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This Annual Report contains all of the reports and papers to be presented to the ATA 35th Annual General Meeting in Melbourne on 13th October, 2018.

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Agenda

ATA 35th AGM 13th October 2018

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2017 (34th) 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 Auction
 - 5.9 National Timetable Collection
 - 5.10 Webmaster
 - 5.11 Divisional Reports:
 - 5.11.2 Adelaide
 - 5.11.2 Brisbane
 - 5.11.3 Canberra
 - 5.11.4 Melbourne
 - 5.11.5 Sydney

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

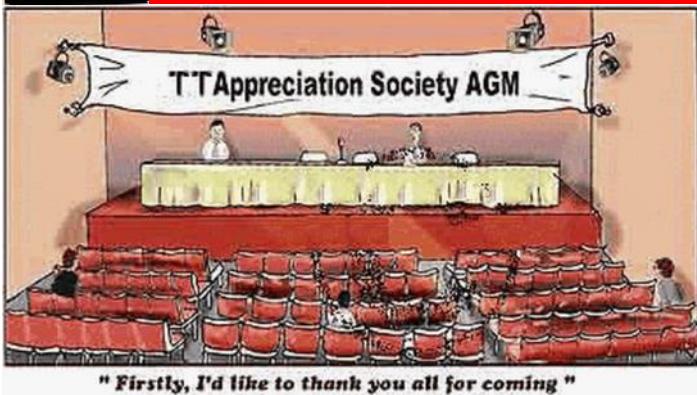
8. Location of 2019 (36th) AGM





President's Report 2017-2018

HILAIRE FRASER



On reflecting on the achievements of the Australian Timetable Association over the past year I was considering how well we are meeting the challenges of the digital age. Looking at recent Distribution Lists we are now offering many items in a digital format. These include working timetables and system timetables for Amtrak and VIA Canada. Some articles in "The Times" have featured the digital age. In the April edition of "The Times" Geoff Lambert reviewed Modern Australian Transport Timetable Apps and the August edition of

"The Times" reported on the research Katie Bell did by comparing planned and actual real-time timetables through TfNSW General Transit Feed System (GTFS). She had used the data to show that route 370 Leichhardt to Coogee was the most unreliable bus route in Sydney. For many years now our Committee meetings have been held using Skype. Our mail-out is now available in print or electronic form or both. At a recent Sydney Division meeting held in a tutorial room at the University of Sydney equipped with video screens with internet connections we were able to discuss the timetables for the closure of the Epping-Chatswood Rail Link and recent Eastern Suburbs changes. 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. Indeed ATA has well embraced the digital age.

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 would very much appreciate the services of a bus editor to handle this side of "Table Talk". 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. Also through Facebook a number of members are able to keep in contact with each other. As President I am responsible for the Members' News.

A big step forward this year has been the formation of a partnership at the Prahran Mechanic's Institute (PMI) in suburban Melbourne. 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 11 members have been involved in 39 working days 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 initiating and managing this project.



Treasurer's Report, 2017-2018

LEN REGAN



The Financial Statement shows that, on an accrual basis, ATA made a surplus in 2017-18 of \$1,760.

The accrual accounts record the total Membership Fees for 2017-18 irrespective of the year in which they were received, and treat the Membership Fees received for 2018-19 and the unused credit balances in the Distribution Service as Current Liabilities rather than income.

To achieve the annual result in 2017-2018 compared with 2016-2017:

Accrual surplus for the year decreased by \$2587.

Revenue from Membership Fees was \$8030, a decrease of \$155.

Invoiced sales were \$480, an increase \$306.

The Distribution List showed a surplus of \$2225, an increase of \$677.

Auctions showed a surplus of \$1779, a decrease of \$432.

Printing costs for "The Times", "Table Talk" and "Members News" were \$5991, an increase of \$434.

Mailout postage costs were \$2950, an increase of \$462.

National Timetable Collection costs were \$1921, and increase of \$1795. This includes the annual cost of \$1000 for the workspace and storage at Prahran Mechanics Institute.

Bank interest earned \$658, and increase of \$165 due to the increased value of the Term Deposit.

Other administrative costs were \$477, a decrease of \$147.

The value of credits for the Distribution Service increased by \$73 to \$2508. These credits can be used for Distribution List orders, Auction bids and Membership Fees.

