

History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway

November 2019



Restoration work on Oberon Station Platform has started



Excavation work has started on the Oberon Station Platform. The first part of the restoration work is to remove the old sleepers and coping timbers. The recommendation from the Council's Heritage Advisor is that the original sleepers will be replaced from our stock pile of used sleepers to ensure the aged and used appearance is retained. The coping timbers that form the edge of the platform and are in exceptionally poor condition will be 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.

We have a couple of groups visiting as the work progresses and the contractors have agreed to maintain access to the station building so that the visitors can view the displays and memorabilia.

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Presidents Message

The front page article explains the progress being made on the restoration of the station platform.

I had a call from Jennifer Edmonds from Transport Heritage New South Wales on Friday 11th October regarding HS36. The question was “Could you take delivery in the next 6 to 8 weeks.” The committee has endorsed the request given that the delivery costs will be met by THNSW. There has been preliminary work in the rolling stock shed and another 40 feet of track on road 6 will be completed in a working bee that is scheduled for 6th and 7th November.

I have been told that the documents regarding the Heritage Operators Licence North of Albion Street has progressed from JHG to TfNSW. Personnel in that department are preparing the final documentation.

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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

Well the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.'s Annual General Meeting has come and gone. So what was the main result to come from it?

There were no challenges to the Committee of Management, and so you voted for stable governance.

In presenting the achievements of 2018/19, President Greg Bourne thanked his committee for

their outstanding effort in getting OTHR to the position it's at and alluded to the tasks ahead.

Stable governance has been the hallmark of the association since it was formed in 2005. Every committee member and every volunteer through the years has worked with a single purpose, that is to get a train on the Oberon to Tarana branch line for the purpose of establishing a tourist attraction in the centre of Oberon, and to work in co-operation with other established attractions in the Central Tablelands, Central West and Blue Mountains.

The new Committee of Management's task in 2019/20 is to move that vision closer to reality by working methodically with all stakeholders including all levels of Government and their various departments, and companies involved in the railway industry.

To continue to achieve stability in the association, the Committee of Management has identified a range of management roles to introduce the level of professionalism required to operate a tourist railway attraction.

Come on the journey with us! If you think you have the skills to fill the vacancies or even lend a hand, then have a chat with us.

Be a part of fulfilling this grand vision.

"Stability is necessary for our future economic success.

Gordon Brown"



*Work starts on replacing worn line at the Oberon Heritage Station
Working Bee September/October 2019*



November is the month of Movember and the committee of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. invites all members to join with Moberon to help get the word out about men's health.

Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicides. The Movember Foundation runs the Movember charity event. The goal of Movember is to "change the face of men's health" By encouraging men (whom the charity refers to as "Mo-Bros") to get involved, Movember aims to increase early cancer detection, diagnosis and effective treatments, and ultimately reduce the number of preventable deaths. Besides annual check-ups, the Movember Foundation encourages men to be aware of family history of cancer and to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Since 2004, the Movember Foundation charity has run Movember events to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues, such as prostate cancer and depression, in Australia and New Zealand. In 2010, Movember merged with the testicular cancer event Tacheback.

So come on members of OTHR and readers of this Newsletter and get right behind Movember.

Moberon certainly is.

NEXT MEETING

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

4TH DECEMBER 2019

OBERON RSL

7.30 PM.

5. Apply for variation to existing accreditation to operate tourist trains to Hazelgrove. Time frame 3 – 6 months.



*The hard grind! One of our volunteers readying the rail for replacement.
Working Bee September/October*

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.

A Time to Reflect

Media Release.

2019 has been a year of rapid movement for Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. (OTHR)

“OTHR really has been moving rapidly towards its goal of getting a train on the tracks and running a tourist operation for the benefit of all the community”, Greg Bourne, President, said today. “The association is about to complete another year in early October with its Annual General Meeting. A review of the past twelve months has seen the evolution of the following achievements:

- Skoda Tatra Museum opened its doors on land made available by OTHR to that museum.
- Working bees have almost completely refurbished the Oberon Heritage Precinct.
- Approval of a grant to refurbish the historic Oberon Station platform. Work is scheduled to start in late October. This is the first time in 96 years that any work has been done to the station platform.
- Accreditation has been granted to run Track Maintenance Vehicles (TMVs) on the line within the station precinct.
- Accreditation has been granted for shunting within the station precinct by both locomotive and tractor.

