

OBERON TARANA HERITAGE RAILWAY INC.

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OTHR receives \$1.5M in funding.

The Hon. Michael McCormack MP Deputy Prime Minister and The Hon Andrew Gee MP have announced \$1.5m in funding to OTHR to assist in Stage 1 of our project – Oberon to Hazelgrove.

See article in this Newsletter.

....from the President's desk....

The station platform project continues to be a major focus. We commissioned an engineer's report on the scope of works required. It has been received and forwarded to John Holland Rail, the Oberon Council and Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage. The Office of Environment and Heritage have indicated that we need to apply under section 60 of the Heritage Act of 1997. This process is now under way and the contract for the development of the required Heritage Impact statement has been let. The timber has been ordered and should be delivered in about four weeks.

Andrew Gee, the Member of the Federal Seat of Calare and the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael McCormack made an election pre- commitment to make \$1.5M available to facilitate the extension of our operations to Hazelgrove. The committee is already making enquiries to Andrew Gee's office for further information and the criteria that would go with such a large grant.

The grant will, of course, mean greater commitment from the committee members and we will be looking for further support from our membership as we move forward. More money means more responsibility and that needs to come from the membership as well as the current committee.

ONRSR is running workshops in Sydney on Friday 31st May and Saturday 1st June. Vice-President, Martyn Salmon, Operations Manager, Timo

Kanko and I will be there. I believe that safety of operations will be a major focus. It will also be good to put a face to the names of the people that we contact.

The website has details of the Bi-monthly general meeting with Scott McGregor, the next working bees and open days.

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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

In life there are challenges that confront everybody, every day. Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is no different.

It's almost as if people keep putting obstacles in your way hoping you might just go away. And that's exactly what doesn't happen here at OTHR. It's very easy to declare that it's all too hard and just go away, but we see these obstacles as challenges.

Overcoming challenges leads to success and lately your committee has had some successes and that of course leads to more challenges. The answer of course is now matter what, never ever give up.

Your committee has had its share of challenges and occasionally we say to ourselves, is it all worth the angst?

I say yes it is; with a bit of lateral thinking on occasions we have our share of successes. We always get in a have a go.

What challenges have we faced in recent times and what were the results?

Two that spring to mind are a grant application that succeeded against the odds and resulted in \$133,000 being made available to refurbish the Oberon Station and the other, a very successful lobbying of the Federal Government that resulted in funding of \$1,500,000 if the Liberal National Party was re – elected on 18th May to assist in rebuilding Stage 1 of the grand project – Oberon to Hazelgrove.

Fight to overcome challenges with huge odds and succeed? You bet!! And aren't we proud of those recent successes.

"There are no negatives in life, only challenges to overcome that will make you stronger.
Eric Bate"



*Volunteers work on roads near Scotia Street 2nd
May working bee*

Membership Renewals due 30th June.

Here's a timely reminder that renewal of annual membership is due on 30th June.

You have until 30th September to renew or your membership will lapse.

A Renewal form can be found at the end of this Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
5TH JUNE 2019
NEW VENUE FOR THIS
EVENING
ROBERT HOOPER
CENTRE
FLEMING STREET,
OBERON, NSW

7.30 PM.**

Exciting News

Guest Speaker on 5th June 2019 is Scott McGregor.

Scott is CEO of Scott McGregor's Train Adventures.

Scott has led an interesting and varied life as a train adventurer and an actor. His credits include a Logie Award in 1983 for best lead actor in a miniseries/telemovie. In 1984 he starred in the movie "Chase Through The Night"

In 1989 he starred in his own show, "Railway Adventures across Australia for Channel 10. And, of course, he now leads his own company "Scott McGregor's Train Adventures across the world wherein he spends an enormous amount of time on railways overseas every year.

Note the venue for this evening is the Robert Hooper Centre, Fleming Street, Oberon, NSW.

This meeting will be very entertaining, so don't miss it. It's worth a trip to Oberon for this one.

Immediate Goals

1. OTHR to apply for accreditation for shunting of rolling stock with a tractor by February 2019.
2. OTHR to apply for accreditation for shunting of rolling stock with a locomotive by June 2019
3. Obtain track certification for the line between Oberon Station Yard and Hazelgrove.
Obtain accreditation for Rail Operations, Rail Infrastructure maintenance, Track maintenance vehicles from Oberon Station yard to Hazelgrove. * On hold until land swap issue between Oberon Council, JHR and TfNSW is resolved.
4. Reset the target date to run work trains to Hazelgrove by 11th November 2019 which is 40 years since the last scheduled train ran on the branch line. The reset is due to land swap issues.
5. Reset the target date to run a heritage tourist train from Oberon Station yard to Hazelgrove by May 2021, due to land swap issues.