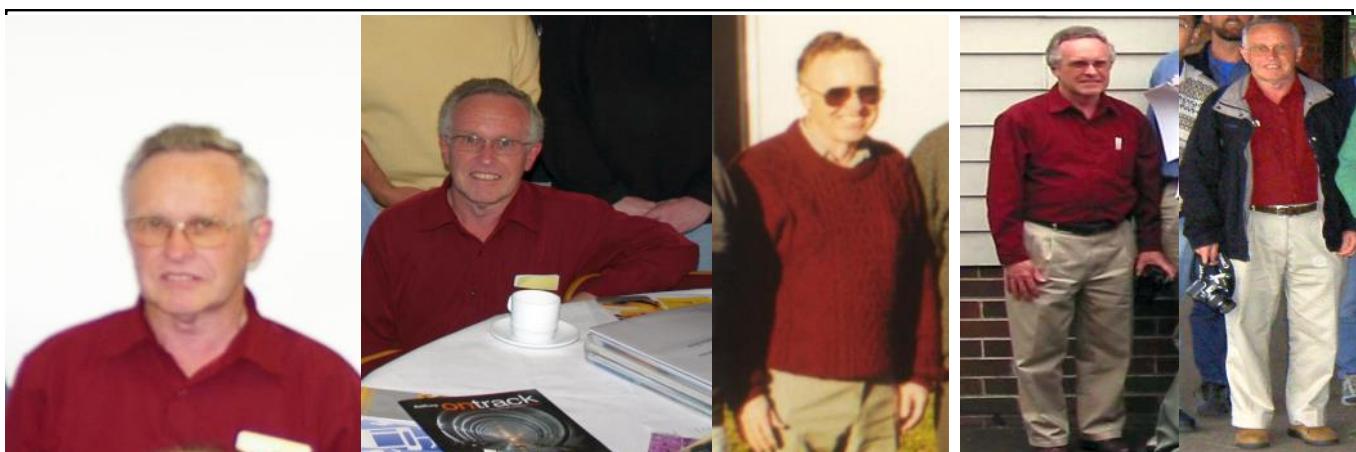
The Term Deposit of \$27,014 held by ATA at Westpac earned interest of \$648 at 2.40%. It is being reinvested for \$28,000 with Ing Bank at 2.85%.

Net cash assets (current assets minus liabilities) were \$30,003, and increase of \$1760 since 30 June 2017.

The sharp increases for Print Post in March 2018 contributed to the increase in postage costs.

Membership fees cover 90% of the costs of printing and posting the monthly magazines to members. Management and administrative costs are paid for out of other revenue.

The surplus from the Distribution List continued the good results from the previous year despite a decrease of 7% in the number of orders placed.



The Treasurer in his "ATA AGM shirt"

The surplus from the Auctions is a function of the mix of vendor and donor lots that are offered. Current stocks would indicate a similar result in the coming year.

The financial outlook for 2018-19 is one of caution, taking into account the continuing difficulty in obtaining printed timetables for the Distribution Lists. Australian Post has indicated it will continue to raise the price of its postal services. However, our healthy cash reserves should be able to withstand any adverse financial results.

The summary results are shown in the audited Financial Statement.

There are also 3 tables showing the month by month financial results for the Association's finances with both the cash and accrual totals, and the monthly statistics and finances for the Distribution List and Auctions. Rounding of values in the Financial Statement accounts for some slight variations in totals.