- We have received funding to assist in refurbishing the railway track to Hazelgrove.
- OTHR is starting to attract larger groups of visitors to the station precinct."

Mr Bourne added "In the following twelve months OTHR will concentrate on the railway line between Oberon and Hazlegrave.

- Scope of works has already been drawn up and in due course tenders will be let to allow the work to be carried out.
- We have applied for a Heritage Operators Licence for that activity to move forward.
- A variation of an HOL will allow TMVs to be driven down the track to allow for essential maintenance work to be carried out.
- In time trains will have approval to run on the track and our tourism operation will commence."

"All this activity has caused the committee to identify specialist Managerial positions that need to be filled. These positions initially will be voluntary but are essential in running a successful tourist operation. Positions identified to date include:

- Secretary
- Asset Manager
- Finance Manager
- Infrastructure Manager
- Safety Manager
- Engineering Manager
- Curator, Oberon Station Interpretive Display
- Events Manager

OTHR committee is now seeking people from both our members and the local community who feel they have the necessary skills and self-reliance to talk to me initially about those jobs. My phone number is 0437 389 684. The positions available are part time and after their establishment will be largely routine, but will require input into the railway activities."

The Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. Annual General Meeting is being held at the Oberon RSL on October 2nd 2019 from 7.30pm. I would encourage all interested OTHR members and general community to attend."



*Not quite pulling teeth! Our volunteers using the dog spike puller.
Working Bee September/October.*

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.
- Infrastructure Manager – needs to be filled soon.
- Safety Manager – needs to be filled ASAP
- Curator, Oberon Station Interpretive Display.
- Events Manager – needs to be filled soon

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 or 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 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.



*The art of concentration.
Working Bee September/October*

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, or complete the form at the end of this newsletter.

Some recent comments

Our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/othr.inc) is a good source of what people think about us.

A couple of positive recent comments are:

Graham Harris "Thanks for the excellent update, and your solid answers to follow-up comments. A well run, targeted mission bringing results! We're liking the idea of sharing your space with other offerings, building a tourist precinct, diversified and with broad appeal, a very open minded committee you must have. OTHR on our tour list even if 3 days drive away! Congratulations so far."

...and from Peter Finch: "OTHR and the local committee deserve every accolade for their hard work and dedication. It's a magnificent project which will have far reaching benefits, and it's also an inspiration to other communities. Congratulations"

And yet another received via the OTHR website:

"Hello Greg, Martyn and the members of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway. Ron and I would like to tell you how much we enjoyed visiting your Heritage Rail site when we were in Oberon a couple of weeks ago. We especially thank you, Martyn, for your informative and enjoyable guided tour of your museum. What you have achieved with a small group is amazing, and we wish you much success in the future.....We wish you all the best with your future projects, and hope to return to your area before too much time passes.
Yours in Rail History
Sandra and Ron Hass"

Work on Oberon Railway Station is underway.

OTHR is pleased to report that the tender for the refurbishment of the historic Oberon Station Platform has been let.

The successful tenderer, the Morestone Group, anticipates work will get underway on Thursday 15th October 2019.

This is indeed an exciting move forward.

Work should be completed by Christmas.



*The sparks fly.
Working Bee September/October*

New merchandise delivered

The first of the new range of merchandise has been delivered.

OTHR caps are now available for purchase now and are of very good quality.
Prices: \$15.00 members, \$20.00 non-members.
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 and Arrows Newsagency.

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.



*Ready for replacement.
Working Bee September/October*

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.

Nearby 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.

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 major events coming up in the next couple of months include:

- Insight Railway Tour
- The annual "Downunder Jampot Rally" organised by the AJS and Matchless Motorcycle Club.

Past events have been:

- 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.
- 7th Horseless Carriage Club International Tour.

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

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.

Oberon Outdoor Week

Oberon – Shakespearian, meaning “A happening place”.

