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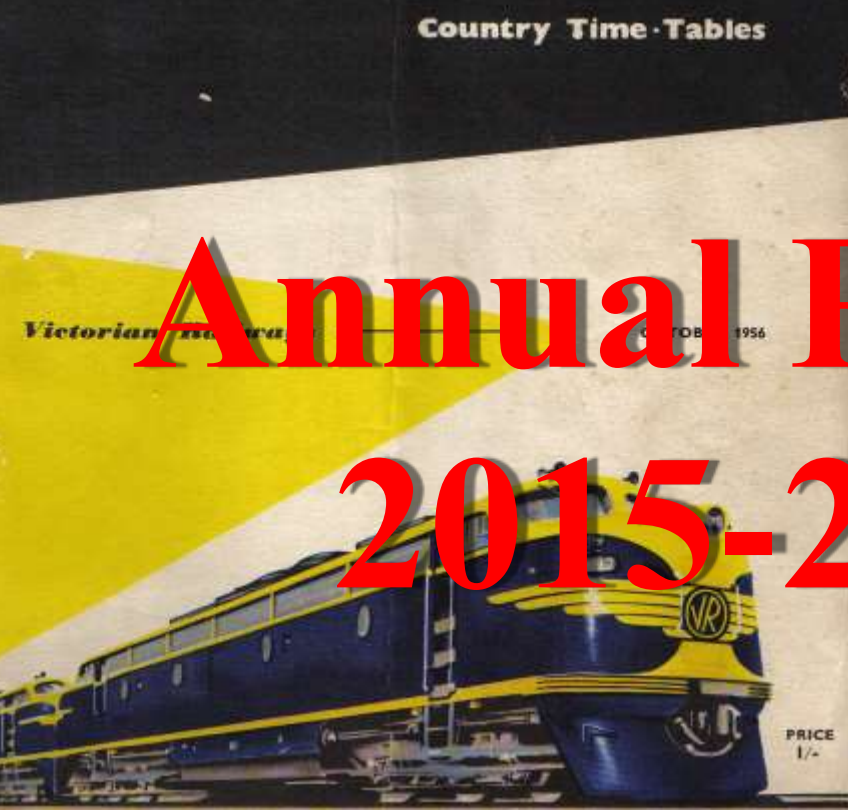
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2001



Country Time Tables

Victorian

OCTOBER 1956

PRICE 1/-



SUBURBAN TIME TABLE

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS
FROM JUNE 21, 1954 **** PRICE ONE SHILLING

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2002



2003



2005



2007



2008



2009



2011





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Australian Timetable Association Inc.

The Transport Analysts

Annual Report 2015-2016

This Annual Report contains all of the reports and papers to be presented to the ATA 33rd Annual General Meeting in Brisbane on 13th August, 2016.

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Agenda

AATTC 33rd AGM 13th August 2016

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2015 (32nd) AGM
3. Business arising from the Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Reports:
 - 5.1 President
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 - 5.3 *Table Talk* Editor
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 - 5.5 Production Manager
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 - 5.11.2 Brisbane
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6. Determination of required Committee numbers
 - 6.1 Election of Committee:
 - 6.1.1.1 President
 - 6.1.2 Vice-President
 - 6.1.33 Secretary
 - 6..1.4 Treasurer
 - 6.1 5 Ordinary Committee Members (see 6.)





President's Report 2015-2016

GEOFF LAMBERT



I rather like this cartoon because it simultaneously pokes fun at what we are and underlines the fact that we actually provide a service to people who appreciate timetables. This appreciation has been subliminally present in a great proportion of the world's population ever since Bradshaw invented the things some 175 years ago.

Our Facebook page and Twitter accounts are

emblematic of our changing face. The massive revamp of our web-page will add further opportunities for us to interact with the modern timetable world. We are not done yet— but we are getting there. For the first time in our history, the average age of our members is coming down as the tech-savvy begin to join.

I am always particularly struck by the level of pro-active participation by our membership base. By my count, more than 40% of our members are proactive through their contributions to the running of the Association. This must be something of a world record.

At a more micro level, the day-to-day task of presiding over the ATA—always a pleasure—has had a few challenges this year—but mainly when I have been wearing my Production Manager's hat. These challenges are detailed in the Production Manager's Report.

The ATA is required by legislation to have a Management Committee (see list of its members at back of this report) and for that Committee to meet at least 4 times per year. Except at AGM time (when we can meet face-to-face) these meetings are conducted by Skype—a far cry from a decade ago when committee members crowded around a small number of daisy-chained speaker-phones. These meetings (and the AGM) are the only time the President needs to “preside”. We have no Ordinary General Meetings for members. These we delegate to the Divisions, which meet regularly and are, in effect, the equivalent of subcommittees—each with its own “Presiding Officer”. The reports of these Presiding Officers can be found in “Branch Reports”, later in this report. We also delegate to one of these Divisions, the organisation of our AGMs They always respond magnificently- thank you all.

The Skype Meetings in the year just gone have sometimes been challenging, but have been the tool by which we keep the Ship of State afloat. I commented last year that: “It's a strange, but unsurprising, thing, is it not, that a lot of timetable news gets floated at these meetings?”. I have recently attempted to overcome this sad situation by insisting that the last Agenda item at each Committee Meeting be “Timetable Gossip”

I should like to thank the members of the Committee, and those appointed to all the job roles we have created, for their logistical and moral support in running the ATA in the 2015-2016 year. It has been another good year.



