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Australian Association of Time Table Collectors



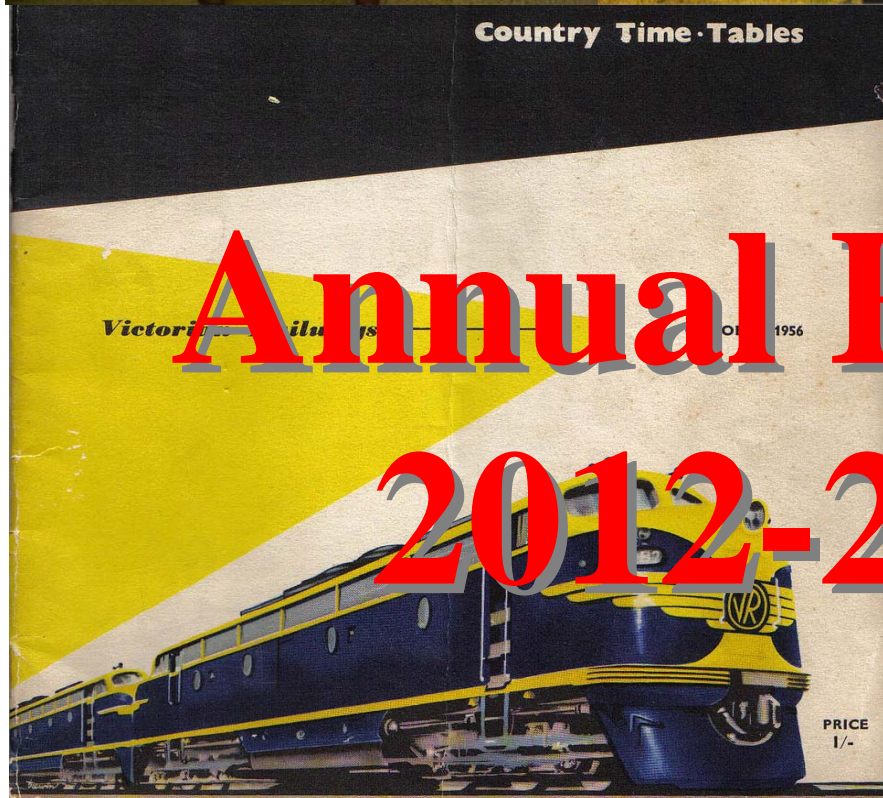
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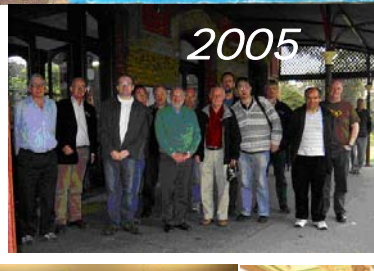
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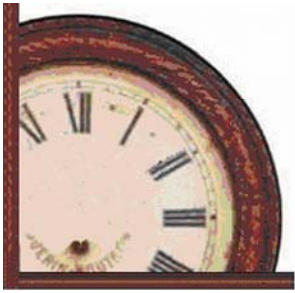


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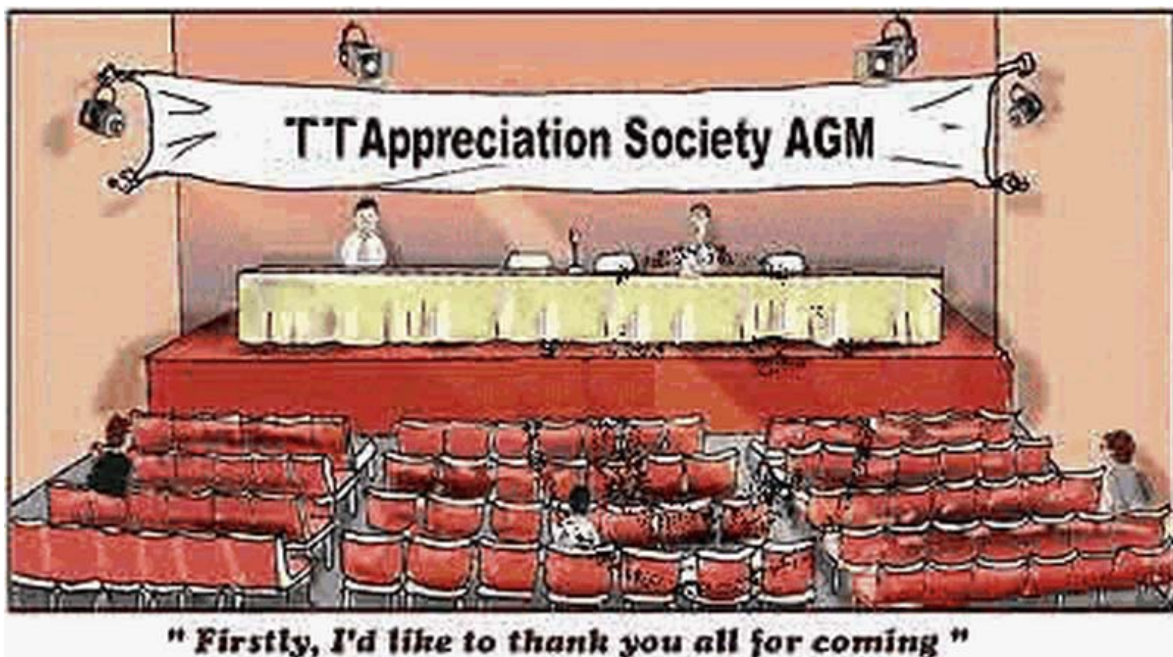
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Annual Report 2012-2013

This Annual Report contains all of the reports and papers to be presented to the AATTC 30th Annual General Meeting in Sydney on 19th October 2013.

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Agenda

AATTC 30th AGM 19th October 2013

- .1 Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2012 (29th) AGM
3. Business arising from the Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Reports:

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| 5.1 President | 5.8 Auction |
| 5.2 Treasurer | 5.9 National Timetable Collection |
| 5.3 <i>Table Talk</i> Editor | 5.10 Divisional Reports |
| 5.4 <i>Times</i> Editor | 5.10.2 Adelaide |
| 5.5 Production Manager | 5.10.2 Brisbane |
| 5.6 Distribution Manager | 5.10.3 Canberra |
| 5.7 Membership Officer | 5.10.4 Melbourne |
| | 5.10.5 Sydney |

6. Resolutions and Special Resolutions on constitutional matters.

Resolution 1 If Special Resolutions 1 and 2 are agreed to, this AGM of the Association recommends that the number of the ordinary members of the Committee be five.

Resolution 2. If Special Resolutions 1 and 2 are agreed to, this AGM urges the reconstituted Association under the name of the Australian Timetable Association to continue the current practice of encouraging a geographical spread of Committee members.

