



# History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. October 2022



**OTHR's concept of the rebuilt Hazelgrove Station**

**See story on page 8**

**Drawing Mike O'Kane.**

**OTHR Membership Fee 2022/2023 now due.**

**Renewal form page 26 of this Newsletter**

## **Events in November and December 2022**

There will be no First Saturday Open Days in November and December because we will be taking part in special events that have been set up and supported by Oberon Council.

### **November – Oberon Outdoor Festival**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 8.30am – 11.00am Cars and Coffee and Open Day 'til 3.00pm

All members and community welcome. Free entry, Coffee and Morning Tea available at the Station.

### **December – Oberon End of Year Festival**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

**There usually is!!**

**Greg Bourne. Email: [admin@othr.com.au](mailto:admin@othr.com.au) or mobile 0437 389 684**

**This month one of our main concerns has been very poor drainage away from the track. The “fix” is to put spoon drains adjacent to the track. Bear in mind that there has been no cess maintenance since 1979**



## 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

### Gregory Bourne

President, Public Officer

### Ken Lingabala

Vice President

Engineering Manager - Infrastructure Manager

### David McMurray

Secretary

### Jessie Bijok

Treasurer.

### Michael Clark

HS36 Project Manager

### Michael O'Kane

Events Manager

### Mark Handel

Rolling Stock Manager

## Line Managers

### Elaine Boxer

Catering Manager

### Mark Langdon

Asset Manager

### Denis Turner

Driver Training Manager

### Mick Sanders

Operations Manager

### Stephen Joyce

Rail Safety Manager

### Alex Boromisa

Facebook Moderator

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## President's Message

This newsletter has comments and numerous photos about clearing the cess (The area along either side of a railroad track which is kept at a lower level than the sleeper bottom, in order to provide drainage). A number of committee members recently walked the track and identified the very worst spots and managed to get a local contractor to do some emergency work.

CAM were due back on site this week however after close consideration of the weather forecast (snow Tuesday and Wednesday), the effects of recent rains and the boggy conditions they decided to start again early next week. We expect to see a start on the replacement of the track south of Borg gate 6 and then the reconnection near the Highland Pine fence on the other side of Lowes Mount Road.

The committee is busy organising the turn around loop at Hazelgrove. The search is on for a right-hand turnout in good condition and a suitable standard profile (we already have the left-hand turnout in stock). We have approached the managers of parts of the CRN, UGL and ARTC and they have been very helpful. It is difficult to find something close by. The freight on the roughly 8 tonne pieces of rail can be very expensive it is a long haul to Oberon. At this stage a suitable outcome is possible.

The transport company that was to deliver a load of timbers for the left-hand turnout from a yard in Dubbo had to cancel because of flooding. I expect that we will get them in the next couple of weeks.

**Greg Bourne**  
President,  
Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.  
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# 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**

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### Important contacts

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- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/OTHR.Inc](http://www.facebook.com/OTHR.Inc)

## Editor's thoughts

Dare to dream!

If the members of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc didn't have a dream in 2006, we would never be where we are today.

For us, dreams are of railway lines, restored rolling stock, upgraded infrastructure.

And now our dreams turn to the Hazelgrove end of the line and to the future.

Read the story about the Hazelgrove concept later in this Newsletter.

The Great Railway Ball was held on Saturday Night 29<sup>th</sup> October in the heritage listed Malachai Gilmore Hall. Such was its popularity that it is now on Oberon's Social Calendar as an event not to be missed in future. The acclaimed event was another dream from OTHR committee that because a raging reality.

There is nothing that can't be done with a lot of planning and imagination.

With our centenary coming up in October 2023 and the ideas for that month are already being planned.

It appears that there is nothing OTHR can't do!

Next year we are going to celebrate 100 years of the Oberon to Tarana Branch line. In addition to running the train on the line we are formulating plans to make October 2023 all about railway in Oberon. Plans are starting to emerge and, as time goes on more will be revealed.

Dare to dream? If we didn't there wouldn't have been a refurbished railway line with trains running within a few short months, rolling stock wouldn't have been restored and vital infrastructure wouldn't have been built.

Our photos this month show those dreams coming true and our vision of Hazelgrove couldn't have been conceived.

"Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue,  
and dreams that you dare to dream really do  
come true

Judy Garland"



*Construction begins on the new entrance to the Oberon Station Platform from the North Street Car Park. The entrance is being located slightly to the south of the existing entrance and will allow safe entrance for the frail and disabled in our community.*

## General Meeting



**Reserve the date Wednesday 14th December  
2022.**

**Oberon RSL, Dudley Street, Oberon  
7.30 pm**

**Note: Bi-monthly General Meetings are  
now scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of  
every second month.**

**The change in dates was to align  
committee and general meetings to make  
the operations of OTHR more efficient.**

# Annual General Meeting Results.

The Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc Annual General Meeting was held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The Committee and Management remained largely the same.

John Brotchie retired as Treasurer after eight years at the helm of our finances and Jessie Bijok. Jessie has an accounting background and was considered to be an ideal replacement for John, given the increasing complexity of OTHR's finances.

John's valuable service was recognised by OTHR in the form of a certificate of appreciation.

Newly re-elected President, Greg Bourne, gave a PowerPoint presentation of our activities during the previous twelve months and an insight to the next twelve months. When condensed into a power point presentation, our activities have been nothing short of miraculous.

OTHR members congratulate all the newly elected committee of management and wish them a very productive next twelve months.

## Rolling Stock Certification

Toward the end of November work will commence the certification process for the two end platform cars.

- Lifting (jacking up)
- Rolling out bogies
- Servicing, checking all components and repairing where necessary
- Certify components fit for service
- Rolling back & reassembling

An important process before we commence operations.



November is Movember, a month observing men's health.

Men's Health is in crisis. Men are dying on average 5 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons.

A growing number of men – around 10.8M globally - are facing life with a prostate cancer diagnosis. Globally, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among young men. And across the world one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, with males accounting for 69% of all suicides.

We at OTHR are very health conscious particularly with men in mind. It's important to feel yourself on a regular basis and if you notice anything untoward, see your General Practitioner without delay.

Likewise, if your head space is not what it should be, seek counselling immediately. We don't want to lose any of our readers unnecessarily any time soon.

OTHR supports the great work of the charity Movember and we urge you to do the same.

# The OTHR Great Railway Ball was a crackerjack....

Image dancing the night away to the tunes of the 20's, 30's, and 40's in the heritage listed Malachai Gilmore Hall with music by "The Great Gatsby Orchestra" led by Geoff Power. A balmy Oberon evening, 100 elegantly dressed guests, fabulous food; this was the way Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc celebrated the achievements of the past 12 months.

As it turned out the ball was a sell-out within a few days. We have an extremely supportive community, many dressed in period costume, plus so many others who travelled from all points of NSW including the Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Sydney and even Canberra. This event is set to become one of the greatest events on Oberon's social calendar. A simply fantastic night. We are now looking forward to next year's Great Railway Ball when we will be celebrating the centenary of the opening of the Oberon to Tarana branch line in style.



*It's great to have a night off. Co-Patron Paul Toole Member for Bathurst with Arthur Robinson, our oldest and longest serving volunteer dressed as the Oberon Station Master.*



*Drinking in the 1920's atmosphere. Paul Toole with OTHR President Greg Bourne.*



*The Great Gatsby Orchestra led by Geoff Power provided the evening's music to dance by.*



*The very elegant tables dressed for the occasion of the Great Railway Ball.*

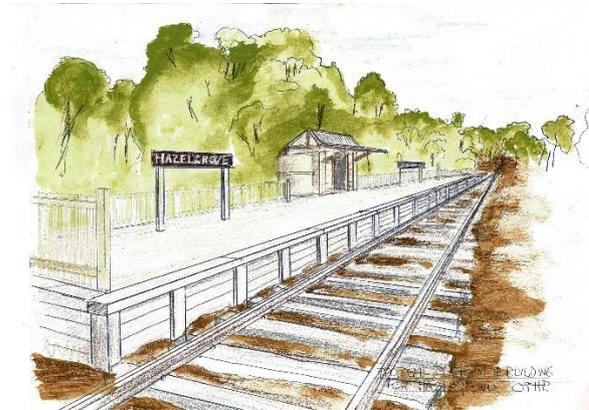


*The Great Railway Ball in full swing.*



*Anyone for the Charleston?  
Walter and Kathy from Leura NSW were  
certainly up for it.*

## **We have a vision for the future Hazelgrove Station.**



A true gunzel is going to weep tears of blood when he glimpses the OTHR vision for Hazelgrove station.

Let me explain. We are not anti-heritage – far from it but if we replicated the original platform (or stop) it wouldn't have been fit for purpose in today's world. The original platform was low to the ground and too short for easy access to 3 carriages.

After a lot of thought, your committee has formulated a concept or vision for Hazelgrove. In order to meet to-day's standards, the platform will have to be the same height as the carriages we will be operating, close enough to remove as much of the gap as possible and enable a frail aged, disabled or wheel bound person to alight from a carriage with little or no risk of tripping or falling. The platform needs to a sufficient width to allow anyone to manoeuvre safely. It needs a safety rail to the rear and for Hazelgrove it will be a supported picket fence. The platform will be of sufficient to accommodate two or three carriages and a locomotive to allow all passengers to alight at once in total safety.

As there is little hope of obtaining an original PC1 shelter shed, we will replicate a PC1 to the same configuration as an original. A



*The programme for the Great Railway Ball.  
Nothing left to chance.*

replica of an original water tank will be installed.

At the southern end of the platform there will be a ramp that allows access for the frail, disabled and wheel bound people to get to a large, landscaped park. The park area will contain sheltered picnic tables and BBQ. A disability friendly toilet will also be built as part of our vision.

We will use the parkland from time to time for markets, special interest displays and activities for the benefit of our train travelling patrons.

It is hoped that Hazelgrove will also be a destination for walkers/cyclists using the council walking track as well as day trippers and picnickers.

A pipe dream? Maybe, but it's the OTHR vision/concept for the Hazelgrove terminal of our railway.

Together with a large donation, our own assets and future funding it can happen.

As has been mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter, dreams that you dare to dream really can come true.



*The upper level of Oberon platform's new entrance path is taking shape.*

## **Oberon Council a great supporter of OTHR.**

From the Mayor's column, Oberon review, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022:

"I spoke to the OTHR President, Greg Bourne, on Monday and he reported that most of the new sleepers have been laid, work on the various level crossings have been substantially completed and that there is a section of replacement track south of Borg Gate 6 that needs to be laid. Weather permitting, the project should finish soon and then it is on with the significant task of getting people qualified and OTHR accredited to run the locomotives and rolling stock on the newly refurbished line. The team at OTHR are doing a great job.

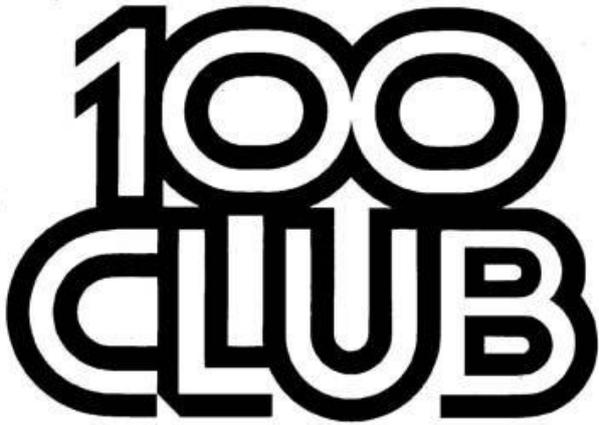
**Mayor, Mark Kellam"**



*Pathway leads away from the Station towards the point where it will cross the line approximately 20 metres from the existing entrance.*



*Truss rod installation CBA850*



## **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

## **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.**

## Open Day November & December cancelled

Your committee has decided to cancel the open days normally held in November and December to allow for much needed maintenance and servicing of our rolling stock in preparation for travel on the Oberon to Hazelgrove line.

All is not lost, however, as OTHR is participating in the Oberon Outdoor Festival on 19<sup>th</sup> November next. We will be holding a Cars and Coffee Event featuring lots of motor vehicles, some classic, some modified and some rods. This will be a fantastic opportunity to come along and get a flavour of our operations. All readers are invited with free entry to the station precinct. Barista Coffee and Morning Tea will be available a



at a modest cost.

We will be participating in the December “End of Year Festival” 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.

*This could be a scene circa 1960’s but is recent photo at one of our recent Open Days.*



## Oberon Branch line Centenary.

It’s a little over a year ‘til the Oberon to Tarana branch line turns 100 years on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:admin@othr.com.au) We’ll consider everything**

### A Reminder....

**OTHR Membership is due for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**\$40.00 for 2022/23**

**Renew Now!!**

## Drainage repairs in progress.



*A view of the line showing drainage works to the left of picture. At this point there was quite a lot of flooding of the line.*

La Nina has not spared OTHR. The track between the Tip Road and Hazelgrove has suffered flooding to various degrees.

A small team including contractor Damien Gibbons has worked in less-than-ideal conditions to clear or remake the cess at various points to improve drainage. The Cess is the area along either side of a railroad track which is kept at a lower level than the sleeper bottom, to provide drainage.

This emergency and necessary work has improved the condition of the track which was suffering from flooding.



*100 Club Form see page 27*

## 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](mailto: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!



*Groups large and small, OTHR can host them all.*



*Another aspect to the beginnings of the new path indicating its location compared to the old entrance.*

## OTHR Events Calendar 2022

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

Your committee is filling the calendar quickly and this will assist you in making decisions to visit the Oberon Station Precinct.

There is always capacity for your club, association, or you to visit the Oberon Station Precinct and surrounds. 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](mailto:admin@othr.com.au) or [tourism@oberon.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@oberon.nsw.gov.au)

Next scheduled events are:

- 5<sup>th</sup> November, Private Group Booking.
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Cars and Coffee event and Oberon Outdoor Festival.

## 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](mailto:admin@othr.com.au)

Hiring fees are incredibly competitive.



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

## 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, Fettleing, 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](mailto: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.



*A couple of very energetic volunteers at an Open Day.*

## 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.



*Don't forget Oberon Cars and Coffee, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 from 8.30am*



*Interior of CBA850 showing rewiring in progress and installation of LED lighting to take place. Old wiring proved to be inadequate and dangerous.*

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



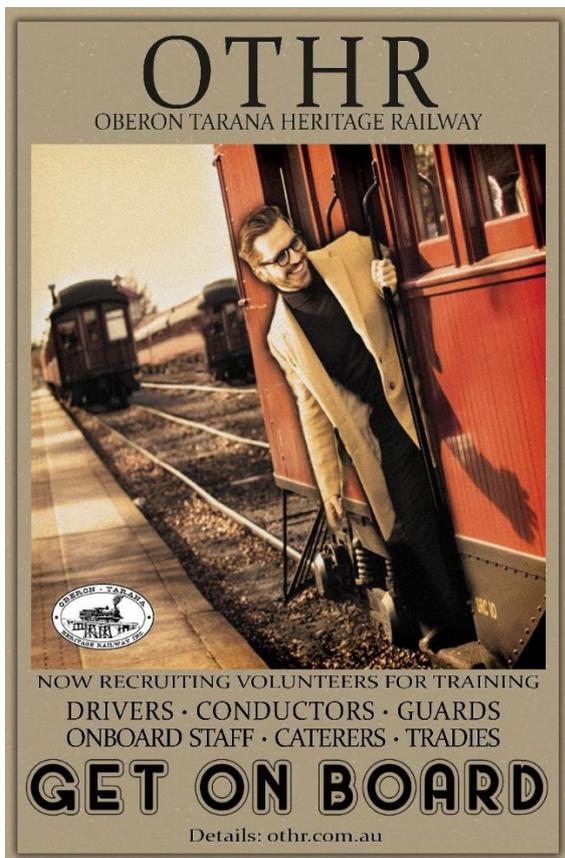
*New entry path to the Oberon Station coming together thanks to our volunteers*

## Volunteers Wanted.

If you are a Mechanic or Apprentice Mechanic 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](mailto:admin@other.com.au)



The poster features a photograph of a man in a tan jacket leaning against a red train carriage. The text on the poster reads: 'OTHR OBERON TARANA HERITAGE RAILWAY', 'NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR TRAINING DRIVERS · CONDUCTORS · GUARDS ONBOARD STAFF · CATERERS · TRADIES', 'GET ON BOARD', and 'Details: othr.com.au'. A small circular logo for the railway is also present.

## About Oberon.....

Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the boidies is. The boid is on the wing, but that's absoid, from what I hoid, the wing is on the boid.

What an absoid little ditty, but that's Oberon.... quaint to the core.

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:

- 1 - 30<sup>th</sup> November, Oberon Outdoor Festival
- 5<sup>th</sup> November, Oberon Community and Farmers Markets
- 5<sup>th</sup> November, Oberon Regional Museum Open Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Southern Cross Rally Series
- 6<sup>th</sup> November Genni Kane at the Malachai – songwriter and performer
- 12<sup>th</sup> November O'Connell Artisans Exhibition and Sale
- 12<sup>th</sup> November Highland Trout 4WD adventure
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Oberon Outdoor Festival Museums Open Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Oberon Railway Cars & Coffee
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Oberon Outdoor Festival Star Gazing Experience
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Oberon Outdoor Festival Black Springs Heritage Tour
- 19<sup>th</sup> November Oberon Outdoor Festival Skatepark Exhibition
- 27<sup>th</sup> November Tarana Farmers Markets.

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:

- Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia.
- 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.

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

## Monthly Open Days.

**Are held on the first Saturday of the month.**

**Please note that Open Days in November and December have been cancelled.**

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

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

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

Come along and try our scrumptious scones, mouth-watering cakes with tea or coffee. Have a look at the interpretive display.

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



*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.*

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.

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.



*One of the many events hosted by OTHR at the Railway Precinct. This was an International Rally, and all vehicles were pre-1920.*

## 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.

## Cars and Coffee

Event Organisers...here is the ideal event to get your group revved up.

OTHR is holding a Cars and Coffee event on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the Oberon Station Car Park, North Street, Oberon from 8.30 am.

Entry to the station precinct is free and Barista Coffee and Morning Tea is available at a nominal cost.

The bonus for this event is that all 5 museums will be open on the day. There is something that will interest everyone whether it is Trains, Skoda & Tatra Cars, Regional Museum, Tractors, Trucks and Stuff or Military, the choice is yours.

Why not plan a day out in Oberon lunching at one of our great Cafes, pub or RSL.

So get your motor runnin’  
Head out on the highway

Lookin’ for adventure.  
At the Oberon Cars and Coffee.



*Some fine beauties at one of the OTHR Cars and Coffee events.*

## 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@othr.com.au](mailto:admin@othr.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?

## **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.

## **Say Whaat???**

- Every morning I take my pet cow for a long walk in the local vineyard. I heard it on the grapevine.
- Need an ark?  
I Noah guy.
- I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but I changed my mind.
- I broke my finger last week.  
On the other hand, I'm okay.



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](mailto: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

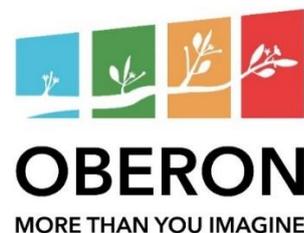
Seeking funding continues to be one of your committee's priorities.

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.

**Primary Sponsor. Oberon Council**



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 needs  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

125 – 127 Oberon Street, Oberon NSW 2787

Phone 6336 0199

Email: [soap7@iinet.com.au](mailto:soap7@iinet.com.au)



*Work on the cess uncovered buried pipes which when cleared made a big difference*

**Some more photos of  
Oberon's Night of Nights.**



*How lucky is Oberon to have the heritage listed Malachai Gilmore Hall being used as envisaged in the 1930's*



*Paul Toole (left) with Justin Enright OTHR's Auditor and wife.*





**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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## Merchandise Order Form

Product/Quantity:
Name:
Mailing address: Street Number: _____ Street _____
Or Post Office Box Number
Suburb or Town
State and Postcode
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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*

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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.

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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.

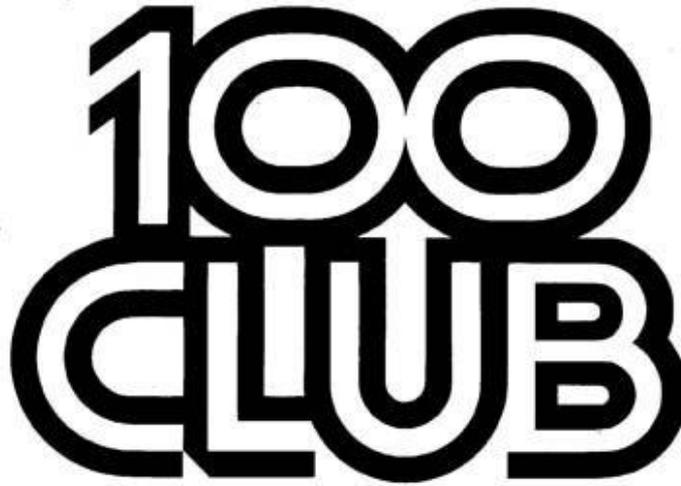
**Signed:**

**Date:**

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**Number of Tickets @ 20.00 each:**

<b>Name:</b>	
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<b>Telephone Number:</b>	
<b>Amount Banked:</b>	\$  (Be sure to reference your name in the deposit)
<b>Date</b>	
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