November has more than enough activities happening and you're invited to our exciting town. Oberon Outdoor Week has:

- **The Oberon Redfin Roundup**, 2 – 3 November – a fishing extravaganza. Book in on the day.
- **The Oberon Heritage and Homestead Tours**, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10th November, a fascinating walk back 200 years to Oberon's very beginnings. Tours include tour guide, transport, morning tea, country style lunch and entry fees. The 9/10th November tour includes the Oberon Heritage Station Precinct with lunch on the station and all three museums on site will be open for inspection. Book with Oberon Visitor Information Centre or book online www.visitoberon.com/events/oowheritage/. Cost \$89 PP.
- **Oberon Skate Park Oberon Common**. 2 November. Set in the fabulous Oberon Common, witness professional skating with Blunt Side Sk8 Park Tours and be coached by professionals – something for the family.
- **The Oberon Fossicking Frenzy**, 6, 7, 8, 9 November, workshops, displays and instructional sessions. A family activity.
- **The Oberon Bike Week Rat Race**. 10 November Oberon Golf Club. Includes cross

country running and mountain bike time trials along the beautiful shores of Lake Oberon. Registration free.

- **Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. Open Day**. 2 November 10.00 am – 2.00PM Entry \$5.00 (under 18 free) morning tea \$10.00 pp.
- **AJS and Matchless Rally Display, Oberon Heritage Railway Station “Jampot Rally”**. 3 November, from 11.30 am. Five museums open around Oberon. Entry fees apply to each museum.
- **Learn to Fly**. One of the best of road bike tracks in NSW. Open most weekends. Contact Learn to Fly for details.

Oberon – more than you imagine!

Get all details from the Oberon Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6329- 8210 or tourism@oberon.nsw.gov.au

Date announced for 2020 Oberon Heritage Fair

OTHR Committee has announced the Oberon Heritage Fair will be held on Saturday 14th 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 14th March 2020 to enjoy a day of all things heritage. This event is not to be missed.



*The task is finished.
Working Bee September/October.*

Next Working Bee.

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

September/October Working Bee wrap....

OTHR volunteers had a number of mini working bees during the period; tasks included:

- The start of vegetation control around the tracks.
- A final de-clutter from under the awning.

- Changed out a number of signal rodding chairs.
- Relocate the caravan from within the Rolling stock shed to the awning.
- Unloaded some timbers and sleepers from West Wyalong.
- Installed some signage around the yard.
- De-clutter in front of the office/store in preparation of extending 6 road.

Project Working Bee 2nd & 3rd October 2019.

A project working bee was held on the first Wednesday and Thursday of October, to replace four 24" lengths of rail on 3 road (main) at the station platform.

Wednesday morning saw five OTHR volunteers remove all dog spikes, unbolt the fish plates and remove the rail. During the afternoon four lengths were relocated from the stockpile and placed on the sleepers. Early finish on the day to allow members to go home and get ready for the AGM held on Wednesday night.

Thursday morning saw four OTHR Volunteers cut up rail to length, drill bolt holes in one end, bolted all four rails up, gauged and pinned all four rails, job done!

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.



Why not be a part of our happy band of volunteers?

Important Dates for Volunteers

Open days are held on the 1st 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 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 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



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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 brought 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



Welcome New Members

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

This month we introduce:

Greg Dargin

Greg is a member of the Tarana Valley Community Group who was responsible for getting the Bullet Train to stop daily at Tarana.

Wendy Connors.

Wendy lives in Epping NSW.

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?

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.

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 Whaat???

- We'll be friends 'til we're old and senile.... Then we'll be new friends!
- The first five days after the weekend are the hardest.
- When I was little my Dad had me convinced that the Ice Cream truck only played music when it was sold out. Well played Dad, well played.
- Does anyone remember that one time before Facebook, when we all went outside and did stuff?

The Quest for funding continues....

Donations are particularly important now as we have the certainty of running a train to Hazelgrove soon.

With your help, your committee can start to introduce all the refinements that will make a journey to Hazelgrove an experience to remember.

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

Skoda & Tatra Museum update...

Our Skoda and Tatra Partners are gearing up for a most interesting event in November 2019.