Special Resolution 1 *The Australian Association of Timetable Collectors change its name to Australian Timetable Association*

Special Resolution 2 *i) the Association adopt the Model Rules provided by Consumer Affairs Victoria as its Rules, and
ii) the Purposes of the Association under its existing Rules be inserted into Clause 2 of these Model Rules.*

Resolution 3 (*contingent on the adoption of the preceding Resolutions and Special Resolutions*) The Australian Timetable Association adopt the recommendations of the Australian Association of Timetable Collectors as to the number of ordinary Committee members and the geographical spread of members.

7. Election of Committee of Management

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| 7.1 President | 7.4 Treasurer |
| 7.2 Vice-President | 7.5 Five Ordinary Committee Members |
| 7.3 Secretary | |

8. General Business
9. Location of 2014 (31st) AGM
10. Any other business that may be permitted under the Rules

Explanations

1. This year we have two unusual items of business to consider. These are highlighted by *italics* in the Agenda. The Committee considers that the best way to proceed is to consider the usual reports of activities for the preceding year in the AGM; then to consider the two Resolutions and two Special Resolutions. Consideration of the remaining items of the AGM will be dependent upon the outcome of the two Resolutions and two Special Resolutions.

2 Members will recall that the 2012 AGM discussed a **possible change of name** for the Association. In a

straw poll, that Meeting indicated a preference for the name of Australian Timetable Association and directed the Committee to conduct a plebiscite of members to provide further guidance. Subsequently, an information paper and polling paper were sent to all Members. The result of the plebiscite was:

Australian Timetable Association	83 votes (85%)
Australian Association of Timetable Collectors	15 votes (15%)

Accordingly the Committee will put before members the name Australian Timetable Association as our new name.

3. The Association is incorporated in Victoria. New legislation, the Victorian *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, obliges us to consider new **Rules** for the Association or retain our old Rules. Options are:

- A) Adopt the Model Rules provided by Consumer Affairs Victoria, which are subject to the insertion of the name of the Association and the Aims of the Association, or
- B) Draft our own Rules, or
- C) Retain our existing Rules which are based upon the Model Rules of the now repealed *Associations Act*.

The Committee considers that adoption of the new Model Rules is preferable as this will bring us in line with the new Act. These Model Rules suit our Association in all respects. Drafting our own Rules is likely to be a lengthy process, and will then be subject to consideration and possible vetoing by Consumer Affairs Victoria. Retention of our existing Rules means that we will have to seek approval of Consumer Affairs Victoria when any future amendments are proposed. The Committee has therefore decided to recommend to Members that the Model Rules provided by Consumer Affairs Victoria be adopted by the Association.

4. The **Aims** of the Association as expressed in our existing Rules - which are proposed to be transferred to the new Rules - are:

The purpose of the Association shall be to research, study and document the theory and practice of transport timetables both in Australia and other parts of the world as the membership may determine, and to undertake all such action that may be necessary to enable these purposes to be achieved, including:

- (a) holding of meetings;
- (b) publication of a journal or journals and other publications;
- (c) contributing to other journals and co-operating with other Societies;
- (d) provision of facilities to buy, sell or exchange timetables and associated documentation;
- (e) purchase of such equipment as may from time to time be deemed necessary.
- (f) the control of funds;
- (g) the handling of property; and
- (h) do all other things conducive to furthering the defined purpose of the association.

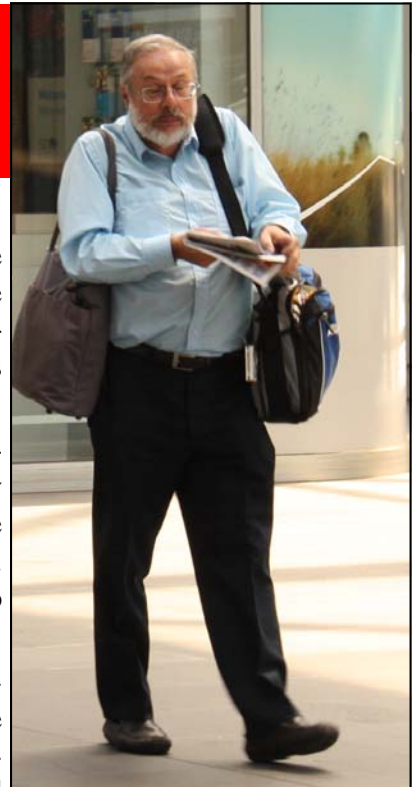
For the purposes of these rules and for the Association generally, timetable shall include any item that is used to inform the public or employees of a transport operator (whether by land, water or air and carrying passengers, freight or both -with or without restrictions) of details of transport services, fares, method of operation or any other information pertaining to the provision or operation of transport services.

5. To see the Victorian *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* please go to http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/vic/consol_act/aira2012376/ or contact the Secretary. For an explanation of the effect of the new Act see <http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/clubs-and-not-for-profits/incorporated-associations/adapting-to-the-new-laws> As far as we are concerned the only significant practical change is that the position of Public Officer is abolished and the functions of Public Officer are now performed by the Secretary. For a copy of the Model Rules see <http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/clubs-and-not-for-profits/incorporated-associations/running-an-incorporated-association/rules#model-rules> or contact the Secretary. For a copy of the existing AATTC Rules contact the Secretary or President.



President's Report 2012-2013

VICTOR ISAACS



2012-13 has been very successful in a number of respects:

Our financial results have achieved a remarkable turnaround from the worrying situation of last year. Indeed, we are now in quite a comfortable situation. This is almost entirely due to new printing arrangements, implemented by our Production Manager, Geoff Lambert, plus other measures mentioned by our treasurer, Len Regan, in his report.

Arrangements for the onerous task of running our much valued Distribution Lists have been completely revamped. What was formerly done by one person is now shared by ten. This has spread the heavy load, while retaining convenient co-ordinated ordering for members' convenience. These arrangements have worked very well and maintained responses to requests in a timely fashion.

Our Auction arrangements have also been revamped. Here also, the motive was to reduce a very onerous task. This has occurred, while at the same time improving the appeal of the Auction to both members and non-members. This is to the satisfaction of both those using the Auctions, and to the Association's financial situation.

The AATTC's two magazines, the Times, timetable history and analysis, and Table Talk, timetable news, have continued their regular monthly appearance, and appear to have a very welcome acceptance.

Full details of these activities are in the following reports by your Association's office-bearers.

This year's AGM is obliged by law to consider the adoption of new Model Rules. In practice, we do not believe this will lead to any significant practical alteration in our operations.

More significantly, the AGM is also going to consider a possible name change for the Association. I am not going to again canvass the reasons for and against here. That is something for members to debate at the AGM. However, it is important to note that, quite deliberately, the Committee has made consideration of this proposal a very long process. It has been under formal consideration now for over twelve months – an information paper distributed to members, debate at last year's AGM, and conducting of a plebiscite to provide further guidance. Members have had the greatest possible opportunity to consider this issue and will continue to do so at the AGM.

