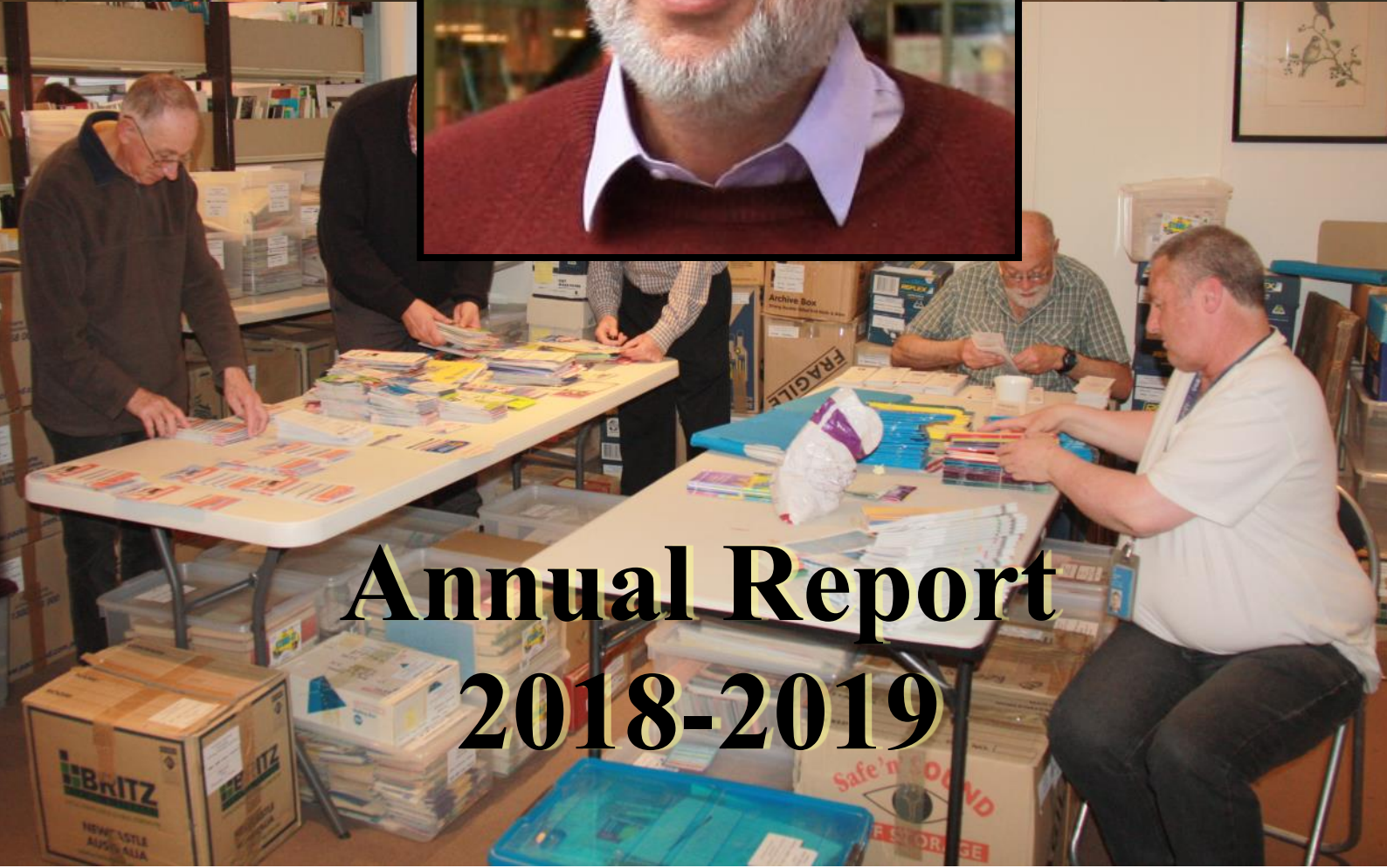




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This Annual Report contains all of the reports and papers to be presented to the ATA 36th Annual General Meeting in Canberra on 18th October, 2019.

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Rear:	AGM photos 2000-2017



Agenda

ATA 36th AGM 18th October 2019

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2018 (35th) AGM
3. Business arising from the Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Reports:
 - 5.1 President (requires a vote)
 - 5.2 Treasurer (requires a vote)
 - 5.3 *Table Talk* Editor
 - 5.4 *Times* Editor
 - 5.5 Production Manager
 - 5.6 Distribution Manager
 - 5.7 Membership Officer
 - 5.8 Auctioneer
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- 6 Elections and Appointments
 - 6.1 Determination of required Committee numbers
 - 6.2 Election of Committee:
 - 6.2.1 President
 - 6.2.2 Vice-President
 - 6.2.3 Secretary
 - 6.2.4 Treasurer
 - 6.2.5 Ordinary Committee Members (see 6.1)
 - 6.3 Appointment of Auditor
7. General Business
8. Location of 2020 (37th) AGM
9. Any other business that may be permitted under the Rules





President's Report 2018-2019

HILAIRE FRASER

The 2018-2019 Financial Year has been one of great interest to those interested in transport and timetables. The Canberra Light Rail and Sydney Metro projects have already proved very successful in attracting more people to public transport. The Newcastle Light Rail possibly will be a very useful transport link benefitting from and assisting the redevelopment of the Newcastle CBD. People's journeys are changing as bus networks are being recast to feed light rail, train and metro stations as has been the pattern in Canberra and Sydney's East and North-West.

