



AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF TIMETABLE COLLECTORS

AATTC AGM 16 OCTOBER 2010 AGENDA

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 - 4.4 *Times* Editor
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 - 4.7 Membership Officer
 - 4.8 Auction
 - 4.9 Promotions Officer
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 - 7.2 Any other business that may be permitted under the Constitution

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* indicates also a Committee member

26th AGM OCTOBER 2009 MINUTES 17 October 2009, at Hawthorn Tram Depot, Vic.

Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

The President, Victor Isaacs opened the meeting at 1425 and welcomed members. He thanked the Melbourne organising Committee and all the interstate visitors for attending.

Members Attending: Ian Brady, Chris Brownbill, Graeme Cleak, Vance Findlay, Hilaire Fraser, Stephen Gray, Victor Isaacs, Geoff Lambert, Geoffrey Mann, Michael Marshall, Len Regan, Derek Scrafton, Brian Sherry, Michael Smith, Ian Wall, Stephen Ward, Jim Wells, Roger Wheaton.

Apologies: None recorded.

Proxy Forms from Dean Ogle, Tris Tottenham, David Hennell.

Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting held in Canberra October 2008

Acceptance moved Smith/Mann CARRIED.

Reports

President's Report

Victor Isaacs presented and spoke to his Report attached to the 2008-09 Annual Report. He highlighted the harmonious relationships which exist in the AATTC and thanked the Branch Convenors, the Committee, the Auctioneer, the Webmaster, Judy & Agnes. This was followed by a general discussion in answer to the question "how many TT Collectors organisations are there?"

Acceptance moved V.Isaacs/Findlay CARRIED

The meeting recorded by acclamation its appreciation of Victor Isaacs term as President.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was attached to the Annual Report for 2008-09. Accounting is now on an accrual basis and, on such basis, the result was a loss of only \$65.72. The Treasurer noted that this result showed the importance of our Auctions in balancing the books.. AATTC has moved to having accounts with both the printers and Australia Post and such transactions (and transactions in general) are now conducted electronically.

Acceptance moved Regan / Wheaton. CARRIED

Reports of Office Holders

The Times Editor's, Production Manager's, Distribution Officer's, and Membership Officer's report attached to the 2007-08 Annual Report were noted and respective officers attending spoke briefly to their Reports. The Table Talk editors noted that they received very little feedback about their efforts. The Auctioneer's Report was delivered orally and evoked lengthy discussion about the "market" for timetables. The next auction will be in March 2010. Stephen is to trial E-Bay as a method of selling USA TTs. Len Regan spoke to the Distribution Officer's Report. A vote of thanks to Len was moved by Ian Brady and supported by acclamation of those present. In his report, Ian Cooper the Publicity Officer reported that all was well, but publicity never seemed to have any discernible effect on membership numbers. The meeting discussed the possible reasons for this.

4 Branch reports

Reports of the Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney Branches attached to the 2008-09 Annual Report were noted and respective convenors attending spoke briefly to their Reports.

5 Election of Committee of Management

5.1 President

Victor Isaacs was nominated by Ian Cooper and elected unopposed.

5.2 Vice President

Hilaire Fraser was nominated by Geoff Lambert and elected unopposed.

5.3 Secretary

Geoff Lambert was nominated by Dennis McLean and elected unopposed.

5.4 Treasurer

Len Regan was nominated by Geoff Lambert and elected unopposed.

5.5 Five Ordinary Committee Members

Geoffrey Clifton, Ian Cooper, Geoffrey Mann, Dennis McLean and Roger Wheaton were nominated and elected unopposed.

5.6 Public Officer

The President noted the requirement that the Public Officer be a resident of Victoria

and stated the intention of the incoming Committee to re-appoint **Stephen Ward**.

6 General Business

6.1 National Timetable Collection

Len Regan reported extensively on progress establishing a National Timetable Collection., including reports on meetings with the State Library of Victoria which occurred earlier in the week.