The most important is to emphasise that, if there is a change to the Association's name, this will have no effect on the Association's activities, mode of operation or friendly nature.

A very big thank you is due to all those, both on and not on the Committee, who have contributed so very generously of their time and skills resulting in the fulfilment of so many activities benefiting members.





Treasurer's Report, 2012-2013

LEN REGAN

The Financial Statement shows that, on an accrual basis, AATTC made a profit in 2012-13 of \$3078. This is a significant improvement on previous years, and results mainly from a rigorous review of AATTC financial position in association with the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

To achieve this result, in 2012-2013 compared with 2011-2012:

- The Distribution Service showed a profit of \$1097.
- Auctions made a profit of \$1858.
- Printing costs for "The Times" "Table Talk" and "Members News" fell by \$2056 due mainly to the choice of a new printer from December 2012.

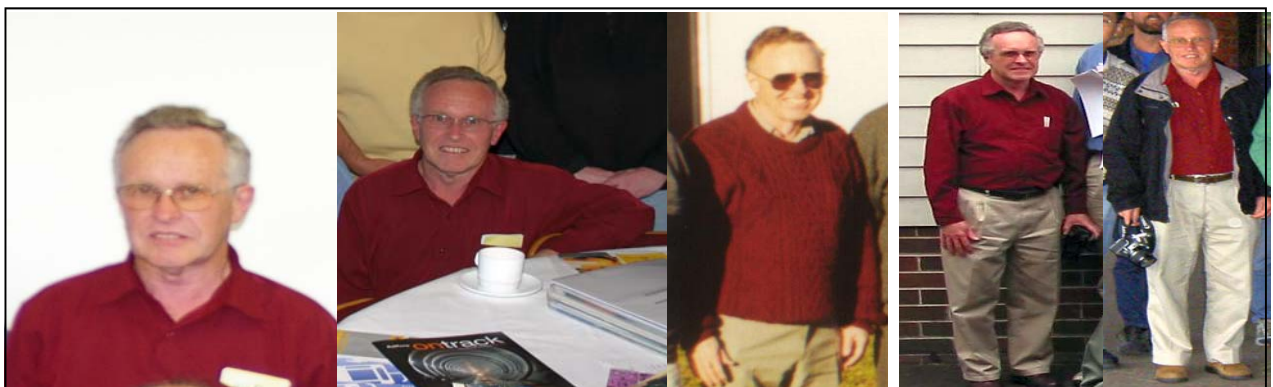
During the year:

- Direct deposit facilities for payments for Membership, Distribution List 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 and 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 Term Deposit held by AATTC at Westpac has been increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

The financial outlook for 2013-14 looks promising with the full-year benefits of lower printing costs. It is anticipated that membership fees will now be able to cover the costs of printing and posting the monthly magazines to members.

Len Regan
Treasurer
26 September 2013



The Treasurer in his "AATTC AGM shirt"



Audited Financial Statement for 2012-2013

JIM WELLS & LEN REGAN

Australian Association of TimeTable Collectors Inc

ABN 74 248 483 468

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2013

	2013	2012	2011	2010
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Statement of Income and Expenditure				
for the year ended 30th June				
Income				
Subscriptions	8,485	8,406	8,209	7,536
Retail Sales	341	388	336	370
Distribution Service	5,651	5,510	4,653	5,994
Auctions	4,002	1,954	6,128	6,179
Bank Interest	482	629	623	448
	18,961	16,887	19,949	20,527
Expenditure				
The Times Production	3,114	4,189	4,126	4,227
Table Talk Production	2,579	3,718	3,569	3,777
Members' Newsletter	276	118	182	286
Mailing Costs	2,825	2,305	2,521	2,673
Distribution Service	4,554	4,677	4,141	5,417
Auctions	2,144	1,544	4,867	5,089
National Timetable Collection	-	-	15	-
AGM	50	44	37	50
Administration	401	379	387	223
	15,943	16,974	19,845	21,742
Surplus / (deficit)	3,018	(87)	104	(1,215)
Balance Sheet				
as at 30th June				
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	7,328	10,154	10,735	8,581
Term Deposit	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Debtors	186	62	336	74
	22,514	20,216	21,071	18,655
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	-	-	1,783	-
Subscriptions in advance	5,425	6,600	6,025	5,361
Mail Order deposits	1,520	1,065	626	761
	6,945	7,665	8,434	6,122
Net assets	15,569	12,551	12,637	12,533
Accumulated Funds				
As at start of period	12,551	12,638	12,533	13,748
Surplus / (deficit)	3,018	(87)	104	(1,215)
As at end of period	15,569	12,551	12,637	12,533

Jim Wells
(Accountant) Date
26th September 2013

Len Regan
(Treasurer) Date
26th September 2013



Table Talk Editors' Report 2012-2013

VICTOR ISAACS. CRAIG HALSALL & GEOFF
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The most important – and pleasurable - aspect of the *Table Talk* Annual Report is to sincerely thank all the generous contributors who provide us with valuable material and thank the proof-readers who keep the magazine on the path of virtue.



Table Talk has continued successfully. From the January 2013 issue Craig Halsall took over the important task of Bus Editor. This followed the retirement of Geoff Mann after five years of very devoted and competent editing of this section. Victor Isaacs remained as Editor of the Rail, Ferry and Air sections. This dual control works very well. As always, and not surprisingly, for a news magazine, the size of issues varied in direct proportion to the amount of news available. Issues varied from 20 pages (July 2012 issue) to seven pages (February 2013 issue, reflecting the Christmas slowdown in news). Sometimes *Members' News* was attached to *Table Talk*, and sometimes it wasn't. This is because we must always print in multiples of four pages. We changed from one column to a two column layout.

Until the October 2012 issue *Table Talk* always had a front cover illustration. This was then dropped as part of the economy measures imposed throughout the Association when our finances looked grim. Although there has now been a wonderful turnaround in the AATTC's financial situation, the front cover illustration has not returned as a regular feature. This is for a couple of reasons. Firstly, the front cover illustration was largely to attract the eye for casual sales in shops. But, in fact, shop sales are miniscule, and we do not think they should dominate our thinking. Secondly, the illustration was sometimes somewhat contrived just to fill the space. What we do, and will continue to do, is to place illustrations as appropriate with articles within the magazine.