Audited Financial Statement for 2015-2016

JIM WELLS & LEN REGAN

Australian TimeTable Association Inc

ABN 74 248 483 468

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2016

	2016	2015	2014	2013
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June				
Income				
Subscriptions	8,070	8,255	8,370	8,485
Retail Sales	260	326	372	341
Distribution Service	4,543	7,783	4,790	5,651
Auctions	5,463	4,999	3,805	4,002
Donations	250	-	250	-
Bank Interest	471	550	593	482
	19,057	21,913	18,180	18,961
Expenditure				
The Times Production	3,734	3,490	3,083	3,114
Table Talk Production	2,249	1,431	1,735	2,579
Members' Newsletter	184	185	271	276
Mailing Costs	2,722	2,428	2,035	2,825
Distribution Service	4,880	6,968	4,938	4,554
Auctions	4,144	2,108	1,647	2,144
National Timetable Collection	359	244	-	-
AGM	15	-	127	50
Administration	456	416	974	401
	18,743	17,270	14,810	15,943
Surplus / (deficit)	314	4,643	3,370	3,018

Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 30th June

Current Assets				
Cash at Bank	13,750	12,693	10,748	7,328
Term Deposit	19,535	19,076	15,563	15,000
Debtors	153	326	62	186
	33,438	32,095	26,373	22,514
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions in advance	6,422	6,071	4,781	5,425
Mail Order deposits	3,120	2,442	2,653	1,520
	9,542	8,513	7,434	6,945
Net assets	23,896	23,582	18,939	15,569
Accumulated Funds				
As at start of period	23,582	18,939	15,569	12,551
Surplus / (deficit)	314	4,643	3,370	3,018
As at end of period	23,896	23,582	18,939	15,569

Jim Wells
(Accountant) 7th July 2016

Len Regan
(Treasurer) 7th July 2016

Australian Timetable Association
Financial Details 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016

	July15	Aug 15	Sept 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec15	Jan16	Feb16	Mar16	Apr16	May16	June16	General	Accrual	Cash	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Income																
Membership 2015-16														8070.48		
Received 2014-15													6070.00		2040.00	
Received 2015-16													2040.00			
PayPal fees													-4.32		-4.32	
Membership 2016-17													6420.00		6420.00	
PayPal fees													-35.20		-35.20	
Distribution List																
Receipts	312.73	491.91	243.45	249.05	453.97	828.64	413.38	445.39	561.97	598.38	276.23	202.69		5077.79		
PayPal fees	-1.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1.97	-1.89	-0.58	0.00	-0.77	-0.78	-1.52	-1.20		-9.93		
Income	311.51	491.91	243.45	249.05	452.00	826.75	412.80	445.39	561.20	597.60	274.71	201.49		5067.86	5067.86	
Accrual from 2015													2440.70	2440.70		
Accrual to 2017													2965.10	-2965.10		
Accrual income														4543.46		
Auction																
Receipts	180.18	238.60	58.40	746.30	816.50	1134.80	622.30	567.20	110.60	163.15	418.60	438.15		5494.78		
PayPal fees	-0.90	-0.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	-14.33	-12.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2.03	-1.34		-31.58		
Income	179.28	237.78	58.40	746.30	816.50	1120.47	610.14	567.20	110.60	163.15	416.57	436.81		5463.20	5463.20	
Invoice sales													260.40	260.40	260.40	
Donations													250.01	250.01	250.01	
Interest Cheque Ac													11.78	11.78	11.78	
Interest Term Deposit													459.08	459.08		
Total														19058.41	19473.73	
Expenses																
Mailouts																
The Times	320.59	310.00	310.00	310.00	385.00	310.00	310.00	310.00	310.00	289.00	305.00	265.20		3734.20		
Table Talk	224.59	189.00	126.00	195.00	158.00	210.00	210.00	210.00	210.00	148.00	205.00	163.80		2249.39		
Members News	15.00	55.50	20.00	20.00	13.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		183.50		
Envelopes	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		525.00		
Postage	196.05	141.96	241.40	113.10	170.17	185.85	210.00	195.47	204.24	181.27	185.52	171.53		2196.56		
Total	930.64	696.46	697.40	638.10	901.17	720.85	745.00	715.47	929.24	618.27	695.52	600.53		8888.65	8888.65	
Distribution List																
Auctions	694.32	413.95	515.31	794.59	237.50	408.66	394.71	314.48	420.25	329.99	249.29	106.60		4879.65	4879.65	
Administration	154.250	158.250	160.730	619.050	669.300	645.870	74.300	607.580	115.950	288.100	303.050	347.850		4144.28	4144.28	
AGM 2015													456.05	456.05	456.05	
Bank Fees													14.55	14.55	14.55	
National Tt Collection													0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total													358.99	358.99	358.99	
Profit														18742.17	18742.17	
2015-2016														316.24	731.56	
Assets																
Cheque Account															13749.93	
Term deposit															19535.14	
Debtors: Distribution List															167.00	
Liabilities															3133.00	
Subscriptions for 2016-17															6420.00	
Net cash assets															23899.07	
As at 30.06.16																
Compiled	5.07.16															Treasurer



Table Talk Editor's Reports 2015-2016

VICTOR ISAACS



In 2015-2016 *Table Talk*, ATA's news magazine, continued its successful reporting of timetable and related news about railways in Australasia. The biggest and longest lasting issue reported was V/Line's operational problems. We know that *Table Talk's* reporting of the disappearance of V/Line's Working Timetable from their website, contrary to an obligation to the Victorian Essential Services Commission, had a role in the restoration of that information to the website.