In his presentation on "Digitised Timetables" to the State Library of Victoria User Organisations Council "On Time" Seminar on the National Timetable Collection, ATA member Andrew James outlined the present transition from paper to electronic timetables. In the past paper timetables were readily available. These could be readily indexed. Now the availability of paper timetables is decreasing with a drive to cut costs. (This drive to cut costs has seen staffed information centres disappear to be replaced by electronic outlets, similar to financial transactions going online as shops, banks and insurance offices close.) Before long paper timetables will disappear with a greater reliance on journey planners and real time information. Thus an organisation like the ATA will have to deal with the issues of saving and indexing electronic objects.

The Australian Timetable Association continues to meet the challenges of the digital age. Our Distribution Service regularly offers many working and public timetables in a digital form. Geoff Lambert, editor of our journal "The Times", provides a digital version which goes out in the electronic mail-out. The digital version has links to supplementary information. Geoff, provided links to virtual journeys on routes 136 and 159 to accompany my article on bus services along Sydney's Northern Beaches in the July 2019 edition. Our mail-out continues to be available in print or electronic form or both. Many members may now travel around our cities using timetable apps and downloaded timetables on their smartphones. ATA Facebook has become more popular with posts providing transport news, analysis and commentary.

As President I continue to see the enormous work done by our key people in keeping the ATA running. In addition to being our Secretary, Geoff Lambert edits "The Times" and ensures the production of our monthly mail out. Our Vice President Victor Isaacs, edits "Table Talk" and Steven Haby has taken on the task of bus editor, thereby enhancing this journal. Len Regan, our Treasurer, works long hours to handle the finances connected with membership, our Distribution Service and Auction. Robert Henderson and Alan Gray have prepared Auction Lists and Geoff Hassall assesses the bids. Alex Sims looks after our website and Paul Brown places ATA and transport news on Facebook. As President I am responsible for the Members' News.

Our partnership with the Prahran Mechanic's Institute (PMI) in suburban Melbourne continues to work well. ATA now stores archives and material for the National Timetable Collection at PMI. From time to time in various locations members receive timetable collections, store and sort them before forwarding them to PMI. Since November 2017, 14 members have been involved in 100 working sessions at PMI to sort, cull and catalogue items for the National Timetable Collection.. When processed, these timetables will be forwarded to the State Library of Victoria. Our thanks to Len Regan for managing this project.

UK member Jim Fergusson has an amazing website where he is attempting to document every passenger station that has ever existed in most parts of the world. He has approached ATA to take over his website when he is no longer able to manage it. The committee agreed to this in principle. Jim has provided ATA with CDs of his Australian station lists and NSW WTTs. Member, Ben Lewis has donated 327 NSW working timetables from 1919 to 1959. These are A4 spiral-bound print copies of scans of the original documents. We have received many Working Timetables and public timetables from around Australia and overseas from the former ARHS ACT. Also the late Alan Gray has bequeathed his vast timetable collection to ATA.

The State Library of Victoria User Organisations Council “On Time” Seminar on the National Timetable Collection, mentioned earlier was held on August 3. In addition to Andrew James, ATA members, David Hennell, Len Regan and John Makita made presentations. About 30 attended and ATA gained two new members.

Our Management Committee meets at least 4 times a year using Skype. The concluding item at each Skype Meeting is “Timetable Gossip” providing a unique opportunity to exchange information which is then passed on to our members. Our Division Meetings are important times for members to get together to share their hobby, and our Division Conveners have an important role to encourage members to and make sure things run smoothly.

Although we have had some new and younger members join ATA recently our future becomes uncertain when older members are no longer able to serve as office-bearers, committee members or assist the work of ATA. The difficulty for ATA is compounded by the steep learning curve for some of the “working positions”. Also by the recent changes to legislation and banking laws/rules that constrain an organisation like ours from making and implementing snap decisions on management. For something like Production Management, it should be in the State with the largest number of members because postal rates are cheaper if the mail-out is sent from that state. It seems that the state with the most number of members is shifting back towards VIC from NSW. Our Facebook posts can be seen by over 200 people who are happy to view them without seeking membership. Members need to come forward to take up roles which will keep the ATA going.

I wish to thank the members of the Committee and those appointed to do various jobs during the year for their hard work and support. It has been another good year and a pleasure to work with you.

