



## Minutes of Bi Monthly General Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, 7.30pm

Oberon RSL Club

**1. Call to Order.** Meeting opened at 8.00 PM

**2. Present:** Brenda Lyon, Phil O'Regan, Arthur Robinson, Barry Webb, Martyn Salmon, John Brotchie, Mark Handel, Pam Dellow, Brian Dellow, Tim Arnison, John Boxer, Elaine Boxer, Col Bembrick, Glenda Bembrick, David McMurray, Graham Williams.

**3. Apologies:** Ken Lingabala, Peter Culley.

**4. Visitors.** Michael Clark, Jessie Bijok, Wendy Connors, Sandra Handel, Clint Dowsett, Lisa Dowsett.

**5. Safety Management**

Rendered with no incidents reported.

**6. Minutes of meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Committee Meeting.**

Minutes of meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August consisted of a presentation by Ben O'Regan of Bathurst Railway Museum

Business arising: - Nil

**7 Correspondence per schedule.**

No correspondence presented.

**8. Presidents Report**

No Report this meeting

**9. Treasurer's Report.**

No report this meeting

**10. General Business.**

- AJS and Matchless Group. Elaine Boxer was seeking volunteers for this event; it appears that we will have sufficient to operate the BBQ for lunch. Publicity Officer to check with the organiser for final numbers.
- 22/10/2019 Insight Group requires lunch. We should have sufficient volunteers for this event.
- The committee has identified a number of managerial positions as we move forward. We are looking for skilled people to fill those positions.

- Mike O’Kane is pressing ahead with uniform design for wait staff.
- We need to think about painting the locos and will seek a company prepared to donate paint for the job.
- We also need to start preparing the galley kitchen and seating in one of the end carriages. If we are to maximise our income that exercise needs to be completed. We were unsuccessful in getting a grant.
- The committee has now processed over 88 SMS documents
- Once we obtain approval for a HOL over the line to Hazelgrove we will have to enter into an interface agreement with the road owners of level crossings on the line. We would hope that the HOL documents will be in place within 3 – 6 months.
- There was a query from the floor about the starting date for the station refurbishment. It should start late October with work completed within 3 – 6 weeks of start.
- Greg Dargan is part of the Tarana Valley Group that campaigned to get the Bullet train to stop at Tarana. Part of that campaign agreement is that the Tarana Signal Box is to be refurbished. OTHR was given an invitation to the first Bullet train stoppage at Tarana and it was attended officially by Greg Bourne and Brenda Lyon.
- Greg Dargin subsequently became a member.
- The next Tarana Markets will see a steam train stopping at Tarana Station.
- John Brotchie has recently returned from a rail trip promoted by Cruise Express. It was 6 days in total and he thought it was excellent value for money. He recommends it to other members.
- Martyn Salmon advised that while he was working at the station recently a couple from Toowoomba in Qld. Visited the station unannounced. It appears they had heard about what we are doing and detoured to Oberon especially to see our progress. They appeared to be very impressed.
- The article and photo that appeared in our October Newsletter about the “snow express “and the year in review the year in review has received a lot of interest on Facebook. The photo had over 1000 likes and the article received over 6,000 views.

Meeting closed at 8.30 PM

Chairman’s Signature