Australian Timetable Association Financial Details 1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018															
Income	July17	Aug 17	Sept 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec17	Jan18	Feb18	Mar18	Apr18	May18	June18	General	Accrual	Cash
Membership 2017-18														8029.97	
Received in 2016-17														6360.00	
Received in 2017-18														1713.00	1713.00
PayPal fees														-19.15	-19.15
Membership 2018-19														6322.00	6322.00
PayPal fees														-23.88	-23.88
Distribution Service	418.40	-106.66	-265.05	-32.41	-162.54	141.52	467.54	393.39	-123.38	-166.62	-467.52	-22.80	-73.87	73.87	
Accrual from 2017														2434.71	2434.71
Accrual to 2019														-2508.59	-2508.59
Distribution List															
Receipts	700.22	1001.22	420.75	419.14	704.44	853.64	659.45	413.48	243.25	668.12	567.200	724.96		7375.87	
PayPal fees	-1.55	-1.65	-1.80	-1.40	-0.97	-3.62	-0.93	-1.84	-1.60	0.00	-0.86	-5.04		-21.26	
Income	698.67	999.57	418.95	417.74	703.47	850.02	658.52	411.64	241.65	668.12	566.34	719.92		7354.61	7354.61
Auction	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102			
Receipts	346.52	429.00	260.55	627.55	396.40	263.44	84.10	1421.12	63.78	219.35	630.45	42.75		4785.01	
PayPal fees	0.00	-7.07	0.00	-7.31	0.00	-2.55	0.00	-12.61	0.00	0.00	-3.49	0.00		-33.03	
Income	346.52	421.93	260.55	620.24	396.40	260.89	84.10	1408.51	63.78	219.35	626.96	42.75		4751.98	4751.98
Invoice sales														480.30	480.30
Donations														0.00	0.00
Interest Cheque Ac														9.65	9.65
Interest Term Deposit														648.33	648.33
Total	1463.59	1314.84	414.45	1005.57	937.33	1252.43	1210.16	2213.54	182.05	720.85	725.78	739.87	9020.50	21200.96	21310.71
Expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Mailouts															
The Times	397.80	297.70	258.70	249.60	249.60	249.60	258.70	249.60	249.60	249.60	383.50	249.60		3343.60	
Table Talk	192.40	247.00	198.90	198.90	189.80	189.80	228.48	189.80	186.47	173.99	323.70	189.81		2509.05	
Members News	10.18	10.40	10.40	20.80	10.40	10.40	12.02	10.40	12.43	15.82	16.03	0.00		139.28	
Envelopes	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00		525.00	
Postage	229.90	220.31	217.30	256.35	119.55	148.85	564.34	118.70	123.50	130.81	164.96	131.03		2425.60	
Total	830.28	950.41	685.30	725.65	569.35	598.65	1238.54	568.50	572.00	570.22	1063.19	570.44		8942.53	8942.53
Distribution List	868.77	352.12	377.04	324.47	601.88	335.38	627.09	189.79	324.87	208.87	473.37	444.99		5128.64	5128.64
Auctions	219.64	305.28	48.10	539.77	48.10	142.31	123.75	1193.78	107.10	80.84	66.90	97.36		2972.93	2972.93
Administration														90.40	90.40
AGM 2017														57.20	57.20
Website														330.00	330.00
National Tt Collection														1920.85	1920.85
Total	1918.69	1607.81	1110.44	1589.89	1219.33	1076.34	1989.38	1952.07	1003.97	859.93	1603.46	1112.79	2398.45	19442.55	19442.55
Distribution List Surplus	-170.10	647.45	41.91	93.27	101.59	514.64	31.43	221.85	-83.22	459.25	92.97	274.93		2225.97	
Auctions Surplus	126.88	116.65	212.45	80.47	348.30	118.58	-39.65	214.73	-43.32	138.51	560.06	-54.61		1779.05	
ATA Surplus	2017-2018													1758.41	1868.16
Assets	Cash at bank	30.06.18												11895.06	
	Term deposit													27013.75	
Cheque Account	Unpresented deposits													0.00	
	Unpresented withdrawals													0.00	
Liabilities	Credits accounts													2582.46	
	Subscriptions for 2018-19													6322.00	
Net cash assets	As at 30.06.18													30004.35	
Compiled	23.09.18	Len Regan	Treasurer												

ATA Distribution List Results													
July 2017 - June 2018													
Distribution List	2017						2018						Total
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	
Details													
No of pages	5	5	4	5	6	6	7	4	4	6	4	8	64
Items offered	72	149	55	83	92	89	160	78	68	152	58	203	1259
Orders placed	20	29	34	31	40	30	24	21	22	34	32	30	347
Items requested	173	361	243	190	345	262	474	150	151	419	225	309	3302
Receipts													
Orders	\$690.30	\$982.26	\$417.35	\$363.60	\$700.34	\$849.64	\$649.84	\$367.15	\$243.25	\$666.76	\$539.70	\$698.30	\$7,168.46
Internal Transfers	\$9.92	\$18.96	\$3.40	\$55.54	\$4.10	\$4.00	\$9.61	\$46.33	\$0.00	\$1.36	\$27.50	\$26.66	\$207.38
PayPal fees	-\$1.55	-\$1.65	-\$1.80	-\$1.40	-\$0.97	-\$3.62	-\$0.93	-\$1.84	-\$1.60	\$0.00	-\$0.86	-\$5.04	-\$21.26
Cash Income	\$698.67	\$999.57	\$418.95	\$417.74	\$703.47	\$850.02	\$658.52	\$411.64	\$241.65	\$668.12	\$566.34	\$719.92	\$7,354.58
Expenses													
Photocopies	\$28.11	\$2.83	\$24.96	\$39.87	\$28.04	\$1.80	\$6.78	\$1.26	\$4.82	\$54.43	\$148.03	\$7.29	\$348.22
Stationery	\$26.61	\$2.99	\$81.93	\$0.00	\$33.90	\$9.28	\$18.45	\$6.33	\$0.00	\$14.74	\$0.00	\$4.09	\$198.32
Postage - Pre-paid	\$554.90	\$270.80	\$201.25	\$172.10	\$340.20	\$161.20	\$299.07	\$134.10	\$271.95	\$58.30	\$255.49	\$135.45	\$2,854.81
Dist List supplies	-\$76.00	\$2.70	\$0.00	\$39.00	\$130.84	\$17.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$21.75	\$45.33	\$193.12
Other purchases	\$284.23			\$15.00			\$77.20	\$213.09				\$154.16	\$743.68
Dist List printing	\$50.92	\$72.80	\$68.90	\$58.50	\$68.90	\$68.90	\$89.70	\$48.10	\$48.10	\$68.90	\$48.10	\$98.67	\$790.49
Total Expenses	\$868.77	\$352.12	\$377.04	\$324.47	\$601.88	\$335.38	\$627.09	\$189.79	\$324.87	\$208.87	\$473.37	\$444.99	\$5,128.64
ATA surplus	-\$170.11	\$647.45	\$41.91	\$93.27	\$101.59	\$514.64	\$31.43	\$221.85	-\$83.22	\$459.25	\$92.96	\$274.93	\$2,225.94

ATA Auction Results													
July 2017 - June 2018													
Auction Date	91 July	92 August	93 September	94 October	95 November	96 December	97 January	98 February	99 March	100 April	101 May	102 June	Total % of Total
Details													
Lots offered	141	41	150	43	148	47	138	41	152	159	48	138	1246
Bidders	6	19	7	8	6	4	3	9	3	4	11	1	81
Items sold	106	11	86	12	99	19	29	19	32	89	43	13	558 45%
Items unsold	50	30	72	31	59	28	111	23	120	75	14	125	738 59%
Vendors	1	3	1	2	1	3	2	4	1	1	1	2	22
Receipts													% of Bids \$
Highest bid	\$8.00	\$206.00	\$12.00	\$142.00	\$12.00	\$60.00	\$10.00	\$600.00	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$49.00	\$4.00	\$600.00
Bids value	\$363.20	\$447.00	\$270.60	\$659.00	\$417.00	\$232.00	\$88.00	\$1,503.40	\$68.00	\$229.00	\$643.80	\$45.00	\$4,966.00
Discounts	\$16.68	\$18.00	\$10.05	\$31.45	\$20.60	-\$31.44	\$3.90	\$86.28	\$4.22	\$9.65	\$13.35	\$2.25	\$184.99 4%
Bid Payments	\$346.52	\$429.00	\$260.55	\$627.55	\$396.40	\$263.44	\$84.10	\$1,421.12	\$63.78	\$219.35	\$630.45	\$42.75	\$4,785.01 96%
PayPal fees	\$0.00	\$7.07	\$0.00	\$7.31	\$0.00	\$2.55	\$0.00	\$12.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.49	\$0.00	\$33.03 1%
Nett Income	\$346.52	\$421.93	\$260.55	\$620.24	\$396.40	\$260.89	\$84.10	\$1,408.51	\$63.78	\$219.35	\$626.96	\$42.75	\$4,751.98
Expenses													% of Exp \$
Vendor payments	\$0.00	\$264.00	\$0.00	\$494.25	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$66.00	\$1,054.05	\$51.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33.75	\$2,000.55 67%
Printing	\$67.60	\$21.32	\$48.10	\$20.80	\$48.10	\$20.80	\$48.10	\$48.10	\$48.10	\$80.84	\$32.07	\$48.10	\$532.03 18%
Postage	\$152.04	\$19.96	\$0.00	\$24.72	\$0.00	\$84.01	\$9.65	\$91.63	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$34.83	\$15.51	\$440.35 15%
Total	\$219.64	\$305.28	\$48.10	\$539.77	\$48.10	\$142.31	\$123.75	\$1,193.78	\$107.10	\$80.84	\$66.90	\$97.36	\$2,972.93 60%
ATA profit	\$126.88	\$116.65	\$212.45	\$80.47	\$348.30	\$118.58	-\$39.65	\$214.73	-\$43.32	\$138.51	\$560.06	-\$54.61	\$1,779.05 36%
Auction Topics													of Bids \$
July	Public Bus Timetables - Sydney North												
August	Trains and Multi-mode Timetables												
September	Private Bus Timetables - Sydney Inner West												
October	Railways Public Timetables												
November	Sydney Private Bus Timetables - Illawarra, South & West												
December	Public Railway Timetables												
January	Newcastle and Hunter Valley Buses												
February	Railway Working Timetables												
March	Newcastle and Hunter Valley Bus Timetables												
April	Wollongong Bus Timetables												
May	Public Railway Timetables												
June	Newcastle and Hunter Valley Bus Timetables												
'Items sold' plus 'Items unsold' may be greater than 'Lots offered' because there were multiple copies of some lots.													



Audited Financial Statement for 2017-2018

JIM WELLS & LEN REGAN

Australian TimeTable Association Inc					
ABN 74 248 483 468					
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2018					
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 30th June					
Income					
Subscriptions	8,030	8,185	8,070	8,255	8,370
Retail Sales	480	174	260	326	372
Distribution Service	7,281	6,894	4,543	7,783	4,790
Auctions	4,752	6,658	5,463	4,999	3,805
Donations	-	-	250	-	250
Bank Interest	658	493	471	550	593
	21,201	22,404	19,057	21,913	18,180
Expenditure					
The Times Production	3,344	3,423	3,734	3,490	3,083
Table Talk Production	2,508	1,971	2,249	1,431	1,735
Members' Newsletter	139	163	184	185	271
Mailing Costs	2,950	2,488	2,722	2,428	2,035
Distribution Service	5,129	4,815	4,880	6,968	4,938
Auctions	2,973	4,447	4,144	2,108	1,647
NTC - PMI Donation	1,000	-	-	-	-
National Timetable Collection	921	126	359	244	-
AGM	57	226	15	-	127
Web Site	330	-	-	-	-
Administration	90	398	456	416	974
	19,441	18,057	18,743	17,270	14,810
Surplus / (deficit)	1,760	4,347	314	4,643	3,370
Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at 30th June 2018					
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank	11,895	10,027	13,750	12,693	10,748
Term Deposit	27,014	27,014	19,535	19,076	15,563
Debtors	-	121	153	326	62
	38,909	37,162	33,438	32,095	26,373
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions in advance	6,323	6,362	6,422	6,071	4,781
Members' accounts	2,583	2,557	3,120	2,442	2,653
	8,906	8,919	9,542	8,513	7,434
Net assets	30,003	28,243	23,896	23,582	18,939
Accumulated Funds					
As at start of period	28,243	23,896	23,582	18,939	15,569
Surplus / (deficit)	1,760	4,347	314	4,643	3,370
As at end of period	30,003	28,243	23,896	23,582	18,939

Jim Wells

(Accountant) 20th August 2018

(Treasurer) 20th August 2018



Table Talk Editor's Report 2017-2018

VICTOR ISAACS

2017-18 has again been a mixed year for *Table Talk*. The Rail Editor believes that railway timetable news was very well covered. On the other hand, there is still no Bus Editor. Hence, Bus news is not always covered comprehensively.

As is always the case, as *Table Talk* is a news magazine, its size varies in direct proportion to the amount of news generated. Issues were usually around 16 to 20 pages. The smallest was April with 11 pages. But, next month, May, *Table Talk* was a record size of 28 pages. There was a total of 188 pages of *Table Talk* in 2017-18 (compared to 157 in 2016-17). *Table Talk*, and ATA members, owe a great debt of gratitude to the contributors whose names are recorded in each issue.

Table Talk Newswire, the interim email which conveys early Rail news and which appears between issues, was issued 11 times in 2017-18.



The Times Editor's Report 2017-2018

GEOFF LAMBERT



In past years, it was my habit to 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. This was invariably accompanied by a caveat of the form “the mixture as before”. Well—same again for the second course!

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.

The Times now subscribes to the notion of Creative Commons, which facilitates the spread of the information it contains, congruent with the notions of copyright.



Production Managers' Report 2017-2018

GEOFF & JUDY LAMBERT

The Production Managers are responsible for

- Reception of copy from Editors (0 hours),
- Knocking the copy into shape for the printer (1 hour)
- Delivering copy to the printer (0.5 hour)
- Collecting printing (1 hour for 2 people including yakking to the printer)
- Preparing the mailing list (0.5 hour)
- Producing a set of labels (15 seconds)
- Stuffing the envelopes (2 hours for 2 people)
- Taking the snail-mail to a Print Post Reception Centre (1 hour for 2 people)
- Converting snail-mail editions to digital editions (1 hour)
- Despatching the digital editions via e-mail (10 minutes)



The timings indicate that this requires about 11 person-hours per month. The interesting bit is the stuffing of envelopes. For many years this was a team effort 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.



Webmaster's Report 2017-2018

ALEX SIMS WEBMASTER@AUSTTA.ORG.AU



The website has increased its readership to around 1,900 unique visitors each month, mainly from Australia. The most frequently visited page is the home page, followed by current Sydney and Newcastle timetable lists.

As webmaster my duties have been:

- Keep the website current matching our printed output
- Keeping timetable lists up to date (only partially done)
- Depositing electronic versions of our publications with the National Library of Australia
- Maintaining our website with best practice for websites:
 - visible and understandable by search engines so people can find it
 - accessible to all users particularly on mobile devices (phones, tablets)
 - lightweight and fast for viewers
- Keeping the rest of the committee up to date and understanding my activites

In 2017/2018 achievements have been

- Provide secure access using https
- Make the “canonical” URL for the association <https://www.timetable.org.au>
- Update more pages to the new website “look”
- Table driven timetable lists for Adelaide and Newcastle

In 2018/2019 I’m 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 by “reskinning”
- Make back issues of The Times and TableTalk 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!



Distribution Manager's Report, 2017-2018

HILAIRE FRASER



During 2017-2018 the Distribution List performed very well with a surplus of \$2,225 with 347 orders for 3,302 items. This is a very pleasing result considering that many timetables are not available in printed form and if they are in print often only as a limited print run. Also we have had some supply difficulties with listed items and some members are ordering fewer items more adequately reflecting a specific area of their interest. 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 2018-2019.



Membership Officer's Report, 2017-2018

LEN REGAN

At the beginning of the financial year our membership was 139. During the year:

- 7 members did not renew their membership, 3 from New South Wales, 3 from Victoria, and one from South Australia.
- Five members died: Matthew Julian, Brian Coker; Graham Davis; Lachlan Richardson; Frank Goldthorpe
- We welcomed five new members: John Kain; Matthew Gibbins; Sean Menzies; Alan Williams; Dale Budd
- Membership at the end of the financial year was 132, made up of 2 life members and 130 normal members.
- For the monthly mailout, 89 members received it only by post, 26 members received it only by email, and 17 members received it both ways.

Here is the geographic distribution of members.

State or Country	Number	Percentage
Queensland	13	10%
New South Wales	50	38%
ACT	9	7%
Victoria	39	29%
South Australia	10	8%
Western Australia	2	1%
United Kingdom	6	4%
Switzerland	1	1%
Vietnam	1	1%
USA	1	1%
Total	132	



Auctioneer's Report 2017-2018

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



I feel that the ATA auctions are approaching a fork in the road in 2018. The monthly auction is well-established, and I believe that the procedures involved in producing the catalogue and processing the results has reached a point of

smooth efficiency. This, I might add, is due to the enormous help I continue to receive from Len Regan, in far more than his role as Treasurer. In this he is ably helped by Alan Gray and Robert Henderson. Without these worthy gentlemen, the auction would not have survived in its present form. The availability of material, by donation or consignment, continues steadily, if not spectacularly. Perhaps, with limited storage at people's premises, this is an advantage. Sadly, much of this material recently has come from the estates of deceased members and supporters.

This brings us to the subject of auction bids. The number of bidders, and to some extent bids, has reduced gradually over the last couple of years, perhaps as older supporters have completed their collections of the less-rare material. This is becoming noticeable even with Working Timetables, traditionally the most popular category for bidders. With very careful pricing, especially to cover postal costs, we have managed to squeeze out a small profit from these activities, but nothing like the returns of years past.

What is the solution? I don't know, short of a massive influx of very old and rare material. Perhaps the auction needs to be re-imagined to appeal to more members, and especially the younger ones. Some bright ideas from members would be most appreciated.

Meanwhile, the auction will battle on, supported by a wonderful team, selling to half a dozen or so dedicated bidders each month.





Archives Officer Report 2017-2018

LEN REGAN

In October 2017 our Association established a working arrangement in an agreement with the Prahran Mechanics Institute (PMI). We now have space in the Institute's building at Prahran for the storage of the Association's archives, and we have an area where we can work on the preparation of the Jack McLean National Timetable Collection (NTC) which will be deposited gradually with the State Library of Victoria (SLV). The Institute houses the extensive Victorian History Library. In achieving this agreement we acknowledge with gratitude the support of Secretary / Librarian Steven Haby who is a long-time member of our Association.



The timetable collections that we had in storage in Victoria and the ones we obtained during the year were all moved to PMI. We acknowledge with gratitude the donors of these collections: Phil Asker, Barry Blair, Ian Brady, Geoffrey Clifton, Brian Coker, Alan Collyer, Graham Davis, Vance Findlay, Joe Friedman, Stephen Gray, Steven Haby, Les Hyland, Robert Henderson, Owen Johnstone-Donnet, Phil Keal, Geoff Lambert, Cathy Lonsdale, Tony McIlwain, John Mikita, Allan Miles, Duncan Peattie, Len Regan, Lachlan Richardson, Jon Saul, Derek Srafton, Albert Spurway, Colin Taylor, Paul Trevaskis, Stephen Tyrrell, Ian Wall, John Watsford, Alan Websdale, Jim Wells, Bill Wembridge, David Whiteford and Signalling Record Society Victoria.

Some of these collections were held in Sydney where they have been collected and sorted for the NTC by Geoffrey Clifton, Scott Ferris, Alan Gray, Geoff Hassall and Geoff Lambert. Geoffrey Clifton has also catalogued and packed a large number of timetables ready to go the SLV. The collections in Sydney are being moved to Prahran where they will be consolidated with the material there.

Work on processing the collections for the NTC at Prahran began in November 2017, and working sessions have been held on one day a week in most weeks since then. Many members and supporters have enjoyed the camaraderie and challenges of sorting, culling and collating, and we are very grateful for their work and dedication: Stephen Gray, Steven Haby, David Hennell, Andrew James, Geoff Mann, Richard May, Max Michell, Katie Moss, Len Regan, Mary Regan, Richard Talbot and Michael Vale.

The initial task was to sort all the NTC material into State and Mode categories, and to cull duplicates and extraneous material. For each State and Territory, where appropriate, there are categories of:

Railway Working Timetables

Railway Public timetables: Metropolitan and Country

Tram Timetables

Bus Timetables: Metropolitan, Regional and Country

Ferry Timetables

Maps and Guides

Information.

There are also categories for:

- Interstate Rail Timetables
- Airline Timetables
- Long Distance Coach Timetables
- Composite Timetables.

Duplicate copies of significant timetables (mainly railways and composite timetable books) have been retained in the ATA Archives. Overseas timetables, duplicates of normal timetables and information brochures have been allocated, as appropriate, to the ATA Auctions, Distribution Lists, Victorian History Library, Sydney Bus Museum, Signalling Record Society Victoria and the AGM Grab Box.

PMI is installing 3 new compactus units in our work area, and ATA will be allocated some of the space within them. This should greatly improve our working and archive arrangements.

The purchase of a computer and a start on more indexing is expected in late 2018. Research has shown that working in Excel with the spreadsheet format provided by State Library of Victoria is the best way go. The Sydney Bus Museum has also adopted this format for the indexing of its bus timetables collection, and this will facilitate the exchange of surplus timetables.





Branch Reports 2017-2018

ATA has Branches Everywhere!