The Times Editor's Report

2012-2013

GEOFF LAMBERT



	2011-2012			2012-2013		
	Items	Pages	%age	Items	Pages	%age
Article	46	156	96%	37	142	95%
Letter	11	4	3%	8	7	5%
Review	1	1	0.6%			
Note						
Pictorial	1	1	1%	1	1	1%
Total	59	162		46	150	
Rail	35	87	51%	34	109	63%
Tram	1	1	0%			
Bus	20	74	43%	10	41	24%
Water						
Air	2	8	5%	3	16	9%
Non-Modal	4	1	1%	2	6	3%
Sum	62	171		49	171	
AUS	46	135	82%	29	85	52%
NZ	1	2	1%	2	5	3%
UK	2	1	1%	6	26	16%
USA	2	2	1%	3	16	10%
EUR						
OTH	4	3	2%	3	20	12%
ALL	5	22	13%	4	12	7%
Total	60	165		47	164	

There is nothing really notable to report about The Times in the past year. Some statistics for The Times in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 appear at left the numbers do not always equate because some articles refuse to be pinned down to a single category).

There have been fewer authors and fewer (but longer) articles in this time. Robert Henderson's articles entitled "What's in a name?", have filled a gap left by the loss of Jim O'Neil in 2012 This is the second successive year in which The Times has kept strictly to its page limit of 16pp- the result of budget exigencies. As noted elsewhere, printing costs have now more than halved, but postage rates have shot up, so it is best that that The Times sticks to this page limit.

Authors		Authors	
Name	Articles	Name	Articles
Authors	28	Authors	48
Albert & Leigh	1	CRANNEY, David	2
Bailey, Tony	3	DUDMAN, Gordon	1
Editor	1	FRASER, Hilaire	3
Fox, Brendan	1	GALVIN, Nick	2
Fraser, Hilaire	1	HENDERSON, Robert	6
Goldthorpe, Frank	1	ISAACS, Albert	1
Hassall, Geoff	1	ISAACS, Victor	1
Henderson, Robert	3	KOOISTRA, Blair	1
Hennell, David	2	LAMBERT, Geoff	12
Hughes, Richard	2	MACAUSLAN, Duncan	2
Isaacs, Albert	9	MILNE, Rod	1
Isaacs, Victor	1	OGLE, Dean	1
Lambert, Geoff	5	SCRAFTON, Derek	1
Lewis, Ben	1	Several	1
MacAuslan, Duncan	1	TOTTENHAM, Tris	1
McLean, Andrew	1	WARD, Stephen	1
Milne, Rod	1	WELLS, Jim	6
NZ Gov. Gazette	1	WHITEFORD, David	1
O'Neil, Jim	8	WHYTE, Brendan	1
Seattle Times	1	WILLSON, Ross	3
SMH	1		
Smit, Lourie	1		
Smith, Conrad	1		
Stokes, Jim	1		
Thornhill, Ted	1		
Tottenham, Tris	1		
Victorian Railways	1		
Wells, Jim	7		
Whyte, Brendan	1		



Production Manager's Report 2012-2013

GEOFF LAMBERT

During this financial year, a major change occurred, with the shift to a new printer after a period of dissatisfaction with the existing printer for a number of reasons, including pricing. I obtained a quote from a new printer, which represented a very significant saving of some \$4,500 for a full year, this being a reduction of over 50%. The new printer subsequently submitted a quote for producing the *Times* and/or *Table Talk* with colour covers. Even with a colour cover on both magazines, the saving over the old costs would be some \$2,800 per year. It was decided to accept the quote for one magazine per month and colour printing of cover(s) commenced with the July issue (2013-2014 Financial Year).



Other aspects of Production have proceeded smoothly, although there have been increased postal charges and some rearrangement of paperwork for our Print Post Mailing arrangements. Followers of these Annual Reports will be pleased to learn that Mr Grumpy is alive and well in his semi-retirement from Australia Post.





Distribution Officers' Reports, 2012-2013

LEN REGAN, PETER HOBBS

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 List Performance Statistics: 2012 - 2013			
Activity	2011-12	2012-13	% change
Number of Distribution Lists	12	12	0%
Items offered	1110	1112	0%
Orders placed	486	490	1%
Copies of Items requested	5,803	5,116	- 12%
Payment Due for Items Ordered	\$6,895.40	\$7,031.75	2%
Number of 'Limited Stock' items unable to supply	30	101	237%
Value of Limited Stock items that could not be supplied	\$106.75	\$418.75	292%
Payment Due for Items Supplied	\$6,788.65	\$6,613.00	- 3%
Income: Sales: internal transfers	\$11.40	\$58.40	412%
: Sales: Payments	\$100.20	\$0.00	
: Cheque, Cash	\$2,916.35	\$2,568.27	- 12%
: EFT	\$1,273.65	\$2,230.02	75%
: PayPal (net of fees)	\$1,646.78	\$1,250.51	- 24%
: Total	\$5,948.38	\$6,107.20	3%
Expenses: Photocopies	\$631.82	\$560.16	- 11%
: Stationery	\$110.20	\$166.05	51%
: Postage - Pre-paid	\$2,055.31	\$2,678.77	30%
: Other Purchases	\$473.79	\$90.00	- 81%
: Distribution List printing	\$1,406.23	\$1,059.42	- 25%
: Total	\$4,677.35	\$4,554.41	- 3%
Balance: Income - Expenses	\$1,271.03	\$1,552.79	22%
Number who paid by: Stamps	51	42	- 18%
: Cheque, Cash	77	79	3%
: Electronic funds transfer	45	86	91%
: PayPal	39	39	0%
Cost of obtaining items for the Distribution Service	\$1,296.55	\$899.47	- 31%
% of acquisition costs claimed as credit	24%	35%	46%
Average value of orders supplied	\$13.97	\$13.50	- 3%
Average price paid per Item supplied	\$1.18	\$1.32	12%
Average number of Items per order	11.9	10.4	- 13%
Number of participants	85	82	- 4%

In summary, the Distribution List continued to perform well, with a similar number of items offered and orders placed as in the previous year.

Two significant changes affecting the Distribution Service were made gradually towards the end of 2012.

Responsibility for stocking Distribution List items and despatching orders was divested to 10 Distribution Officers, and Peter Hobbs accepted the role of Distribution Manager.

The Distribution List and Auction were combined into a joint monthly activity, with integrated funding managed by the Treasurer.

These initiatives have consolidated these AATTC activities with positive benefits for members and improvements in financial results.

There was a decrease of 12% in the in the number of items requested from the Lists, but there was an in-

crease of 12% in the average price paid for items supplied.

The average value of the orders supplied decreased slightly to \$13.50.

There was also a small decrease in the number of people participating in the Distribution List, from 85 to 82.

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 Distribution Officers who collect and despatch the sets of timetables.

The most popular item for the year was Timetables on CD 35, the files for the London Underground Working Timetables, compiled by Geoff Lambert after advice from Ian Brady, with 27 orders. There were also 25 orders for Timetables on DVD 36, the annual collection of railway timetables and reports from around Australia, also compiled by Geoff Lambert.

There were 17 orders for the files for the Brisbane Trains Working Timetables and 15 for the V/Line Staff Reference timetable files.

There were many printed timetables, both trains and buses, that scored 16, 15 or 14 orders.

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.

Total income was up by 3%, and expenses decreased by 3%, giving an increase in cash profit for the year of 22%.

Financially, the Distribution List made an operational profit for the year of \$1552, well ahead of the budget target of \$400. This result includes the costs of printing the Distribution List, for which there were significant cost reductions in the second half of the year due to the diligent choice of an alternative printer by our Production Manager, Geoff Lambert. The Operational Financial Statement for the Distribution List is shown below.

At the end of the year, the Distribution Service held \$1520 in credit for payments that have been made in advance for both the Distribution List and the Auctions. This is an increase of \$455 from the amount held in credit at the end of the previous year. In the AATTC Financial Statement, these credit funds are shown as a liability. On an accrual basis, taking into account this liability, the Distribution List made a profit for the year of \$1097. The Distribution List profit contributes to the overall AATTC financial situation.

Postage stamps still remain an integral, albeit diminishing, part of the Distribution List trading. 9% of payments were made with stamps, 18% less than in the previous year. Stamp trading for distribution list orders is kept outside the AATTC accounts. The value of stamps received as payments is no longer sufficient to cover the cost of posting small orders, and for the first time, stamps now have to be purchased in addition to postage paid stationery items. The asset value of stamps held at the end of the year decreased by \$0.05 to \$63.75.

The number of payments made by EFT (direct deposits to the AATTC bank account) almost doubled, while the payments made by cheque, cash and PayPal remained static. Payments by EFT are the most efficient form of payment from the AATTC's perspective.

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. This has increased the benefits of using multiple postage pre-paid 500g envelopes for any orders weighing up to 2.5 kg, rather than 3kg satchels, provide the thickness limits can be met.

The success of the Distribution List would not be possible without the consistent and regular contributions from the supporters who are listed each month in the Distribution Lists. The acceptance by Peter Hobbis of the Distribution Manager's role has greatly improved the prompt despatch of orders by the Dis-

tribution Officers Geoffrey Clifton, Hilaire Fraser, Peter Graham, Geoff Hassall, Robert Henderson, Joe Friedman, Michael Marshall and Roger Wheaton who 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, including John Mikita, Stephen Gray, Geoff Lambert, Dennis McLean, Peter Walhouse, Victor Isaacs, Scott Ferris, Samuel Rachdi, Barry Blair, Frank Goldthorpe, Adrian Dessanti, Paul Brown and David Whiteford. Public Transport Victoria also supplies the timetables requested by Michael Marshall. The cooperation by many bus companies in supplying timetables is also acknowledged with gratitude.

Peter Hobbis writes:

Being new to my position, I do not have any thing much to report. I would say to all the members: Thank You, for the support I am receiving, and assure you I will do my best in this position to enable prompt and efficient handling and fulfilment of orders to all who seek timetables. It is my aim to handle incoming orders within 24 hours of my receiving them. I also will be encouraging our Distribution Officers to post out the orders from their supplies within a few days of receiving them. And a huge thank you to the Distribution Officers and especially Len Regan for the encouragement given to me.

I am very pleased I can "give back" to the AATTC in this way, having been a member for over 30 years!

I was reared to love timetables by my father many long years ago (in mid 1940's). Sometimes it is obvious I am stuck in the timetable formats of those years!

Distribution List Financial Report 2012-2013

	2012-13			2011-12		
	Cash \$	Fees \$	Total \$	Cash \$	Fees \$	Total \$
Income						
Sales by cash, cheque, EFT	4,798.29		4,798.29	4,190.00		4,190.00
Sales by PayPal	1,292.65	42.14	1,250.51	1,698.30	51.52	1,646.78
Postage items sold	58.40		58.40	111.60		111.60
	6,149.34	42.14	6,107.20	5,999.90	51.52	5,948.38
Expenditure						
Photocopies	560.16		560.16	631.82		631.82
Stationery	166.06		166.06	110.20		110.20
Postage - Pre-paid	2,678.77		2,678.77	2,055.31		2,055.31
Distribution List printing	1,059.42		1,059.42	1,406.23		1,406.23
Other Purchases	90.00		90.00	473.79		473.79
	4,554.41		4,554.41	4,677.35		4,677.35
Operations Surplus/ (Loss)			<u>1,552.79</u>			<u>1,271.03</u>
Funds held in credit						
Credit balance from 2011-12			1,065.24	from 2010-11		626.76
Credit balance at end 2012 -13			1,520.75	end 2011-12		1,065.24
Accrual Surplus/ (Loss)			<u>1,097.27</u>			<u>832.55</u>
Stamps Reconciliation						
Stamps on hand at start of year			63.80			149.40
Stamps received during the year			306.90			484.80
Stamps sold			21.60			111.60
Stamps bought			12.00			-
Stamps used			297.35			458.80
Stamps on hand at end of year			<u>63.75</u>			<u>63.80</u>



Membership Officer's Report 2012-2013

DENNIS MCLEAN

As at 30 June 2013, the Association had 139 members, a decrease of seven from 2012.

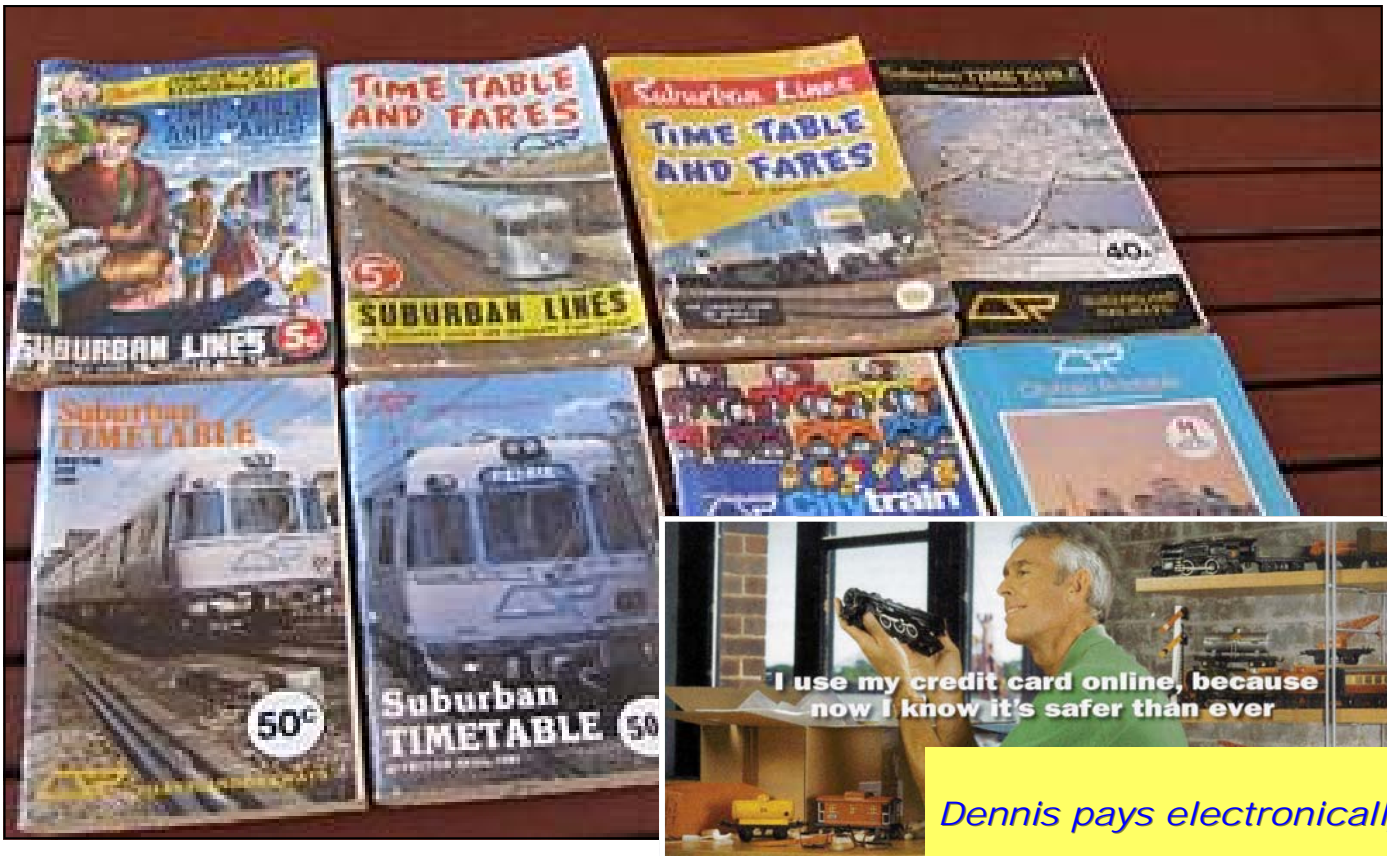
These comprise:

Life members	2
Ordinary members 1	36
Student Members	1
Total	139

During 2012/13 five new members joined. Ken Butt and Ian Wall sadly passed away.

The current status by location is:

New South Wales	54
Victoria	40
Queensland	15
South Australia	12
ACT	9
Western Australia	2
Others	7
TOTAL	139





Operations Report

(Geoff Hassall)

When I took on the role of auctioneer in mid-2012, I found that although the auction model had worked very well in the past, it now presented some problems, in both money and time (exacerbated by my health problems at the time). Moreover, the number and size of bids tended to be barely sufficient to cover the auction's costs, let alone provide AATTC with a profit.

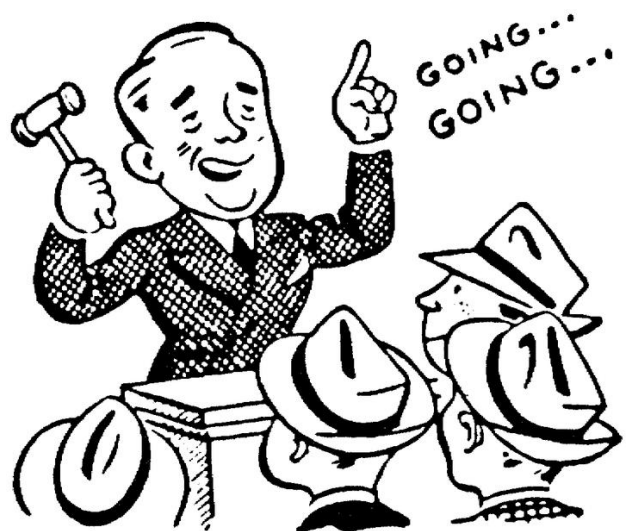
In consultation with Treasurer Len Regan, without whose advice and encouragement I would never have been able to do the job, I decided to try running monthly 'mini-auctions' on particular themes, rather than the large, twice a year 'events' used previously. Fortunately, this model has so far worked better than expected, with a regular stream of loyal bidders already having provided a better financial result than in 2012 (see Treasurer's Report).

It has, however, not been all plain sailing. Bidding for some types of items has been slow- thus far the most popular items have been rail working timetables (reflecting their scarcity as well as the wealth of information they contain, no doubt) and the least popular have been air timetables, reflecting the bias in member's interests towards trains and buses.

The system whereby successful bidders pay Len Regan direct, with me sending the items once Len has received payment, has worked smoothly, with only a few slow payers. Len also pays vendors, although not monthly, once I have informed him of the vendor for each item. The only temporary problem with this is tracking down the vendors of items unsold in previous auctions, but successfully sold a second time around. (Items are generally offered in two successive auctions before being passed over to the Distribution List.)

The obtaining of new material has been somewhat hit and miss. Some of the credit for the good 2013 financial result for the auction has been the collections that have been donated to AATTC instead of sold on consignment. Consignments are still welcome, and there are some dedicated consignees whose material we appreciate, but naturally outright donations are more profitable to AATTC. The generosity of Ian Cooper, Robert Henderson and John Young needs to be acknowledged especially, but I thank all donors and consignees for making my job easier and the catalogues more attractive. Having said that, all new consignments and donations will be gratefully accepted.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my thanks to Len Regan, as well as thanking Victor Isaacs and the other committee members without whose support I would never have been able to do the job of auctioneer, and again I thank bidders, donors and consignees without whom there would be no auction. I encourage all members to look at the auction catalogue each month. There is usually a host of interesting new material for all tastes, often available at a price little more than would be paid for Distribution List material.



Finances Report

(Len Regan)

The financial results from the Auctions in 2012-2013 were a significant improvement on previous years. This was achieved through a number of factors:

- The conduct of smaller auctions each month.
- A considerable reduction in the costs of printing the catalogue.
- The large number of items sold from the AATTC stock.
- A simpler bidding process.

The payments by successful bidders and the payments to vendors were both handled by the Treasurer in conjunction with the Distribution Service credit accounts. Transactions by direct bank deposits were encouraged, and proved to be a simpler, more effective way of operating.

The table below shows that the Auctions profit for the year was \$1858. This includes \$110 from vendors' cheques from previous auctions which had not been banked, and were therefore written off.

AUCTION RESULTS 2012-13

		Auction 36	Auctions 37-42
		\$	\$
Revenue			
Cash		1,905.30	2,121.80
Paypal fees		14.14	11.11
Total		1,891.16	2,110.69
Expenses			
Cash			
Payments to Vendors		1,250.40	383.58
Postage		164.66	145.98
Printing		193.57	115.50
Stale cheques written off			-110.00
		1,608.63	535.06
Profit			
By programs		282.53	1,575.63
Annual		1,858.16	
Profit Margin: profit / expenses		18%	294%
profit / cash revenue		15%	74%



23 September 2013



National Timetable collection 2012-2013

GEOFFREY CLIFTON



The State Library of Victoria has agreed to host a collection of Australian Timetables to be permanently archived and conserved. We will collate items and record their details in a spreadsheet (to be made available to members) before sending the material to the SLV where it will be made available to members and the public. In the last few months we have had approval for the spreadsheet which means that the first shipment can now be put together to be sent to the SLV. Further updates will be published in the Members' Newsletter as they become available.



Webmaster's Report 2012-2013

LOURIE SMIT

NO REPORT





Branch Reports 2012-2013

Adelaide

No report

Brisbane

The Brisbane members met four times during the year with 4 - 6 members attending. A couple of members have disappeared from the group in the past year. After an interesting chat about railway activities in Queensland and Australia, members have presented a timetable to the group and explained why that timetable holds special significance for them. Of the timetables presented, there were timetables that were "the first one I owned", "the one I used to plan an overseas trip" and "an interesting timetable for a railway". Each meeting has been an enjoyable afternoon and as Convenor, I can assert that I have learnt much at the

Brian Webber

Canberra

The Canberra group has successfully continued its habit of meeting every month at the Ainslie Football Club on the second Thursday of each month, for dinner, spirited conversation and exchange of information. Attendances vary from about six to ten.

David Cranney & Victor Isaacs

Melbourne

The Melbourne group continued its usual five meetings per annum, held at David Hennell's residence on the first Wednesday of odd months other than January. The average attendance was six members. A grab box was present and all members made contributions. Topics were:

- July 2012: Brisbane Suburban Working Timetable of 2 January 1948 covering Dayboro', Beaudesert and Canungra lines; also Outer Melbourne Branch lines – the 1950s and 1960s DVD (presented by David Hennell).
- September 2012: Scenes from Stephen Ward's recent trip to the Eyre Peninsula and the SA Mid North; also discussion related thereto (Stephen Ward).
- November 2012: Station name pronunciation (Brian Sherry); also general discussion.
- March 2013: Timetables of the AEC rail motor based at Numurkah in the 1920s and 1930s (David Hennell).
- May 2013: Analysis of the 1965 Brisbane suburban timetable (Graeme Cleak).

David Hennell

Sydney

The Sydney Branch has had another successful year with several new faces and welcome visits from interstate members. We have now settled into our new meeting venue at St Peter's Presbyterian Church School Hall, 181 Blues Point Road, North Sydney and now meet at 15.00 on the first Saturday of February, May, August and November. All members and guests are most welcome!

Geoffrey Clifton





AATTC

Australian Association of
Time Table Collectors Inc.

Inc. No. A0043673H



29th AGM 20 OCTOBER 2012 MINUTES

Saturday 20 October 2012 at Hawthorn Tram Depot, Melbourne

1. Welcome, Attendance and Apologies

The President, Victor Isaacs opened the meeting at 1425 and welcomed members.

Members Attending (15): Chris Brownbill, Graeme Cleak, Geoffrey Clifton, Vance Findlay, Hilaire Fraser, Stephen Gray, Craig Halsall, Victor Isaacs, Geoff Lambert, Geoff Mann, Michael Marshall, Len Regan, Michael Smith, Peter Walhouse, Ian Wall

Visitors John Young, HTM members.

Apologies: Dean Ogle, Les Hyland, James Ng, Peter Hobbis.

Proxy Forms from Dean Ogle, Dennis McLean., David Hennell (proxy-holder not present), and Roger Wheaton

2. Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held in Canberra October 2012

Acceptance moved by **Geoffreys Clifton/Mann Carried.** [Minute-taker's note: the 2011 minutes had a number of errors not noticed by anyone at the 2012 AGM, including a wrong reference to the proceedings of the 2009 AGM.]

3. Correspondence. None.

4. Reports

4.1 President's Report

Victor Isaacs presented and spoke to his Report attached to the 2011-12 Annual Report, for which see. He emphasized his view that the AATTC is at a cross-roads, with questions about future membership, finances and the name of the Association He also spoke of some of the issues raised in the recent survey of members and the means of reducing costs of magazines. On a "straw poll", members present were in favour of electronic over paper magazines 6:3, with one member suggesting that Table Talk only be electronic. Members who expressed a preference for paper totaled "8½".

Acceptance moved: V.Isaacs/V.Findlay- Carried.

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

4.2 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and the Auditor's Report were attached to the Annual Report for 2011-12. The main points of this report were that the only stable income the AATTC has is Membership Fees, which fail to cover the cost of Member Services, of printing and mailing the magazines. The shortfall is about \$2,500 and this must be met from more unreliable sources if the Association is to not run down its assets. There were uncertainties in interest rates, future performance of the Auctions and Distribution List and a number of other areas. The 2012-2013 financial year is budgeted to have a deficit of \$800 and steps were taken at an Expenditure Review Committee meeting to cut printing costs by moving to side-stapled magazine on a trial basis from the December issues. **Acceptance moved by L.Regan/M.Smith- Carried.**

4.3 Reports of Office Holders

The *Table Talk* Editors (**Victor Isaacs** and **Geoff Mann**) reported upon another successful year. One issue raised at the ERC related to single-column versus two-column format, as had been urged by a number of members. The Rail Editor (**Victor Isaacs**) expressed a preference for single-column and this preference was supported by members present on a vote of 8:6. Victor agreed, however, to trial a two-column issue.

The *Times* Editor's Report was presented and the Editor, **Geoff Lambert**, spoke briefly to it. The *Production Manager's* report attached to the 2010-11 Annual Report was noted and the Production Manger (**Geoff Lambert**) added a few anecdotes about his experiences in it.

The *Distribution Officer's* spoken report (by **Len Regan**) made reference to a very comprehensive three-page written report and financial report. Len is stepping down from the position immediately. Victor Isaacs expressed the view that his shoes will

be hard to fill. The meeting thanked Len Regan by a sustained acclamation.

Auction reports: Two reports were presented: a written report by **Len Regan** on behalf of **Stephen Ward**, on the 2011-2012 year and; an oral report from **Geoff Hassall** on the first of the Auctions for the 2012-2013 year. Geoff Hassall suggested that Auctions could be combined with the Distribution Service and run on a monthly basis. Members present supported this idea unanimously by a show of hands.

Geoff Lambert, the *Publicity Officer*, spoke to his report and outlined his reasons why he thought the position ought to be subsumed into other positions. He also spoke briefly to the recent survey of members.

Geoffrey Clifton, the *Archives Officer*, spoke briefly to his written report on the National Timetable Collection.

Geoff Lambert spoke briefly to the report he had written on behalf of the *Membership Officer* **Dennis McLean**.

The written report from the *Webmaster*, **Lourie Smit** was noted and a brief discussion ensued.

5 Branch reports

Reports of several Branches, attached to the 2011-12 Annual Report, were noted and respective convenors attending spoke briefly to their Reports. There was no report from Melbourne branch as it does not have a Convenor at the moment.

6 Election of Committee of Management

6.1 President Victor Isaacs was nominated by **David Cranney** and elected unopposed.

6.2 Vice President Hilaire Fraser was nominated by **Geoffrey Lambert** and elected unopposed.

6.3 Secretary No nominations received.

6.4 Treasurer Len Regan was nominated by **Geoffrey Lambert** and elected unopposed.

6.5 Five Ordinary Committee Members **Geoffrey Clifton**, **Dennis McLean**, **Geoffrey Hassall** and **Roger Wheaton** were nominated and elected unopposed.

The nomination of **Victor Isaacs** was withdrawn.

Election of Secretary and unfilled Committee Member position.

The President called for nominations from the floor for Secretary and the unfilled Committee Member.

Secretary: Michael Smith, nominated by himself, **Geoffrey Lambert**, nominated by **V. Isaacs**. The nominees each agreed that, should they be unsuccessful, they would accept the position of ordinary Committee Member. **Hilaire Fraser** was appointed as Returning Officer and conducted the election by written secret ballot of members present and the proxies.

Michael Smith was elected. **Geoff Lambert** then filled the unfilled Committee Member position.

6.6 Public Officer The meeting appointed **Paul Nicholson** as Public Officer.

7 General Business

7.1 Member survey **Geoff Lambert** spoke briefly of the survey recently conducted, of the reasons for it, and of the issues canvassed. The survey was carried out at the direction of the previous AGM and was originally intended to canvass only a name change. Geoff Lambert obtained the permission of the Management Committee to widen the scope of the survey, along the lines of that conducted by Chris Brownbill in 2002. Vigorous discussion from many people followed, principally around the name change issue. The minute-taker perceived that there was strong agreement from all members who spoke that the collection of timetables was a means to an end - that of analyzing the transport world and its role in the wider world. A number of names were canvassed and the *Australian Timetable Association* (ATA) seemed to find favour. The President conducted a straw poll on the preferences for members present for ATA versus AATTC. ATA was preferred by a margin of 13:1

The President **Victor Isaacs** proposed and **Chris Brownbill** seconded, the following motion: *That the AGM directs the Committee to conduct a plebiscite of members for no name change, versus a change to something similar to the Australian Timetable Association.* The motion was approved unanimously by the 15 members present.

Geoff Lambert, who carried out the original survey, was asked to conduct the plebiscite and agreed to do so. If the plebiscite produces a clear result, the proposed name change will be voted on at an Extraordinary General Meeting, probably to be conducted within the next AGM.

Next AGM (2013-2014) The meeting requested that Sydney be the venue for the next AGM. The Sydney Convenor, **Geoffrey Clifton**, accepted on behalf of the branch.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 1630.

-Geoff Lambert, outgoing Secretary



Membership List as at 5 October 2013

This list is of personal memberships only. These are the only people who may vote, nominate or be elected at the AGM.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

HENNELL, David
ISAACS, Albert

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AALBERS, Simon
ABBOTTSMITH, Ian
ABRAMS, John
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BAILEY, Tony
BARKER, Clive
BARKER, Phil
BLOOMFIELD, John
BLOWER, Chris
BRADY, Ian
BROWN, Paul
BROWNBILL, Chris
CHAPMAN, Ken
CLARK, Jim
CLEAK, Graeme
CLIFTON, Geoffrey
COKER, Brian
COLLYER, Alan
COOPER, Ian
CRANNEY, David
CUMMING, Glenn
CZOBK, Edward
DAVIS, Graham
DON, Peter
DUDMAN, Gordon
DUFFIN, Graham
EVANS, John
FARR, Noel
FENN, Neville
FERGUSON, Jim
FERRIS, Scott
FIELD, Robert
FINDLAY, Vance
FISCHER AC, Tim
FITZGERALD, Maurice
FORDYCE, William
FRASER, Hilaire
FRIEDMAN, Joe
GEORGE, Paul
GOLDTHORPE, Frank
GRAHAM, Peter
GRAY, Alan
GRAY, Stephen

HABY, Steven
HALSALL, Craig
HARRADENCE, Brian
HASSALL, Geoff
HENDERSON, Robert
HOBBIS, Peter
HUNTER, Glen
HUTTON, David
HYLAND, Les
IRVINE, Richard
ISAACS, Victor
JOHNSTONE-DONNET, Owen
KAIN, John
KILLINGSWORTH, Andrew
KNIFE, Peter
LAMBERT, Geoff
LESLIE, Brett
LEWIS, Ben
LEWIS, David
MACAUSLAN, Duncan
MANAGER, The
MANN, Geoffrey
MANNING, Ian
MARSHALL, Michael
MARSHALL, Roy
MARTIN, Ian
MATHESON, David
MAY, Richard
MCDONALD, Edward
MCILWAIN, Tony
MCLEAN, Andrew
MCLEAN, Dennis
MENKA, Herbert
MIKITA, John
MILES, Allan
MOLONEY, Brian
MORRISON, Ross
MURPHY, Peter
NG, James
NICHOLSON, Maxwell
NICHOLSON, Paul
NOWELL, Russell
OGLE, Dean
OVERSON, David
PALMER, Kevin
PANDILOVSKI, Chris
PATON, Jeremy
PEATTIE, Duncan

PECK, Richard
PRENDERGAST, Ron
PRICE, Richard
PRIDE, Alan
RACHDI, Samuel
REGAN, Len
REYNOLDS, Graeme
RICHARDSON, Lachlan
RITCHIE, Bob
SCRAFTON, Derek
SERIALS PROCESSING UNIT
SHEPPEARD, Russell
SHERRY, Brian
SHILLABEER, Andrew
SIMPSON, Brian
SIMS, Alex
SINCLAIR, Bruce
SLAVEN, John
SMIT, Lourens
SMITH, Conrad
SMITH, Michael
SOLOMONS, Vic
SPETTS, Charles
STOKES, Jim
SYMON, Michael
TALBOT, Richard
TATE, Trevor
TAYLOR, Colin
THOMAS, Bruce
THOMPSON, Paul
TOTTENHAM, Tris
TURNBULL, Graeme
VALE, Michael
WALHOUSE, Peter
WALKER, Doug
WARD, Stephen
WEBBER, Brian
WEBSDALE, Alan
WELLS, James T
WEMBRIDGE, W.L.
WHEATON, Roger
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Proceedings of the 2012-2013 AATTC AGM

Results and Notes

Results of elections and motions on Reports

Position	Nominee (Alphabetical order)	Nominator	Elected?	Notes
Committee Member				
Committee Member				
Secretary				
Vice President				
President				
Committee Member				
Treasurer				
Committee Member				
Committee Member				
Committee Member				
Report acceptance	Moved by	Seconded by	Passed?	Notes
President's Report				
Treasurer's Report				

MyNotes: