

OPERATING HERITAGE AUSTRALIA

Operating Heritage is any type of heritage object that is used regularly to demonstrate its original form and function.

Operating Heritage Australia is an informal association of representatives of organisations caring for an incredibly rich and diverse collection of Australia's cultural heritage which includes.

- railways and tramways
- boats
- motor vehicles of all types
- aircraft
- horse-drawn vehicles
- machinery of all types



Huge tourism opportunity



Preserving Australia's cultural heritage

- "living" experiences
- intangible heritage – skills, history and community identity

Supporting community events and charities

Providing group/member wellbeing



AIMS of OPERATING HERITAGE AUSTRALIA

A coalition of representatives from peak operating heritage bodies from across Australia that advocates for the:

- Recognition of the economic and social benefits of operating heritage by governments, industry and the public
- Protection of significant moveable heritage cars, trucks, steam engines, antique machinery, trains, planes, boats, horse drawn vehicles, related documents, etc. from export, destruction or loss
- Development of training paths to preserve traditional skills and knowledge
- Appropriate heritage-aware regulations to ensure heritage transport and machinery can continue to operate.

ACTIVITIES of OPERATING HERITAGE AUSTRALIA

- OHA has established communications and meetings with Federal Ministers and government agencies to press for:
 - Improved government engagement with the networks of operating heritage clubs for reporting moveable heritage objects under threat of export or loss
 - Improved protection from export for significant moveable heritage objects under a revised Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act
 - Recognition of movable heritage in the Commonwealth's *Australian Heritage Strategy*, which currently neglects this area of heritage
 - Inclusion of OHA members or nominees with technological heritage expertise on the Australian Heritage Council and other influential bodies.
- OHA facilitates discussions on strategies for, and the sharing of, heritage skills and related training across its member sectors.

We need your help

- **REPORT** - If you are aware of significant operating heritage threatened with export please contact movable.heritage@arts.gov or phone 1800 819 461 - the Cultural Property Section, Department of the Arts, Canberra. You have been invited by the Cultural Property Section to be their "eyes and ears" so don't hesitate to contact them, even if you just want to clarify something about heritage exports
- **SUPPORT** - OHA's campaign to improve the laws controlling inappropriate export of operating heritage objects. Tell your local Federal member that the delay (currently over 5 years) in implementing the necessary reforms to the Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act is unacceptable.
- **TALK** - **Decision-makers, local to Commonwealth governments, affect operating heritage**, it is important for them to know how you, your club and operating heritage contribute to the community and economy, and for them to know what more could be achieved with their support. Please keep them informed.
- **WORK WITH other heritage organisations in your area** to increase impact
- **TELL Operating Heritage Australia what you need to preserve Australia's operating heritage.** For further information on Operating Heritage Australia please contact: operatingheritageaustralia@gmail.com