The Skoberon Art Prize is earmarked for Saturday 23rd November 2019 from 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM. The Skoberon Art Prize aims to celebrate and appreciate the design and function of Skoda and Tatra vehicles through artistic expression. Enter for a chance to have your work added to the museum's permanent collection. The theme will be Skoda and Tatra Cars.

Entries will be accepted in kids and teens categories 10 years and up while Adults will be accepted from 18 + years.

There are prizes to be won.

Entertainment will include a BBQ and live music.

Here's a great chance for artistic OTHR members to support our partner Skoda Tatra museum!

Let's do it!! Enquiries to Oberon Skoda Tatra Museum via their Facebook page.



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.

1979 a year to remember

As you all know 1979 saw the suspension of the Oberon to Tarana branch line, a significant moment in time for Oberon NSW.

Nationally, the arrest of James Miller for the murder of seven young women brought the phenomenon of the serial killer to Australia.

Sydney's Eastern Suburbs railway was opened

Premier Neville Wran allowed the opening of NSW hotels on Sundays.

US President Jimmy Carter was attacked by a swamp rabbit while fishing.

In the music charts were such hits as:

"Some Girls" by Racey

"My Sharona" by The Knack

"Video Killed the Radio Star" by The Buggles

And of course:

"I Don't Like Mondays" by the Boomtown Rats.



This was you in 1979!

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:

Secretary

As with all associations and companies the Secretary's job carries a lot of responsibility.

With OTHR tasks include:

- Receives all OTHR inward correspondence.
- Is responsible for forwarding all outward OTHR correspondence as determined by the President, the Committee of Management or a general meeting.
- Keeps the minutes of all appointments of office bearers and members of the Committee of Management.
- Gives notices to members of the location and date of all General Meetings.
- Keeps minutes of all proceedings at Committee of Management meetings and at General Meetings.
- Is responsible for reviewing safety management documentation prior to issue in accordance with OTHR's Quality Assurance policy.
- Carries out all other duties as directed by the President.
- Must, as soon as practical after being appointed Secretary, lodge notice with the association of his or her address.
- Establishes and maintains OTHR's register of members specifying their names and address together with the date they become a member.
- Negotiates and arranges all appropriate insurance coverage for the operations of OTHR.

Safety Manager

OTHR is bound by the rules and regulations of the Office of the Rail Safety Regulator (ONRSR). As such this position carries a great deal of responsibility to ensure the safe conduct of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

- The Safety Manager is responsible for ensuring the operation of Health and Safety Management across OTHR.
- Responsible for the safety induction documentation for all volunteers and contractors, ensuring that all such

personnel receive induction before commencing with OTHR.

- Maintains an effective risk management process via the development, implementation, evaluation and maintenance of OTHR's Safety Management Plan.
- Complies with relevant acts and legislation.
- Is a key participant in creation of system documents such as Job Safety Analysis, "Toolbox Meetings", Standard Operating Procedures, training and operational manuals, etc.
- Reviews and checks the accuracy and clarity of all safety documents prepared or amended by OTHR and approves all new or amended rail safety documents before they are issued.
- Maintains personal safety records (register of competencies, health, etc) in accordance with requirements of privacy legislation.
- Maintains the Health Assessment Database and ensure that workers have health assessments, reflecting the highest category of rail safety tasks they do, in a timely manner.
- Liaison with operations line manager(s) when an OH&S issue arises with any OTHR RSW.
- Develops and assign persons to carry out Risk Assessments.
- Oversees the compilation of the annual Safety Performance Report.
- Ensures safe-working compliance inspections are conducted regularly within OTHR. Prepare the scope of each such audit and ensures necessary corrective actions are taken where rail safety requirements have not been observed.
- Keeps records of all instances where safety requirements have not been observed and reports major incidents to Committee meeting along with any corrective actions.
- Carries out random audits to ascertain compliance with safety management systems.
- Investigates all SMS non-compliance occurrences and notify the occurrences to the rail safety regulator in accordance with legal requirements.

- May conduct “Toolbox Meetings” if considered necessary.
- Oversees the duties of the Document Controller.
- Represents OTHR in matters of safety and regulatory compliance with the Regulator (ONRSR).

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.

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The snow train, Carlwood hauling an 1897 American style End Platform Carriage



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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.
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