*PWD's siding showing new timbers working
bee 2nd May*

Position Vacant

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is looking for a Secretary for 2018/19.

You will need to have basic computer skills and an ability to write letters take minutes and manage a filing system.

The job entails attending committee monthly meetings and a general meeting bi-monthly to take minutes. About 20 hours each month need to be set aside for the job.

The position is interesting and provides the scope to learn about heritage railways and be part of a professional team.
The position is non gender specific.

The position is ideally suited to someone with office skills, a retired business executive or a retired small business operator.

Give it a go!

Apply to President.

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.



*Last dog spike driven in on that part of the job.
Volunteers working bee 2nd May*

Heritage Tourist Train set to attract more visitors to Oberon.

The Hon Michael McCormack Deputy Prime Minister and The Hon Andrew Gee Member for Calare and OTHR Co-Patron have announced funding to OTHR for Stage 1 of our project.

“The Federal Liberal and Nationals Government will invest \$1.5 million to restore the Oberon Tarana branch line so that it can carry a heritage tourist train through the area, attracting even more visitors to the Greater Blue Mountains region.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Michael McCormack said the funding would go towards Stage 1 of the project.

“This exciting investment will attract thousands of extra visitors to Oberon each year which means there’s more people dining in the town’s restaurants, staying in the local motels and visiting the other wonderful tourist attractions the region has to offer” Mr McCormack said.

“Stage 1 involves the installation of 5.6 kilometres of new rail line, the purchase and placement of new sleepers, drainage, earthworks and all labour costs.

“Andrew Gee has worked so hard to deliver this project. He is a fighter and strong voice for the people of Calare and that’s why we need him to stand up for the regions in Canberra.”

Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Member for Calare Andrew Gee said the project would provide a huge boost to local businesses.

“Volunteers at the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Committee have big plans to enhance rail heritage in the region but they need our help to make it happen” Mr Gee said.

“The running of the new train will generate jobs in the tourism industry and in construction and I’m so proud the Liberals and Nationals are helping to get this important project off the ground.”

“Along with the running of the train, there are also plans to upgrade and open Oberon Station as a vibrant Heritage and Railway Display and I look forward to seeing it through to fruition”

Your committee has been planning in case this commitment came to fruition. It’s unlikely you’ll see shovels in the ground much before 2020 as with a project of this magnitude, preparation is paramount and there are many challenges ahead that need to be satisfied. We would anticipate completion of this project by the end of 2021.



*The group at the Funding Announcement. Left to right **Hon Andrew Gee MP**, Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister, Federal Member for Calare, **Greg Bourne**, President Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. **Graham Williams**, Track Manager Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc., **Hon Michael McCormack MP**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, **David McMurray**, Funding Officer/Publicity, **John Broatchie**, Treasurer Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc., **Martyn Salmon**, Vice President Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. all standing on Louise’s privately owned heritage carriage.*

Work to Oberon Railway Station has started.

Your committee is steadily working through the myriad of red tape to finally get a spade into the ground.

In the meantime purchase of materials is taking place.



*Summer days Oberon Station
Photo Brenda Lyon*

New merchandise on the way.

A small sub-committee is starting to review OTHR merchandise.

Existing products have become dated and aren't selling well.

One of our members has been very helpful in advising what merchandise sells best in our market and we are thankful to him for that information.

A new and exciting range will be introduced slowly throughout 2019.

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.....

This is a message for all events managers of the enormous number of car clubs who receive this newsletter every month. Finding interesting places to visit regularly taxes even the most fertile minds.

Don't overlook Oberon as a destination. Whether you visit for a day or a week, you'll find plenty to entertain your members.

We are experienced at helping enthusiasts plan events in and around Oberon. We can make suggestions based on the time you have available. We can even suggest a base for your visit depending on group size and budget.

Visits planned for the next couple of months include a branch of the MG Car Club with an anticipated 60 entrants and the AJS and Matchless Vintage bike club with an anticipated 100 entrants.

Past visitors include a Car Club from Geelong in Victoria, The Morgan Club of Australia, The TR Register and the Bathurst Light Car Club to name a few.

Numbers are not a problem; we can handle 12 or 270!

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

Or phone 0437 389 684 Greg, or 0408 606 889 Dave.



Part of the Morgan Muster display at the Heritage Station late in 2018.



*Deplating timbers
Volunteers working bee 2nd May*

Working Bee wrap....

Next Working Bee.

