



History on the Move

Newsletter of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway
Inc. January 2023



Newly serviced and installed in locomotive 7321 AH7 automatic brake valve, M3 feed valve, isolating valve and equalizing reservoir control valve

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Work on the new entrance walkway has continued in December

President's Message

Well, 2022 has been and gone and we must get ready for what is going to be the busiest year for OTHR since its inception in February 2005.

We expect that Complete Asset Management will complete the line restoration Oberon Hazelgrove by the end of January and possible before that. Progress has been slowed by covid infections, extremely poor weather including flooding on parts of the line and snow on some occasions.

Work will be focused on

- CBA850 and HLF854. The lifting of the carriages for servicing and certification for return to service is scheduled for the second week of January. Headstock replacement on HLF854 will follow.
- Locomotive servicing and improvements ensuring that certification as fit for use will occur early in the new year
- Improvements to the entrance to the Oberon station making it less arduous for people with wheel chairs, walkers and pushers.
- The turnaround loop at Hazelgrove as well as the station and other amenities.
- Section cars for reliability and safety.
- Vegetation control
- Track management

Greg Bourne

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Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

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Rebuilding a culvert north of Borg Gate 6.

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

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- Website: www.othr.com.au
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/OTHR.Inc.



Breaking ground at Hazelgrove,

Editor's thoughts

No Dreams Nothing Happens!

Now who would have said that? Read on to find out; but I've grabbed that statement to highlight where Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is at today.

Back in 2006, in fact a bit before, a group of local enthusiasts pulled together a dream of turning the local disused branch line into a tourist attraction.

That dream became a vision and set in play the extensive work that has taken place over the last sixteen years, and you will see the fulfilment of that dream in 2023.

Rebuilding 24K of railway line is a huge vision for a small group of volunteers and the cost is enormous by anyone's standards.

So that original group of volunteers divided that journey into three stages, Oberon to Hazelgrove; Hazelgrove to Carlwood and finally Carlwood to Tarana.

And so, work on Stage 1 started without delay.

Little did they realise the enormity of the project, but the dream lived on and complications, red tape, raising funds and engineering feats presented themselves daily. A lesser man would have abandoned this vision, but the dream lived on and bit by bit the mountain was conquered and very soon there will be a train on the track.

The OTHR dream encompassed rollingstock and that was slowly overcome with locomotive purchases and permanent loans of carriages, all now being refurbished and made fit for purpose.

Another dream was improved or new infrastructure and is now being realised with upgrades to existing infrastructure or new construction happening now.

None of this would have happened if it weren't for the dreams of that original group of volunteers in 2006.

Volunteers like, but not restricted to, Matt, Shane, Rick, Margaret, Bob, Arthur, Barry, and the hundreds who have contributed to that dream over the years.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt"

General Meeting



**Reserve the date Wednesday 8th February 2023
Oberon RSL, Dudley Street, Oberon
7.30 pm**

**Bi-monthly General Meetings are now scheduled
for the 2nd Wednesday of every second month.
February, April, June, August, October and
December**

Water flows have been improved



Water will flow from the West under Lowes Mount Road



Down to the new culvert and then under the Walking track and into farmers paddock on the Eastern side of the rail corridor



Warm wishes for a fantastic New Year 2023 from your committee at Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

Some very pleasing news.

From the Office of the Mayor of Oberon, two letters received:

“It is with pleasure that I confirm that Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. has been nominated for the **Volunteer/Volunteer group of the Year Award** for the 2023 Australia Day Awards”

“It is with pleasure that I confirm you (Gregory Bourne) have been nominated for the Citizen of the Year Award and the Volunteer of the Year Award for the 2023 Australia Day Awards.”

It’s a great honour to receive nominations in Oberon’s Australia Day Awards event, the most prestigious event of the year for our town.

We will have to wait and see whether the Awards come our way in what are usually extremely competitive categories.



We are great at moving dirt around. Part of the earthworks for the new entrance to the Oberon Station Precinct.

This month we shine a spotlight on....

John Giblin.

From time to time, we like to focus on members and volunteers who have the passion for what we are doing here at Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

John is a long-time resident of Oberon and has a home adjacent to the Hazelgrove end of our project. Although John is a recent member, he has long held an interest in the association and most particularly in our vision, now fast becoming a reality.

Over preceding years and of own volition, John has helped long time volunteer Barry Webb spray blackberries in the area of the old Hazelgrove stop and generally kept the area tidy. And that said, John is not as fit and active as he would like to be these days but still helps out where he can.