Table Talk is focussed on reporting "timetable" news. "Related" news, however, is a flexible concept, reflecting, to some extent, the Editor's interests. At present, therefore, there are related infrastructure and political items.

In 2015-2016 *Table Talk* totalled 145 pages, an increase from 120 pages in the preceding year. Of these 95 pages were of rail news. As always, the size of *Table Talk* varied in proportion to the amount of current news. Issues ranged from 8 to 15 pages. Depending on pagination, *Members' News* was sometimes attached to *Table Talk*. As noted in the Production Manager's Report, *Table Talk* is now distributed electronically to those members who prefer this.

In addition to the usual monthly editions, *Table Talk Newswire* was produced. This appears midway between editions, and provides via email, a preview of some of the rail news which will appear in the next edition. It is available to members upon request to the Editor.

In 2015-2016 *Table Talk* again did not reach expectations in the provision of bus news. Bus news did appear, but was sometimes of a fairly sketchy nature. This is because we have still been unable to obtain a new Bus Editor. The Committee is open to offers to edit the bus section!

I am very grateful to those who provided contributions of news to *Table Talk*. All members have benefited from your kind efforts! Thanks are also due to the proof-readers, Agnes Boskovitz, David Cranney and Geoff Hassall, who have also contributed greatly to the quality of the magazine, as well as saving the Editor from embarrassments. *Table Talk* has three proof-readers. This seems to be the optimal number.





The Times Editor's Report 2015-2016

GEOFF LAMBERT



...”Of droughts and flooding rains..” That has been the story of The Times in 2015-2016.

At some stages throughout the year, I have been very short of articles and have had to cobble together stories from the Web, or in my back-up files. Then someone like Peter Hobbis will come up with the brilliant suggestion of doing a story on the Public Transport habits of Malcolm Turnbull. The story has been attracting comment, letters and additional information ever since. I gave the story to the PM, but he seems to have been too busy to comment. He also seems to have stopped travelling by the 389 bus – perhaps because it no longer goes to Chifley Square where he has an office.

Sometimes I will receive 4 stories per week and then have to figure out how to get them all into print quickly without offending any of the authors. As of June 30, there were some 8 stories (some in multiple parts) from contributors allocated or waiting to be allocated to The Times. This does not mean that our contributors can rest easy – the opposite in fact!

The usual statistics for this year and last year are shown in the table at the right. A few dot points are worth making from this:

- “Australian” content has risen from 70% to 88%
- Bus stories from people other than myself have dropped from 14% to 11% - this is quite disappointing
- Two Prime Ministerial appearances – Malcolm Turnbull; Ben Chifley
- An article ghost-written by Joulupukki (Santa Claus)

Editing The Times continues to be

Type	2014-2015			2015-2016		
	Items	Pages	%age	Items	Pages	%age
Article	54	173	95%	46	161	96%
Letter	9	10	5%	6	7	4%
Review						
Note						
Pictorial						
Total	63	183		52	167	
Mode	Items	Pages	%age	Items	Pages	%age
Rail	45	138	60%	36	114	55%
Tram	7	28	12%	8	39	19%
Bus	8	32	14%	12	47	23%
Water	2	11	5%	1	7	3%
Air	7	19	8%			
Non-Modal	1	3	1%			
Sum	70	231		57	206	
Area	Items	Pages	%age	Items	Pages	%age
AUS	49	127	70%	43	143	88%
NZ				1	1	1%
UK	5	22	12%	2	6	4%
USA	2	5	3%	2	5	3%
EUR	2	5	3%			
OTH	1	8	4%	2	7	4%
ALL	4	15	8%	1	1	1%
Total	63	183		51	163	

	Authors	Articles	Authors	Articles
	28	54	25	52
	ARTC/ABC/NSWTRAIN	1	Albert Isaacs	4
	Albert Isaacs	4	Andrew McLean	1
	Bob Gallagher	1	Anthony McIlwain	1
	Chris Blower	1	Ben Chifley	1
	Conrad Smith	2	David Cranney	2
	David Flynn	1	David Whiteford	1
	David Whiteford	3	Duncan MacAuslan	1
	Derek Scrafton	1	E.Foxwell	1
	Duncan MacAuslan	1	Ephemera Society of A	1
	E.J.Doran	1	Geoff Lambert	14
	Edwin A Pratt	1	Hilaire Fraser	2
	Geoff Lambert	13	Ian Brady	1
	Geoff Mann	1	J.T. Burton Alexander	1
	Gladys Berejuklian	1	Jim Bright	1
	Hilaire Fraser	3	Jim Stokes	1
	Jas. Pollard	1	Jim Wells	6
	Jim Wells	7	Joulupukki	1
	John Evans	1	Kenneth Best	1
	Max Michell	1	Max Michell	1
	Mickey Mouse Airlines	1	Richard Peck	1
	Ross Willson	2	Robert Henderson	1
	SMH	1	Ross Willson	2
	STC	1	Various	1
	Steven Haby	1	Victor Isaacs	4
	Sydney Light Rail	1	Wikipedia	1
	The Commissioner	1		
	Tim Fischer	1		
	Torquemada	2		
	Victor Isaacs	4		
	Wikipedia	1		

a pleasure. I am—as ever—grateful for the contributions made by our members and readers; and especially grate-

ful to Victor Isaacs, our proofreader.