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

While the weather has been good, OTHR volunteers have carried out a number of jobs in the Oberon yard which included vegetation control by Barry and Martyn. Our project working bee for 1st and 2nd May included:

- Replaced 9 turnout timber bearers (back end) at Scotia Ave end of roads 2 & 3.
- Replaced 2 sleepers on road 2 near the adjacent to above turnout
- Replaced 4 turnout timber bearers (front end) PWD siding
- Replaced 2 turnout timber bearers at the Xing road 4 & 5
- Placed in the "4 foot", a 40" Stockrail/Checkrail unit on road 5
- De-plating (screw spokes) 5 turnout timbers ready for the next working bee.

A big thanks to Geoff, Graham, Greg, Martyn & Ken/excavator (Oberon Council)

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

Here's an idea...



Again, from the fertile minds of some of our members Martyn and Phil, here is a concept of our locomotives relivered and refurbished in a push pull formation with the 1897 End Platform Carriages at Oberon Station. Note the locos have been named “Carlwood” (in the foreground) and “Hazelgrove” bringing up the rear.

Do you have any ideas stirring in your imagination. If so let us know; your committee is open to all ideas.

Plans for Customer Comfort.

As we move towards becoming operational, customer comfort is important to our plans. For quite some time it has been evident that toilets have been a problem especially when we have a group tour.

To overcome that issue your committee has been looking at a couple of ideas. We are planning on recommissioning the male toilet block and building another block nearby to cater to ladies and handicapped visitors.

Application for a grant will be necessary and with a new round of grants coming up soon we hope to be able to finance this project shortly.

We are also planning to modify the “Plough Van” to accept wheel chairs and carer seating to allow those visitors to experience a ride on the Oberon branch line. Once again OTHR will be dependant on funding.

Important Dates

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

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 1st 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 museum, an entry fee of \$5.00 pp (children under 18 free), and a pop up café serving soup of the day or 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



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28th April 2018

To; David McMurray

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway inc

Dear David,

I am writing on behalf of the TR Register Australia Club to thank you and your Heritage Rail Group for the fantastic hospitality you showed us during our recent Autumn Run to Oberon.

The high tea on the station platform was very well received by our group, especially the ladies who enjoyed Victoria's scones and jam afternoon tea.

The viewing of the Oberon rail station, the rail memorabilia and the rolling stock including the old carriages bought back many fond memories to all of us.

Please extend our thanks also to Wayne, Greg and of course Victoria for the great time shown to us

We wish you the best in your continuing endeavours to get the trains moving to Tarana and rest assured we will be back to enjoy another high tea soon.

Thanks again

Gavin Rea



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???

- How did the farmer find a wife?
He tractor down!
- Thanks for explaining the word
"many" to me.
It means a lot!
- What did one autumn leaf say to the other?
I'm falling for you!
- What's worse than raining cats and dogs?
Hailing Taxis!

Welcome New Members

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

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

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.

The Quest for funding continues....

Your donations remain as important as ever and every dollar gets us one step closer to our mutual goal of running a train on the line.

To donate go to OTHR GoFundMe site and donate there, or alternatively send those donations to PO Box 299 Oberon. Please make it clear that you are donating to the rebuilding of the Oberon Branch line.

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 four sponsors on board, all sponsors offer in kind support for which we are extremely grateful.

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 museum of memorabilia and a photo display of the history of the Oberon to Tarana branch line.

You'll see a variety of trikes and TMV's (track maintenance vehicles) in the Oberon Station yard. Take time to inspect the Rolling Stock shed and inspect our 73CI Diesel Locomotives and walk through - even sit down in - the two 1897 American End Platform carriages.

OTHR is 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.

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

A message from Andrew Moritz CEO Transport Heritage NSW.

This year marks five years since the establishment of Transport Heritage NSW.

During this time, we've achieved some amazing milestones, including record breaking visitation to our museums and events, impressive restorations of our heritage fleet and providing funding and support to the heritage transport sector.

Looking ahead, with new commitments by the NSW Government including investment in the loop line and establishment of the Chullora Heritage Hub, we have a great opportunity to set a new direction for the future.

One Member's take on the Maitland Steamfest 13 - 14th April

For those who have never visited the Maitland Steamfest in April annually you have certainly missed one of the greatest steam adventures in New South Wales.

Member and regular volunteer Geoff Smith has done just that and here is his take on the adventure:

"I'm pretty sure the last time I was awake and out of my bed at 3 AM was when my dearest Mum was changing my nappy, but a baby has to do what a man has to do and if The Maitland Steamfest weekend is on, well, a man just has to go (not to the toilet....) BUT to The Steamfest of course!! I forgot about it last year but I was reminded of it a few weeks ago and I was going, come hell or high water. I knew that I had to get up there fairly early to get a safe parking spot close to the action. As it was, at 7.30AM I could have parked in the middle of the event, right outside the Maitland Station, but after I tracked down a coffee shop and banged on the door for

ages before they would open, to get my third coffee for the day, I decided my car might be in the way so I parked just five minutes away in a side street and finished my coffee. It was a simply beautiful morning, cool, foggy but beautiful, a lot of the stall holders had some trouble keeping their tables dry because of the fog. HEY, I didn't mind because I,I,I,I, was there! They started setting up yesterday, so there were plenty of people and equipment around the station precinct. No sign of Steam engines yet but there was two old trains with diesel locomotives attached east of the station in readiness of the two Steam locomotives. They usually have steam at one end of the train and old diesels at the other end so you get the best of both worlds, (but mainly for safety). After getting another coffee, I walked around all the stalls and exhibition stands checking out all the merchandise and making mental notes of the things I would come back and have a look at and maybe purchase. WELL, by the end of the day I had spent this week's pay then most of next weeks, lucky I stocked up on my milk supply before I left home. It was not much longer before I heard the distinctive, music to my ears, first whistle of the 3526 Steam loco sounding its arrival into the Maitland Station. Then the slightly different tuned whistle of the 3256 Steam loco arriving a short time later. (check out those loco numbers?). Unfortunately for me by now there were about six and a half million enthusiasts on and around the station, so getting a good clear picture was hard, but I ended up with a few good ones. As usual most of those enthusiasts had pre-purchased their train travel tickets so the station was crowded all day with everyone scrambling aboard for their little train trip back into history. Some very young, not so enthusiastic kids looked like they would rather be at home watching this on their big screens, than being this close to the action. I suppose most of them had never seen a Steam loco in real life, maybe they will see Thomas in a different light now. My first memories of Steam locos was back in Rego' Primary School, (remember my first J story). My sister and I had to walk to school, which meant going over the Rego' railway station each morning and if we timed it right we would be there just as the Melbourne Express went roaring through, a good day was when we got to school

with our hair and eyes full of soot. Our dearest Mum wasn't too happy. But sorry, I digress. Also running around the station were three old rail motors, you know, the ones with their radiators standing up on the roof and the motors under the floor, the original red rattlers. As some of you know, I am a member of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway mob, and as such when working around the railway we must wear a bright orange "fluoro" jacket, just like all the officials were wearing around the trains, just imagine all the free rides I could have had of only I remembered to bring mine with me. I did manage a free ride on the newer electric rail motor (tram!) back into the newly opened Newcastle Interchange and then onto Newcastle Beach on the new light rail. Work this out, they stopped the trains going into Newcastle Station, they now stop at the interchange about 5Ks before, you then have to get off a train and walk a distance, then get onto a light rail train to get to Newcastle Station, it's got me beat! While there were heaps and heaps of action going on around Maitland station, over the other side of the road, in the BIG paddock next to the rail line, were all the great Steam driven engines of all shapes and sizes, huffing and puffing and whistling away, it took all day to fill my hair and eyes with soot. I could O.D. on the smell of Steam. There were also all kinds and sizes of other Steam, diesel and petrol engines chugging away. I would have, if I could have, taken one of them home to play with but I didn't know which shed I would put it in....say what? Anyway they started closing the gates and shutting down the engines about 4.30 and indicated I should leave but it was still daylight and I just wanted to keep looking, I managed about another half hour before being asked to leave the area, I tried telling them I worked there, but I couldn't convince them. So it was with many fond memories of all things Steam that I headed home, and boiled the arse out of my kettle."

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Steam locomotive 3526

HS36

HS36 is an incredibly rare piece of rolling stock that will be used on the Oberon to Tarana branch line in due course. Currently held in storage at Broadmeadows, when back in Oberon it will be its homecoming where it once plied the line.

This month we will examine HS36's physical condition and archaeological potential.

"Externally the car is in poor condition but it is virtually complete as modified in 1935. Internally the passenger compartments are basically as built in 1891 when the guard's compartment is as converted in 1935. The wooden body is carried on a steel underframe riding by steel bogies which are in fair condition. The external cladding is in poor condition.

External Condition.

Apart from the general outward appearance the external condition of the vehicle is good and very little noticeable structural damage evident. HS36 appears to retain original sections of its originally papier-mache sheathed boards though degraded, with the timber lining boards on the guards end in good condition with only minor decay. The majority of the damage comes from vandalism (i.e. windows and door glazing). There is a section of the roof gutted on the No 2 end, which has failed. Ventilator covers are missing and the timber stair treads are loose in places. The guard's lookout duckets are complete although showing signs of decay to timber components.

