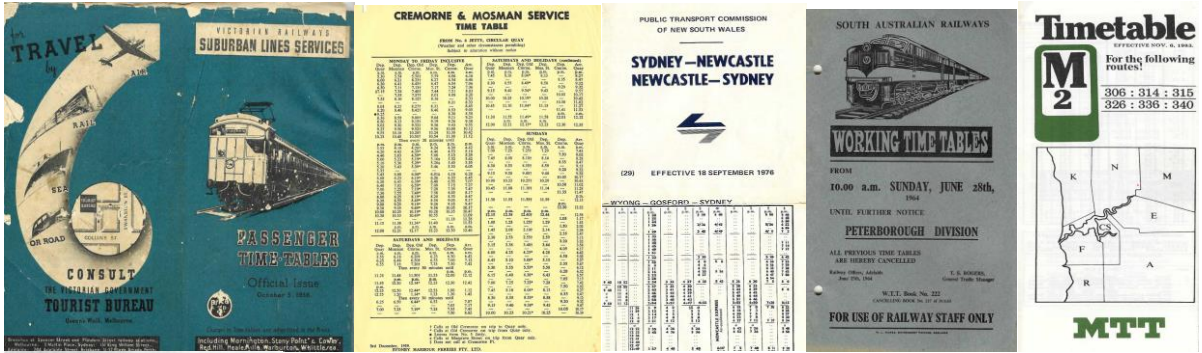


Australian Timetable Association Annual Report 2021-2022





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AGENDA

ATA 39th AGM 16th October 2022

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2021 (38th) AGM
3. Business arising from the Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Reports:
 - 5.1 President (requires a vote)
 - 5.2 Treasurer (requires a vote)
 - 5.3 *Table Talk* Editor
 - 5.4 *Times* Editor
 - 5.5 Production Manager
 - 5.6 Distribution Manager
 - 5.7 Membership Officer
 - 5.8 Auctioneer
 - 5.9 Archives Report
 - 5.10 Webmaster
 - 5.11 Divisional Reports
- 6 Elections and Appointments
 - 6.1 Determination of required Committee numbers
 - 6.2 Election of Committee:
 - 6.2.1 President
 - 6.2.2 Vice-President
 - 6.2.3 Secretary
 - 6.2.4 Treasurer
 - 6.2.5 Ordinary Committee Members (see 6.1)
 - 6.3 Appointment of Auditor
7. General Business
8. Location of 2023 (40th) AGM
9. Any other business that may be permitted under the Rules



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President's Report

This report will provide an overview of the work of the ATA over the last financial year. More details will be provided in accompanying reports covering various areas.

As in the past two years, the work of the ATA has continued to be challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic. As reported last year, our Sydney meeting venue was lost and the prolonged 2021 lockdown made face-to-face meetings impossible. Our July 2021 mailout was transferred at short notice from Sydney to Melbourne due to the Sydney lockdown imposed on June 26, 2021. Our thanks to Melbourne committee members and volunteers who have continued to prepare and distribute our monthly mail-out and provide our auction and distribution services. Fortunately, we were able to have a successful Annual General Meeting on September 18, 2021, by Zoom with twenty-seven members in attendance. Our journals have continued to provide news and articles of interest to our members. Our distribution service and auction have been continuing to perform well.

Despite Covid Restrictions, progress on the National Timetable Collection to be housed at the State Library of Victoria has continued. January 5 marked a further development in the work on ATA projects in Melbourne. On this day the move of all the NTC boxes, ATA archives and furniture from Hawker, our previous base at South Yarra, to Hookina was completed. Hookina is our name for Unit F24 at Kennards Self Storage, 1317 North Rd, Huntingdale, a short walk east from Huntingdale Station. Hookina is the next station after Hawker on the Commonwealth Railways former narrow-gauge railway. Six ATA members were involved in the move. This move was necessitated by the pending demolition of the South Yarra building. The previous pattern of working one day a week on alternate Thursdays and Saturdays has been increased to working bees on most Thursdays and Saturdays. Pursuit for a community lease of the vacant building at Windsor Station for the National Timetable Collection and ATA Archives has come to a dead end. VicTrack advised that the lease matter was in the hands Metro Trains Melbourne, as it managed the building. This is where we started. However, Metro Trains would only undertake a commercial lease.

As it is unsustainable financially to remain at Kennards Huntingdale where the storage and working spaces are small, there is an urgency to find new premises. Darebin Council in north-central Melbourne invited us to inspect a former community health centre in Reservoir to assess its suitability for the ATA's archives projects. This inspection took place on 28 April 2022, and the consensus was that it would be suitable. A submission was sent to Darebin Council outlining our proposed use of the building, in accord with the Council's requirements for a community lease. Darebin Council subsequently advised ATA to explore other sites as several parties were interested in the Reservoir property and a competitive process may be undertaken. This was disappointing news given the difficulty we have had finding suitable premises.

However, work on the NTC continues in various places. David Cranney, Agnes Boskovitz, John Kain, Jim Stokes, Peter Clark and Dale Budd have continued to meet regularly in Canberra to catalogue Victor Isaacs' collection of timetables. A few boxes of Victorian material and bus timetables from all States were received at Huntingdale as a result of this work. Geoff Hassall (Newcastle), Joel Taggart and Joe Hicks (Adelaide) have also volunteered to start cataloguing specific material. Richard May, Steven Haby, Geoff Mann and David Hennell are working on cataloguing in Melbourne.

For the year 2022-2023, Membership Fees were increased, the first time since 2011. In recent years, the Association has embarked on some major projects including the National Timetable Collection and upgrading its website. ATA has purchased a new computer system and pays rent to store its timetable collections and archives. ATA has retained the quality production each month of The Times and Table Talk magazines and continues to provide a monthly Distribution List and auction, however, postal costs are continually rising. A reduction in membership fees for electronic only membership is now provided and has been taken up by many members. The electronic mail out provides colour to



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pictures, diagrams, and maps, bypasses the postal delays which are now common and reduces the workload for those printing and mailing our journals. Donations of more than \$3633 have been received to support our work. This is very much appreciated. During the last twelve months we welcomed new members Brendon Davies and Lex Vipond.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Vance Findlay of Albury. Vance was one of the foundation members of the ATA in the mid-1980s. We were also saddened by the passing of Stephen Gray. The following message was written on a sympathy card to Moira Gray, Stephen's mother. "Moira, Stephen was a much-loved member of the Australian Timetable Association and the group working in Melbourne on the National Timetable Collection. We thoroughly enjoyed his company and were inspired by the dedication and enjoyment he displayed in sorting and studying timetables. His smile was always there, even when we now know that he had a serious illness. We will miss him greatly, but his determination and his spirit will live on within all of us." Stephen has donated his "crates" of timetables to the ATA. Our distribution service has now been named in his honour.

As President I continue to see the enormous work done by our key people in keeping the ATA running. Our thanks to Geoff Lambert, editor of "The Times", who continues to provide an interesting and diverse range of articles. As a regular contributor to "Table Talk" I see closely the fine work done by editor Chris Pandilovski and by Steven Haby our bus editor. Our thanks to Len Regan who in addition to being our treasurer and membership officer provides a great deal of the effort required to ensure the smooth running of the distribution service and auction. Len also co-ordinates work on the NTC. Len Regan and Steven Haby print and post our monthly mailout with the assistance of Melbourne members. ATA experienced a deficit of \$3762 over the last financial year. This compares with a deficit of \$2280 for 2020-2021.

Matthew Gibbins and Steven Haby have prepared Auction Lists and Matthew Gibbins assesses the bids. Alex Sims looks after our website. Richard May, our secretary and Jim Wells, our accountant, handle their duties in a business-like and helpful manner. As President I am responsible for the Members' News. Our Management Committee meets at 4 times a year using Zoom and the committee has continued to work well.

