for the Annettes lock.

Action: Invitation to Janelle Middleton and thankyou letter

Elaine

Action: Procure quote for service of mower

Arthur

Action: Publish dates for Heritage Display open days

David

The meeting: closed 8.55pm. Next meeting **5th April 2017.**