Production Managers' Report 2015-2016

GEOFF & JUDY LAMBERT

Sometimes running the Production Department seems like herding cats.

As George Bernard Shaw once said “Life wasn’t meant to be easy—but it can be delightful”. The delightful bits were sufficiently frequent to counteract the “hard bits”- which were mostly related to the changes we introduced to cope with multiple modes of despatch of our monthly mail-out – “Paper Only” (26 members), Electronic Only (24 members) and “Both” (89 members). This makes for interesting scenes in the Production House (our dining room table), especially when membership fees are due. The experience has revealed a few (previously unknown to me) problems with using Microsoft Office to produce the letters and labels. Now that we are alert to this, these problems ought to fade away. As usual, we have several minor glitches at our print shop – mostly billing errors. At the Post Office, things have run pretty smoothly this year as our “new” Print Post Mailing Centre is now into its stride in coping with “tiddler” organisations such as ATA, with our close-to-the-minimum mail-out size. It helps to establish good personal relations with the staff – even Ms Grumpy can be induced to smile and give us better service. All of this would have been more than twice as hard without Judy Lambert’s help.





Distribution Officers' Reports, 2015-2016

PETER HOBBS



The year has gone very well as far as Timetable Distribution is concerned. There have been no problems of any significance, apart from a week or so delay at times due to some Distribution Officers being away.

A big thank you to all the Distribution Officers for their great and willing support. Also to all those who sent orders with very few problems for me to sort out. A very special Thank You to Len Regan who helped me so much during late November and early December when my computer was out of action for three weeks! And also for the two or so weeks following a nasty fall in late January.

All being well I hope to be able to serve again efficiently this coming year.

ATA Distribution List Results													
July 2015 - June 2016													
Distribution List	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Details													
No of pages	4	6	6	4	6	4	5	4	6	6	5	5	61
Items offered	61	104	94	47	118	55	62	54	77	85	72	65	894
Orders placed	27	31	26	30	30	37	30	30	29	27	28	35	360
Items requested	175	305	243	166	301	237	215	188	278	307	224	245	2884
Receipts													
Sales	\$77.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.36	\$3.33	\$35.92	\$3.92	\$14.73	\$10.38	\$10.89	\$177.83
Cheque, Cash	\$0.00	\$313.30	\$169.60	\$100.00	\$92.15	\$560.65	\$144.85	\$100.00	\$282.30	\$140.95	\$135.65	\$108.60	\$2,148.05
EFT	\$221.25	\$107.11	\$132.25	\$149.05	\$309.07	\$280.08	\$286.75	\$364.07	\$258.35	\$335.75	\$182.85	\$436.25	\$3,062.83
Transfers	-\$21.33	\$31.50	-\$58.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$70.30	-\$32.30	-\$54.60	-\$70.60	\$68.60	-\$85.85	-\$416.35	-\$709.63
PayPal (net of fees)	\$34.28	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.78	\$34.96	\$10.17	\$0.00	\$87.23	\$37.57	\$31.68	\$62.10	\$388.77
Total Income	\$311.51	\$491.91	\$243.45	\$249.05	\$452.00	\$826.75	\$412.80	\$445.39	\$561.20	\$597.60	\$274.71	\$201.49	\$5,067.85
Expenses													
Photocopies	\$13.97	\$207.13	\$44.48	\$9.24	\$2.06	\$123.01	\$13.66	\$4.20	\$6.01	\$3.54	\$2.34	\$15.56	\$445.20
Stationery	\$2.79	\$13.27	\$24.78	\$0.00	\$2.79	\$6.25	\$12.90	\$66.98	\$4.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.99	\$137.74
Postage - Pre-paid	\$627.56	\$114.05	\$366.55	\$735.35	\$153.65	\$229.40	\$305.65	\$191.80	\$341.75	\$326.45	\$191.95	\$36.05	\$3,620.21
Dist List printing	\$50.00	\$79.50	\$79.50	\$50.00	\$79.00	\$50.00	\$62.50	\$51.50	\$67.50	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$52.00	\$676.50
Total Expenses	\$694.32	\$413.95	\$515.31	\$794.59	\$237.50	\$408.66	\$394.71	\$314.48	\$420.25	\$329.99	\$249.29	\$106.60	\$4,879.65
ATA profit	-\$382.81	\$77.96	-\$271.86	-\$545.54	\$214.50	\$418.09	\$18.09	\$130.91	\$140.95	\$267.61	\$25.42	\$94.89	\$188.20
Postage Stamps													
Opening stock value	\$51.38	\$66.78	\$61.88	\$75.18	\$89.18	\$96.88	\$92.48	\$131.18	\$153.78	\$166.78	\$169.78	\$162.78	
Stamps received	\$21.00	\$5.60	\$20.30	\$21.70	\$18.20	\$23.70	\$32.70	\$34.60	\$25.00	\$16.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$238.80
Stamps used	\$5.60	\$10.50	\$7.00	\$7.70	\$10.50	\$28.10	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$151.40
Stamps bought	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Closing stock value	\$66.78	\$61.88	\$75.18	\$89.18	\$96.88	\$92.48	\$131.18	\$153.78	\$166.78	\$169.78	\$162.78	\$153.78	



