



**AUSTRALIAN
ASSOCIATION OF
TIMETABLE
COLLECTORS
ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011**



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1921 – 2010
FOUNDER, AATTC**

AATTC AGM 15 OCTOBER 2011 AGENDA

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* indicates also a Committee member

27th AGM OCTOBER 2010 MINUTES 16 October 2010, at Sydney Tram Museum

Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

The President, Victor Isaacs opened the meeting at 1410 and welcomed members. He thanked the

Sydney organising Committee and all the interstate visitors for attending.

Members Attending:, N.Fenn, V.Isaacs, G.Lambert, J. O'Neil, Geoff Mann, Michael Smith, Ja,es

Ng, Geoffrey Clifton, Stephen Ward, James T Wells, Hilaire Fraser, Geoff Hassall, Duncan MacAuslan, Ben Lewis, Noel Farr, David Mathieson

Apologies: Ian Brady V.Solomons, L.Regan, R.Wheaton

Proxy Forms from Dean Ogle, Len Regan, Dennis McLean, Paul Nicholson, David Hennell,

Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne October 2009

Acceptance moved Smith/Mann CARRIED.

Correspondence (none)

Reports

President's Report

Victor Isaacs presented and spoke to his Report attached to the 2009-10 Annual Report.

Acceptance moved V.Isaacs/J.Wells 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 2010-11.

Acceptance moved Lambert / Fenn. CARRIED with acclamation.

Reports of Office Holders

The Times Editor's, Production Manager's, Distribution Officer's, and Membership Officer's report

attached to the 2009-10 Annual Report were noted and respective officers attending spoke briefly to

their Reports. The Table Talk editors noted that there were always plenty of items for publication. A

discussion on the costs of e-mailing the magazines followed.

4 Branch reports

Reports of the Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney Branches attached to the 2010-11 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 Victor Isaacs and elected unopposed.

5.4 Treasurer

Len Regan was nominated by Geoff Lambert and elected unopposed.

5.5 Five Ordinary Committee Members

Victor Isaacs, Geoff Hassal, Dennis McLean and Roger Wheaton were nominated. Victor Isaacs

withdrew his nomination the others were elected unopposed. Nominations were called for from the

floor for two extra members. Three people were nominated: **Geoffrey Clifton** (Hilaire.Fraser), **Geoffrey Mann** (Michael Smith) and **Michael Smith** (Jim O'Neil). A secret ballot was held and

the Returning Officer (Hilaire.Fraser) declared **Geoffrey Clifton** and **Geoffrey Mann** to be elected.

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 appoint a Victorian member.

6 General Business

6.1 National Timetable Collection

Mover Hilaire Fraser, seconded Victor Isaacs that Len Regan and Geoffrey Clifton be congratulated on the

good work which they had done in establishing this important venture

6.2 Location of the 28th (2010) Annual General Meeting.

The Canberra delegates offered, and the meeting accepted, that the 2010-11 AGM should be held in

Canberra.

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

28th AGM 15 OCTOBER 2011 PROCEEDINGS

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Elected?
President	Victor Isaacs	Ian Cooper	Yes
Vice-President	Hilaire Fraser	Geoff Lambert	Yes
Secretary	Geoff Lambert	Geoff Mann	Yes
Treasurer	Len Regan	Geoff Lambert	Yes
Committee member	Geoffrey Clifton	Geoffrey Clifton	
Committee member	Geoff Hassall	Victor Isaacs	Yes
Committee member	Stephen Haby	Stephen Haby	Yes
Committee member	Dennis McLean	Geoff Lambert	Yes
Committee member	Roger Wheaton	Geoff Lambert	Yes

ANNUAL REPORTS 2010-2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011

The past year was notable for two events. On 23 June 2010 we lost our founder and mentor, Jack McLean. His loss is keenly felt. I, and other AATTC members, was privileged to represent the Association at his funeral.

We have signed an agreement with the State Library of Victoria which provides for them to house a National Timetable Collection – which will be named after Jack McLean. The Association will have the ongoing task of cataloguing material before passing it to the Library. There it will be accessible to researchers. This is a major achievement, and a major responsibility for us. The benefits will be great for future researchers. Geoffrey Clifton and Len Regan are managing this new function.

Our established activities, our two magazines, the *Times* for timetable history and analysis, and *Table Talk* for timetable news, our monthly Distribution Service, our twice yearly Auctions, our website, and our meetings in major cities, continued, as you can read in the following reports. We believe that the past year was again very successful and thanks are richly deserved by all who devoted their time to making these activities possible.

Victor Isaacs
President

TREASURER'S REPORT 2011

The Financial Statement shows that, on an accrual basis, AATTC made a small profit in 2010-11 of \$104. To achieve this result, in 2010-2011 compared with 2009-2010:

Revenue from Membership Fees increased by 9%.

The Distribution Service showed an operational profit of \$377, and a financial profit of \$512 when the adjustment for advance credit accounts is taken into account.

Auctions made a profit of \$1261, a 16% increase.

Printing and postage costs for “The Times” and “Table Talk” were reduced by 5%.

The funds held in advance payment accounts for the Distribution Service are now shown in the Balance Sheet as a liability. This has required a one-off adjustment in the financial report.

During the year:

Direct deposit facilities for payments for Membership, Distribution Service and Auctions continued to be used extensively. 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 used effectively for the purchase of postal services, postal items and stationery. This virtually eliminates the need to reimburse personal expenses.

The Budget for 2011-12 anticipates an annual loss of around \$400. The main variable in the AATTC finances is the net revenue from Auctions.



Len Regan
Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2010-2011

Australian Association of Time Table Collectors Financial Statements for the Year 2010/11

	2011 \$		2010 \$
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June			
Income			
Subscriptions	8,209	7,536	
Retail Sales	336	370	
Distribution Service	4,653	5,994	
Auctions	6,128	6,179	
Bank Interest	623	448	
	19,949		20,527
Expenditure			
"The Times" Production	4,126	4,227	
"Table Talk" Production	3,569	3,777	
Members' Newsletter	182	286	
Mailing Costs	2,521	2,673	
Distribution Service	4,141	5,417	
Auctions	4,867	5,089	
National Timetable Collection	15	-	
Ann Gen Meeting	37	50	
Administration	387	223	
	19,845		21,742
Surplus / (deficit)	104	(1,215)	
Balance Sheet as at 30th June			
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	10,735	8,581	
Term Deposit	10,000	10,000	
Debtors	336	74	
	21,071	18,655	
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	1,783	-	
Subscriptions in advance	6,025	5,361	
Mail Order deposits	626	761	
	8,434	6,122	
Net assets	12,637	12,533	
Accumulated Funds			
As at start of period (Note 1)	12,533	13,748	
Surplus / (deficit)	104	(1,215)	
As at end of period	12,637	12,533	

Notes:

1. The accounts for 2008/09 have been restated (but not published) for two reasons: (1) Accounting errors booking debtors and a cash advance - effect on accumulated funds - \$548 negative, and (2) the recognition of mail order deposits as a liability - fund effect \$718 negative.

Jim Wells

(Accountant) 30th August 2011

Len Regan

(Treasurer) 30th August 2011

TABLE TALK EDITORS' REPORT 2011

Our two magazines are one of the main features which keep our members together across this vast country, and, we believe they are one of the most appreciated benefits of membership. *Table Talk*, our monthly news magazine, had another very successful year. This was mainly due to our correspondents who reported on interesting events throughout many diverse operators and various transport modes. Victor Isaacs was responsible for editing the Rail, Air and Ferry sections and Geoff Mann for the Bus news section. Issues varied in size in direct proportion to the news available, from 20 to 7 pages, averaging 12 pages (excluding *Members' News* which was sometimes attached and sometimes separate, depending on production requirements).

Victor Isaacs
Geoff Mann
Co-editors, *Table Talk*

PRODUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT 2011

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.

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 the ever-changing kaleidoscope of the Australia Post Print Post Mailing system each month. *Mr Grumpy* at Australia Post retired this year due to ill-health. We miss him and wish him a speedy recovery.

Geoff Lambert
Production Manager

TIMES EDITOR'S REPORT 2011

Some statistics for The Times in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 appear below (the numbers do not always equate because some articles refuse to be pinned down to a single category).

	2009-10			2010-11		
	Items	Pages	%age	Items	Pages	%age
Article	37	164	90%	46	154	89%
Letter	18	14	8%	15	16	9%
Review	2	3	1.9%	0	0	0.0%
Note	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Pictorial	1	1	1%	3	3	2%
Total	58	182		64	173	
Rail	38	127	63%	43	89	54%
Tram	6	14	7%	1	11	7%
Bus	14	48	24%	13	52	31%
Water	3	4	2%	2	7	4%
Air	1	3	1%	2	6	4%
Non-Modal	4	4	2%	1	1	1%
Sum	66	201		62	166	
AUS	48	153	84%	42	103	62%
NZ	0	0	0%	1	1	1%
UK	5	17	9%	6	31	19%
USA	3	11	6%	5	10	6%
EUR	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
OTH	2	2	1%	8	21	13%
ALL	0	0	0%	1	1	1%
Total	58	183		63	167	

<u>Authors</u>		<u>Authors</u>	
Name	Articles	Name	Articles
Authors	26	28	61
Appleton, Michael	1	Anon	1
Bailey, Tony	2	Bailey, Tony	1
Bau, Mark	1	Ding, EH	1
Borokov, Konstantin	1	Fraser, Hilaire	1
Corliss, Carlton	1	Henderson, Robert	2
Cowan, Kid	1	Howie, Margaret	1
Duffin, Graham	1	Isaacs, Albert	1
Forsythe, J	1	Isaacs, Victor	2
Fraser, Hilaire	1	Jack, Ian	1
Henderson, Robert	3	Kawai, Momoko	1
Hennell, David	1	Lambert, Geoff	10
Isaacs, Albert	5	MacAuslan, Dunxan	4
Isaacs, Victor	6	McLean, Jack	7
Jack, Ian	1	Mulky, Jitendra	1
Lambert, Geoff	9	Newman, Ralph G	1
Matsumoto, Seicho	1	Ng, James	1
McLean, Andrew	1	Ogle, Dean	2
Minetoshi, Ippei	1	Ogle, Jim	1
Numerous	1	O'Neil, Jim	7
O'Neil, James	7	SMH	1
Smith, Conrad	1	Various	3
Stokes, Jim	2	VR	1
Tottenham, Tris	1	Webber, Brian	1
Wells, Jim	6	Weekly Notice	1
Whiteford, David	1	Wells, Jim	6
Wilkins, John	1	Whiteford, David	1
		Whyte, Brendan	1
		Wikipedia	1
		XXXX	1

The most notable feature of the Times' year has been the increase in the size of articles written about overseas subjects, most notably those in the U.K. and the decrease in the size of articles about subjects in Australia. Articles continue to flow in, or are dreamed up by the editor and potential articles are brought to the Editor's attention by members, particularly by Tony Bailey who seems to keep a watching brief on the entire world of transport

Geoff Lambert
Times Editor

DISTRIBUTION OFFICER'S REPORT 2011

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: 2010 - 2011			
Activity	2009-10	2010-11	% change
Number of Distribution Lists	12	12	0%
Items offered	1363	1356	- 0%
Orders placed	533	457	-14%
Copies of Items requested	6,653	5,750	-14%
Payment Due for Items Ordered	\$7,344.51	\$5,811.75	- 21%
Number of 'Limited Stock' items unable to supply	71	144	103%
Value of Limited Stock items that could not be supplied	\$104.75	\$246.50	135%
Payment Due for Items supplied	\$7,239.76	\$5,565.25	- 23%
Income: Sales: internal transfers	\$0.00	\$11.97	
: Sales: Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	
: Cheque, Cash	\$3,639.09	\$2,661.53	- 27%
: EFT	\$1,159.99	\$808.86	- 30%
: PayPal (net of fees)	\$1,237.44	\$1,036.14	- 16%
: Total	\$6,036.52	\$4518.50	- 25%
Expenses: Photocopies	\$1,354.52	\$524.57	- 61%
: Stationery	\$220.29	\$107.00	- 51%
: Postage - Pre-paid	\$2,302.95	\$2,111.08	-8 3%
: Other Purchases	\$238.06	\$90.00	- 62%
: Distribution List printing	\$1,300.68	\$1,308.04	1%
: Total	\$5,416.50	\$4,140.69	- 24%
Balance: Income - Expenses	\$620.02	\$377.81	- 39%
Number who paid by: Stamps	53	48	- 9%
: Cheque, Cash	106	81	- 24%
: Electronic funds transfer	33	37	12%
: PayPal	33	31	- 6%
Cost of obtaining items for the Distribution Service	\$1,342.46	\$1,032.08	- 23%
% of acquisition costs claimed as credit	25%	7%	- 72%
Average value of orders supplied	\$13.58	\$12.18	- 10%
Average price paid per Item supplied	\$1.10	\$0.99	-1 0%
Average number of Items per order	12.5	12.6	1%
Number of participants	85	76	- 11%

In summary, the Distribution Service continued to perform well, but with a decreased level of activity due to smaller distribution lists in September and October 2010.

Although the number of items offered in the Distribution Lists was almost the same as in the previous year, there was a reduction of 14% in the number of orders placed and the number of copies of items requested.

There was a large increase in the number orders for 'Limited Stock' items that could not be supplied. This was due almost entirely to orders for overseas timetables, and for the airline

timetables in February, March, April, and May 2011 Distribution Lists, for which there was normally only one copy available, but for which multiple orders were received.

The average value of the orders supplied and the average price paid per item decreased by 10%. This was due largely to the increase in orders for items supplied by email, replacing many similar items supplied in print form previously. This change is also reflected in the 61% reduction in the photocopying and digital printing costs for the year.

There was a significant decrease in the number of people participating in the Distribution Service, from 85 in 2009-2010 to 76 in 2010-2011. This change may be a matter for concern if it continues.

It is pleasing that we have been able to continue to offer full sets of new timetables as they are issued. This is achieved with the co-operation of operators and the support of assistant Distribution Officers who collect and despatch the sets of timetables.

The most popular items for the year were the new CityRail timetables issued on 10 October 2010 (Items 2 and 3 in October 2010 Distribution List). There were:

19 orders for the sets of public timetables, and

21 orders for the Working Timetables: 11 for the books and 10 for the files.

There were also 19 orders for the sets of Newcastle Buses timetables from 17 October 2010 (November 2010 List) and for the Newcastle Buses Network Guide (December 2010 Distribution List). There were 17 orders for Timetables on DVDs 31 and 32 (January and February 2011 Distribution Lists), as well as for several other train and bus timetables.

It is an interesting analysis to examine for the full year the number of Distribution List items for each category, and the average number of copies ordered for items in each category.

Category	Number of Items Listed	% of Total	Copies Ordered	% of Total	Copies ordered per Item Listed
Train & Tram timetables	241	18%	1348	23%	5.6
Bus & Ferry timetables	388	29%	2503	44%	6.5
Air & Sea	256	19%	353	6%	1.4
Maps & Brochures	426	31%	1437	25%	3.4
Promotions	45	3%	109	2%	2.4
Total	1356		5750		4.2

Although individual train and tram timetables were the most popular, statistically on average bus and ferry timetables were more popular than train and tram timetables.

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 and Melbourne Grab Boxes for inclusion in the Distribution Lists.

While income fell by 25%, there was a matching decrease in expenses by 24%, reflecting management efficiencies and the lower number of orders.

Financially, the Distribution Service made an operational profit for the year of \$377, \$77 better than the budget target of \$300. This result includes the costs of printing the Distribution List. The Distribution Service profit contributes to the overall AATTC financial situation. The Operational Finances Statement for the Distribution Service is shown below.

At the end of the year, the Distribution Service held \$626 in credit for payments that have been made in advance. This is reduction of \$135 from the amount held in credit at the end of the previous year. In the AATTC Financial Statement, these credit funds are now shown as a liability. The introduction of this item into the Financial Statement required a one-off adjustment, and the \$135 is added to the Distribution Service income for the year.

Postage stamps still remain an integral part of the Distribution List trading. 11% of payments were made with stamps, about the same as in the previous year. Stamp trading is kept outside

the AATTC accounts. The asset value of stamps held at the end of the year increased by \$27.30 to \$149.40. The number of payments by direct deposits to the AATTC bank account again increased, 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 parcels (items weighing more than 500g) twice during the year. Where possible, large Distribution List orders are posted in multiple 500g envelopes, unless individual items weigh more than 500g, or the total weight of the order is more than 1.5kg, when 3kg parcel satchels are used. This is more efficient than using normal parcel postage rates.

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, Robert Henderson, Roger Wheaton, Geoffrey Clifton, Joe Friedman and Peter Hobbis, 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 and appreciation: John Mikita, Lourie Smit, Stephen Gray, Geoff Lambert, Dennis McLean, Peter Walhouse, Victor Isaacs, Scott Ferris, Ian Brady, Steven Haby, Michael Marshall, Matthew Jennings, James Ng, Samuel Rachdi, Barry Blair, Frank Goldthorpe, Michael Smith, Adrian Dessanti, Brendan Whyte, Geoff Hassall, David Whiteford and David Hennell, as well as Steve Bigwood from Grenda and Rachelle Honig from Ventura. Derek Scrafton supplied most of the airline timetables that featured in the distribution lists during the year.

Distribution Service 2010 -2011: Operational Finances

	2010/11			2009/10		
	Cash	Fees	Total	Cash	Fees	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income						
Sales by cash, cheque	3,470.39		3,470.39	4,799.08		4,799.08
Sales by PayPal	1,071.60	35.46	1,036.14	1,279.60	42.16	1,237.44
Stamps sold	11.97		11.97			
	4,553.96	35.46	4,518.50	6,078.68	42.16	6,036.52
Expenditure						
Photocopies	524.57		524.57	1,354.52		1,354.52
Stationery	107.00		107.00	220.29		220.29
Postage - Pre-paid	2,111.08		2,111.08	2,302.95		2,302.95
Distribution List printing	1,308.04		1,308.04	1,300.68		1,300.68
Other Purchases	90.00		90.00	238.06		238.06
	4,140.69		4,140.69	5,416.50	-	5,416.50
Surplus/ (Loss)			377.81			620.02
Funds held in credit			626.26			761.00
Stamps Reconciliation			2010/11			2009/10
			\$			\$
Stamps on hand at start of year			122.10			126.35
Stamps received during the year			438.50			374.90
Sub Total			560.60			501.25
Stamps sold			0.30			-
Stamps bought			10.00			
Stamps used			420.90			379.15
Stamps on hand at end of year			149.40			122.10



Len Regan
Distribution Officer

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT 2011

As at 8 October 2011, the Association has 140 members. These comprise Two Life members, 137 Ordinary members and one Student Member

We exchange magazines with the National Association of Timetable Collectors in the USA, 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 Eddie Hayman, who had been a member for many years. We welcomed 6 new members into the Association, but lost 14 who did not renew. Our overseas members include 4 from the UK, 1 from the USA and 1 from Switzerland. The Association's net loss in members is 9.

A breakdown in Membership is as follows:

VIC	40	
NSW	56	
QLD	15	
SA	10	
WA	3	
TAS	1	
ACT	9	
NT	0	
OVERSEAS	6	TOTAL 140

Dennis McLean, Membership Officer

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT 2011

I volunteered as the Publicity Officer in May 2011; the position was vacant until then. My first task was to revamp the on-line membership form and to make it a web-based document which potential members could fill out on line. In association with this, I organised a new letterhead/masthead for AATTC to better convey the message that we are essentially a professional organisation with interests in all areas of transport management and analysis- whose members just happen to collect timetables as part of their interests. The new membership form now presents the AATTC in this more "professional" light. The next step is to modify the AATTC's web-site, which receives and astonishingly large number of daily hits, in a similar manner. These ideas will then be carried forward into a new membership brochure and advertising.

The Association still receives enquiries prompted by our past publicity efforts- but it does not receive many new members as a result. Anecdotally, at my place of work, a new Research Assistant took one look at me and said: "Hey, you're the guy who collects timetables!" He had remembered it from a *Sydney Morning Herald* feature article about two years ago. It is hard to say whether this is good or bad publicity!

Geoff Lambert
Publicity Officer

AUCTION REPORT 2011

Over the last 12 months the following two auctions were held:

- May 2011 (Auction #34)
- November 2010 (Auction 33)

A total of 450 lots were offered for sale, most items being offered by members as vendors, a small amount of the material is donated and is therefore more profitable to the AATTC when sold. An average 66% of lots were sold, resulting in profit just over \$1700 for the AATTC. Each attracted an average of 240 bids was received per auction.

Currently Auction 34 is being prepared and a catalogue will be available to members in the November 2011 mail out to members.

I would like to thank members for their support of the auction and both as bidders and vendors.

Stephen Ward
Auctioneer

WEBMASTER'S REPORT 2011

The main workload with the AATTC website is the updating of the current timetable lists on virtually a daily basis. Ones for the capital cities are usually up to date but country lists are often out of date as it is difficult to obtain up to date information. Michael Marshall provides information for both Melbourne and Adelaide timetables, Davis Hutton for Brisbane and Alan Gray who is based in Sydney, for Perth. Quite a few other people also contribute updates.

The membership application form was rehashed during the year and is now easier to use.

Copies of *Table Talk* are normally uploaded two months after issue so as to provide members who receive paper copies with an advantage. The *Times* has not been received for upload for over 12 months.

Lourie Smit
Webmaster

BRANCH REPORTS 2011

ADELAIDE

The Adelaide Branch met as usual twice during the year in November and May at the residence of Roger Wheaton on dates during these months that are suitable to the majority of members. There have also been some visitors to these meetings which continue to be largely informal discussions on transport matters. Roger Wheaton continued as the local convenor during the year.

R T Wheaton
Adelaide Convenor

BRISBANE

The Queensland members met on three occasions during the year at the usual Keperra venue. Generally four or five attended with discussion ranging far and wide over timetable and other issues. We thank those who produce the always-interesting publications each month and especially Len Regan for his excellent work with the Distribution List and Grab Boxes.

Brian Webber
Brisbane Convenor

CANBERRA

Members and friends of the Canberra Division have continued to get together every month over the past year. Meeting over dinner at the Ainslie Football Club on the second Thursday of each

month, an attendance of up to 12 persons is commonplace. Apart from enjoying the social aspect of such meetings in a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere, members exchange timetables, maps, other publications and photographs relating to all modes, and learn about the travel experiences of others. Thoughts on the performance of the passenger transport industry, especially relating to the design and availability of passenger information, are openly discussed, often as a result of the experiences of members who have travelled interstate and overseas.

Ian G. Cooper, Victor Isaacs
Joint Canberra Convenors

MELBOURNE

The Melbourne Convenor, Stephen Ward, has been on leave from Melbourne and working in Sydney for most of the year. As a consequence, David Hennell has been acting convenor of the Division.

The Melbourne Division continues to meet regularly on the first Wednesday of odd months from March to November at the home of David Hennell. Attendance averages seven, with occasional visits by members from interstate and overseas. Most meetings have a presentation by one of the members and all include a news and gossip session, along with the grab-box. Given the attendees' interests, Melbourne meetings tend to have a railway bias but tram and bus developments are not ignored.

The topics presented in the year under review were:

- July 2010: holidays in Blackpool (UK) – Brian Sherry
- September 2010: 1955 NSWGR plus his recent trip to Newcastle – Geoff Mann
- November 2010: last weekend of narrow gauge trains between Upper Ferntree Gully and Belgrave (1958); special train to Kew after line closure (1957); sleeping cars between Melbourne and Portland (1890s); Warburton passenger service – David Hennell
- March 2011: general discussion
- May 2010: VR first September 1869 Public Timetable – David Hennell.

Where appropriate, handouts from the meetings are forwarded to the Distribution Service so that members may benefit.

My thanks to all those who made the year so successful and enjoyable.

David Hennell
Acting Melbourne Convenor

SYDNEY

It has been another successful year for the Sydney Division with around 20 members and guests attending each of the Division Meetings (held on the first Saturday of February, May, August and November from 14.00 at the Uniting Church in Roseville). Each meeting features a round table discussion, an extensive grab table and, of course, afternoon tea. We were also particularly pleased to host the 2010 AGM at the Tramway Museum, Loftus.

Geoffrey Clifton
Sydney Convenor