6.2 Location of the 27th (2010) Annual General Meeting.

The Sydney delegates offered, and the meeting accepted, that the 2009-2010 should be held in Sydney.

7 Meeting Closed at 1500, after which refreshments were taken and the tram museum exhibits were inspected.

27th AGM 16 OCTOBER 2010 PROCEEDINGS

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Seconder	Elected?	Notes
President					
Vice-President					
Secretary					
Treasurer					
Committee member					
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Committee member					

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2010

The AATTC's membership is widely dispersed across Australia (and a few overseas). Yet the Association works well together. There are a number of activities that bind the membership: our two monthly magazines: the *Times* (timetable history and analysis), and *Table Talk* (timetable news), the monthly Distribution Service and our bi-annual Auctions. In addition, there are the popular local meetings -each of which has developed its own style. Our website receives an astonishingly high number of hits. See the individual Reports for more details of our varied activities. All this is made possible by the hard work of our three Editors, our Production Manager, our Auctioneer, our Webmaster, our Treasurer, our Distribution Officer, our local Branch Convenors, our Membership Officer, and others including supportive spouses. Soon, there will also be a National Timetable Collection. There is apparently a wide satisfaction with our activities. We certainly have a high rate of membership renewals each year.

However, we cannot be complacent. We are a "mature" organisation, in the sense that we have probably now captured almost everyone in Australia with an interest in timetables. There is probably little scope to expand our resource base further. Our expenditure exceeds our income – albeit not by a large amount; but enough to require the Committee to keep a close eye on finances (see the following Treasurer's Report).

The National Timetable Collection will provide an additional resource in the future for research. It will be hosted by the State Library of Victoria. The AATTC will provide material and cataloguing information. Discussions about this are proceeding, perhaps slowly, but this is mainly due the SLV's requirements to sort out details from their perspective. The AATTC will index the Collection in Excel and forward the spreadsheets to SLV who will convert them into their standard catalogue format. The SLV will pay for transport to Melbourne. We hope the first deposit of material will be made before the end of the year.

I know of some members who have decided to bequeath their timetable collections to the AATTC in their wills. I urge others to consider this.

During the year the AATTC was able to answer some queries from historical researchers and current transport operators about past services.

Congratulations to all who made these activities possible!

Victor Isaacs
President

TREASURER'S REPORT 2010

The Financial Statement shows that, on an accrual basis, AATTC made a loss in 2009/10 of \$1245.99. This is the data in the top set of figures in the Financial Statement (Table 1). The middle set of figures in the Statement is the reconciliation of this result with the cash at bank. The Balance Sheet is at the bottom of the Financial Statement. It shows how much funds AATTC had on 30 June 2010: \$18,930.01 – an increase of \$2110 over the previous year. However, this cash includes a much higher level of membership renewals prior to the end of the financial year. The Financial Statement also shows the financial details for the previous three financial years.

The Comparative Financial Statement (Table 2) shows how each financial activity has contributed to the end-of-year result. In 2009-10:

- Members services: loss of \$2955
- Distribution Service: profit of \$620
- Auction: profit of \$1089.

During the year:

- Direct deposit facilities for payments for Membership, Distribution Service and Auctions increased significantly. This facility reduces costs to AATTC.
- The use of the AATTC credit account with Australia Post by the Production Manager, Distribution Officer and Assistant Distribution Officers was increased for the purchase of postal services, postal items and stationery. This virtually eliminates the need to reimburse personal expenses.

The Budget for 2010/11 aims to reduce the annual loss to less than \$600. The main variable in the AATTC finances is the net revenue from Auctions.