Sadly we wish to acknowledge the passing of Frank Goldthorpe, Lachlan Richardson, Tony Bailey, Alan Gray, Tim Fischer AC, Howard Quinlan and Victor Isaacs. They were either members of the ATA or had links with the ATA.

Victor Isaacs

We were very saddened by the passing of Victor Isaacs on 8th October 2019. Having our 2019 AGM in Canberra was Victor’s initiative so that we could combine it with a ride on Canberra’s new tram. Victor was a long-standing and hard-working member serving at various times as President, Vice-President and Secretary as well as “Table Talk” editor. “Table Talk” benefitted greatly due to Victor’s encyclopaedic knowledge of rail operations. He also contributed to “The Times” and in 2019 we have been enjoying his series of articles on Australian Rail Timetables. He was also a mainstay of the Canberra Division of the ATA. In his working life Victor had been a public servant spending some time in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. He also belonged to the ACT division of the Australian Railway Historical Association where among other duties he served in the booking office at Queanbeyan Railway Station while the ARHS ACT division had a contract with NSW Trainlink. Victor also had an interest in newspapers, belonging to a newspaper history and interest group. In his travels he would purchase regional newspapers to satisfy this hobby. Victor would present talks at the University of the Third Age in transport and newspaper topics, amongst other things.

Victor and his wife were keen travellers, both within Australia and overseas. Victor in particular was keen to ride on various train and tram networks. He visited Newcastle with Agnes only a couple of months ago to ride the local system and talk to the local U3A. Another feature of their travels would be in meeting up with relatives. Any tribute to Victor would be incomplete without reference to his wife Agnes. Agnes encouraged Victor’s interests and was always a wonderful carer. On his passing Agnes described Victor as “My beloved husband, centre of my universe, rock of my life, and bringer of cheer to many.” Victor will be very much missed in the ATA. He often provided wise counsel and encouragement. He also will be missed on a personal level by many of us as a valued friend. On behalf of ATA I wish to express our condolences and sympathy to Agnes, Victor’s brother Albert and their families.



Treasurer's Report, 2018-2019

LEN REGAN



It is pleasing to report that, financially, the Association has had another successful year in 2018-19. This is due to the continued support of members in their membership and for the various Association activities.

The income and expenditure details for each month for each activity, as well as the bank balance details, are shown in the detailed Financial Statement. The corresponding totals from 2017-18 are also shown. All the totals are based on accrual accounting.

In a change from previous years, the PayPal fees are now included as a lump sum administrative expense, rather than being deducted from the income for individual activities.

Income for the year was \$16928, expenses were \$15832, giving an accrual surplus of \$1096. The surplus in the previous year was \$1760.

Membership revenue received was \$189 less than in the previous year.

Monthly mailout costs were \$8900, compared to \$8941 in the previous year. Expenditure for *The Times*, *Table Talk* and envelopes all decreased. Postage costs increased by 8.5%.

Membership fees for 2019-2020 received prior to 30 June 2019 are not included in Income, but are shown as a liability in Assets.

Funds received for Distribution List orders and Auction bids, as well as credits granted for materials supplied, are allocated to individual Distribution Service accounts. Many participants make occasional bulk payments to their Distribution Service account. The actual costs of Distribution List orders and Auction bids, as well as Membership Fees on request, are deducted from the Distribution Service accounts. This year there was a surplus of \$158 in Distribution Service receipts, which increased the total value of credits to \$2667. This surplus is not included in Income, but is included in the Distribution Accounts liability.

The surplus from the Distribution List was \$1102 (less than last year), and the surplus from Auctions was \$2775 (much better than last year).

On 30 June 2019, the cash at bank was \$11742, compared with \$11895 on 30 June 2018.

On 30 June 2019 the net cash assets were \$31174, compared with \$30078 on 30 June 2018.

The value of postal stationery held by production and distribution officers on 30 June 2019 was \$1485.

The funds derived from Auction 110 by the sale of railway working timetables donated by ATA UK member Jim Fergusson are shown as a reserve for the future costs of maintaining Jim's website, a project for which ATA has agreed to manage the Australian content. The website lists the names and distances of all railway infrastructure on all rail lines.

The Financial Statement was certified by the Committee at its meeting on 21 August 2019. The Association Rules require that is submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

Financial Year Outlook for 2019 - 2020

Income

Membership – likely to remain constant.

Distribution List - likely to remain constant or decline slightly due to continuing difficulties to obtain current timetables, resulting in a decline in orders.

Auctions – unpredictable as usual, but there is potential for some good results given the material that is available.

Sales – may increase if we are able to participate in book sales with surplus Auction material and overseas timetables, but given current priorities, this may have to wait until next financial year.

Interest – significant increase – more than \$750 – when the current Term Deposit at ING matures in October 2019. This interest will be taken as cash, and the Term Deposit will be rolled over, but presumably at a lower interest rate.

Expenses

Mailouts – Print costs have increased recently, so a slight increase in total costs could be expected.