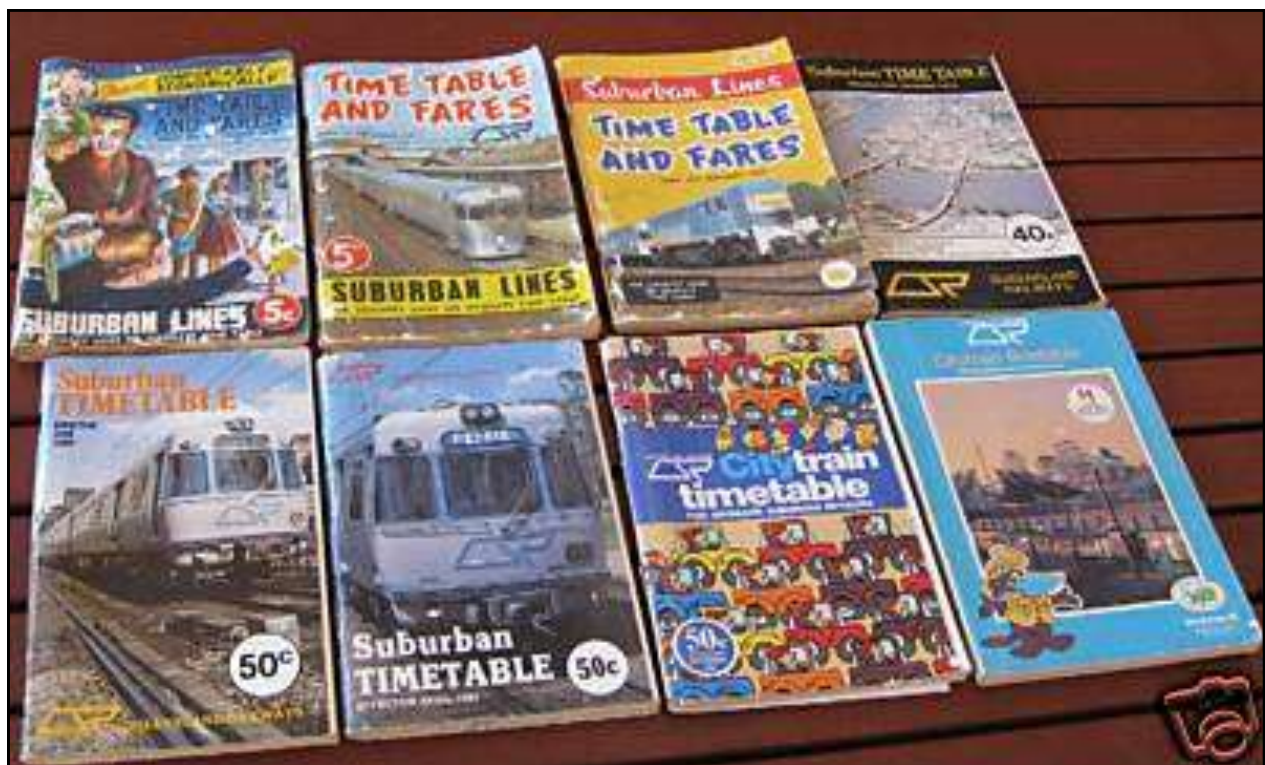
Membership Officer's Report 2015-2016

LEN REGAN



Membership of the Association on 30 June 2016 stood at 138, made up of 2 life members and 136 ordinary members. There are currently no student members. There was a net gain of 2 members during the year. We welcomed 5 new members: Bill Paras, Geoffrey Foster, Joel Taggart, Steve Wilson and James Nelson. 3 Members did not renew their membership. This is the geographical distribution of members:

Queensland	12	9%
New South Wales	58	42%
ACT	7	5%
Victoria	38	27%
Tasmania	1	1%
South Australia	11	8%
Western Australia	2	1%
United Kingdom	6	4%
Switzerland	1	1%
Vietnam	1	1%
USA	1	1%





Auctioneer's Report 2015-2016

GEOFF HASSALL



I suppose I should appreciate the significant contribution that the auction plays in the finances of ATA (see the Financial Report). However, I always feel that the auction sits on a knife-edge between success and failure, or perhaps supply and demand, relying as it does on small numbers of contributors of material (either by donation or on consignment) and enthusiastic bidders. It always seems that no sooner than a significant collection has been nearly exhausted, another appears from a helpful member. This has occurred yet again recently. For this I am truly grateful.