Transit Graphics have completed the design of ATA's new website. Various ATA portfolio officers will need to add text to the new website. When this work is completed, Transit Graphics will become the host for our website.

Sunday 16 October 2022 has been set as the date of the 2022 ATA Annual General Meeting at the Sydney Tramway Museum adjacent to Loftus Station. Our program will commence from 10.00am. Our AGM will commence at 2pm in the conference space at the Sutherland substation within the museum grounds. Participants are welcome to join at any time during the day.

Although we have had some new and younger members join ATA recently our future becomes uncertain when older members are no longer able to serve as office-bearers, committee members or through assisting the work of the ATA. The difficulty for the ATA is compounded by the steep learning curve for some of the "working positions". Members need to come forward to take up roles which will keep the ATA going.

I wish to thank the members of the Committee and those appointed to do various jobs during the year for their hard work and support. Despite the difficulties COVID-19 has sent, it has been another good year and a pleasure to work with you.

Hilaire Fraser - President



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Financial Report

The 2021-22 Financial Year was tumultuous, financially, for the Association. The financial results are accrual accounting, which means that only financial transactions relevant to activities in that year are included.

The income and expenditure details for each activity, as well as the Balance Sheet details, are shown in the Financial Statements. The corresponding totals from the previous year are also shown.

Income for the year was \$16,350 (\$268 less than last year), and expenses were \$17,936 (\$961 less than last year). The accrual deficit of \$1586 was \$693 less than last year.

Membership revenue of \$7522 was \$98 less than in the previous year.

Distribution List revenue of \$2485 was \$1191 less than in the previous year, and Auctions revenue of \$2128 was \$1958 less than in the previous year.

On a brighter note, \$3633 was received in donations, \$3145 more than in the previous year. The generosity of members is very much appreciated, and it demonstrates support for the projects the Association is undertaking.

Membership fees for 2022-2023 received prior to 30 June 2022 are not included in Income, but are shown as a liability in Net Assets.

From 2013 to 2020 the Association accumulated annual surpluses of \$19,609, and some this surplus is now being converted into usable assets. This included expenditure of \$2525 on computer equipment, which is a depreciable asset.

There is a significant change in the way that expenses are presented in this year's Financial Statement.

- The full costs of the monthly Mailout are now grouped together. This includes the printing of the Distribution List and Auction Catalogue, and the cost of postage to overseas members.
- As well, stationery and postage costs are no longer allocated monthly to the individual categories, but are pooled into a yearly total. Stationery and postage stock are usually bought in bulk. In the past this was allocated to Stock, and transfers of costs were made each month as the stock and postage items were used in various activities. This tedious task has been discontinued. This simplifies the account keeping tasks and lays the foundation for further changes to financial management.

Here are the details of how the changes to expenditure categories have been implemented.

Mailouts

All components of the mailouts are now recorded to produce a more accurate cost of Mailouts.

Additional items now included in Mailout expenses are:

- Printing of Distribution List
- Printing of Auction Catalogue.

Print Post and Overseas postage costs are separated.

The cost of printing the Distribution List and the Auction Catalogue is no longer allocated to these



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projects.

There is a dramatic reduction in the cost of the Mailouts now that printing is done by volunteers rather than commercially.

Distribution List

Its only costs now are the printing of timetable files to fulfil items ordered, and purchase of timetables for the List, such as the European Rail Timetables.

Auctions

Its only costs now are vendor payments, and any successful bids made by ATA (there were none of these bids this year).

National Timetable Collection

Its only costs now are the purchase of timetables – there were none of these this year. Its previous expenses for postage, freight, stationery and printing are now incorporated into those categories.

Postage and Freight

This includes stamps, prepaid envelopes and satchels, but not Print Post, as well as courier charges. It includes the postage of Distribution List orders and Auction Lots, as well as courier costs for receipt of timetable packages, previously included in Distribution List, Auction and National Timetable Collection costs. The postage costs for Auction winnings are now recouped from bidders, and are included in Auction receipts.

Stationery

The total cost of stationery, excluding pre-paid postal stationery, is now just one total for the year. The Stock asset shown in last year's Financial Statement was expended this year on postage, stationery, printing and mailout envelopes.

Printing

The total cost of printing for the year, other than for the Mailouts, was \$51. It is no longer allocated to the various activities involved.

Premises Rental

This major expense of \$7103 includes the rent for premises at Hawker (South Yarra) until December 2021, for the removalist for relocation to Huntingdale, and for the premises at Hookina (Huntingdale) used for storage of timetables and documents for the NTC, Distribution List, Auctions and future books sales, as well as ATA archives, and for the space to work with these documents.

Computer Costs

This is a new expense category. It covers the software and data costs for the Association's computer, including the costs of being able to share files for all the Association's activities.

Website

This covers the cost of redevelopment of the website as well as the hosting costs.



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This covers the Consumer Affairs Victoria compulsory fee, Insurance, membership of Royal Historical Society of Victoria (essential for obtaining group insurance), and other incidental expenses.

Financial Fees

This covers mainly PayPal fees, but also includes incidental bank fees.

Depreciation

Depreciated items are Computer equipment \$2525, folding table \$45, second hand filing cabinets, tables and chairs from Hawker \$250, filing cabinets, tables and shelving from PMI \$350: total \$3170.

Under the new accounting arrangements, the cost of the monthly mailouts was \$3364. The printing of the mailout documents by volunteers produces a significant reduction in mailout costs compared to commercial printing.

Funds received for Distribution List orders and Auction bids, as well as credits granted for materials supplied, are allocated to the members' individual Distribution Service accounts. Many participants make occasional bulk payments to their account. Each month, the actual costs of Distribution List orders and Auction bids, as well as Membership Fees on request, are deducted from the Distribution Service accounts. This year there was a reduction of \$142 in Distribution Service receipts, which decreased the total value of credits to \$2224. These funds are not included in Income, but are included in the Members' Accounts liability in Net Assets.

During the year it has not been possible to secure a lease on permanent premises at much lower costs, despite continuing efforts to find something suitable.

In May 2022, our bank accounts, previously at Westpac and ING, were consolidated at Bendigo Bank.

On 30 June 2022, the cash at bank was \$17,531, plus \$16,500 in a Term Deposit.

On 30 June 2022, the Net Assets were \$28,295, compared with \$29,881 on 30 June 2021.

The Financial Statement was certified by the Committee at its meeting on 17 August 2022. The Association Rules require that it be submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Year Outlook for 2022 - 2023

Income

- Membership – likely to remain constant or decline slightly.
- Distribution List - likely to remain constant or decline slightly due to continuing difficulties to obtain current printed timetables, resulting in a decline in orders.
- Auctions – unpredictable as usual, but there is potential for some good results given the material that is available.
- Sales – may increase if we are able to introduce book sales with surplus Auction material, donated material and overseas timetables, but given current priorities, this may have to wait until late in the financial year.
- Interest – will decrease by about \$300 due to the low interest rates (1.0%) when the current Term Deposit at Bendigo Bank matures in May 2023. We may put some funds in a short-term Term Deposit at 2% interest.



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- Donations – although they were high this year to meet the needs of current projects, this cannot be expected to continue each year in the future.

Expenses

- Mailouts – print costs will be reduced slightly as more members change from print to digital mailout. The usual annual increase of about 3% in print post costs could be expected.
- Postage – with the benefits of discounts on bulk purchases of prepaid envelopes and satchels, as well as the use of existing stocks, we may be able to see only a slight increase in costs.
- Distribution List – likely to remain constant, but now only for printing of timetables and for purchase of special timetables included in the List.
- Auction – likely to remain constant, but only for vendor payments and any timetables won by ATA for the National Timetable Collection.
- Administration – a small increase can be expected.
- Office supplies – expenditure will depend on what new premises we are able to secure.
- Website – Continuing development of the new website will have one more substantial cost, then operating expenses will reduce.
- Computer – ongoing expenses for data and software will occur. If an opportunity arises, we may invest in an A3 printer as an asset.
- Rental – the current rental at Hookina is expensive and unacceptable. Every effort is being made to find alternative cheaper suitable accommodation for the National Timetable Collection stock, ATA archives, overseas timetables and books.

End of Year Result

- It is reasonable to hope that break-even or a small deficit may be possible in 2022-2023.

Len Regan - Treasurer



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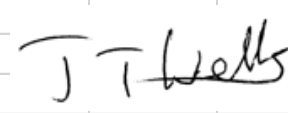
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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2022			
	Notes	2022	2021
		\$	\$
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June			
Income			
Membership fees		7,522	7,620
Retail Sales		482	280
Distribution List		2,485	3,676
Auctions		2,128	4,086
Donations		3,633	488
Bank Interest		100	468
		16,350	16,618
Expenditure			
Mailouts, incl Printing & Postage		3,365	6,550
Distribution List		762	3,151
Auctions		218	2,254
National Timetable Collection		-	857
Postage & freight		1,725	2,625
Stationery & Printing	1	267	-
Office supplies	2	269	-
Premises rental		7,104	2,543
Computer costs		791	-
Web Site		1,998	330
Administration		719	486
Financial Fees		84	101
Depreciation		634	-
		17,936	18,897
Surplus / (deficit)		(1,586)	(2,279)
Note: 1: In 2021 Stationery and Printing was booked to Distribution List, Auctions and the National Timetable Collection.			
2: In 2021 Office supplies was booked to the National Timetable Collection.			



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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2022			
	Notes	2022	2021
		\$	\$
Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 30th June			
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		17,532	20,716
Term Deposit		16,500	16,500
Stock (Stationery)		-	516
		34,032	37,732
Non Current Assets			
Plant	3	2,536	350
		2,536	350
Current Liabilities			
Membership fees in advance		6,049	5,835
Members' accounts		2,224	2,366
		8,273	8,201
Net assets		28,295	29,881
Accumulated Funds			
Fergusson Reserve	4	-	1,218
Members' Funds		28,295	28,663
As at end of period		28,295	29,881
Notes 3: Plant (2022) Gross Book Value (cost) \$3,170, Provision for Depreciation \$634. Additions 2022 - Computer \$2,525, other \$295.			
4 : Fergusson Reserve no longer required - written back to Members' Funds.			
		In my opinion, the financial statements above present a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Association for 2021/22.	
			
Len Regan		Jim Wells	
(Treasurer) 6th September 2022		(Accountant) 6th September 2022	



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Table Talk

During 2021/22, Table Talk continued with its monthly publication unabated across the year. The month of January saw what will probably be the largest edition ever produced - 32 pages of content, which is effectively double the usual size. This bumper edition was largely the result of Bus Editor Steven Haby's comprehensive overview of regional bus/coach services across a number of Australian states.

The later months of CY21 also saw an increase in content, courtesy of ongoing COVID-19 lockdown/distancing changes impacting service provision (timetables) across the various jurisdictions, while the Summer school holidays also provided changes in service provision to account for lower patronage.

In the June edition, the editor undertook a one-off trial of integration with fellow ATA publication, The Times, with the strategic insertion and placement of an unpaid advertisement for one of its articles that month. The editor was happy with the result and will be looking to continue this on a very occasional basis where such opportunity arises for crossover interest. The June edition also had some unrelated production issues affecting the printed copy. Several missing/incomplete articles were efficiently re-printed in the July edition to ensure print readers did not miss out. These print issues have since been temporarily resolved by the production team, although more permanent print arrangements are pending over the coming year.

The editor is grateful for the continued efforts of a number of contributors to the publication, including (but not limited to) Steven Haby, Ross Morrison, Hilaire Fraser and Len Regan whose contributions ensure Table Talk has a significantly broader range of coverage, while proof-readers Agnes Boskovitz, David Cranney and Geoff Hassall continue to enhance the reading experience with their exemplary pickups.

A review of the year (tables provided) saw a decline in domestic/national and international stories, contributed by a decline in the number of submissions by members. Particularly with Air News, the editor is highly dependent on submissions to provide lengthy fodder for the readership. On the other side of the coin, Queensland (including Northern Territory) was the only jurisdiction to receive a substantial increase in news items (+44%), which is a fantastic result for Table Talk readers interested in Queensland content. Unsurprisingly, a substantial amount of news items derive from New South Wales and Victoria. Both states made up 39% of the total content this year (counted by number of news items), which also aligns with the bulk of the ATA's membership base residing in these states.

The volume table also show there was more consistency this year in the number of items in each edition (compared to 2020/21, see 2020/21 annual report). Three years of averaged data is provided below:

2019/20 - Pages per edition = 14; Items per edition = 43.

2020/21 - Pages per edition = 17; Items per edition = 53.

2021/22 - Pages per edition = 18; Items per edition = 45.

The number of pages produced across the year was in line with the prior year, while the number of news items dropped by 16%, from which we could theorise that each item was longer than the prior year. However, this argument does not take into account the images in the publication, where the amount of space they fill varies as required.

This year, the editor also implemented a change in Table Talk's publication software, commencing



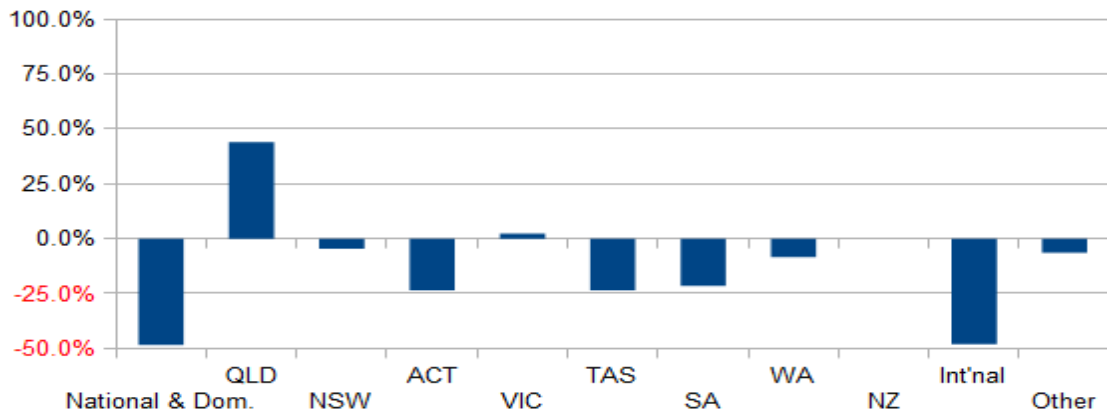
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with the May edition, which has resulted in some efficiency gains in the editor's development of the publication, including an improved ability to work with images, which were causing significant issues with the free software used previously. I believe there has been little noticeable change from the reader's perspective, which is supported by the lack of any direct feedback.

		Total pages	Total articles	National & Dom.	QLD & NT	NSW	ACT	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NZ	Int'nal	Other	Feature article(s)
2021	July	16	44	1	1	8	1	11	1	3	4	7	6	1	-
	August	16	37	2	1	12	1	8	0	1	1	4	4	3	Greater Sydney lockdown
	September	16	46	4	4	6	1	5	2	1	1	12	10	0	-
	October	16	36	2	3	7	1	6	2	0	3	5	7	0	-
	November	16	48	4	6	6	3	10	0	0	4	6	9	0	-
	December	20	40	1	2	14	1	5	0	1	4	3	7	2	Fleet issues in various cities
2022	January	32	59	8	9	21	1	7	1	3	4	4	1	0	Bus Editor's regional Aus review
	February	18	67	2	8	13	3	10	2	6	2	15	5	1	-
	March	18	48	3	4	10	1	3	1	3	3	8	9	3	Sydney rail timetable and PIA
	April	14	36	0	8	7	0	2	1	1	3	6	5	3	-
	May	16	35	3	3	9	0	9	2	2	2	1	3	1	Sydney major event Easter buses
	June	12	39	3	0	11	0	11	1	1	2	5	4	1	-
TOTAL		210	535	33	49	124	13	87	13	22	33	76	70	15	
AVERAGE		17.5	44.6	2.8	4.1	10.3	1.1	7.3	1.1	1.8	2.8	6.3	5.8	1.3	
YOY TOTAL DIFF		4	-103	-31	15	-6	-4	2	-4	-6	-3	0	-65	-1	
YOY GROWTH		1.9%	-16.1%	-48.4%	44.1%	-4.6%	23.5%	2.4%	23.5%	21.4%	8.3%	0.0%	48.1%	-6.3%	

Table Talk - YOY jurisdictional variance

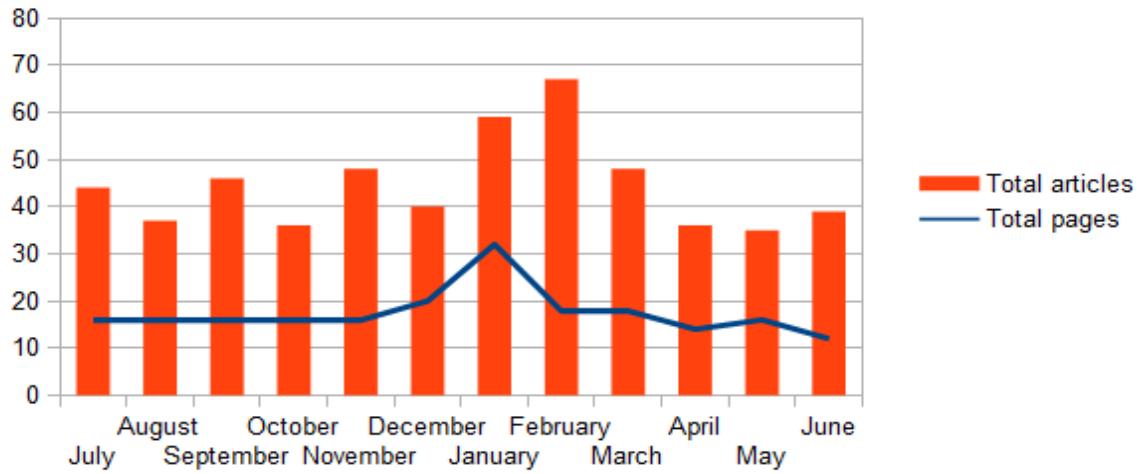




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Table Talk volume FY 2021-22



News items by jurisdiction by year				
		19/20	20/21	21/22
1	NSW	132	130	124
2	VIC	107	85	87
3	NZ	41	76	76
4	INTERN'L	52	135	70
5	QLD/NT	30	34	49
6	WA	31	36	33
7	DOM	61	64	33
8	SA	30	28	22
9	OTHER	N/A	16	15
10	TAS	12	17	13
11	ACT	17	17	13

Chris Pandilovski - Editor



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The Times

The Times is pretty much in its mid-life crisis. For the 23 years or so that I have been editing it, there have usually been plenty of articles queued up awaiting publication. Only every now and then did I have to throw in random contributions of my own to fill up space. This changed in about January 2021 – to the extent that the number of articles by other people “waiting for a place in the queue” was often close to zero and still was towards the end of the 2021-2022 Financial Year. Luckily, one always seemed to arrive at the last moment – although these tend to be rather short, with the authors often describing them as “space fillers”. Following a plea for more articles a few months ago, new articles began to arrive and I now (1st August 2022) have about 4 articles — or two issues worth.

Since 2001, The Times has always been, and continues to be, laid out with Microsoft’s “Publisher” software. This is not a word-processor – it essentially produces a series of text-boxes that can be linked into a continuous text form. People usually submit their material in a Word Processor form – either as a Word docx or as a PDF, but it is usually easy to transform what they submit into a 3-column format. Where this has not been possible, I have turned the submitted material into a series of A4 images and pasted them into the Publisher Page.

The Times has always been “graphics-heavy”, with about 70% devoted to images of timetables. Up until about 2020, people always submitted their “imagery” as graphics files, but these days they paste them into their Word docs. This means I have to extract the imagery, and there can be a loss of definition. I still encourage my contributors to submit imagery as a series of separate files. To overcome the email size limit that some contributors encounter, I encourage them to put their imagery up on “Dropbox” or a similar file-sharing site. In a few instances, with contributors who don’t have email (or even computers!), articles arrive as paper copies via postal mail. These are an interesting challenge, especially when hand-written.

On the production side, things have changed very radically. For many years, The Times had been composed as for a double-sided A3 folded, full-colour booklet, using what a printer would call two-up imposition. Usually only the first and last pages (“wraps”) would actually be PRINTED in colour. The imposition meant that the magazine had to have a number of pages that was a multiple of four. The Times was almost always budgeted for 16 pages. There was a tacit agreement between myself and the Table Talk editor(s), that the total number of pages between the two publications should rarely exceed more than 32 pages and certainly never exceed 36 pages. Due to budget exigencies, PRINTED copies of The Times have been seriously downgraded to corner-stapled black and white A4 paper. It seems that colour booklet versions remain as a “target” for some time in the indefinite future.

The Times is also produced in a “digital edition”. The digital edition is, of course, in full colour. The digital edition could, if required, have any number of pages. The concept of “pages” is, in any case somewhat nebulous for a “digital magazine”. An EVEN number of pages is to ensure that there is always something on each side of each paper page. In this financial year, it has only rarely run to 16 pages, most often it has been 14 pages or 12 pages.

It would be interesting to know how many “electronic-only” recipients actually print to paper in order to read their magazines. The Digital Edition usually has many active hyperlinks which enable readers to navigate its pages, to write a Letter to the Editor and to find many of the references, timetables and other documents that are cited by the authors, by clicking the hyperlinked text. They don’t NEED a paper copy to do this.

If proof-reading were an Olympic Sport, my three champions – Chris, Dean and Judy would be on the dais every month. Thankyou.

Geoff Lambert - Editor



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ABN 74 248 483 468

Production Manager

This report covers the 2021-2022 financial year period.

The printing and despatch of the monthly mailouts was transferred from Sydney to Melbourne in July 2021 – one of the consequences of COVID restrictions. This resulted in a change from commercial printing in Sydney to volunteer printing and format changes in Melbourne.

The most significant aspect during the 2021-2022 financial year in regards to the production of our journals and the member's monthly mailout has been the transition from onsite production at the PMI Victorian History library to offsite at member's homes and Hookina.

Despite some early teething problems with sourcing consumables including toner and paper in a timely manner and reasonable cost, the monthly printing and compilation has settled into a reasonably seamless routine.

For the benefit of the members, the monthly production schedule is operated as follows:

- Following the proofing of The Times and Table Talk by the respective editorial teams, PDF files of both journals are emailed to Len Regan and Steven Haby ready for printing and mailout. Usually two pdf versions are supplied – one suitable for email and the other formatted for printing. These files are usually delivered in the second last week of the month.
- Similarly, the pdf files for the Distribution List, Auction Catalogue and Members News are sent to Len Regan and he prints them at home.
- Printing and compilation of The Times and Table Talk then takes place usually at Steven Haby's home using two printers that can print double sided copies and also collate. The journals are then stapled and sent to Hookina ready for adding to envelopes in addition to the Members' Newsletter, auction and distribution list catalogues. Occasionally Steven's son (and fellow ATA member) Domenic and Steven's partner Katie will assist in the compilation.
- The final compilation is usually undertaken on the last Saturday of the month at Hookina involving the team involved with the National Timetable Collection work on that day.
- The envelopes are then dropped at the Hughesdale Post Office on the following Monday.
- The digital mailouts are usually despatched by email on the same day.

Toner is sourced from Sydney using InkStation and more recently HotToner suppliers which offer compatible toners (not brand name toners) at very reasonable prices and usually next day delivery at no charge. Toner is ordered usually monthly or bi-monthly in bulk and depending on the number of pages for the journals up to three cartridges are required.

Paper is sourced locally from Officeworks and the Reflex brand is preferred as it is made at the Maryvale mill in the Latrobe Valley and the paper is of a higher quality than the Burrows 'house brand' stocked by Officeworks.

Costs and reliability of postage continue to be a concern going forward.

Once we can settle into our own premises, the hope is that we will be able to obtain an A3 printer and return the journals to their former format.

I recommend this report be noted by the AGM.

Steven Haby - Production Manager



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Distribution List

2022 marks the almost complete elimination of current paper timetables in Australia. Many operators do not print timetables, or print them in small numbers for local consumption, thus having no surplus for the ATA. In requesting current TTs, our members often find that they are referred to the online timetables or receive an earlier edition which has already been available in our Distribution Service. In some cases, our members have found railway station timetable display racks also have superseded timetables. City Centre customer service outlets which provided paper timetables and over the counter travel planning have been closed in Sydney, Brisbane, and Adelaide. However, ATA members have been able to obtain printed timetables from Victoria, Perth, and Newcastle. Many transport operators have had difficulty operating published timetabled services due to staff ill with Covid and influenza and were unable to implement timetable changes associated with increased services. Also, Covid related supply chain issues have brought about delays in implementing planned timetable changes associated with new infrastructure.

In 2021-2022 the Distribution List has continued to perform well to produce a surplus of \$1723. This surplus supports other ATA activities. This is pleasing as in 2021-2022 Distribution Lists were often short in length. On the Distribution List, the most popular items are working rail timetables usually sent in electronic form and printed bus timetables. Reliable supplies of printed timetables have been available from PTV and Transperth. Once again, the Distribution Service has had to manage an increase in postal charges. Our thanks Agnes Boskovitz, Scott Ferris, Geoff Hassall, Andrew James, Michael Marshall, Dennis McLean, Len Regan, Alex Sims, Peter Walhouse and David Whiteford who are regular contributors and to other members who have supplied items. Also, thanks to our Distribution Officers, who despatch items. Our Distribution Officers provide lists of items and I combine these into the final Distribution List. Len Regan handles the finances and a good many of the items on the Distribution List.

For several months, electronic links were provided to online timetables. This was discontinued in March due to lack of interest, the lengthy time required to prepare links and changes to links by the time they were published. Lists of recent timetables available online now appear in "Table Talk" under the heading "Timetable Alert".

Hilaire Fraser – Distribution List Manager



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Membership Report

The Association membership changed from 137 at the beginning of the year to 135 at the end of the year – a net loss of 2 members.

2 members did not renew their membership in July 2021.

2 members died during the year: Vance Findlay and Stephen Gray.

During the year we welcomed 2 new members:

Lex Vipond, Kingsgrove, Sydney
Brendon Davies, Coburg, Melbourne

Membership at the end of the financial year was made up of 3 life members, 128 normal members and 4 student members.

For the monthly mailout, 97 members received it only by post, 41 members received it only by email, and 17 members received it both ways.

Here is the geographic distribution of members.

	Number	Percentage
Queensland	14	10%
New South Wales	48	36%
ACT	8	6%
Victoria	43	32%
South Australia	12	9%
Western Australia	3	2%
United Kingdom	5	4%
Switzerland	1	1%
USA	1	1%
Total	135	

The Membership Renewal form included provision for members to choose to pay a concession membership fee if they were financially challenged, and for members to make an optional donation to support ATA projects. Nine members paid the concessional membership rate, and 19 members made a total of \$661 in donations with their membership renewals. We are pleased that we were able to retain these nine members and we extend our gratitude to the members for their donations.

The membership fees for 2022-23 were increased to \$72 for post mailout and \$66 for digital mailout. In the 86 membership renewals received up to 30 June 2022, \$1922 was added in donations. Ten members switched from post to digital mailout and 3 members added digital to their post mailout. Three members advised that they would not be renewing their membership for 2022-23.

Len Regan - Membership Officer



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Auctions

Overall, auction results for the 2021/2022 year are not as good as the previous year, but there are a number of reasons for this.

The success of individual auctions remains unpredictable, but overall there seems to be a decline in interest. This depends a lot on the topic; some are very successful, and others generate limited interest. It is also difficult to judge the level of interest based on previous auction results. Australian Transport Books all produced good results, whereas overseas materials haven't appeared to be as attractive.

Selecting attractive topics for auctions has been difficult because of restricted access to stock due to the cramped storage facilities at Huntingdale. It was hoped relocating to a new premises in the year would have helped to overcome this problem, which sadly, did not come to fruition.

Despite this, seven of the Auctions this year produced a surplus of over \$100.

These are the topics of the auctions throughout the year:

Auction Topics

July	Queensland TownBus and Coach Timetables
August	New Zealand Train, Bus and Ferry Timetables and Guides
September	USA Train Timetables
October	Australian Bus Timetables
November	New South Wales Suburban & Country Train Timetables
December	North American Railroad & Coach Timetables & Guides
January	Australian Coach and Canberra Bus Timetables
February	Australian Transport Books
March	Queensland Bus, Coach, Tram Timetables and Guides
April	Australian Tram Books
May	New South Wales Government and Private Bus Timetables
June	Australian Transport Books

Auctions results for the period (including the financials) are shown here:

ATA Auction Results July 2021 - June 2022

Auction Date	139 July	140 August	141 September	142 October	143 November	144 December	145 January	146 February	147 March	148 April	149 May	150 June	Total
Details													
Lots offered	43	49	42	35	51	41	49	42	35	46	43	42	518
Bidders	3	4	2	2	8	2	3	11	6	6	4	5	56
No. of bids	14	12	3	17	34	3	47	29	24	12	16	15	226
Highest win bid	\$6.00	\$30.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$30.00	\$9.00	\$18.00	\$55.00	\$166.80	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$18.00	\$166.80
Lots sold	13	8	3	17	34	3	39	18	18	12	13	12	190
Lots unsold	30	41	39	18	27	38	11	24	18	34	31	31	342
Vendors	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	3	1	20
Receipts													
Bids won value	\$45.00	\$113.60	\$15.00	\$36.00	\$370.00	\$23.00	\$264.20	\$333.20	\$251.00	\$270.00	\$109.20	\$147.40	\$1,977.60
Discounts	\$1.95	\$4.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.87	\$0.00	\$12.66	\$15.76	\$10.10	\$9.75	\$3.80	\$4.47	\$76.04
Postage	\$5.90	\$18.20	\$9.60	\$7.00	\$65.25	\$5.80	\$11.80	\$39.15	\$8.80	\$38.85	\$8.80	\$27.65	\$246.80
Income	\$48.95	\$127.12	\$24.60	\$43.00	\$422.38	\$28.80	\$263.34	\$356.59	\$249.70	\$299.10	\$114.20	\$170.58	\$2,148.36
Expenses													
Vendor payments	\$33.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$128.10	\$0.00	\$56.40	\$0.00	\$218.25
Payment pending												\$20.30	
ATA surplus	\$15.20	\$127.12	\$24.60	\$43.00	\$422.38	\$28.80	\$263.34	\$356.59	\$121.60	\$299.10	\$57.80	\$150.28	\$1,909.81

Matthew Gibbins - Auctioneer



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Archives Officer's Report

At the start of the year the Association's Archives and Timetable Collections were stored at 14 Wilson St, South Yarra, known to us as Hawker. Work on the National Timetable Collection was disrupted during August, September and October 2021 due to COVID restrictions.

In late 2021, the building at Hawker was sold and was being prepared for demolition. Despite continued and intensive searches for alternative accommodation, none could be found. Efforts to obtain vacant spaces at railway stations or council facilities proved fruitless. Eventually, we had to settle for a storage unit at Kennards Huntingdale, where there is a meeting room where we can work on the Collection. Everything was moved there on 5 January 2022. We have named this location as Hookina, a name taken from the next station after Hawker on the Commonwealth Railways former narrow gauge railway.

The unit at Hookina is small and expensive. We have to take the work from the unit to the meeting room on each Thursday and Saturday when we are there.

However, given that the unit is secure, we proceeded with the purchase of a computer, 2 large screens and a power backup unit in August 2021. This has allowed us to resume cataloguing of timetables for the National Timetable Collection. At the end of June 2022, we had completed cataloguing all of Queensland and New South Wales rail working timetables and most of the Victoria rail working timetables. Cataloguing of working timetables from other states would then continue, leading to a deposit of about 900 rail working timetables in the State Library of Victoria in August 2022.

Timetables for the National Timetable Collection came from new collections donated during the year and also from unsold lots in the ATA Auctions and surplus stock from the Distribution Lists.

We acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the donors of timetable collections received during the year: David Stephens, Moira Gray (Stephen's collection), Chris Maitland, Agnes Boskovitz (Victor Isaacs collection), Les Hyland, Hilaire Fraser, Brian Sherry, Derek Scrafton, Peter Walhouse, Warren Doubleday, Alan Williams, Peter Winspur, Peter Hall, Bruce Dixon, Clive Barker, Steven Haby, Robin Burns, Peter Graham, and Alan Collyer.

Members and supporters have enjoyed the camaraderie and challenges of sorting, culling, collating and cataloguing, and we are very grateful for their work and dedication. As well as the work being done in Melbourne, ATA member Agnes Boskovitz in Canberra is cataloguing the collection bequeathed by Victor Isaacs with help from Peter Clark, John Kain, David Cranny, Dale Budd and Jim Stokes, ATA member Joel Taggart in Gumeracha is cataloguing Adelaide bus timetables, and Geoff Hassall in Newcastle is cataloguing Sydney bus timetables.

Late in April 2022, Darebin Council gave us the opportunity to inspect a former community health centre at Reservoir which has been vacant for about 8 years. It appeared to be a suitable location and we submitted an application for a lease. The council had not made any decision on our application as at 30 June 2022.

The ATA Archives are missing many of the early documents of the Association, particularly from the 1980s and 1990s. Documents such as meeting minutes, membership lists, distribution lists and auction catalogues are particularly in short supply. Members who may still have any of these old documents, or know who might have them, are asked to consider making them available for secure storage in the ATA Archives. Please contact Archives Officer, Len Regan, if you can help.

Len Regan - Archives Officer



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Webmaster

The website has remained steady in visitors again this year, with 2000 unique visitors each month and another 400 for the TrainTimes section. Visitors are mainly from Australia and the US, although the US looks to be more automated robots rather than humans. The most frequently visited page is the home page, a former forum page of interest to “spambots” (they persist on and on) and then the TrainTimes homepage.

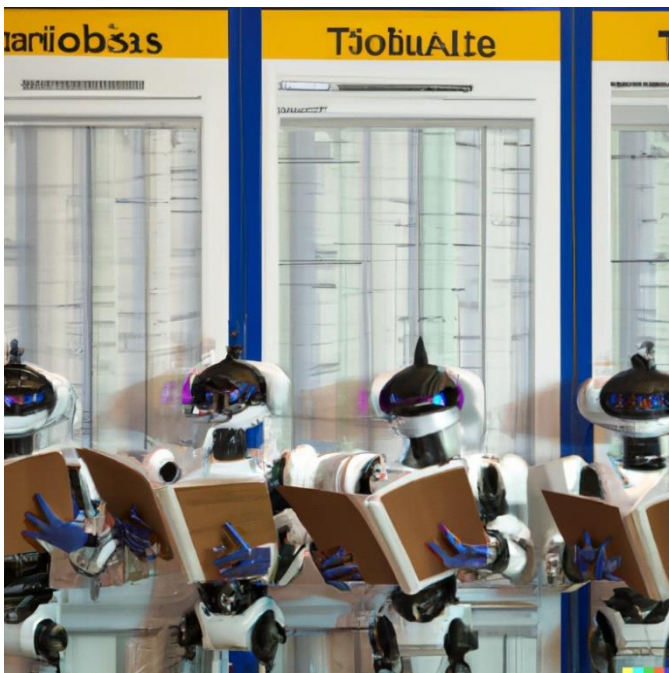
Reports from the Google search engine which covers our websites ending in timetable.org.au, has another view, with the TrainTimes Indian Pacific Timetables followed in popularity with TrainTimes homepage, the main home page, then the TrainTimes Stony Point timetable. Our dependence on “Google” for search engine traffic remains high with 80% of search engine visitors coming via a Google property. The Association’s old domains continue to decline, representing only 0.2% of the traffic of the main website.

In 2021-2022 the website has had:

- Regular updates of Member News, Distribution List, Auction catalogue, Divisional meetings, and the Annual Report as they become available
- Delayed updates of The Times and Table Talk after two months
- Tweaks to fix spelling errors and technical glitches
- Some removal of PDF in favour of friendlier HTML.
- Continued provision of functional emails for the Association’s activities

I see further changes this year in:

- Streamlining the updating of Victor Isaac’s TrainTimes website content and making that website “mobile friendly” (more than 50% of access to the main website is from tablets or phones)
- The eventual move of the current website to a new design by TransitGraphics
- Making back issues of The Times and Table Talk available in alternative formats good for reading on all devices from the largest desktop to the smallest phone as well as being easier



for search engines to digest and index increasing their value as a research source.

- Consideration of changing the domain to a soon to be available second level one, i.e., “www.timetable.au”
- With the decline in the provision of printed timetables by operators, I see a corresponding decline in updates in timetable lists on the website, with most of the lists to become frozen.

Any feedback or suggestions on the website are most welcome, as if something seems odd or missing to you, it probably is to others and like copy-editing, the publisher can’t see it. There are always improvements that can be made.

Alex Sims - Webmaster



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Divisional Reports

Melbourne

Only 4 meetings were held this year due to COVID, and these were at David Hennell's home in Surrey Hills.

- July 2021: MMTB September 1937 timetable listing first and last cars (cable and electric) and buses on all routes, along with all night trams – Graeme Cleak; footage on DVD of Melbourne's Tait suburban trains in the early 1980s – Alan Williams
- September 2021: cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdown
- November 2021: 2008 Frankston area bus review – Len Regan; normal October 1956 and Olympic Opening Ceremony Day Whittlesea train service – David Hennell
- March 2022: general discussion
- May 2022: 1st September 1980 ANR South Australian country passenger services – David Hennell

The members of the division were saddened by the passing of Stephen Gray, a long serving and very involved member of the association. His regular attendance at meetings, his supplying of timetables for distribution and the grab box, his major contribution to the work on the NTC and his friendliness are greatly missed. Stephen's collection of timetables and transport books was generously donated to the association by his family and this gesture is very much appreciated.

Our venue for work on the National Timetable Collection changed from Hawker in South Yarra to Hookina in Huntingdale in January. We are working to obtain a more permanent location, to be known as Mern Merna, in the near future. Regular working days are Thursday and Saturday. I thank all those who give so freely of their time to work on this worthwhile and very interesting project, although the quality of the humour at working bees is diminishing alarmingly.

My thanks to all for a successful almost complete year.

David Hennell – Melbourne Convenor

Adelaide

There has been a long interval between meetings of South Australian members due to Covid restrictions and to the lack of a suitable affordable meeting place. In the end, I convened a meeting over coffee at a Glenelg café adjacent to the Glenelg tram terminus on the 23rd July 2022. Four members attended. There were 4 apologies, 2 being Covid related.

On the 23rd July we had a good discussion about the functioning of the ATA and recent transit developments. Overall, the SA members value our membership of the ATA. We appreciate the distribution and auction services. We think that the Newsletter is a very effective medium for the dissemination of transport news. We note that it is usually the "first cab off the rank" in publishing changes in routes, fares and operations, well in advance of the more formal magazines such as NSW Digest. We find most of the articles in The Times interesting but sometimes have trouble in identifying places where local knowledge seems to be assumed by authors. We intend to meet quarterly.

In SA, the main transport event this year has been the long-awaited opening of the electric rail service on the Gawler line which terminates 42 km north of Adelaide and serves the ever expanding northern suburbs which are consuming productive farmland year by year. The new timetable substantially restores the 2018 version. Diesel train running times prevail as only 4 of the new batch of 12 electric sets had been delivered by the opening date. Seven out of 12 sets required are triple-car 3000/3001



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type diesel railcars of the 1980-90's. The new service has been welcomed by long suffering passengers who had endured variable bus replacements for about 18 months.

Metro bus services have been compromised by so-called temporary service cuts attributed to the effects of Covid upon staff numbers – some sick and some anti-vaccers. In reality, a further cause of the service cuts has been the under-estimation of extra school runs needed due to Grade 7 students being transferred from primary schools to secondary schools. In many suburbs, double divisions have been scheduled for school runs which have placed further demands upon staff and bus fleets.

There have been no new routes or extensions to existing routes for at least 18 months. New suburbs in the outer north, outer south and the Hills do not have regular route services. There are some on demand mini-buses operating in the Mt Barker and Gawler areas. A number of outer suburban routes have no weekend services. Printed timetables are hard to obtain.

It remains to be seen whether the new Labor government will remedy the above shortcomings.

Robert Field – Adelaide Convenor

Brisbane

The Brisbane branch has met quarterly during the past year.

Generally four or five of us have attended with lively discussions of transport news and views in Brisbane, Queensland and throughout the world.

Brian Webber - Brisbane Convenor

Canberra

The Canberra group of ATA members and others with an interest in transport has continued to meet but with fewer attendees and on a less regular basis than previously. Meetings have been mostly on Zoom (kindly provided by Agnes Boskovitz) and a few times in person at our traditional venue, the Ainslie Football Club. Future meeting frequency is currently uncertain. At the same time, a small group of members and others has been working hard documenting the large timetable bequest of former member, the late Victor Isaacs.

David Cranney – Canberra Convenor

Sydney

The Sydney Division hosted a successful ATA Annual General Meeting by Zoom on September 18, 2021. This was hosted by our Sydney Convenor Geoffrey Clifton. The meeting sought that the Sydney Division host the 2022 AGM and the Sydney Tramway Museum was chosen as the venue. Sunday 16 October will be the date of the 2022 AGM. For a cost of \$15 per participant we will be provided with a museum tour, unlimited tram rides to Waratah Loop towards Sutherland and the Royal National Park, and the use of a conference space at the Sutherland substation. The substation also houses several exhibits. Lunch is planned for 12 noon at Café 2232 Loftus, on the western side of the station. Our AGM will commence at 2pm at the substation. Participants are welcome to join at any time during the day.

The division currently lacks a regular meeting place as the University of Sydney has altered its arrangements for accessing meeting rooms on weekends. However, six members and friends attended a get-together over lunch at the Sutherland and District Trade Union Club at Gynea on Saturday 25 June. Five members sent apologies. Our next get-together will be held in conjunction



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with the AGM on 16 October. It may be possible to meet every three to four months at various club venues around Sydney.

Hilaire Fraser and Geoffrey Clifton – Sydney Convenor



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**MINUTES OF THE 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN
TIMETABLE ASSOCIATION**

Meeting held via Zoom

Saturday 18th September 2021

Item 1

Welcome The President, Hilaire Fraser, opened the meeting at 1405

Attendance John Abrams, Agnes Boskovitz, Michael Brown, Nicole Buckley, Paul Brown, Derek Cheung, Graeme Cleak, Geoffrey Clifton, Peter Don, Neville Fenn, Hilaire Fraser, Steven Haby, Geoff Hassall, Andrew James, Geoff Lambert, David Lewis, Geoffrey Mann, David Matheson, Richard May, Ted McDonald, Dennis McLean, Chris Pandilovski, Len Regan, Alex Sims, Michael Vale, Doug Walker

Apologies Matthew Gibbins, Robert Field, David Hennell, Albert Isaacs, Domenic Haby

Proxies Vic Solomons by Secretary

Item 2 Minutes of the 37th AGM held on 21st November 2020

Moved Steven Haby, seconded Agnes Boskovitz that the minutes of the 37th AGM be received.
Passed.

Items 3 and 4 Business arising from minutes of previous meeting and correspondence

None

Item 5 Reports

5.1 President's Report

Hilaire Fraser spoke briefly to his written report.

Moved Hilaire Fraser, seconded Denis McLean that the President's written report be received.
Passed.

Agnes Boskovitz thanked Hilaire for his work as President.

5.2 Treasurer's Report

In addition to his written report, the Treasurer highlighted that the Association recorded a deficit for the first time in many years, mostly as a result of paying commercial rents for space to undertake work on the National Timetable Collection (NTC). We had also been unsuccessful in our application for a local history grant. Agnes Boskovitz asked whether it was possible to appeal this decision however Len Regan indicated that the terms of the grant process did not allow for this.

Moved Len Regan, seconded Stephen Haby that the financial report submitted to the AGM be received. Passed.

5.3 Table Talk

In addition to the written report, both bus editor Steven Haby and editor Chris Pandilovski noted that much recent content related to COVID-induced transport changes. There had generally been sufficient material to include each month.

5.4 The Times

In addition to the written report, Geoff Lambert noted that articles continued to trickle in from members but it remained a challenge to have sufficient articles in the pipeline.

5.5 Production Manager

Steven Haby briefly outlined the current production arrangements with the activity having moved from Sydney given the COVID restrictions in that city. Steven indicated that he was happy to continue undertaking the printing, collating and mailing for the moment but was hopeful of additional assistance once restrictions ease in Melbourne.

Geoff Lambert referred to his written report but also commented on the challenges of printing folded magazines where the ability to adopt commercial printing techniques by printing on larger sheets and then trimming margins to size did not exist.

5.6 Distribution List

Hilaire Fraser noted that links to new timetables were now being included in the monthly distribution list. He thanked Paul Brown for obtaining electronic timetables for the ATA archives.

Geoff Lambert wondered whether a link to the provider's website rather than listing links to all timetables may work best. Len Regan indicated that the listing of links to the new timetables was valuable for the purposes of being able to download and store these electronic timetables in our archives.

5.7 Membership

Len Regan spoke to his written report and highlighted that encouragingly many of the new members are younger. Len also noted that donations had increased to \$650 with renewals received since July.

5.8 Auctions

Geoff Hassall spoke briefly to his written report and indicated that getting access to auction material during lockdowns had impacted on the quality of material available. The auction list containing DVD's received a particularly disappointing response from bidders. Geoff also indicated that he would be stepping down as auctioneer.

Len Regan indicated that there had been little response from members so far with respect to the call for items for a proposed zoom auction. Restrictions meant that it had not been possible to access potential material held at Hawker. As a result, it was likely that we would need to postpone this initiative.

5.9 Archives and NTC

Len Regan spoke to his written report and highlighted the extreme frustration associated with our application to make use of Windsor station for NTC work. We will need to vacate the current premises at Hawker by the end of October.

There was considerable discussion regarding what we should do moving forward in order to find a suitable location for our work including what the contingency plan should be if no suitable venue was identified by the end of October. Several scout halls were currently being investigated with short term storage in a commercial facility also possible if these options fall through. Recognising that decisions may need to be made at short notice, the following motion was proposed by Geoff Lambert and seconded by Geoffrey Mann.

That members attending the AGM were informed of the upcoming crisis regarding rental space and agreed that the executive and committee should take whatever reasonable action was necessary in

order to seek and obtain alternative accommodation. Passed.

Len Regan also highlighted that there were gaps in the Association's collection of early documentation and members were asked to contact Len if they had any such items in their own collection.

5.10 Webmaster

Alex Sims spoke briefly to his written report.

David Lewis outlined his work on the GetAbout Australia website, indicating how challenging it was for one person to develop and maintain such a project. David highlighted the possible synergies between his project and the data presented on the Train Times website that is now accessible from the ATA website. He asked whether there was any interest from the ATA to be involved with the GetAbout Australia project over the longer term.

Agnes Boskovitz summarised the discussion by saying that the Train Times website was a labour of love for Victor Isaacs and he didn't expect that it would survive his passing. The maintenance of both websites is time and labour consuming and there is some duplication as well as differences between the websites. Who should be involved in all this work needs to be determined.

5.11 Branch reports

Reports of branch activities were circulated in the written annual report.

Denis McLean indicated that five members continue to gather in Brisbane every two months.

Geoffrey Clifton said that no venue was currently available for meeting in Sydney due to policy changes at the University of Sydney. Neville Fenn suggested that the Strathfield Hotel could be considered.

Agnes Boskovitz indicated that a small group in Canberra had been meeting on-line with the next meeting scheduled for 28 October.

Len Regan referred to David Hennell's written report of Melbourne activities which had been limited by ongoing COVID restrictions.

Robert Field has agreed to take on the role of Adelaide convenor. David Lewis indicated that the National Railway Museum may be a possible meeting venue and he agreed to make contact with Robert regarding this.

Item 6 Elections and Appointments

6.1 Determination of required number of committee members

Moved Hilaire Fraser, seconded Michael Smith that there be no more than eight ordinary committee members. Passed.

6.2 Election of Committee

The following nominations were received prior to the meeting for committee positions. Geoff Hassall indicated that he would not be nominating to the committee. The meeting acknowledged the work of Geoff on the committee and as auctioneer.

Position	Nominee	Nominator
President	Hilaire Fraser	Richard May
Vice President	Steven Haby	Hilaire Fraser
Secretary	Richard May	Hilaire Fraser
Treasurer	Len Regan	Geoffrey Mann

Committee Member	Geoff Lambert	Geoff Lambert
Committee Member	Chris Pandilovski	Hilaire Fraser
Committee Member	Andrew James	Andrew James
Committee Member	Michael Vale	Hilaire Fraser
Committee Member	Alex Sims	Hilaire Fraser
Committee Member	Derek Cheung	Hilaire Fraser
Committee Member	Matthew Gibbins	Hilaire Fraser

As there were no further nominations from the floor of the meeting and the number of nominations matched the number of positions, the President, Hilaire Fraser, declared that all appointments were filled as per the nominations.

6.3 Appointment of auditor

It was agreed that Jim Wells be appointed to this role.

Item 7 General Business

Hilaire Fraser thanked Geoffrey Clifton for arranging and hosting the on-line meeting.

Item 8 Location of the 2022 (39th) AGM

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Sydney Division be invited to host the 39th AGM of the ATA given that many members were keen to visit Sydney for such a meeting having not been able to do so in the last two years. Andrew James agreed to follow up with his contacts at the Sydney Tramway Museum to determine whether the meeting could be held there.

Hilaire Fraser closed the meeting at 1555.

Appointments

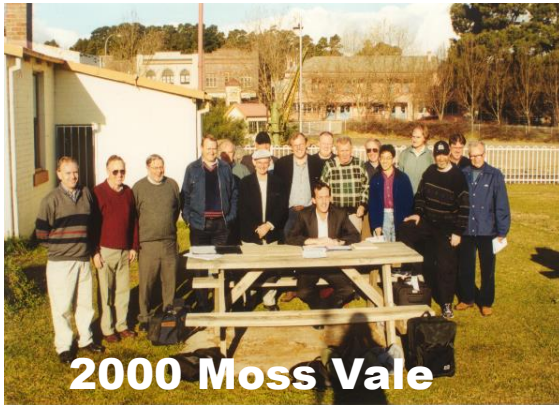
Following the AGM, the incoming committee met and made the following appointments.

Times Editor	Geoff Lambert
Table Talk Editor	Chris Pandilovski
Table Talk Bus Editor	Steven Haby
Production Manager	Steven Haby
Auctioneer	Matthew Gibbins
Archives Officer	Len Regan
Webmaster	Alex Sims
Distribution Manager	Hilaire Fraser
Membership Officer	Len Regan
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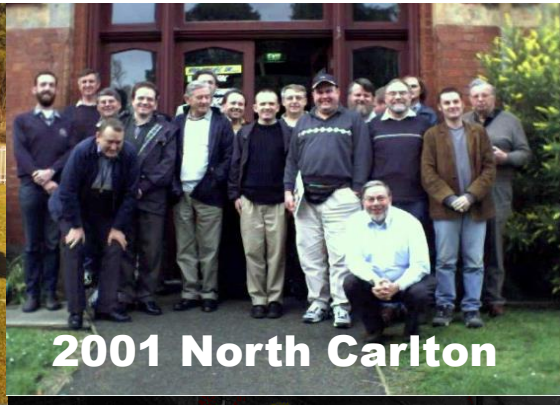
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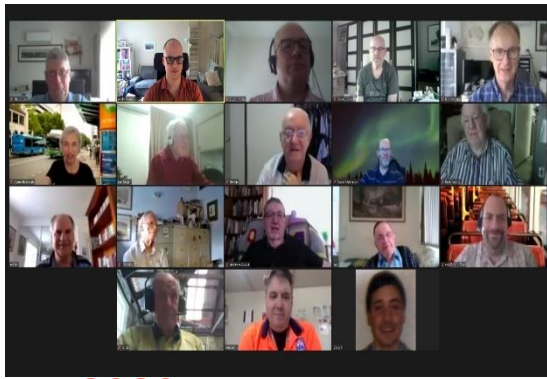
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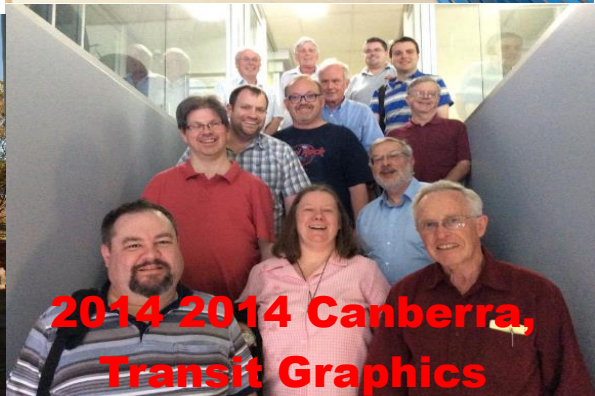
2020 AGM via Zoom



2011 Queanbeyan Station



2016 Brisbane Tram Museum



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2018 Melbourne, Prahran



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