Postage – Basic postage rates are expected to increase by 10% on 1 January 2020. We can buffer some of this increase for several months with bulk purchases of prepaid envelopes and satchels, but we will have to absorb the increase in the \$1 and \$2 stamps costs and the 4% increase in print post. The change in the costs for parcel satchels from 30 September 2019 may reduce our costs slightly.

Distribution List – will be adversely affected by the increase in basic postage costs. We will have very few opportunities to

reduce the minimum item cost to less than \$1.50.

Auction – increased postage costs will be reflected in the reserve prices, so maybe very little financial impact.

PayPal Fees – no significant change expected.

AGM – no significant change expected.

Website – Development and management of a new website may affect total costs this year.

National Timetable Collection – increases in storage costs are likely. Initial capital costs for computer equipment, security and office equipment could be significant.

End of Year Result

A reduced surplus is most likely.

Australian Timetable Association Inc., ABN 74 248 483 468 Financial Statement 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2019

	Jul18	Aug 18	Sept 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec18	Jan19	Feb19	Mar19	Apr19	May19	Jun19	General	Year	17/18
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Income															
Membership 2018-19														7,884	8,073
Received in 2017-18													6,322		
Received in 2018-19													1,562		
Distribution List															
Income	290	391	658	446	506	375	337	404	294	299	438	318	-	4,756	7,316
Auction															
Income	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	-	3,871	4,771
Invoice sales														260	480
Book Sales														87	-
Interest Cheque Ac														15	10
Interest Term Deposit														55	648
Total	455	867	768	597	668	482	630	1,662	476	983	721	318	417	16,928	21,298
Expenses															
Mailouts															
The Times	250	297	275	275	211	253	253	253	275	275	286	287	-	3,190	3,344
Table Talk	173	251	202	160	177	185	229	354	160	202	166	198	-	2,457	2,508
Members News	11	13	23	21	25	17	15	11	21	11	22	13	-	203	139
Envelopes	-	-	-	209	-	-	-	-	209	-	-	-	-	418	525
Postage	127	576	162	52	134	240	137	473	183	181	184	183	-	2,632	2,425
Total	561	1,137	662	717	547	695	634	1,091	848	669	658	681	-	8,900	8,941
Distribution List	598	153	528	425	192	117	367	462	249	157	173	233	-	3,654	5,129
Auctions	25	128	56	102	63	39	248	53	100	129	131	22	-	1,096	2,973
Administration													363	363	90
PayPal Fees													64	64	97
AGM 2018													160	160	57
Website													596	596	330
National Tt Collection													999	999	1,921
Total	1,184	1,418	1,246	1,244	802	851	1,249	1,606	1,197	955	962	936	2,182	15,832	19,538
ATA Surplus														1,096	1,760
Memo - activity surplus															
Distribution List	(308)	238	130	21	314	258	(30)	(58)	45	142	265	85	-	1,102	2,187
Auctions	140	348	54	49	99	68	45	1,205	82	555	152	(22)	-	2,775	1,798

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2019

Assets		
Cheque Account	11,742	11,895
Term deposit	28,000	27,014
Liabilities		
Distribution accounts	2,667	2,509
Subs in advance	5,901	6,322
Net assets	31,174	30,078
Member's Funds		
Reserve (Fergusson)	1,218	-
General funds	29,956	30,078
Total	31,174	30,078

Len Regan

Len Regan, Treasurer 15/8/19

J T Wells

Jim Wells, Accountant



Table Talk Editor's Report 2018-2019

VICTOR ISAACS

I believe that there has been a significant improvement in the offering provided to members by Table Talk, our news magazine, in 2018-19. This is because there is now a joint editor appointed who looks after the Bus news segment. Steven Haby commenced as Bus Editor from the December 2018 issue. Victor Isaacs continued in his role of Rail Editor (as well as Air news, while Ferry news is shared.) Victor puts together the final product.



In 2018-19 Table Talk comprised a total of 165 pages, compared to 188 pages in 2017-18. As always, the size of the magazine varies in direct proportion to the amount of news available. Issues varied between 11 and 18 pages. The two editors provide a high proportion of the news each month. They and members owe a great debt to the valued members who contribute news, and to the dedicated proof-readers.



The Times Editor's Report 2018-2019

GEOFF LAMBERT



"Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose" remained the continuing motto of The Times in 2018-2019. Rather than produce a set of exquisitely boring statistics for the content and authorship of the articles which had appeared in the July-June issues of The Times, I can summarise by saying that there have been more articles devoted to Australian transport timetables and a higher proportion devoted to railway timetables. The "Stable of Authors" is still fairly stable, with multiple contributions from the likes of Victor Isaacs, Jim Wells and Hilaire Fraser. "New" authors included Richard Peck and Max Michell. A number of contributors made anonymous contributions under pseudonyms such as "The Gnomes of Dulwich" and "Stanley Melbourne Bruce". I found it less and less necessary to throw in random contributions of my own to fill up space. This has been greatly helped by Victor Isaacs' comprehensive treatise on Public Rail Timetables of Australasia, which will run for about a year in total.

On the production side, things have not changed much. For many years now, The Times has been produced as a folded booklet, using what a printer would call two-up imposition. This is not the same as allowing two-up on Anzac Day, but it does mean that the magazine must have an number of pages that is a multiple of four. The Times is usually budgeted for 16 pages.

Although the digital edition of The Times has been produced for more than a year now, The Times recently acquired an ISSN for its Digital Edition. In consequence, the Digital Edition goes direct to the National Library of Australia (NLA), where it will be immediately available for browsing within the premises and will be put up on the NLA website after six months. The digital edition is, of course in full colour, whereas the paper edition has only colour of the first and last pages. The digital edition could, if required, have any number of pages. In the future, it probably will be, especially if it is produced in on-screen readable form. Some 42 ATA members receive the Digital Edition by e-mail. About half of them, exclusively so. The Digital Edition usually has many active hyperlinks which enable readers to navigate its pages, write a Letter to the Editor and find many of the references, timetables and other documents that are mentioned by the authors.



Production Managers' Report 2018-2019

GEOFF & JUDY LAMBERT

The Production Managers are responsible for

- Reception of copy from Editors
- Knocking the copy into shape for the printer
- Delivering copy to the printer
- Collecting printing (including yakking to the printer)
- Preparing the mailing list
- Producing a set of labels
- Stuffing the envelopes
- Taking the snail-mail to the (NEW) Print Post Reception Centre at Brookvale
- Converting snail-mail editions to digital editions
- Despatching the digital editions via e-mail



The timings indicate that this requires about 11 person-hours per month in fits and starts—mostly fits. For many years stuffing envelopes was a team effort of up to 8 people, that usually became a social occasion. The total time in hours and certainly the total person hours under such conditions rises exponentially with more than two people (as does the fun!) —gossip beats work!



Webmaster's Report 2018-2019

ALEX SIMS WEBMASTER@AUSTTA.ORG.AU



The website has remained steady with 1900 unique visitors each month, mainly from Australia. The most frequently visited page is the home page, the old page pointing out that busaustralia.com has a forum and then Brisbane timetable lists.

In 2018/2019 achievements have been

- Move to the timetable.org.au domain name (We are the TimeTable Organisation in Australia!)
- Adding online forms for new memberships and renewals
- Capture any traffic still going to the former aattc.org.au domain
- In 2019/2020 I'm still seeking to:
- Update more current and historical timetable lists (You can help here!) and make this process simpler so more people can help
- Improve the look of the website with help from others
- 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
- Explore automated collation of electronic versions of printed timetables into timetable lists

What you can do to help:

- Contribute to updating the current and historical timetable lists!
- Alex Sims webmaster@timetable.org.au



Distribution Manager's Report, 2018-2019

HILAIRE FRASER



During 2018-2019 the Distribution List performed provided a surplus of \$1102. This is a pleasing result. Some regulars subscribers have passed away and some older members suffer from ill health and their interest in timetables has lessened, although some homebound members very much appreciate the regular receipt of timetables as a way of remaining in touch with the outside world. It would appear that some members now collect electronic timetables available on the internet. Also as often lamented fewer timetables are being printed and those printed have a smaller print run. Among other things we have provided sets of Sydney and Greater Sydney train timetables effective 30/9/18 and 28/4/19 in instalments over a number of Distribution Lists. Also Sydney Trains and NSW Trainlink working timetables effective 28 April 2019 were popular. Of course we always have various increases to postal charges. Our thanks to members, who supplied items, and our Distribution Officers, who despatched items. Our Distribution Officers provide lists of items they have and I combine these into the final Distribution List. Len Regan handles the finances and most of the items on the Distribution List. Two or three times a year we receive a box of timetables from TransitGraphics and these timetables supplement our Distribution Service in a major way. Our thanks to the team at TransitGraphics.

We look forward to another good year over 2019-2020.



Membership Officer's Report, 2018-2019

LEN REGAN

The Association membership grew from 132 at the beginning of the year to 136 at the end of the year.

3 members did not renew their membership July 2019.

During the year we welcomed 7 new members

- Don Barker, from Boronia in Melbourne
- Domenic Haby, a student member from Newport in Melbourne
- Robert Daniel, from Caboolture, north of Brisbane
- Ivan Ploskonka, from Concord West in Sydney
- Chris Zucker, from Tamworth north-west NSW
- Peter Dempster, from Epping in Sydney.

Membership at the end of the financial year was made up of 3 life members, 132 normal members and 1 student member. For the monthly mailout, 89 members received it only by post, 27 members received it only by email, and 20 members received it both ways.

At right is the geographic distribution of members.

The folded DL-size ATA information and membership brochure has been updated and reprinted. The artwork and the printing costs were generously donated to ATA by John Mikita at Transit Graphics.

Copies of the brochure are available for members at the AGM. Copies can be made available at the various ATA Division meetings and at appropriate suitable events and display locations. Members are encouraged to obtain copies and display them at appropriate locations to promote the Association.

	Number	Percentage
Queensland	13	10%
New South Wales	53	39%
ACT	9	7%
Victoria	40	29%
South Australia	9	7%
Western Australia	4	3%
United Kingdom	6	4%
Switzerland	1	1%
USA	1	1%
Total	136	



Auctioneer's Report 2018-2019

GEOFF HASSALL AUCTION TEAM LEADER (RATHER THAN "THE" AUCTIONEER)



The auction has progressed quite smoothly this year, with overall a small but significant additions to ATA's coffers.

Probably the most significant thing—and certainly the saddest thing—that happened to the auction this year was the loss of co-auctioneer Alan Gary, after a short illness. Alan's substantial collection of mainly, but far from exclusively, NSW bus timetables, was left to ATA. Len Regan and myself perused the collection and arranged for it to be boxed shortly after his passing, awaiting probate of his will to take things further. Bus material not suitable for our activities will be passed on to Sydney Bus Museum if appropriate.

With Alan's collection and others obtained over the year by donation or consignment, we have a good amount of material to auction in 2020.

As far as bidding goes, results were very mixed. We have found that bus timetables, especially for outside of the major cities, elicited few bids, as did overseas timetables (other than NZ)- unless they were very old. Rail Working Timetables, on the other hand, were keenly sought after and provided good returns.

I hope that the auction will progress as uneventfully next year as it has to date. Finally, I must acknowledge the enormous help provided to the auctioneers by Len Regan and Robert Henderson. Without the streamlined procedures overseen by Len, the auction would not have worked nearly as efficiently.





Social Media Report 2018-2019

PAUL BROWN

The ATA has 2 types of social media presence, A Facebook Page and a Twitter Page.

For Twitter we have 64 people following our tweets and 27 “likes” including Sydney Trains CEO Howard Collins and Transport Canberra and we have tweeted 363 times including re-tweets. Our recent ThrowbackThursday tweets featuring old timetables have been popular with 310 people viewing the Westrail timetable tweet and 3 people liking it and 314 people viewing thee old Sydney and Newcastle ferry timetables.

On our Facebook page we have 254 people that have “liked” the page and 269 people that ”follow” the page. For August, there were 8 posts and 1572 people saw the posts. 141 people looked at the August 3rd post that summarised what ATA does.

Other popular posts of late have been about:

- old Sydney and Newcastle ferry timetables (615 Views - Shared on other Facebook pages).
- 163 views on a London tube map that shows where to find the cheapest pint.
- A January 2019 post that detailed a transport trip from Brisbane to Sydney by bus and ferry had 3,412 views.
- An October 2018 post about Wellington NZ bus issues making news in Ireland was seen by 268 people.

Both the Facebook and twitter page allow visitors to post something they see that is related to what we like, Help Contribute.

Left click the icons below to see our Social Media Pages, or go [here](https://www.facebook.com/AustralianTimetableAssociation/) (https://www.facebook.com/AustralianTimetableAssociation/) or [here](https://twitter.com/timetableassoc) (https://twitter.com/timetableassoc).





Archives Officer Report 2018-2019

LEN REGAN

The Association's Archives and Timetable Collections are stored in the James Mason Room at the Prahran Mechanics Institute in Melbourne.

Work continued throughout the year, on one day each week, to sort, cull and index the timetables for the Jack McLean National Timetable Collection.

The extensive Collection which had been collected and indexed by Geoffrey Clifton in Sydney was moved to Prahran in September 2018. Included with this transfer was a large number of timetables yet to be added to the National Timetable Collection.



The timetables that had been indexed were matched against the index file, numbered, bundled and boxed. The box number for each timetable was added to the index file. By the end of the year, 2793 timetables were ready for the second Deposit of timetables for the National Timetable Collection at the State Library of Victoria, bringing the total number of timetables deposited to 3104.

At the same time, work has continued with the sorting and culling of the timetables in the collections that had been received, and the new collections received during the year. Timetables for the National Timetable Collection also come from unsold lots in the ATA Auctions and surplus stock from the Distribution Lists.

We acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the donors of timetable collections received during the year: Barry Blair, Ian Brady, Graeme Cleak, Geoffrey Clifton, Alan Collyer, Adrian Dessanti, Noel Farr, Frank Goldthorpe, Stephen Gray, Steven Haby, Geoff Hassall, Nick Hiscock, Les Hyland, Robert Henderson, Victor Isaacs, Owen Johnstone-Donnet, Geoff Lambert, Ben Lewis, Max Michell, Len Regan, Albert Spurway, Robert Thomson, Jim Wells, and Bill Wembridge.