On the 'demand' side, the small number of bidders has always been a worry. Lately, however, I have noticed a number of new bidders joining the system. Indeed, the June auction brought a record number of bidders for the time of monthly auctions. This is most gratifying. I keep reiterating that, while a few items can sell for quite high amounts to systematic collectors, there is also plenty of material available each month which could be bought for little over the reserve price (which itself is often little over the cost of postage). If something catches your eye, it is always worth giving it a go.

As this is my last Annual Report, I'd like to take this opportunity to comment briefly on the past and possibilities for the future. When I took over the auction some years ago, it was a twice-yearly 'super event'. I found such a way of working very stressful, so, with the considerable support of Len Regan, a smaller, monthly topical auction was devised. I personally found this method of working much less stressful, despite the presence of 12 deadlines a year instead of two! Whether this system led to higher overall sales I cannot say, but it certainly did not seem to reduce sales to any noticeable degree. Some bidders may have been tempted by smaller individual monthly bills to bid on more items. However, the way the auction is presented in future will be up to my successor, in conjunction with the Committee. One idea which has been discussed within the Committee for some while which could come to fruition under the new regime may be the use of eBay. This looks especially attractive for the overseas material we receive, and other items which we do not have an outlet for within the group but which may be most saleable on a world stage.

ATA Auction Results
July 2015 - June 2016

Auction Date	67 July	68 August	69 September	70 October	71 November	72 December	73 January	74 February	75 March	76 April	77 May	78 June	Total	% of Total
Details														
Items offered	37	40	47	40	29	53	42	32	52	38	46	43	499	
Bidders	7	5	2	5	6	9	8	6	5	6	7	12	78	
Items with bids	18	21	10	40	27	25	20	23	31	18	21	35	289	58%
Items unsold	19	19	37	0	2	28	22	9	21	20	25	8	210	42%
Vendors	4	4	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	3	3	2	30	
Receipts														
Highest bid	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$96.00	\$71.00	\$185.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$6.00	\$20.00	\$91.00	\$51.00	\$185.00	% of Bids \$
Bids value	\$187.33	\$248.00	\$60.00	\$785.40	\$856.40	\$1,165.40	\$653.00	\$571.50	\$114.60	\$172.50	\$441.50	\$489.40	\$5,745.03	
Discounts	\$7.15	\$9.40	\$1.60	\$39.10	\$40.30	\$69.97	\$30.70	\$12.95	\$4.00	\$9.35	\$22.90	\$21.95	\$269.37	5%
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.42	\$33.27	
Credits						\$39.37		-\$4.65				-\$34.72	\$0.00	
Bid Payments	\$180.18	\$238.60	\$58.40	\$746.30	\$816.50	\$1,134.80	\$622.30	\$567.20	\$110.60	\$163.15	\$418.60	\$438.15	\$5,494.78	96%
PayPal fees	\$0.90	\$0.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14.33	\$12.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.03	\$1.34	\$31.58	
Nett Income	\$179.28	\$237.78	\$58.40	\$746.30	\$816.50	\$1,120.47	\$610.14	\$567.20	\$110.60	\$163.15	\$416.57	\$436.81	\$5,463.20	
Expenses														
Vendor payments	\$62.25	\$128.25	\$13.88	\$589.05	\$642.30	\$604.05	\$22.50	\$428.63	\$85.95	\$94.10	\$280.88	\$296.78	\$3,248.60	78%
Printing	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$21.80	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$21.32	\$21.32	\$323.94	8%
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.82	\$30.00	\$148.95	\$0.00	\$171.50	\$0.85	\$29.75	\$509.72	12%
Other	\$62.00												\$62.00	1%
Total	\$154.25	\$158.25	\$160.73	\$619.05	\$669.30	\$645.87	\$74.30	\$607.58	\$115.95	\$288.10	\$303.05	\$347.85	\$4,144.28	72% of Bids \$
ATA profit	\$25.03	\$79.53	-\$102.33	\$127.25	\$147.20	\$474.60	\$535.84	-\$40.38	-\$5.35	-\$124.95	\$113.53	\$88.97	\$1,318.93	23%
Auction Topics														
July	Local Bus and Tram Timetables													
August	Maps and Guides													
September	Overseas Timetables													
October	Local Trams and Bus Timetables													
November	Local Bus Timetables													
December	Rail Working Timetables													
January	Non-Timetable & General Items													
February	Local Buses, Trains & Ferries													
March	Maps and Guides													
April	Urban Bus, Tram, Train & Ferry													
May	Railway Timetables													
June	Special Train Notices, Brochures & Non-Timetable items													





Archives Officer Report 2015-2016

LEN REGAN & GEOFFREY CLIFTON



Considerable progress was made during the year on preparing to make large deposits of timetables to the Jack McLean National Timetable Collection in the State Library of Victoria. After the initial sorting and grouping of material, the emphasis has been on indexing timetables to accompany the deposits. This has exposed some concerns about the indexing format and content which are currently being resolved with the Library.

Material for the Collection is held in both Sydney and Melbourne, and more collections were donated to the ATA for the Collection during the year. We currently have 14 large donations which are being processed for the Collection. At this stage, priority is being given to indexing and depositing railway public timetables. When the current batch of indexing is completed, the file for all the timetables deposited with the Library will be available for ATA members.