Len Regan
Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2009-2010

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF TIMETABLE COLLECTORS									
Table 1: 2009 / 2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS									
									As at 14.8.10
Accrual Accounts									
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT									
Income					Expenditure				
	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07		2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07
Subscriptions	7,557.00	7,341.70	7,147.00	7,154.30	The Times Production	4,226.55	3,658.13	4,282.77	3,331.38
Retail Sales	296.00	296.00	172.05	222.00	Table Talk Production	3,777.39	3,435.31	3,151.65	2,444.24
Distribution Service	6,078.68	5,502.13	5,249.86	4,727.25	Members' Newsletter	285.51	356.11	208.39	227.12
Auctions	6,229.35	8,786.18	4,279.75	11,002.75	Mailing Costs	2,672.96	2,584.89	2,887.04	2,471.25
Bank Interest	447.52	876.16	643.53	548.54	Distribution Service	5,416.50	5,510.14	5,247.39	4,586.12
Pay Pal fees - Subscriptions	(20.64)	(20.22)			Auctions	5,088.86	6,385.96	3,146.83	6,139.48
Pay Pal fees - Distribution Service	(42.16)	(42.51)			Paypal Fees - subscriptions			1.50	4.50
Pay Pal fees - Auctions	(50.57)	(63.12)			Publicity		338.80		
					AGM	50.00	-	338.49	142.00
					Administration	223.40	472.70	36.60	69.60
	20,495.18	22,676.32	17,492.19	23,654.84		21,741.17	22,742.04	19,300.66	19,415.69
Loss	1,245.99	65.72	1,808.47		Surplus				4,239.15
	21,741.17	22,742.04	19,300.66	23,654.84		21,741.17	22,742.04	19,300.66	23,654.84
Accrual Cash Flow Reconciliation					Cash Result				
	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07		2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07
Accrual Surplus/ (Loss) as above	(1,245.99)	(65.72)	(1,808.47)	4,239.15	Cash Receipts	24,051.18	24,007.32	19,268.82	17,619.78
Add Income for last year received this year	74.00	-	1,769.10	-	Cash Payments	(21,741.17)	(22,284.06)	(19,716.17)	(19,719.10)
Add Income received last year				266.26					
Add Expenses for this year paid last year		457.98							
Add subscriptions received for next finl year	5,361.00	1,805.00	400.00	350.00					
	4,189.01	2,197.26	360.63	4,855.41					
Less Income received next year	(74.00)	(74.00)	-	(1,769.10)					
Less Expenses for next year paid this year			(457.98)	-					
Less subs received in last year	(1,805.00)	(400.00)	(350.00)	(4,835.00)					
Less dist exp paid last year				(350.63)					
Cash Surplus/ (Loss) for Year	2,310.01	1,723.26	(447.35)	(2,099.32)	Cash Surplus/ (Loss) for Year	2,310.01	1,723.26	(447.35)	(2,099.32)
BALANCE SHEET					Liabilities				
Assests									
	30.06.10	30.06.09	30.6.08	30.6.07		30.06.10	30.06.09	30.6.08	30.6.07
Cash at Bank	8,856.01	6,546.00	4,822.74	5,270.09	Members' Funds				
Interest Bearing Deposit	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	Opening balance	15,015.00	15,080.72	16,889.19	12,650.04
Sundry Debtors	74.00	74.00	-	1,769.10	Surplus / (Loss) for year	(1,245.99)	(65.72)	(1,808.47)	4,239.15
Cash Float - Production: cheque cancelled		200.00	200.00	200.00	Closing balance	13,769.01	15,015.00	15,080.72	16,889.19
Prepaid Expenses - Auction #29			457.98		Subscriptions rec'd in advance	5,361.00	1,805.00	400.00	350.00
					Cash float cancelled	(200.00)	-	-	-
	18,930.01	16,820.00	15,480.72	17,239.19		18,930.01	16,820.00	15,480.72	17,239.19

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Table 2: COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	2009 / 10		2008 / 09		2007/ 08		2006/ 07		2005/ 06	
	Net Cost		Net Cost		Net Cost		Net Cost		Net Cost	
Services for Members										
Revenue										
Members subscriptions	7,536.36		7,321.48		7,147.00		7,154.30		7,235.04	
Retail sales of publications	296.00		296.00		172.05		222.00		224.85	
Bank interest	447.52		876.16		643.53		548.54		305.37	
	<u>8,279.88</u>		<u>8,493.64</u>		<u>7,962.58</u>		<u>7,924.84</u>		<u>7,765.26</u>	
Expenses										
The Times Production	4,226.55		3,658.13		4,282.77		3,331.38		3,543.79	
Table Talk Production	3,777.39		3,435.31		3,151.65		2,444.24		2,696.14	
Members' Newsletter	285.51		356.11		208.39		227.12		320.04	
Mailing Costs	2,672.96		2,584.89		2,887.04		2,471.25		2,815.57	
Paypal Fees - subscriptions	-		-		1.50		4.50		7.28	
Publicity	-		338.80		-		-		271.15	
AGM costs	50.00		-		338.49		142.00		182.20	
Administration	223.40		472.70		36.60		69.60		44.50	
	<u>11,235.81</u>		<u>10,845.94</u>		<u>10,906.44</u>		<u>8,690.09</u>		<u>9,880.67</u>	
Net Cost of Services for Members	<u>(2,955.93)</u>	(2,955.93)	<u>(2,352.30)</u>	(2,352.30)	<u>(2,943.86)</u>	(2,943.86)	<u>(765.25)</u>	(765.25)	<u>(2,115.41)</u>	(2,115.41)
Distribution Service										
Revenue	6,036.52		5,459.62		5,249.86		4,727.25		2,921.83	
Expenses	5,416.50		5,510.14		5,247.39		4,586.12		4,616.99	
	<u>620.02</u>	620.02	<u>(50.52)</u>	(50.52)	<u>2.47</u>	2.47	<u>141.13</u>	141.13	<u>(1,695.16)</u>	(1,695.16)
Auctions										
Revenue	6,178.78		8,723.06		4,279.75		11,002.75		3,231.95	
Expenses	5,088.86		6,385.96		3,146.83		6,139.48		2,774.40	
	<u>1,089.92</u>	1,089.92	<u>2,337.10</u>	2,337.10	<u>1,132.92</u>	1,132.92	<u>4,863.27</u>	4,863.27	<u>457.55</u>	457.55
SURPLUS/ (LOSS) FOR YEAR	<u>(1,245.99)</u>		<u>(65.72)</u>		<u>(1,808.47)</u>		<u>4,239.15</u>		<u>(3,353.02)</u>	
The Distribution Service and Auctions could be considered as services to members but not all members use these activities while some non - members do.										

TABLE TALK EDITORS' REPORT

During 2009-2010, the AATTC's news magazine, *Table Talk*, continued to be produced on a joint basis. Victor Isaacs edited the Rail and Tram, Airline and Ferry sections, and Geoff Mann edited the Bus section. This arrangement works very well. The 12 issues comprised 189 pages of timetable related news. Depending on pagination, sometimes the AATTC Members' News was included with *Table Talk* and sometimes it was a separate document. Our sincere thanks are due to the many members who share their news with their fellow-members by contributing items. Other news was sourced from operators' publicity and websites, and from observations. The strength of the magazine is its current news, but longer features are also included.

Victor Isaacs

Geoff Mann

Co-editors, *Table Talk*

TIMES EDITOR'S REPORT 2010

Type	2008-2009			2009-10		
	Items	Pages	%age	Items	Pages	%age
Article	34	150	92%	37	164	90%
Letter	10	13	8%	18	14	8%
Review	0	0	0.0%	2	3	1.9%
Note	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Pictorial	0	0	0%	1	1	1%
Total	44	163		58	182	
Mode						
Rail	30	101	57%	38	127	63%
Tram	3	21	12%	6	14	7%
Bus	12	49	28%	14	48	24%
Water	0	0	0%	3	4	2%
Air	0	0	0%	1	3	1%
Non-Modal	1	6	3%	4	4	2%
Sum	46	176		66	201	
Area						
AUS	28	121	74%	48	153	84%
NZ	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
UK	3	4	2%	5	17	9%
USA	8	15	9%	3	11	6%
EUR	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
OTH	5	23	14%	2	2	1%
ALL	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Total	44	163		58	183	