Since work began at Prahran on the National Timetable Collection project in November 2017 up until 30 June 2019, there have been 86 working sessions in which 14 participants have provided 238 person work days. Members and supporters have enjoyed the camaraderie and challenges of sorting, culling and collating, and we are very grateful for their work and dedication: Hilaire Fraser, Stephen Gray, Steven Haby, David Hennell, Andrew James, Geoff Mann, Richard May, Max Michell, Katie Moss, James Ng, Len Regan, Richard Talbot, Michael Vale and Peter Walhouse.

Initial investigations have been undertaken into scanning railway working timetables in order to provide a backup for these important documents after they are deposited in the Collection.



Branch Reports 2018-2019



ATA has Branches Everywhere!

Adelaide

No meetings have been held during the year and none are planned. Len has recently given me a updated list of local members and I will try and see if I can arrange a meeting after the AGM. Age and health issues seem to be a problem in some cases. None of us are getting any younger and the middle ages never found the elixir of youth fountain!
 On an unrelated matter in may ways, I was surprised to hear of Victor Isaacs' death at a relatively young age for today. Was it expected ? His absence will certainly be noted in the ATA. and it appears many other places.

ROGER WHEATON

Brisbane

The Brisbane members have continued meeting about every 3 months. Discussions are wide ranging about railed transport issues. Usually one of our number has been on a trip and causes envy in the others present. We continue to be very appreciative of the work done by other members in producing THE TIMES and TABLE TALK and offering timetables, etc. for purchase.

BRIAN WEBBER

Canberra

The Canberra Branch continues to meet every month at the Ainslie Football Club, for public transport conversation and a meal. About 6 to 8 attend.

VICTOR ISAACS

Melbourne

The usual 5 meetings were held at the home of David Hennell in Surrey Hills during the 2018/2019 year. The topics presented were:-

1. July 2018: 1918 Victorian South East (Port Albert line) and connections to/from Adelaide, also 1928 and 1929 South East (following an external request to Len Regan); Heathcote from the 1963 Easter WTT and 1962/1963 Country PTT – David Hennell
2. September 2018: Victorian and New Zealand transport quiz – questions supplied by Andrew James, Len Regan, Brian Sherry, Alan Williams and David Hennell
3. November 2018: Buninyong line Christmas/New Year 1902/1903 and normal service in March 1903; VR's ≤1956 suburban bus destination blind (it included Kew); Brisbane trolleybuses – David Hennell
4. March 2019: 3 down Warrnambools + 1 up Port Fairy Black Thursday evening and 3 up Warrnambools + 1 up Port Fairy + 1 down Warrnambool Easter Monday 1960 (suggested by Geoff Mann); Seymour refresh Easter 1963 Black Thursday evening, Good Friday morning, Easter Monday & Easter Tuesday evenings; rail and tram stupidity of the 1980 Lonie Report into Victorian transport – David Hennell
5. May 2019: changes in the Melbourne suburban area during his period of employment with the Victorian Railways, et al. – Brian Sherry

The Association's 2018 AGM was held at the Prahran Mechanics' Institute in Melbourne on Saturday 13th October. Many thanks to all those involved in the organisation of a very successful day, even though we didn't manage to travel as a group on the reopened section to Mernda! However, the diesel-hauled pass between Caulfield and Dandenong via the elevated line was a good substitute.

Melbourne members continue to be actively involved in working on the Jack Maclean Memorial Collection (the national timetable collection). Len Regan is doing an excellent job co-ordinating the working bees and organising the work in hand which is being carried out at the Prahran Mechanics' Institute. A lot of knowledge and experience is shared amongst the participants and there is much hilarity during each session.

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

DAVID HENNELL

Sydney

The Sydney Division continued to meet on the third Saturday of February, May, August and November. This year we have enjoyed the usual grab table, discussion and afternoon tea with local members, visiting members and guests. The next meeting is at 1400 on Saturday 16th November 2019, at 378 Abercrombie St, corner Codrington and Abercrombie Streets DARLINGTON. The nearest bus stop is on City Road (routes 423, 426, 428), then a 400 metre walk along Codrington St). The nearest train station is Redfern, then a 750 metre walk along Abercrombie St or Wilson St. Inquiries to geoffrey.clifton@sydney.edu.au.

GEOFFREY CLIFTON

Minutes of the 2018 (35th) ATA AGM

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

At 1405, the Convener of the Melbourne Branch, David Hennell welcomed members and guests and thanked especially Len Regan, Steven Haby and the NTC volunteers for their assistance in organising the meeting.

The President, Hilaire Fraser, opened the formal part of meeting at 1410.

PARTICIPANTS: Andrew James, Andrew Woods (Guest), Anita Marshall (Guest), David Hennell, Geoff Lambert, Geoff Mann, Hilaire Fraser, James Ng, Len Regan, Matthew Gibbins, Michael Marshall, Michael Vale, Peter Walhouse, Richard May, Richard Talbot, Russell Nowell, Stephen Grey, Steven Haby, Vance Findlay, Ian Manning.

APOLOGIES: Alan Williams, Albert Isaacs, Chris Pandilovski, Duncan MacAuslan, Geoff Hassall, Glenn Cumming, Jim Wells, John Abrams, John Kain, Max Michel (a volunteer on the heritage train), Neville Fenn, Owen Johnstone-Donnet, Paul Nicholson, Robert Field, Roger Wheaton, Victor Isaacs, Alan Collyer, Brian Sherry

PROXIES: The Secretary announced the following Proxies:

Member	Proxy-holder
Michael Smith	Secretary
Nicole Buckley	Secretary
Victor Isaacs	Hilaire Fraser
Dean Ogle	Secretary

2. MINUTES OF 34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 2017:

The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted

Moved Steven Haby, Seconded Michael Marshall

2.1 Business arising

None

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None

4. REPORTS

4.1. President

The President elaborated on his written report, mentioning :What does the digital age hold for ATA”, Email-outs, the ATA’s use of Skype, The use of timetable apps by ATA members, the increasing use of ATA’s Facebook and Twitter feeds, the pivotal role of Len Regan, the activities of NTC at PMI, the deaths of 5 ATA members during the year and summed up by saying that the ATA was a cohesive organisation.

Moved Hilaire Fraser Seconded Andrew James- Accepted with acclamation

4.2. Financial Report

The Treasurer spoke to his written report, paying particular attention to: the ING Bank Term Deposit, the change in accounting practices and the liability implications of pre-paid membership subscriptions.

Moved Len Regan; Seconded Geoffrey Mann —Accepted

The following other reports were discussed:

4.9 Archives (including the progress of indexing. Steven Haby voiced his support for the project

5 DIVISIONAL REPORTS: Reports were included in the Annual Report 2017-18

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

Moved G.Lambert / Seconded: Vance Findlay *That there be four Ordinary committee Members.* Agreed.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

There being no competition for any of the positions, no Returning Officer was needed and the following positions were filled automatically.

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Result
President	Hilaire Fraser	Geoffrey Lambert	Elected
Vice President	Victor Isaacs	Victor Isaacs	Elected
Treasurer	Len Regan	Geoff Lambert	Elected
Secretary	Geoffrey Lambert	Geoffrey Lambert	Elected
Committee Member	Geoffrey Hassall	Geoffrey Hassall	Elected
Committee Member	Alan Gray	Alan Gray	Elected
Committee Member	Alex Sims	Hilaire Fraser	Elected
Committee Member	Chris Pandilovski	Hilaire Fraser	Elected

The Secretary then called for further nominations from the floor and Steven Haby was proposed as an Ordinary Committee Member. Accordingly, the Secretary moved and Len Regan seconded a rescission motion on item 6 – “number of ordinary committee members”. This motion was passed on the voices.

6A. RESOLUTION ON THE NUMBER OF ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE COMING YEAR (RESUBMITTED)

**Moved Hilaire Fraser; Seconded: Geoff Lambert *That there be five Ordinary committee Members*—Agreed
Steven Haby was thereby confirmed as an Ordinary Committee Member**

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Election of Len Regan as an ATA Life Member

Proposed Geoff Lambert, Seconded Geoff Mann—passed with prolonged acclamation

8.2 Location of 2019 Annual General Meeting

The meeting discussed the usual rotation of AGMs which would mean the next AGM would be in Canberra. It was agreed that the incoming Committee would approach the Canberra Division on this proposal.

The meeting concluded at 1510, after which David Hennell presented two items on (1) the predecessors of the new Mernda Line and (2) the history of the Sandringham Railway line.

APPOINTMENTS

Following the AGM, the President, in conjunction of the incoming Committee, made the following appointments:

Position	Appointee
Production Manager	Geoff Lambert
<i>Times</i> Editor	Geoff Lambert
<i>Table Talk</i> Editor	Victor Isaacs
Auctioneers	Geoff Hassall, Alan Gray
Webmaster	Alex Sims
Archives Officer	Len Regan
Distribution Manager	Hilaire Fraser
Membership Officer	Len Regan

Office Holders 2018-2019

Management Committee

President	Hilaire Fraser	president@timetable.org.au	5 Manor Hill Rd, Miranda NSW 2228
Vice President	Victor Isaacs	abvi@iinet.net.au	(Deceased 8 October 2019)
Secretary	Geoff Lambert	secretary@timetable.org.au	179 Sydney Rd, Fairlight, NSW 2094
Treasurer	Len Regan	treasurer@timetable.org.au	76 Woodville Rd Mooroolbark Vic 3138
Member	Geoff Hassall		
Member	Chris Pandilovski		
Member	Alan Gray		(Deceased 28 June 2019)
Member	Steven Haby		
Member	Alex Sims		

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Proceedings of the 2018-2019 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:



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Jack McLean



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Jack & Rod Smith



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