Webmasters' Reports 2015-2016

ALEX SIMS

The website continues to have around 1300 unique visitors each month, mainly from Australia. The most frequently visited page is the home page, followed by current timetable lists and indexes of our magazines.

As webmaster my objectives have been:

Keep the website current

Make the website accessible to all users particularly on mobile devices (phones, tablets)

Make back issues of *The Times* and *Table Talk* available in alternative formats good for reading on all devices from the largest desktop to the smallest phone

Make the website visible and understandable by search engines so people can find it

Make the website lightweight and fast for viewers

In 2015/2016 achievements have been:

Made the source code and building instructions available for all to contribute on GitHub. This should allow easier handover to the next webmaster.

Convert to Markdown and Jekyll to cleanly separate content and presentation.

Back issues of the *Table Talk* since January 2016 now available in multiple formats

Trials of @austta.org.au email addresses

In 2016/2017 I'm seeking to:

Update the timetable list pages to the new format

Update some of the current timetable lists (You can help here!)

Improve the look of the website

Automate downloading and collation of electronic versions of printed timetables from at least one operators website.

What you can do to help:

Have a look at the website to see how it looks. Is it easy to use and what is incorrect/missing or wonderful? All feedback is welcome and helpful.

Contribute to updating the current timetable lists!





Branch Reports 2015-2016

ATA has Branches Everywhere!

Adelaide

Unfortunately for a variety of reasons, the South Australian Division only met once during the year on the 15th July when three members and one visitor gathered at the residence of Roger Wheaton. It appears that the fewer members makes it harder to arrange a suitable common date for those able to attend. The format was in the usual form with general discussion and some supper. Roger Wheaton was re-elected as the local convenor. Some suburban rail WTT's recently forwarded to the Division were acquired by the visitor as the others attending are now in the stage of downsizing or limiting their acquisitions.



ROGER WHEATON

Brisbane

Five ATA Brisbane members are invited to quarterly meetings and those available generally have an animated conversation about most things rail although other subjects can get into the discussion. Most meetings include a chat about someone's timetable which can be Queensland but can also be from an overseas country visited. We thank those members who contribute to the several magazines which we receive each month. We also thank the decision to provide the previous mail package via e-mail.



BRIAN WEBBER

Canberra

The Canberra Division continued its program of informal meetings every month in 2015-2016. The meetings, combined with meals at the Ainslie Football Club, attracted 6 to 8 members and friends. Much information is exchanged. As well, useful proof-reading of *Table Talk* takes place.

DAVID CRANNEY

Melbourne

Melbourne Division meetings of the Association are held five times per year and are attended by a small number of very loyal members. Meetings are held at the home of David Hennell in Surrey Hills, his home station being Chatham. All meetings include general discussion and there is usually a session on a topic of interest, mostly Australian. The main focus of the Melbourne meetings is railways as this is the major interest of those attending. A grab box is always present and it is kept refreshed by contributions from the attendees.

The topics presented in the 2015/2016 year were:

July 2015: the Inner Circle Railway (Royal Park – North Carlton – North Fitzroy – Northcote Loop Junction (Rushall)) – David Hennell

September 2015: Victorian and New South Wales railway quizzes – Brian Sherry

November 2015: VR's RMSP Nos. 85 & 86 and Brisbane's railway station of City View (Belmont Tramway) [both of these are follows-on from matters raised at the September meeting]; Adelaide's Glenelg group of lines (part 1) – David Hennell

March 2016: general discussion

May 2016: Adelaide's Glenelg group of lines (part 2) – David Hennell.

Handouts from some of the meetings are made available to all members through the Distribution Service, the Glenelg handouts being particularly sought after by our South Australian members.

The Melbourne members have contributed significantly to the work in the sorting and listing of timetables for the National Timetable Collection. A small number of sessions are held at the former Hawthorn Tram Depot each year. The social interaction at these gatherings is most worthwhile, too, as it results in contact and discussion with members who are unable to attend division meetings.

DAVID HENNELL

My thanks to the Melbourne Division members for their continued contribution to and support of the Association.

Sydney

The Sydney Division meets on the third Saturday of February, May, August and November. Therefore the next Sydney meeting will be held at 1400 on Saturday 20 August 2016 at Level 5, Room 5040, Abercrombie Building (H70), The University of Sydney Business School, Corner Codrington and Abercrombie Streets, Darlington. To get there by public transport you can catch the bus to City Road near Butlin Avenue (400 metres) or train to Redfern Station (800 metres), enter up ramp on Codrington Street then take lift or stairs to level 5. Please contact Geof-frey.Clifton@sydney.edu.au for more details.

GEOFFREY CLIFTON

Minutes of the 2015 (32nd) ATA AGM

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST 2015

HAWTHORN TRAM MUSEUM, MELBOURNE



1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

The President, Geoff Lambert, opened the meeting at 1420.

PARTICIPANTS: Geoff Lambert (President), Michael Smith (Secretary), Len Regan (Treasurer), Victor Isaacs (Committee), Roger Wheaton (Committee), David Hennell (Life Member), Paul Brown, Graeme Cleak, Glenn Cumming, Stephen Gray, Craig Halsall, Geoff Mann, Russell Nowell, James Ng, Peter Walhouse, Carolyn Cleak (Visitor).