Authors		Authors	
Name	Articles	Name	Articles
Authors	44	26	58
Butt, Ken	1	Appleton, Michael	1
Clover, Dick	1	Bailey, Tony	2
Foley, Avril	1	Bau, Mark	1
Fraser, Hilaire	1	Borokov, Konstantin	1
Henderson, Robert	1	Corliss, Carlton	1
Hennell, David	3	Cowan, Kid	1
Isaacs, Albert	1	Duffin, Graham	1
Isaacs, Victor	10	Forsythe, J	1
Lambert, Geoff	6	Fraser, Hilaire	1
Mann, Geoff	1	Henderson, Robert	3
McIlwain, Tony	1	Hennell, David	1
Ogle, Dean	1	Isaacs, Albert	5
O'Neil, James	9	Isaacs, Victor	6
Schwantes, Carlos	1	Jack, Ian	1
Scrafton, Derek	2	Lambert, Geoff	9
Tagaki, Ryo	1	Matsumoto, Seicho	1
Wells, Jim	1	McLean, Andrew	1
Wilkins, John	1	Minetoshi, Ippei	1
Wright, Frazer	1	Numerous	1
		O'Neil, James	7
		Smith, Conrad	1
		Stokes, Jim	2
		Tottenham, Tris	1
		Wells, Jim	6
		Whiteford, David	1
		Wilkins, John	1

These statistics for *The Times* in 2008-2009, and 2009-2010 do not always equate

because some articles refuse to be pinned down to a single category. The proportion of articles that is rail-related is up, after having fallen last year. The proportion of pages devoted to Australian issues has increased significantly.

Especially notable features of *The Times* in the last year has been the 80% increase in the number of Letters to the Editor and the 30% increase in the number of authors - many of them completely new to the magazine.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the authors, letter-writers and the proof-reading team, for all the work they have put into *The Times* throughout the year. They have helped make it something which I feel people look forward to each month.

Geoff Lambert
Times Editor

PRODUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT 2010

Production of the AATTC's material—*The Times*, *Table Talk*, the Auction catalogues, Members Newsletter, survey forms, the Distribution List and miscellaneous printed guff—ran smoothly all year this year. I was gratified to learn in a recent e-mail that “*AATTC members set their watches by the arrival time of the AATTC monthly mail-out*” I am sure it is true.

It should be noted that most AATTC material is prepared in full colour, but the printers are instructed to make the production in black and white. Further, AATTC printed material is produced by what is essentially a photocopy process, which holds prices down. Full colour, but lower-resolution, versions are available on the AATTC web-site after a prudent period.

All AATTC production is now done electronically and source material is sent to the Production Manager via e-mail. Material is submitted to the printer on CD-ROM. There is thus no particular reason why the Production Manager cannot be anywhere in Australia, though it is an advantage to have them located in a city which would minimise postage costs— which would probably favour Melbourne. Melbourne, however, did the production for about 20 years, so it would be fair to retain production in Sydney for the moment. It is probably an advantage for the Production Manager and one of the Editors to be the same person.

In past years, a detailed breakdown of production costs and mailing costs was given on this page. This is no longer possible or necessary, because AATTC has established accounts with our printers and with Australia Post. All billing details now go directly to the Treasurer, rather than passing through the Production Manager. Bills are also paid by the Treasurer, rather than by the Production Manager. These details can be found in the Financial Statement.

I would like to thank all those who helped with production, including Judy Lambert, to whom we owe a special debt—for it is she who delivers and picks up the print job and must face *Mr Grumpy* at Australia Post on the first Monday of every month. But there is good news here- Mr Grumpy has mellowed and even smiles and makes jokes these days!

Geoff Lambert
Production Manager

DISTRIBUTION OFFICER'S REPORT 2010

The Distribution Service produced 12 Distribution Lists during the year, one for each month. The table below summarises the main performance data for the year, and shows a comparison with the previous year.

Distribution Service Performance Statistics: 2009 - 2010			
Activity	2008-09	2009-10	% change
Number of Distribution Lists	12	12	0%
Items offered	1475	1363	-8%
Orders placed	513	532	4%
Copies of Items requested	6,897	6,650	-4%
Payment Due for Items Ordered	\$7,359.72	\$7,347.51	0%
Number of 'Limited Stock' items unable to supply	116	71	-39%
Value of ordered Items that could not be supplied	\$282.75	\$104.75	-63%
Payment Due for Items supplied	\$7,076.97	\$7,242.76	2%
Income: Sales internal transfers	\$66.10	\$0.00	-100%
: Sales: Payments	\$11.00	\$0.00	-100%
: Cheque, Cash	\$3,772.30	\$3,639.09	-4%
: EFT	\$382.96	\$1,159.99	203%
: PayPal (net of fees)	\$1,227.26	\$1,237.44	1%
: Total	\$5,459.62	\$6,036.52	11%
Expenses: Photocopies	\$1,365.31	\$1,354.52	-1%
: Stationery	\$237.90	\$220.29	-7%
: Postage - Pre-paid	\$2,305.98	\$2,302.95	0%
: Other Purchases	\$120.20	\$238.06	98%
: Distribution List printing	\$1,480.75	\$1,300.68	-12%
: Total	\$5,510.14	\$5,416.50	-2%
Balance: Income - Expenses	-\$50.52	\$620.02	1327%
Number who paid by: Stamps	60	53	-12%
: Cheque, Cash	125	106	-15%
: Electronic funds transfer	14	33	136%
: PayPal	37	33	-11%
Cost of obtaining items for the Distribution Service	\$1,444.12	\$1,342.46	-7%
% of acquisition costs claimed as credit	28%	26%	-7%
Average value of orders supplied	\$13.80	\$13.61	-1%
Average price paid per Item supplied	\$1.04	\$1.10	6%
Average number of Items per order	13.4	12.5	-7%
Number of participants	81	85	5%

In summary, the Distribution Service continued to perform strongly, with an increase in activity in some aspects and a small decline in others characteristics. The most significant achievement was a profit of \$620, compared to a small loss in the previous year.

There was a small increase in the number of orders placed, but a decrease in the number of times ordered. Payments due for items ordered were identical, but after taking account of 'Limited Stock' items, there was a small increase in the payments due for items supplied. While the average value of the orders supplied decreased by 1%, the average price paid per item increased by 6% in response to a larger number of smaller value items being offered. However the average number of items requested per order declined by 7%. There was a small increase in the number of people participating in the Distribution Service. There was a slight decrease in expenses, due partly to reduced costs for printing the Distribution List. The cost of buying timetables from overseas for Special Purchases doubled, but all these costs are paid for by prior orders.

As in previous years, the difficulties of obtaining sufficient supplies of popular items remain. Most operators are cooperative, but problems occur when superseded timetables are sent in response to our request for the current timetables. The number of requests for sets of current timetables is increasing. Some success is being achieved in obtaining bulk supplies of sets of new timetables direct from the operators, with the orders being despatched by an assistant Distribution Officer in the same city.

The most popular item for the year was Timetables on CD 28 with 24 orders (Item 36 in January 2010 Distribution List). Three items had 23 orders each:

- sets of CityRail timetables from 11 October 2009 (October 2010 List)
- sets of CountryLink timetables from 11 October 2009 (October 2010 List)
- Timetables on CD 27 (November 2010 List).

Five Timetables on CD were offered during the year.

In addition to the Distribution List, the Distribution Service continued to provide Grab Box material for the Sydney and Brisbane Division Meetings, and to collect material from the Sydney Grab Box for inclusion in the Distribution Lists.

Financially, the Distribution Service made a profit for the year of \$620, well above the budget target to breakeven. This result includes the costs of printing the Distribution List. The Distribution Service now needs to make a profit to contribute to the overall AATTC financial situation. The Financial Statement for the Distribution Service, and comparisons with previous years, is attached.

The Distribution Service holds \$761 in credit for payments for orders that have been made in advance. This is an increase of \$43 from the amount held in credit at the end of the previous year. Postage stamps still remain an integral part of the Distribution List trading. 10% of payments were made with stamps, 12% less than in the previous year. Stamp trading is kept outside the AATTC accounts. The asset value of stamps held at the end of the year decreased by \$4.25 to \$122.10. The number of payments by direct deposits to the AATTC bank account more than doubled, with a drop in payments by cheque, cash and PayPal. This is a welcome trend, as it reduces costs to AATTC.

Increases in postage costs continue to have an impact on Distribution Service costs. Australia Post increased postage for letters and parcels (items weighing more than 500g) in July 2009. Where possible, large Distribution List orders are posted in multiple 500g letter envelopes, unless individual items weigh more than 500g, or the total weight of the order is more than 1.5kg.

The success of the Distribution Service would not be possible without the consistent and regular contributions from the supporters who are listed each month in the Distribution Lists. The Assistant Distribution Officers, Hilaire Fraser, Roger Wheaton, Geoffrey Clifton and Joe Friedman, collect and despatch orders for items from their home city. Hilaire also assists greatly by researching new timetables and sending requests for them to operators. Other members who regularly supply material deserve special mention: John Mikita, Lourie Smit, Stephen Gray, Geoff Lambert, Robert Henderson, Peter Walhouse, Victor Isaacs, Scott Ferris, Ian Brady, Steven Haby, Michael Marshall, Matthew Jennings, James Ng, Samuel Rachdi and Spencer Ross.

Len Regan
Distribution Officer

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT 2010

As at 24 September 2010, the Association has 149 members. These comprise:

Life members 2

Ordinary members 146

Student Members 1

We exchange magazines with 2 organisations, as well as lodge copies, as legally required, with the National Library and State Library of Victoria.

Since last year's AGM, we were saddened by the death of Jack Mclean, our founder and Life Member. We welcomed 7 new members into the Association, but lost 6 who did not renew. There is no change of numbers since 2009. Our overseas members include 4 from the UK, 1 from the USA and 1 from Switzerland.

A breakdown in Membership is:

VIC	45	
NSW	60	
QLD	14	
SA	10	
WA	4	
TAS	1	
ACT	9	
OVERSEAS	6	TOTAL 149

Dennis McLean
Membership Officer

AUCTIONEER'S REPORT 2010

During the 2009-10 year, two auctions were conducted in October 2009 and April 2010. Detailed reports were made available to members at the conclusion of each auction. The actions produced good results for the AATTC and detailed below are the highlights of each of the auctions:

	October 2009	April 2010
Lots offered	235	230
% Sold	62%	68%
Revenue	\$2,507.00	\$3,633.00
Expenses	\$ 225.00	\$ 363.56
Vendor Payments	\$1,905.00	\$2,314.0000
Profit	\$ 795.00	\$ 955.44

The ongoing contribution of revenue to the association is dependent on items being supplied for auction. While the volume of items offered continues at a steady level, the quality and demand is such that the revenue generated is falling. This is mainly due to the age of the items being more recent and therefore the price purchasers are prepared to pay is far less than those items that are older. This means the amount of profit will continue to decline marginally based on the material currently being supplied and prices members are prepared to pay for these items.

I would like to thank Len Regan for assistance for support with the financial side of the auction and also for setting up the Australia Post account, which has saved a lot of time with postage requirements. Also I would like to thank David Hennell for assistance with compiling the lots and Albert Isaacs for assistance with logistics and valuations.

Stephen Ward
AATTC Auctioneer

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT 2010

In terms of direct input to the task of publicising the activities of the AATTC in the year ended 30 June 2010, it has been an uneventful year. Only one special promotion was undertaken as a result of an approach being made to the Publicity Officer by the Richmond Vale Railway. Membership brochures were dispatched to the RVR Secretary.

It is not known whether any persons were enticed to join the Association.

Although there has been little direct input by the Publicity Officer to the development of the Association, considerable thought has been given, at various times during the year, to the dilemma facing the Association. This dilemma can be summarised by asking the question "Does the Association wish to increase membership and, at what cost, are we prepared to pay for such a project?"

If the Committee remains interested in expanding membership numbers, it is recommended that the incoming Committee discuss the extent to which it is prepared to allocate funds to the publicity task. It is difficult to see what else could be undertaken in a cost effective manner, over and above what is currently performed.

There is considerable evidence that the website continues to be the major source of external publicity and a viable means of attracting new members in terms of funds expended. The Publicity Officer has received, at irregular intervals during the past year, enquiries from the media regarding "the unusual activity of collecting timetables". The media has obtained a contact name and telephone number from the website. Any subsequent publicity arising from the media attention obviously offers a very economic method of advertising the existence of the AATTC. I would propose that, in future, we attempt to find out from any new subscribers, the means by which they found out about the Association.

Most other methods of publicising the AATTC involve the expenditure of Association funds at an unknown level of risk. For example, the Association could take out advertisements in rail, bus and tram journals and offer an introductory half price subscription for, say, six months. The cost of such an approach may be very unproductive. Therefore, the unanswered question remains: What should the Association do to attract new subscribers and what funds should be allocated to such a task, assuming the AATTC wishes to substantially increase the number of subscribers?

Ian G. Cooper
Publicity Officer

BRANCH REPORTS 2010

ADELAIDE

Adelaide Branch had two meetings during the year in accordance with the pattern established over recent years. Roger Wheaton was re-elected as the local convenor. The meetings have continued to be rather informal gatherings where items of a general transport interest are discussed by those present. At both meetings there have been non member guests. It is hoped that their attendance may result in additional members to the Association.

R T Wheaton
Adelaide Convenor

BRISBANE

Several Brisbane members met on three occasions in the year to enjoy the Grab Box material provided so efficiently by Len Regan and to share their stories.

Brian Webber
Brisbane Convenor

CANBERRA

Canberra Branch informal meetings over dinner at the Ainslie Football Club on the second Thursday of each month are now an entrenched feature of the Canberra Region transport scene. Attendances, including those persons active in the ACT Transit Group, usually average between eight and ten local residents plus one or two visitors on various occasions during the year. Discussion usually covers every aspect of every mode of transport, together with reports on member's travel exploits. Timetables and maps collected whilst on interstate and overseas holidays are exchanged in a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere.

Ian G. Cooper
Canberra Convenor

MELBOURNE

The Melbourne Division continued to meet regularly as during the 2009-10 with meetings held in July, September and November 2009 and March, May 2010. The meetings averaged 6-8 members per meeting and activities ranged from trivia nights to slide shows and also presentations on timetables of interest. The usual "grab box" contributions were available for members to obtain current timetables of interest. The Melbourne Division thanks David Hennell for the continued use of his premises as the location of Melbourne Division Meetings.

As I am temporarily located in Sydney on a work assignment, I have temporarily stepped down as AATTC Melbourne convenor. David Hennell is kindly acting as the contact point for the Melbourne Division, during my absence.

Stephen Ward
AATTC Melbourne Convenor

SYDNEY

Sydney meetings are held at 1400 on the first Saturday of February, May, August and November in the church hall of Roseville Uniting Church, 2 Lord St, Roseville. This

is a very short walk from Roseville Railway Station on the North Shore line. All members and non-members are very welcome. Large grab tables for the exchange of timetables, and afternoon tea, are always features.

The Sydney Division had a very enjoyable year with over 20 people attending each of the four meetings. The August 2009 meeting featured an illustrated talk by Kent Hannah, a prominent member of our US kindred organisation, the National Association of Timetable Collectors (www.naotc.org), Kent's talk centred on the history of Indian railway timetables during the British colonial era.

Geoffrey Clifton
Sydney Convenor