He is also a man of ideas and rather than make suggestions and then forget about them, pipe dreams if you like, John is assisting in putting those ideas into action with the OTHR team.

As John says “No Dreams Nothing Happens”

John is a very enthusiastic member; welcome to Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc!!!



*Rebuilding drainage on the track.
After 100 years this culvert had completely deteriorated.
Photo shows engineering of times past with rail supporting the track over the culvert.*

Group Visits Oberon.

Saturday 10th December saw a group of enthusiasts from the "N" Scale Model Railway inspect the Oberon Station Precinct, the rebuilt track, and the end of Stage 1 at Hazelgrove.

Overall, they were impressed by the work that OTHR has achieved and are excitedly waiting to travel on the train as soon as they can.

These enthusiasts will be playing an active role in Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc's Centenary of the opening of the branch line in October 2023. An operating scale model of the Tarana to Oberon line is currently being built and will be on display in October.



Undivided attention given to President Greg at the tour of the station precinct.



*The tour bus used by the "N" Scale Model Railway group turning at Hazelgrove.
Large vehicles will be easily accommodated at that end of the track.*

Oberon End of Year Spectacular.

The festival is an Oberon Council sponsored event. It was over three days and we participated on Sunday 18th December with an Open Day.

For a first attempt at such a large event, covering Carols in the park, a night markets and an open day for all five museums, it proved to be a reasonable success.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. threw the gates to the Oberon Railway Precinct open to all at no charge. We had a locomotive and carriage at the station and the whole precinct including the rolling stock shed was available for inspection.

All day Morning Tea was also available for all who attended.



Water flow off Black Bullock Road has been diverted into rail corridor and under the track to stop the new rail crossing from damage

A fitting finale to a busy 2022.

2022 was indeed a year of achievement coupled with sheer challenging work. And what better way to celebrate the year than to gather all the OTHR regular volunteers together for a Christmas lunch.

The venue was, of course, the Oberon Station and our beautiful Carriage Café with a lunch organised by Mike, Elaine, and Jessie.

Time to reminisce and cast our minds forward to 2023 which looks like being an even bigger year of achievement.



Fine finger foods and drinks awaited the OTHR volunteers.



Christmas fare to delight everyone.



A fitting main course to celebrate 2022.

Contractors continue work on the track

Ken Lingabala, OTHR Vice President and Project Manager of the track refurbishment advises:

“Continued wet weather, ground being wet, localised flooding and Covid 19 have all contributed to the delay of this project. I am expecting it to be completed now by end of January 2023.

Greg Bourne and I held a site meeting and inspection of the work with CAM supervisors on 7th December 2022.

Section C of this project consisting mainly of timber resleepering and culvert repairs is 95% complete.

Section B of the project to renew 7 level crossings have been all completed.

As part of our contract requirement, invitation has been sent to the Department of Infrastructure in Canberra for the official opening of this project.

Saturday 24th June 2023.

CAM have advised me today that their workers will be back on site to commence Section A mid-January 2023 once they take a break for the Christmas Holidays from the end of this week.

Our Milestone 3 submission was approved by the Department of Infrastructure in Canberra yesterday. Payment is expected to reach us next week. This will enable us to progressively pay CAM for the work completed so far.”

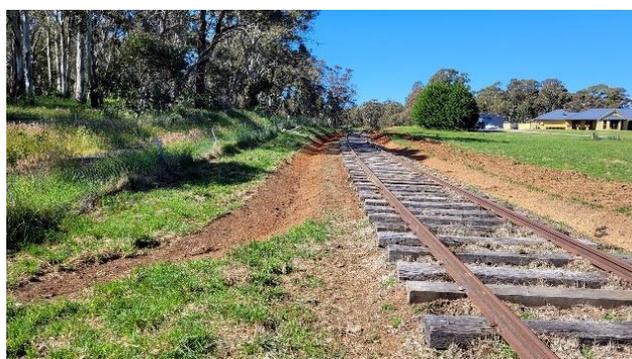


Photo shows work done in improving the cess just north of Rutters Ridge.



Repairs underway to a culvert north of Borg's Gate 6. Photo shows the amount of water accumulating on either side of the track.

Accolades from Kandos Museum.

It's not often we receive a compliment for the work our volunteers are doing here in Oberon, but we know there's a feeling of goodwill towards Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc:

"Just a note to let you know that we at Kandos Museum think OTHR are doing a terrific job. All the best for Christmas and 2023! Cheers Buzz"

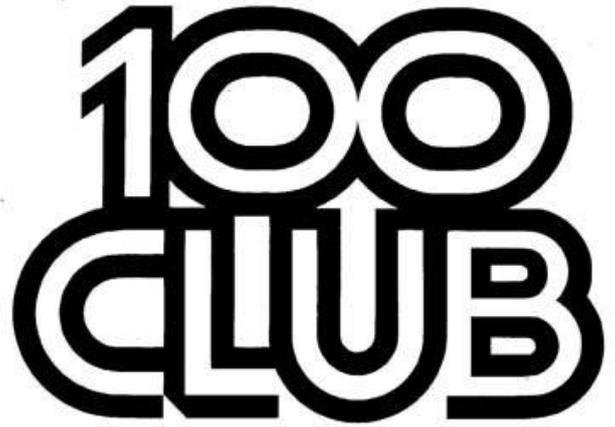
Buzz Sanderson is President of the **Kandos Museum** in Kandos.

The museum, located in the old cement works, is dedicated to preserving Kandos' industrial past as well collections of local history. Lachlan Valley Rail occasionally run special trains to Kandos via Lithgow. It's well worth a visit to the museum as part of a lovely country run to Oberon. Car enthusiasts would appreciate the visit and run. For Sydneysiders, leave the Great Western Highway at Lithgow, proceed to Kandos, then on to Oberon via Sofala and Bathurst. What a fantastic run that is not often on an Events Directors agenda and is a wonderful alternate route in the Central Tablelands in a cool climate ideal for visitors and cars.

This would be an easy day's drive.



Section of completed track looking towards Oberon.



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 everybody of this Newsletter

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 aspect of the drainage works on the cess further along the track towards Tip Road.

A Reminder....

OTHR Membership was 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.

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.



*Looking for a vintage style wedding at the railway?
Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway can assist.*

OTHR Events Calendar 2023

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

However, there is always capacity for your club, association, or you to visit the Oberon Station Precinct and surrounds at other times of 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:

Open Day will be Saturday January 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, Fettleing, General labouring, People 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.

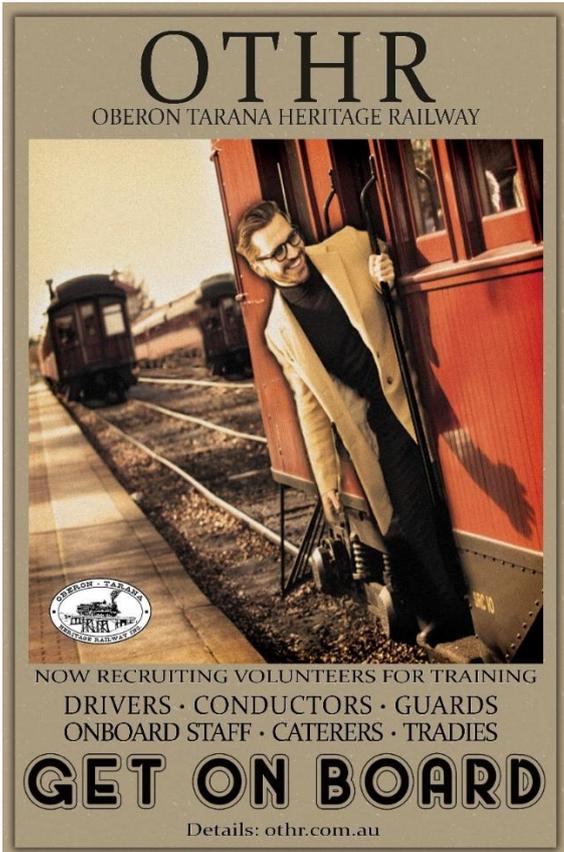
Important Information.

Help us bring our heritage railway to life by becoming a financial member of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc.

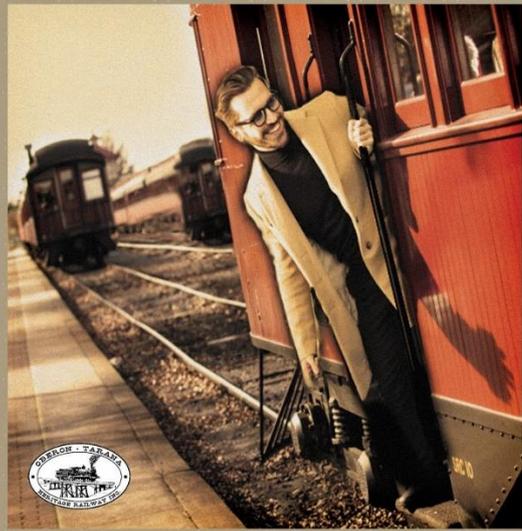
Membership of Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. is a valuable way you can contribute to our vision. Individual annual membership costs \$40.00 per year from 1st July 2021 and new members are welcomed at any time during the year.

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.



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About Oberon.....

It's January 2023 (Happy New Year) and in Oberon the weather is balmy, picture perfect and the ideal time for everyone to make the pilgrimage to Oberon.

The Oberon End of Year Spectacular is done and dusted, and we are now looking forward to the events that will define 2023.

Oberon always has something special happening that will be sure to impress City Slickers and Country Hicks alike.

This month we present:

- 6 – 8th January, Fish, Forage & Fossick 4WD Tag – Along Tour
- 7th January, Rockley Rodeo
- 21st – 22nd January, Fish River Sailing Club Annual Regatta
- 26th January, Oberon's Australia Day celebrations
- 28th January, Amber Lawrence Live at the Malachai.



Bet you didn't know that Oberon had a sailing regatta?

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 January.

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:

- 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
- Group of Model Train enthusiasts

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.



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.



*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.

Next Open Day is Saturday 7th January 2023.

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), The pop-up café serving Devonshire Teas has been cancelled until the refurbishments have been completed on HLF854

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)
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.

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.



Remains of a 100year old culvert currently being replaced by our contract team CAM.

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.

In January we note that John Giblin and Dennis Turner are dealing with health issues.

We wish both John and Dennis all the best.

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???

- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- The inventor of the wind chill factor died recently. He was 82 but felt like 14.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?



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.

Tragic Tales.

From "Food to Go, Tales from the Railway Refreshment Rooms.

Over the years, tragic stories emerged from the nation's refreshment rooms. We hear of the proprietor in Bathurst who, to the surprise of locals, cut his own throat. Or another lessee who, crossing

the line at 11 PM, was mown down by the passing express.

Not long after the opening of the first Melbourne line, patrons saw the demise of a young woman. As the Argus reported in 1855:

A sad loss of life occurred in the Bay on Saturday. A waterman's boat put off from the railway pier, with a young lady named Hall, and manned by two watermen. In standing for the Storeship Una, the boat struck upon the sunken wreck of the Columbia, and immediately sank.

Some ballast men on the beach at once put off to render assistance and succeeded in rescuing Miss Hall and one of the men. The other waterman was drowned; and we regret also to say that Miss Hall, after exclaiming, "Oh dear," gradually sunk, and died soon afterwards at the railway refreshment rooms.

And it wasn't only the patrons that came to grief. In 1948, the refreshment room at Sydney's Central Station had acquired a gleaming new mobile service unit. Attended by two uniformed women, it served passengers on the platform. However, perhaps the unit didn't have reliable brakes, as it veered out of control onto the line. Under the headline "Canteen is rail wreck" the Sydney Sun reported:

Railway Refreshment Rooms' new mobile canteen at Central Station got out of control while being attended by two girls early today and crashed on to lines where the Western Mail was expected. Railway employees ran to a signal-box, and the express was switched at the last minute to another platform. The canteen was wrecked and will be out of commission for weeks.



The new mobile canteen (circa 1948) prior to meeting an unfortunate end.

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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.

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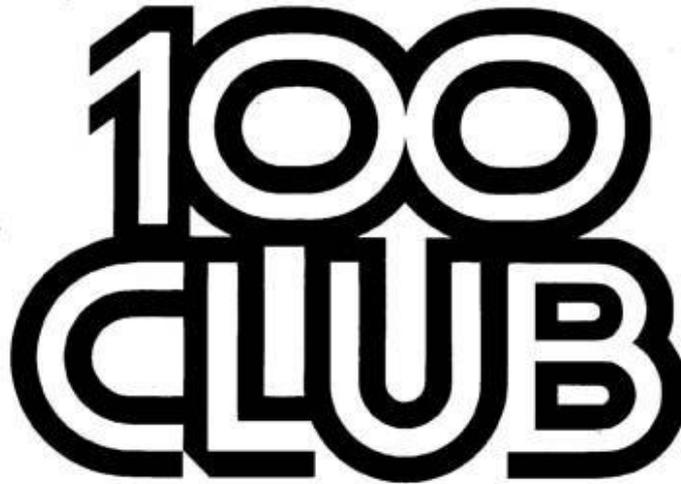
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Expertise (Please complete if you are joining OTHR for the first time) Indicate any skills, expertise, or areas of interest you may be able to share with us as the railway is being restored ready for operation. We need members with a wide range of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

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