APOLOGIES: Hilaire Fraser (Vice President), Nicky Buckley (Committee), Geoff Hassall (Committee), Peter Hobbis, Ian Manning, Michael Marshall (Committee), Dean Ogle, Brian Sherry, Tris Tottenham, Jim Wells.

PROXIES: The Secretary announced the following Proxies:

Dean Ogle appointed Michael Smith (Secretary);

Peter Hobbis, Geoff Hassall, Tris Tottenham and Michael Marshall appointed Len Regan (Treasurer);

David Cranney appointed Victor Isaacs (Committee).

WELCOME & THANKS: Len Regan welcomed members on behalf of the ATA Melbourne Division and the venue hosts, the Friends of Hawthorn Tram Depot. He explained the main features of the “Tramway Anzacs”, a high quality exhibition currently on display in the room where this meeting was held. He thanked the Friends for their hospitality and also advised the meeting that the Friends had offered the facilities for the AGM free of charge. For this, members expressed their sincere appreciation and gratitude.

2. MINUTES OF 31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 18 OCTOBER 2014:

The Minutes of the AGM of 18 October 2014 were accepted

Moved Lambert / Seconded / Isaacs

2.1 Business arising

None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None

4. REPORTS

All Reports were included in the ATA Annual Report 2014-2015 distributed to most members by email and available via the Association’s Distribution Service and web page.

4.1. President

The President briefly reviewed the year’s activities, which he said had been good except for some problems with production and with *Table Talk*.

Moved Lambert / Seconded Isaacs

Accepted

4.2. Financial Report

The Treasurer spoke, highlighting the current favourable financial position of the Association and the contributions from many ATA members who made this good result possible.

Moved Regan / Seconded Mann

Accepted

The following reports were discussed:

4.3 Editor of the *Times*

4.4 Editor of *Table Talk*

4.5 Production Manger

4.6 Distribution Officer

- 4.7 Membership Officer
- 4.8 Auction
- 4.9 Archives
- 4.10 Webmaster

5 DIVISIONAL REPORTS

All Reports were included in the Annual Report 2014-2015 distributed to most members by email and available via the Association's Distribution Service and web page.

6. RESOLUTION ON THE NUMBER OF ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Moved Lambert / Seconded Isaacs:

That there be five Ordinary committee Members

Agreed

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Geoff Mann conducted the election as Returning Officer

The following were elected unopposed:

7.1 **President** Geoff Lambert (nominated by Hilaire Fraser)

7.2 **Vice President** Hilaire Fraser (nominated by Michael Smith)

7.3 Secretary

Two nominations were received for Secretary:

Victor Isaacs (nominated by Geoff Mann)

Michael Smith (nominated by Nicky Buckley)

A ballot was conducted.

The Returning Officer announced that Victor Isaacs had been elected as Secretary.

The following were elected unopposed:

7.4 **Treasurer** Len Regan (nominated by Geoff Lambert)

7.5 **Committee Members** Nicky Buckley (nominated by Michael Smith)

Geoff Hassall (nominated by Len Regan)

Peter Hobbis (nominated by Len Regan)

Michael Smith (nominated by Victor Isaacs)

Roger Wheaton (nominated by Michael Smith)

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Location of 33rd Annual General Meeting

The meeting discussed the usual rotation of AGMs which would mean the next AGM would be in Sydney. The meeting noted that as there were now two Adelaide Committee members. Hence, Adelaide could be considered. The meeting decided that all Divisions be asked to consider hosting the 33rd AGM.

It was agreed that the incoming Committee would approach all divisions and ask them to bid for the hosting of the next AGM.





Membership List as at 8th August 2016

This list is of personal memberships only. These are the only people who may vote, nominate or be elected at the AGM. . Names in bold red are new members– Welcome!

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

HENNELL, David
ISAACS, Albert

MEMBERS

Red=New member

Italics = Not financial

ABRAMS, John
BARKER, Clive
BARKER, Phil
BLOOMFIELD, John
BLOWER, Chris
BRADY, Ian
BRIDGER, Ron
BROWN, Paul
BROWNBILL, Chris
BUCKLEY, Nicky
CHAPMAN, Ken
CLARK, Jim
CLEAK, Graeme
CLIFTON, Geoffrey
COKER, Brian
COLE, Donald
COLLYER, Alan
COPLEY, David
CRANNEY, David
CUMMING, Glenn
CZOBIK, Edward
DAVIS, Graham
DON, Peter
DUDMAN, Gordon
DUFFIN, Graham
EVANS, John
FARR, Noel
FENN, Neville
FERGUSON, Jim
FERRIS, Scott
FIELD, Robert
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FISCHER, Tim (AC)
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GOLDTHORPE, Frank
GRAHAM, Peter
GRAY, Stephen
GRAY, Alan
HABY, Steven
HALSALL, Craig
HARRADENCE, Brian
HASSALL, Geoff
HENDERSON, Robert

HOBBIS, Peter
HUNTER, Glen
HYLAND, Les
IRVINE, Richard
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MATHESON, David
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MCLEAN, Andrew
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THOMPSON, Paul
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Proceedings of the 2015-2016 ATA AGM

Results and Notes

Results of elections and motions on Reports

Position	Nominee	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				

Your Notes: