



**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.30 pm**  
Oberon RSL Club

1. **Present:** Tim Arnison, Graham Priddle, Col Bembrick, Barry Webb, John Brotchie, Elaine Boxer.
2. **Apologies:** Richard & Marjorie Webb, David McMurray, Arthur Robinson, Glenda Bembrick.
3. **Minutes from the previous meeting:**  
The Minutes from the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> April be amended to include John Brotchie in the list of those present then were accepted.  
*Moved E Boxer .....; Seconded: T Arnison..... Carried.*
4. **Safety Management**  
At the Skoda & Tatra Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May a visitor fell in the rolling stock shed but was not badly injured. It was decided by the Committee that no further access to the public will be allowed until the area is made safe. The next working bee will be committed to making this area safe for public visitors.
5. **Committee Reports.**  
**President's Report.** David and Tim attended an E-Marketing workshop offer through Council. The facilitator from Canowindra was excellent and the main message from the workshop was the importance of Facebook and the webpage for getting your message across.  
**First Aid Certificates.** If any members want to renew or obtain a first aid certificate contact Elaine or Tim.  
**Storage Shed.** This is close to completion which will then allow us to move all the gear out of the station and prepare it for a proper museum display. The Committee agreed to approach Janelle Middleton from Bathurst Council for advice on setting out our displays. Graham Priddle noted that he has recently found some colour photographs of loco 5112 taken shortly before it was retired.  
The repair of the first carriage roof is to commence in August.  
**John Holland Rail.** Tim and Elaine met with JH regarding the Heritage Operators Licence. It was a successful meeting which resulted in our acceptance of the HOL. The 52 page document was very daunting but JH reassured OTHR the major responsibility for any liability rests with John Holland Rail. TfNSW agreed to a minimum rent of \$550 per annum.  
**ONRSR.** The draft document for variation of our accreditation was sent for comment, the Committee has accepted the draft without change.  
**Visit by Andrew Gee.** The Member for Calare attended the railway on 7<sup>th</sup> June and was very impressed with the work we have done. He was very complimentary about our project and accepted the invitation to be Co-Patron. We hope he will be supportive of our project in the future.  
**Timber for planks.** OTHR has been donated some timber which will be shortly cut into planks by Warwick Armstrong. The cost of the project will be to share the planks 50/50.  
**Moving locos.** LVR has been approached to move the locos to the shed for us but it is still under negotiation. Graham Priddle suggested we try Thirlmere or Patterson as an alternative. Tim expressed the Committees **compliments to Barry Webb** for the work he has done clearing vegetation from the station to Rutter's Ridge. He suggested OTHR request Oberon Council to do more in keeping the line clear of vegetation.

## 6. Other Business.

**Steam Fair 2018.** OHCC has decided not to host a Steam Fair in 2018 but to host it bi-annually. For 2018 it has been suggested that we have a joint open day in March with OHCC. The date suggested was the weekend of the Swap-Meet, probably Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Skoda & Tatra will be invited as well.

**Barry Webb** reported that Wayne Dempsey has been in hospital recently but he is now on the mend. Barry had visited him to help him with his garden.

**Graham Priddle** offered a tribute to Col Bembrick for his report on the Snakes Valley Bridge. He then gave OTHR a quote for the replacement of the bridge. When the time comes to replace the bridge he would like to be involved. Tim thanked Graham for the quote and the work he has done to produce it.

**Col Bembrick.** Col, Tim and Bob retrieved the 3 lever ground frame from Lithgow. Garry Leamey, State Rail Signals Engineer donated the frame to OTHR. It could be used as a static display or used later down the track at Carlwood or similar.

**Graham Priddle** has been in touch with Ken Lingabala who has recently retired from JH Rail. He is very interested in how OTHR is progressing and would be a useful contact for us.

*Action: Send get well wishes to Wayne Demsey*

*Elaine*

*Action: Email graham for Ken Lingabala's contact details*

*Elaine.*

**The meeting:** closed 8.30pm. . Next meeting **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017.**