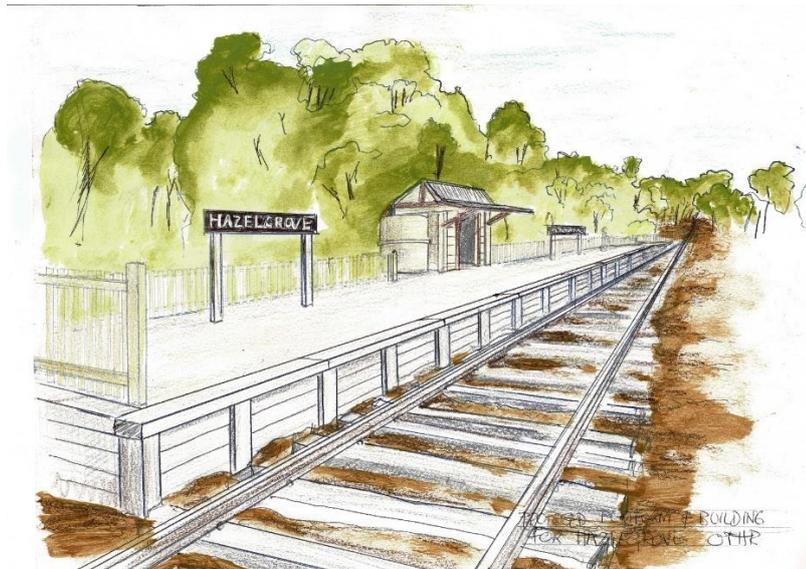




History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. December 2022



The vision and the reality.

**OTHR breaks ground for the turn-around loop to be constructed at the Hazelgrove end of the line
(Stage 1)**

**OTHR Membership Fee 2022/2023 now due.
Renewal form page 26 of this Newsletter**

December – Oberon End of Year Festival

Sunday 18th December 10.00am – 3.00pm Open Day, Free entry

There is no change to the working bee dates and times. We have a working bee each
Saturday from 9.00 am – 4.00pm

However, it would be good to double check Saturday 24th December

If you are available on weekdays, please enquire if there is something on during the week.

There usually is!!

Greg Bourne. Email: admin@otr.com.au or mobile 0437 389 684

One of our main concerns has been extremely poor drainage away from the track. The “fix”
is to put spoon drains adjacent to the track.

Culverts have been checked and up graded or rebuilt where necessary. In this photo CAM
had to clear the blocked pipe under the rail trail and then the “cess” on the western side of
the rail trail and the clearing of spoon drain in the adjacent farmer’s paddock.

Well done CAM!



This culvert had to be completely rebuilt!

Patrons

Paul Toole

Deputy Premier NSW, State Member for Bathurst, Leader of NSW National Party. Minister of Regional New South Wales and Minister for Police.

Andrew Gee

Federal Member for Calare.

Committee

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President's Message

We have received the turnout timbers from Dubbo early in November. It is good to have them in stock and ready for turnaround loop at Hazelgrove.

Several days have been spent getting ready for the line replacement from near Borg gate 6, connecting to the Lowes Mount Road crossing and then rejoining to the line that goes south to Albion Street. A two stage process

1. Erection of temporary fence to stop parking in the area where the replacement line is going to be put



2. Survey and pegging out of the exact location of where the track will be located. This was done by Ontrack Survey & Design Pty Ltd



Greg Bourne
President,
Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.
Email: admin@othr.com.au
Mobile: 0437 389 684

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 e 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**

Important contacts

- Mail: PO Box 299 Oberon NSW 2787
- Email: admin@othr.com.au
- Website: www.othr.com.au
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/OTHR.Inc

Editor's thoughts

Don't let the grass grow under your feet.

Here at Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc, no sooner do we release the concept or vision for the Hazelgrove end of our project (Stage 1) then we have seized the opportunity to get the latest project underway.

OTHR doesn't wait around hoping things might happen; we're doers!

Dedicated volunteers doing the hack work and a large grader to move tonnes of soil and get the levels ready to lay track have been completed.

John Baxter of Baxter Coaches has made a very generous donation of portion of a turn-around and line and when put together with another section of a turn-around stored in the station precinct at Oberon, as well as a generous cash donation made by another member, means that we will soon have a full turn-around laid at Hazelgrove.

We currently await the outcome of grant enabling further development of the site to completion.

Will that grant come our way? We'll have to wait and see! But are we sitting around twiddling our thumbs? No-Siree! Our stock will supply a greater part of the station façade materials and with some labour, that section of the project will get underway shortly.

"If someone offers you a great opportunity and you're not sure you can do it, say yes – then learn how to do it later.

Richard Branson"



OTHR Volunteers removing the remains of old track

General Meeting



Wednesday 14th December
Oberon RSL, Dudley Street, Oberon
7.30 pm



Your committee wishes all our members and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2022 has been a stressful and trying year for us in the Central Tablelands and Central West of New South Wales.

We look forward to better times in 2023 including the much-anticipated opening of the Oberon to Hazelgrove section (Stage 1) of the Oberon to Tarana railway line as a tourism attraction.

Veolia Mulwarree Trust funds Defibrillators.

Through the generosity of the Veolia Mulwarree Trust, funding has been made available to purchase three defibrillators for the benefit of volunteers and visitors.

These machines will be located as close as convenient for use on members and visitors should the occasion arise.

The machines contain an AED as well as a first aid and snake bite kit.

They will be located at the station, the rollingstock shed and on the train and are portable.

President, Greg Bourne, made the trip to Goulburn NSW for the presentation of the funds. The trip from Oberon was fraught with roads flood damaged.

Two other associations from Oberon also received funding and we congratulate them on their success.

Our thanks go to the Trust in funding very necessary first aid equipment.



Cr. Peter Walker, Mayor of Goulburn Mulwarree Council (left) presenting a giant cheque to OTHR President, Greg Bourne. (right)



OTHR President, Greg Bourne, with the giant cheque, proceeds to be used to purchase AED's.

Maintenance of End Platform Carriages in train.

Our two End Platform Carriages are continuing to receive essential maintenance. They will be examined and certified in the second week in January 2023.



Volunteer Michael Clark standing beside the extensive restoration of the headstock of one of the End Platform Carriages.

What does the rain mean to OTHR?

All readers would know that the Central Tablelands/Central West has suffered under an extreme rain event that has gripped us for months.

What does this mean for OTHR?

Our contractors have suffered delays to the rebuilding of the Oberon to Hazelgrove railway line (Stage 1), but we are assured they will complete the rebuild shortly. OTHR has been forced to postpone a major event, Cars, and Coffee, due to regional flooding and subsequent destruction of infrastructure.

But overall, OTHR has fared well with minor water over the tracks particularly at the Hazelgrove end and any damage has been minimal and easily restored.

We wish to acknowledge the suffering of residents a little further west in towns such as Forbes and Eugowra and the “blue sky” flooding of towns further along the river systems that is happening now.



Some minor cleaning up required at the Hazelgrove level crossing. The rubble washed from Black Bullock Road,

Meanwhile work is progressing on the line.

Contractor, CAM, has been busy with the latest stage of their work, installing cattle grids improving the cess and formation of track. The work on replacing the missing track just will be finished before Christmas



An example of a cattle grid that has been installed on the track.

Work at the Hazelgrove End has Started.

Work has commenced on the loop ground works.

The first jobs were unbolting fishplates from the old loop and moving rail sections into the main 4 foot. This allowed easier grader access for preparing the new loop formation. There is nothing like having heavy machinery doing all the arduous work.



The big guns make the earthworks easy



Moving the ruins of the old track were a snack according to President Greg at the reins of the tractor.

Oberon Outdoor Festival.

The festival is an Oberon Council sponsored event.

For the first time OTHR participated in what is shaping up to be a major community event in the Month of November.

It was disappointing that the Weather Gods have continued raining down on the Central Tablelands/Central West with some areas recording 140mm in 12 hours.

A decision was taken by your committee to abandon the Cars and Coffee element of the event at the last minute due to the vagaries of the weather, severe road damage, and a waterlogged display area. Funnily, Saturday 19th November turned out to be relatively fine with the forecast rain coming in late in the evening.

OTHR volunteers were out in force to welcome visitors and the pop-up Café Carriage was operating and offering coffee and cakes as usual.

This festival saw most of the museums open with free entry to all and this was an opportunity for the community and visitors to see the many and varied exhibits on display.

The Oberon Railway Cars and Coffee event has been postponed to January or when the weather clears.



A sweeping curve past the old film setting.

Native animals along the track.

The Oberon to Hazelgrove railway track (Stage1) meanders through mostly open farming areas with a mixture of native bush about.

In future, when travelling on the train, a trained eye will sight local fauna from time to time. Some of the animals you will see are grey kangaroos, wombats, wallabies, echidnas, and a variety of snakes as well as birds and some flora exclusive to the Oberon area.

Below are a couple of photos of native animals we found on a recent trek down the track.



A Spiney Ant Eater or Echidna nearby to the track looking for some tasty morsels.



A friendly black snake joined us for a curious look at the new track.

100 CLUB

Your chance to win \$1,000.00

You can win \$1,000.00 by investing in our fund raising with a chance to win.

The draw is open to all readers of this Newsletter

A simple way for you to invest to help secure our future.

It works this way:

- Purchase a ticket for \$20.00
- There are only 100 tickets sold.
- When all 100 tickets are sold, we will draw one ticket with your chance to win \$1,000.00
- Simply fill in the entry form that is located at the end of this newsletter, email it to us (or in need post it) and bank your funds to our bank account, detailed in the form.

- Reference your name in the banking details. **This is particularly important.**
- Once we match your entry form with your deposit, we will issue a ticket in your name and email it back to you.
- If you win, we will email you and publish your name in the next available newsletter.
- We will ask for your banking details at that point and direct credit your win.

OTHR Committee's draw will be final, and we won't accept any further claim.

This is a wonderful way to support the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc and at the same time have a 1 in 100 chance to win \$1,000.00.

The plan is to run 100 Clubs regularly, so the chance to win will be on-going. We have checked with all States and Territories in Australia and have been cleared to run the 100 Club, no matter where you live.

The second OTHR 100 Club is now underway. Get your ticket/s now.

Application form is at the end of this newsletter



Another section of the spectacular railway line towards Hazelgrove. NSW

A Reminder....

**OTHR Membership is due for
renewal on 1st July 2022**

\$40.00 for 2022/23

Renew Now!!

Short Term Goals

A new range of goals to be achieved as soon as possible follows:

Immediate:

- **Continue the fit for use certification on the two locomotives and end platform cars.**
- **Vegetation Control in the Oberon yard and rail corridor to Hazelgrove.**

Ongoing to January 2023

Reconstruct and have the Oberon to Hazelgrove section of track certified. Complete the process of ensuring the two locomotives and end platform cars are certified fit for use.

Apply for variation of existing accreditation to become a Rail Transport Operator Oberon to Hazelgrove.

Implement the completed review of SMS and Operational Procedures documents.

Next Open Day Sunday

December 18th

We will be participating in the December "End of Year Spectacular 2022" sponsored by Oberon Council. Details are yet to be released by Council, but OTHR is planning something special to mark the occasion; you won't be disappointed.

Oberon Branch Line Centenary.

It's now less than a year 'til the Oberon to Tarana branch line turns 100 years on 3rd October 2023.

What an exciting time to celebrate and your committee is starting the planning process.

This is an ideal opportunity for all members to get involved. What ideas do you have?

Contact the committee at

admin@othr.com.au

We'll consider everything.



Attention Events Directors!

Should your Association...

be planning a road trip to Oberon in the next couple of months, be aware that our Carriage Café will be out of service for essential servicing and maintenance.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc still offers alternative and interesting venues within the Station precinct.

Contact Dave McMurray on 0408 606 889 or admin@othr.com.au to discuss your proposed visit and discover other delightful places to visit when in Oberon NSW.

There's more than you imagine!

Marriage at the Railway.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. offers the quite different Oberon Precinct as a venue for weddings and other photo or filming opportunities.

Should marriage be in the offing, or you know a relative or friend who is about to marry, OTHR is offering a unique venue for that exclusive wedding photo that you will treasure for all time.

You have the choice of the Oberon Station or the Station and Train.

Enquiries can be made at:
admin@othr.com.au

Hiring fees are incredibly competitive.



You could be the wedding couple with Oberon Station Precinct as a backdrop.

**January Open Day
Saturday 7th, 2023
10.00 AM – 2.00 PM.**

Want to volunteer but don't know how to go about it?

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is a volunteer group working to bring a major tourist attraction on-line later in 2022 or early 2023.

We are looking for motivated people to work in a volunteer capacity in all sorts of occupations.

You don't need to know about railways; just have a desire to serve a community by volunteering your skills with an enthusiastic group of other volunteers.

If you have skills in Catering, Cleaning, Accounting, Business Administration, Computers, I.T., Carpentry, Cabinet Making, Diesel Mechanics, Fitting, General labouring, Interpersonal Skills or any other vocation, and can take directions and work with a team, then OTHR wants you.

Be a part of potentially a great tourist attraction for the Central Tablelands/Central West and NSW.

Find out what it takes to become a valued volunteer working with an experienced and enthusiastic team.

Enquire at: admin@othr.com.au or Mobile 0437 389 684 (President, Greg Bourne)

We have some incentives.

Are you thinking that you might like to volunteer but live too far away and it's just too expensive to travel to Oberon for a day or so to help.

We are offering genuine volunteers the opportunity to come to town for the purpose of volunteering by way of incentives that're designed to take away some of the expense.

If you think the incentives may tip you over the line by making volunteering with OTHR less expensive, then talk to President Greg Bourne on Mob. 0437 389 684 to find out how we can make your Oberon volunteering a little more affordable.

Our Code

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. (OTHR) is a not for profit, member-based organisation. We have a responsibility to strive to make informed, consistent, and ethical decisions.

Our code is a public statement that OTHR is committed to doing the right things the right way. Our code applies to all OTHR committee members and members.

We are proud of our culture, and understand it is continually shaped by the behaviours and attitudes demonstrated on a day-to-day basis by all our people.

Our code includes references to relevant OTHR requirements (OTHR policies and procedures) and other helpful tools and resources.

No code of conduct can ever cover every situation, OTHR relies on you to use sound judgement and speak up when you have questions or concerns.

All committee members, members, volunteers, and employees of OTHR are representatives of OTHR and are expected to act responsibly and professionally.

As a representative of OTHR, you are expected to act in the best interests of OTHR and to conduct yourself in a manner that does not discredit:

- An individual team member, having regard to their position held within OTHR, or
- The reputation of OTHR.

Whenever there is conflict or a difference between an applicable legal requirement and Our Code, you must apply the strictest standard.

Our partners, and third parties, can also have a direct impact on the reputation of OTHR through their behaviours and actions. For this reason, we want to work with our partners to ensure that they share our commitment to safety, ethics, and compliance.

We also expect and encourage all our contractors and their employees to act in a way that is consistent with Our Code. We will take appropriate measures where we believe they have not met our expectations or their contractual obligations.

OTHR Events Calendar 2023

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc is entering the next phase of operations.

There is always capacity for your club, association, or you to visit the Oberon Station Precinct during the year.

We can put together a remarkably interesting event for a group that will leave you in awe of Oberon activities and big toys for boys.

Our initial contact is: admin@othr.com.au or tourism@oberon.nsw.gov.au

Next scheduled event is:

Keep an eye on this column for future events or book yours now, you won't be disappointed.

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 costs \$40.00 per year from 1st July 2021 and new members are welcomed at any time during the year.

Membership is required to cover insurance for any volunteer work you can contribute. Membership is due at the end of June annually.

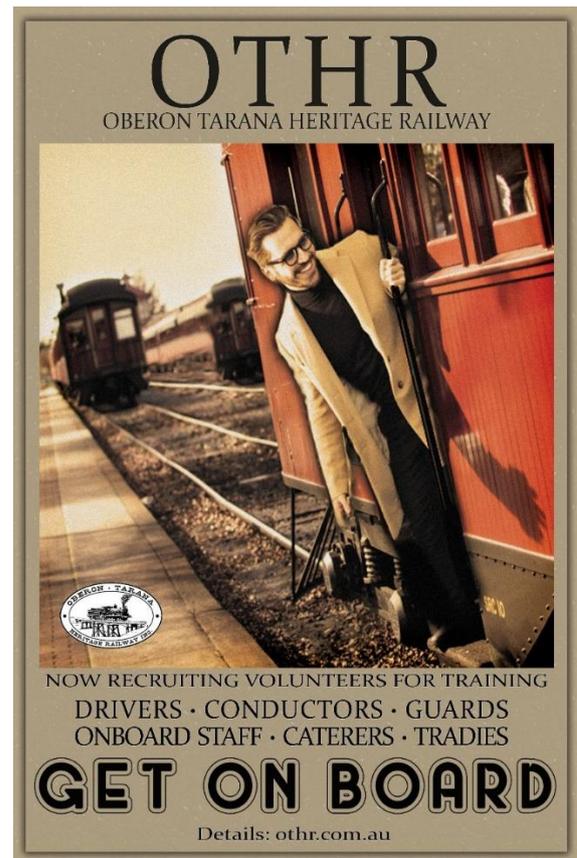
Refer to OTHR website to download an application or see the application form at the end of this Newsletter.

Volunteers Wanted.

If you are a Carpenter or Apprentice Carpenter with some experience, have time to volunteer a couple of hours every now and then and can see yourself in this roll, then call Greg Bourne.

Greg is President of OTHR and would love to have a chat about you volunteering on a great railway project.

Call him now on 0437 389 684 or email admin@other.com.au



The poster features the OTHR logo at the top, with the text 'OTHR' in large letters and 'OBERON TARANA HERITAGE RAILWAY' below it. A central photograph shows a man in a tan jacket leaning against a red train car. Below the photo is a circular logo for 'OBERON TARANA HERITAGE RAILWAY' and the text 'NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR TRAINING'. The roles listed are 'DRIVERS · CONDUCTORS · GUARDS', 'ONBOARD STAFF · CATERERS · TRADIES'. At the bottom, the phrase 'GET ON BOARD' is written in large, bold, outlined letters, with 'Details: othr.com.au' underneath.

About Oberon.....

December sees the start of Summer.
Winter sure was cold and miserable.
Cooped up, shut down, baby it was pitiful
Anyhow, it's over now
We owe ourselves to have a little fun
The pace car's pacin' now the green flag's wavin'
Uh, Oh another six-pack summer comin'*

But that's little old Oberon; let go, have fun,
there's lots to see in and around town.

Oberon always has something on the go and
momentous events that will be sure to
impress City Slickers and Country Hicks alike.

This month we present:

- 16 – 18th December Oberon End of Year Spectacular.

- Military Museum open every Wednesday and Saturday.
- Oberon Regional Museum open every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Come and check us out, say “G’Day” to the locals and we’ll certainly extend the hand of friendship.

Oberon has heart stopping action thru to genteel activities in November

For the latest in what’s happening check with the knowledgeable girls at the Oberon Visitor Information Centre.

Oberon is always welcoming of groups of all genres.

Some of the recent visitors to the Oberon Station Precinct have been:

- Private visit from a Dubbo group
- Probus Club of Tomaree, NSW
- Packard Automobile Club of Australia Inc.
- The Winter Lunch
- 107.5 FM Orange radio station outside broadcast.
- Two small group private viewings of rail buffs and photographers.
- One private group visit
- Portland Car Club, Portland NSW

Oberon has an enthusiastic team available help you plan an action-packed itinerary, whether it is for a day or a week.

Contact the girls at the Oberon Visitor Information Centre on 02 6329 8210 or Dave McMurray from OTHR on 0408 606 889 to discover the possibilities.

Oberon, the perfect place to base yourself for a day, a few days, or a week!

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.

One thing’s for sure, you will be more than welcome in Oberon! There is a team of

friendly locals here to help. Contact us any time to discuss.



OBERON

More than you imagine

*Song Lyrics thanks to Phil Vassar, Charlie Black, and Tommy Rocco.

Did you know....

that on Open Days OTHR has a pop-up café in one of the carriages at the station.

Come along and try our scrumptious scones, mouth-watering cakes with tea or coffee. Our café staff would love to look after you. \$15.00 pp gets you entry to the station precinct and morning tea, children (under 18) \$10.00 pp.

Yet another good reason to come along and see what the railway folk are doing at the station.



Coffee lovingly prepared by our amazing volunteer staff at the Café Carriage.



*Some of OTHR's merchandise.
This is a fundraiser for OTHR and at the same
time gives you a memento of a great project.
Got yours yet?
An order form is at the end of this newsletter.*

Monthly Open Days.

Are held on the first Saturday of the month.

We need volunteers for Open Days. Volunteers will meet and greet visitors, show them through the displays and try to answer any questions.

All that's required is a broad knowledge of OTHR history and an ability to talk with people. The work is rewarding and fun. Great friendships can form at these days.

Some changes have been made, with the establishment of a professional though small railway interpretive display. An entry fee of \$5.00pp (children under 18 free), and a pop-up café serving Devonshire Teas for an additional \$10.00 pp.

The result has seen a significant 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.

Admission \$5.00 pp (children under 18 free),
Devonshire Tea \$10.00 pp.

Oberon District Museum \$5 pp.

Skoda and Tatra Museum entry by way of a donation.

For group visits, see <http://other.com.au> for contact details.

Event Organisers....

There's so much to do in Oberon and surrounds.

When puzzling about where your next extended run should go, give Oberon a thought.

Located in the New South Wales Central Tablelands and about 180K from Sydney, Oberon punches above its weight when it comes to attractions and points of interest.

Apart from the Oberon Heritage Station Precinct now hitting its straps, there are another four interesting museums covering all sorts of genres and each guaranteed to please your members, the stunning Mayfield Garden close to town and another small but spectacular garden located in town open subject to seasons.

Jenolan Caves is now only accessed via Oberon and advice concerning access should be sought from either Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc or the Oberon Visitor Information Centre.

There is Oberon's fantastic park in the town centre, "The Common" and Lake Oberon just a couple of kilometres out of town; both have sites suitable for a display as does the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. All sites have inviting and varied backdrops.

Runs are catered for with the Oberon Visitor Information Centre having produced a series of maps of our back roads and range from approx. 30Ks to 300Ks starting and finishing in Oberon and all on sealed roads.

Accommodation is no problem for small groups up to say 60, but for larger groups advice should be sought from Oberon's Visitor Information Centre. Tasty food is available ranging from traditional Café style or Pub Food through to Bistro style or even an upmarket restaurant at Jenolan Caves. There are fabulous country pubs and cafes scattered throughout the district at places like Tarana, Hampton, and Rockley.

Discuss partaking in the famous OTHR gourmet "Fettler's Lunch" or morning tea in the pop-up Carriage Café. OTHR caters to groups from 10 upwards for a meal in a unique "olde worlde" setting.

As Oberon is situated mid-way on "The Tablelands Way" cities and towns such as Goulburn, Crookwell, Taralga, Bathurst, Orange, Sofala, Rylstone, and Mudgee, are within an easy day's drive even allowing for site-seeing along the way.

Have a chat to Dave McMurray from OTHR on 0408 606 889 first up to find out how you can plan a few days or a week in Oberon.



Michael and Nathan completing repairs to the dog spike puller

Sleeper Club



Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc's Sleeper Club is a wonderful way of contributing to the rebuilding of our great project.

When investing in a sleeper you'll receive a Certificate noting your purchase and this can make a wonderful and unique gift for any rail buff, your family, or friends. A great idea for Birthdays, a Special Event or even Christmas.

An investment is \$100 per new sleeper.

Get yours now!

Working Bees.

We will be trying to have at least one weekday and each Saturday throughout the year. Keep an eye on the website or OTHR Facebook page for up-to-date information. If you are not a regular participant, please make contact – details at other.com.au

Personal Protective Equipment must be worn.

Current membership is a necessity to ensure insurance compliance.

Contact Greg Bourne, President.

Email: admin@other.com.au

Mobile 0437 389 684

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

Volunteers are required to participate in allocated tasks.

Not all work is onerous and can be as little or as much as you can put in. 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.**

Welcome New Members.

OTHR is always looking for new members. Interested in railways or the Oberon to Tarana railway track, why not give your support by becoming a member?

In December we welcome a number of new members:

Thomas Worley

Gordon Lynas of Terry Hills, NSW

William Memory of Oberon, NSW

Aidan Memory of Oberon, NSW

Greg Young of Chipping Norton, NSW

Peter Wilson of Leumeah, NSW

Terry Boyce of Oberon NSW

Brendan Holden of Carlingford. NSW

Sally Parrington of Oberon NSW.

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

Let us know of the passing of any of our members so we can acknowledge them appropriately.

Contact President Greg with all details.

It is with sorrow that we note the passing of Charles Hazelwood.

Charles was an early member and volunteer of OTHR who worked on the early refurbishment of the track to Hazelgrove. Our thoughts are with his family.

Say Whaaat???

- When I was much younger, I dated a girl who worked in the zoo. I thought to myself "She's a keeper."
- I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.
- I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought "That's the last thing I need"
- I had a serious accident and lost the left side of my body. But I'm alright now.



OTHR are simply great at earthworks!



Oberon Station Precinct and Train are for hire for photo shoots and films.

Whether it's a wedding, school formal, family reunions, settings for filming or any occasion, send a message to admin@othr.com.au with your enquiry.

Our rates are extremely competitive



Don't forget that the 100 Club Raffle is available to **all readers** of this newsletter.

Draw No 1 was won by Matthew Pritchard of Flagstaff Point in SA.

Draw no 2 is open and I'd hate you to miss a 1 in 100 chance of winning \$1,000.00

There are always tickets available.

It's simple to enter; just go to the end of this Newsletter, download the entry form, fill it in and follow the instructions.

Don't delay in joining the 100 Club: \$20.00 per ticket with a 1 in 100 chance of winning \$1,000.00.

You or any of your club members can enter. Go halves with a mate or quarters with four others.

You will be helping a great association.

You may mail your entry and payment to PO Box 299 Oberon NSW 2787 if you wish.

Sponsors

Seeking funding continues to be one of your committee's priorities.

Sponsorships are an especially 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.

We now have seven sponsors on board, all sponsors offer in kind support for which we are extremely grateful.

Would you like to become a sponsor? Contact President Greg to find out how you can participate in OTHR's exciting sponsorship deals. There are a few sponsorship levels available. By sponsoring OTHR and its vision you will become a partner of the programme.

OTHR has added a new sponsor – The family-owned Titania Motel. When staying in Oberon choose to stay at one of Oberon's finest motels.

Primary Sponsor. Oberon Council



OBERON
MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE

Oberon Council is a proudly independent council which has supported OTHR from its very beginning. The council administers the Oberon Local Government Area and is second to none when looking after the community.

Silver Sponsor

OBERON EARTHMOVING Civil & Earthmoving Contractors
Specialising in all your Rural Property and Lifestyle Block n
Driveways & Access Roads | House pads | Detailed earthworks
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0411 729 732 or zac@oberonearthmoving.com.a

Oberon Earthmoving is your complete Civil and Earthmoving Contractor.
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Titania Motel



Owned and operated by the Voytilla family, Titania Motel is located very conveniently to the Oberon Station precinct.

The Voytilla is offering a 10% discount to all group bookings mentioning they are in Oberon for the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. experience.

Contact: (02)6336 – 1377
reception@titaniamotel.com.au

Bronze Sponsor. Jenolan Holiday Park

Jenolan Holiday Park offers a range of accommodation in Oberon to suit everyone. Would you like to book your accommodation now?

Your hosts: Don and Lyn

Phone: 02 6336 0344

jenolancaravanpark@bigpond.com

7 Cunynghame Street, Oberon NSW 2787

Bronze Sponsor. Highlands Motor Inn

Highlands Motor Inn, quality accommodation at an affordable price. We don't work to a budget; we work to exceed your expectations.

Contact (02) 6336 – 1866

77 – 79 Dart Street, Oberon NSW 2787

Bronze Sponsor. Oberon Trash Pak.

Oberon Trash-Pak is a family business owned and operated by Wayne & Michelle White. Services offered are regular out of town garbage service, septic tank, and grease trap pump outs.

Oberon Trash-Pak offers Domestic and Commercial Mini Skip Bins, Portable Toilets, Rubbish Removal.

“You don't have to live in town to get a regular garbage service”

Contact 0427 104 318 or 6336 – 2049

**Bronze Sponsor. Oberon Outdoor
and Electronic.**



Oberon Outdoor and Electronic is the locally owned hub for all your electronic, DIY and outdoor needs.
Contact Soap (Neale Evans) to discuss all your outdoor and electronic needs.
125 – 127 Oberon Street, Oberon NSW 2787
Phone 6336 – 0199
Email: soap7@iinet.com.au

Multiple Work sites on the Oberon to Hazelgrove Track.



Site works at Hazelgrove, NSW



Grading commences at Hazelgrove Site.



Section of the newly refurbished track looking back towards Oberon, NSW



A beautiful sight. Enough to bring a tear to a glass eye!



Another project at the southern end of Oberon Station. Forming up the new entrance path.



OTHR Cap. - Maroon with white OTHR logo fits all sizes. Purchase today and be a part of the OTHR team.

Proceeds go towards the refurbishment of the Oberon to Tarana line.

Priced at \$29.00 non - members, \$24.00 members.

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage.

OTHR Badge - Reproduced from the original OTHR badge, metal, and enamel.

Priced at \$15.50 non-members - \$13.50 members.

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will include extra postage.

OTHR Whistle - A novelty whistle for your collection.

Priced at \$24.50 non-members – \$19.50 members.

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will include extra postage.

OTHR Coffee Cup

Black with white OTHR lettering. Flip top 2 Go.

Priced at \$29.00 non-members, \$24.50 members.

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage.

OTHR Beanie

Maroon with white OTHR logo. Fits all sizes. Lovely fleecy feel and is warm. Purchase today and be a part of the OTHR team.

Priced at \$39.99 non-members, \$34.00 members.

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling to anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage



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Phone President 0437 389 684

ABN 98 107 506 208

Merchandise Order Form

Product/Quantity:
Name:
Mailing address: Street Number: _____ Street _____
Or Post Office Box Number
Suburb or Town
State and Postcode
Your contact details
Phone: _____
Email address: _____

Price includes GST and Postage and Handling anywhere in Australia. Overseas will incur extra postage.

Description	Number	Total
Caps at membership price \$24.00		\$
Caps at non-members price \$29.00		\$
Badge at membership price \$13.50		\$
Badge at non-membership price \$15.50		\$
Whistle at member price \$19.50		\$
Whistle at non-member price \$24.50		\$
Coffee Cup at member price \$24.50		\$
Coffee Cup at non-member price \$29.00		\$
Total		\$

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



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Renewal or Application for Membership

I/We wish to renew my membership or to apply to become a member of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. and agree to be bound by the Articles of Association of the organization and its Rules and Regulations

Name	
Mailing address	Street Number _____ Street _____ Or Post Office Box Number _____ Suburb/Town _____ State _____ Postcode _____
Phone	Mobile _____ Home phone _____
Email address	

Tick appropriate box

Membership is \$40.00 per person

 \$ _____

Donation

 \$ _____

Total amount payable

\$ _____

*All donations are tax deductible.
The treasurer sends a receipt for membership which will also include information of any donation*

Payment can be made in the following ways:

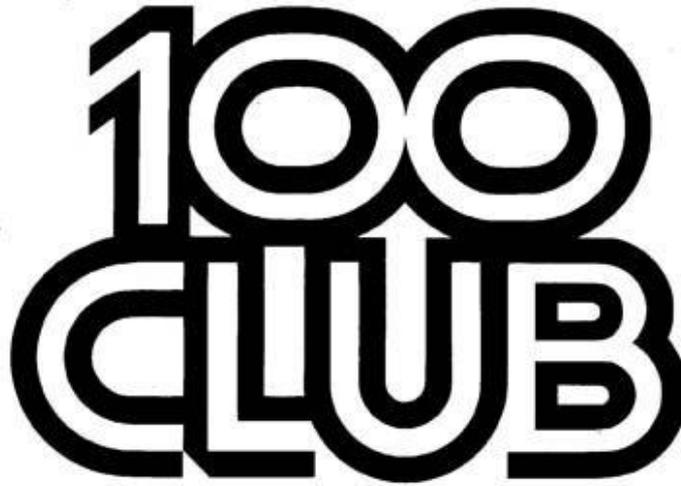
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Expertise (Please complete if you are joining OTHR for the first time) Indicate any skills, expertise, or areas of interest you may be able to share with us as the railway is being restored ready for operation. We need members with a wide range of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

Membership represents a significant financial contribution to our organization. Members receive regular newsletters and invitations to special events. Membership is required to cover insurance for any voluntary work you can contribute.

Signed:

Date:



Number of Tickets @ 20.00 each:

Name:	
Address:	
Email Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Amount Banked:	\$ (Be sure to reference your name in the deposit)
Date	
OTHR Bank details	BSB: 062 632 Account No: 1004 9851
Email this entry to:	admin@othr.com.au

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