The underframe is in good condition and shows general surface corrosion and heavy road grime with localised minor wastage and pitting along the top edges of the structural members. Truss rods are secure with the underframe and body exhibiting minor upward cant. 2AA bogies appear complete with spokes and disc wheels retaining an acceptable profile and wear. Minor surface corrosion and heavy road grime are present.

Over 50% of the Indian Red paint finish is missing or failing on the body with the underframe components having less than 30% of their original black painted finish present under heavy road grime. The rod membrane appears to be failing in areas.

Westinghouse air brake equipment is complete and operational while the remaining running gear, axle boxes and wheels are heavily encrusted with dirt and oil and although intact their condition is unknown, however this vehicle has been moved by rail to its current location in April 2009. The mechanical hand brake on a pedestal mount fitted in the guard's compartment is operational.

The vehicle is fitted with hooked draw gear and standard passenger buffers, which are, complete and secure. There are two steel framed battery boxes hung from the underframe and are secure with one door missing and minor rot evident. The belt driven 24V generator is complete although the leather belt is missing.

Internal Condition.

Internally the vehicles condition exhibits years of neglect, however there is no structural damage evident. The guard's compartment internal condition is good with walls and flooring of sound condition and doors operational. Damage is evident caused by the removal of electrical components and the potbellied stove. General rubbish and spare parts litter the floor.

The compartments internal condition appears poor however they exhibit many original features, which are complete including doors, seats, panelling and pressed metal ceilings. The

linoleum flooring has failed however the floor boards are sound. Internal surfaces are covered with dirt and grime however they are in sound condition. The seating is largely complete though damaged by exposure to the elements. Toilet compartments are structurally complete with doors fitted however fittings are missing. A large number of seat components are loaded in the second class compartments which may not all belong to this vehicle. The reinstatement of the original or missing components and painting would be required to bring this vehicle up to an acceptable standard.

The internal surfaces are highly soiled and degraded with peeling paint and varnish in areas. Original varnished surfaces and paint colours in areas of the passenger compartments are in good condition and offer valuable research material. The Wunderlich pressed metal ceilings have a failed Manilla paint system, while the boarded ceilings in the second class compartments and Masonite ceiling in the guard's compartment are in good condition. The guard's compartment wall finishes are in a good condition under general dirt and grime.

Switchboards, light fittings and switches have been removed from the vehicle. Compartment fittings including brass door handles and locks are complete and operational. Four of the compartment luggage racks are missing, however the rest are complete and secure. Compartment mirrors and pictures are weather damaged or missing. The three toilet compartments are missing fittings including wash basins and toilet bowls, with their roof mounted water tanks complete. The guard's compartment fittings including breakdown equipment boxes and shelves are complete, however electrical equipment is missing and the upholstery on the seats is failing.

Hazardous Materials

Paint on body may contain lead due to the age of the vehicle.

Date condition updated 14 Sep 09

Modifications and dates

1892 – entered service coded AJ

December 1935 – converted to HS resulting in the removal of the sleeping compartments and the extension of the luggage compartment into the former first class compartment. The outside sheathing was also modified at this time with the guard's/luggage compartment sheathed in vertical tongue and groove boards in place of the former papier – mache coverings.

October 1964 – condemned.

Current Use.

NSW Government Railways Collection

Former Use

Composite branch line sitting carriage with guard's accommodation.



HS36 as it was some time ago. Currently it is housed under cover at Broadmeadows holding facility.

Winter Special

Firewood grade sleepers for sale

6 x 4 Box trailer load

\$50.00

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I/We wish to apply to become a member of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. (OTHR) and agree to be bound by the Articles of Association of the organisation and its Rules and Regulations.

Your Details:

Name(s):

Mailing Address:

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Signature Date

Tick appropriate box

\$20.00 per person ☐

Donation (all donations over \$2 are tax deductible) ☐

Total amount payable \$.....

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 monthly general meetings
- **Direct Bank Transfer** - our bank details are BSB: 062 632, Account: 1004 9851. Please include your name as the statement reference

EXPERTISE (Please complete if you are joining OTHR for the first time). Please indicate any skills, expertise or areas of interest you may be able to share with us as the railway line is being restored. We need members with a wide range of skills from labouring, catering to professional management. Your skills may be just what we need.

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Membership of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. (OTHR) represents a significant financial contribution to our organisation. Members will receive regular newsletters and invitations to special events. Membership is required to cover insurance for any voluntary work you are able to contribute.

Office Use Only: Nominated by OTHR Member Signature

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