Adelaide

No report received yet

ROGER WHEATON

Brisbane

The five Brisbane ATA members who regularly attend the meetings have had much to discuss this past year with the Kippa-Ring [Redcliffe Peninsula] service, the Commonwealth Games, the extension of the Gold Coast Light Rail and driver number issues giving QR a poor reputation. The introduction of the new EMUs from India has not been without issues. Most members are old enough to remember when QR was never in the news or if it was it was good news.

BRIAN WEBBER

Canberra

The Canberra Division continued to meet on the second Thursday of each month for dinner at the Ainslie Football Club. As usual over many years, we were joined by others with an interest in transport.. We look forward to our venue being within easy walking distance of the Macarthur Avenue stop on the Canberra Metro when services commence.

DAVID CRANNEY

Melbourne

The Melbourne Division held its usual 5 meetings at the home of David Hennell in Surrey Hills during the year.

The topics presented in the 2017/2018 year were:-

July 2017: more extracts from the VR country Easter 1936 working timetable circular C.6/36 - the Mansfield & Alexandra, Queenscliff, Avoca, Maldon and Linton lines – David Hennell

September 2017: general discussion

November 2017: Victorian, Australian and international station quizzes – Brian Sherry

March 2018: Easter 1963 with 8 trains to Sydney on Black Thursday (also Mildura (4 trains) and Adelaide (2 trains, plus a day train on Good Friday) – including the relevant 1962/1963 PTT tables); the Mansfield line was included as a bonus – David Hennell

May 2018: VR country PTTs – first (1959) and last (1979) of that format – Len Regan

Melbourne members are actively involved in working on 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.

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

DAVID HENNELL

Sydney

The Sydney Branch continues to meet on the third Saturday of February, May, August and November at the University of Sydney. The last year has seen a number of presentations on transport history as well as the usual grab table, discussion and afternoon tea. All members and guests are welcome to attend. Please contact Geoffrey Clifton at geoffrey.clifton@sydney.edu.au or 0405387478.

GEOFFREY CLIFTON

Minutes of the 2017 (34th) ATA AGM

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST 2017
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

1. WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

The President, Hilaire Fraser, opened the meeting at 1413 and welcomed Interstate and Distant visitors.

PARTICIPANTS: Chris Pandilovski, Nicky Buckley, Victor Isaacs, Len Regan, Geoffrey Clifton, Geoff Lambert, Robert Henderson, Noel Farr, Hilaire Fraser, James Ng, Michael Smith, Paul Brown, Alan Gray, Steven Gray, Ben Lewis, Ian Brady, David Matheson, Jim Wells

APOLOGIES: Tim Fischer, Duncan MacAuslan, Geoffrey Mann, Paul Nicholson, Scott Ferris, Glenn Cumming, Jeremy Paton, David Cranney, Albert Isaacs, Ted MacDonald, Brian Simpson.

PROXIES: The Secretary announced the following Proxies: Michael Smith, Brian Sherry, Dean Ogle appointed the Secretary to act on their behalf. David Hennell appointed Len Regan to act on his behalf

2. MINUTES OF THE 2016 (33rd) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 13 AUGUST 2016:

That the Minutes of the 2016 AGM be approved.

Moved Lewis / Seconded / Buckley

AGREED

3 BUSINESS ARISING

None.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

The most notable correspondence received by ATA during the 2016-2017 year was that from Consumer Affairs Victoria, concerning change of Secretary/Public Officer.

5. REPORTS

All Reports were included in the *ATA Annual Report 2016-2017* distributed to most members via email and also available via the Association's Distribution Service and web page.

President

The President, Hilaire Fraser, expanded on his written report in the following terms (summary only)

- The profit from the years operations is to be used to redesign the web-site and to purchase a computer to advance the National Timetable Collection and the Association's Archives.
- During the year the number of subscribers to the Distribution List dropped, but the number of items listed and the "profit" rose.
- ATA has received several collections of timetables destined, in the first instance to the Associations Auctions
- A second despatch to the State Library of Victoria for its National Timetable Collection has been made.
- Congratulations are due to Paul Brown for his management of the Twitter account and especially for the Facebook page, which has supplied members and the public with information hard to find elsewhere
- The Association would like to further develop its website to link to the National Timetable Collection.
- The President has used Members News to highlight the ATA's activities over the last year

Challenges for ATA: Lying ahead for ATA is the relentless advance of paperless timetables and the burgeoning field of Light Rail, where 5 Projects are currently underway. ATA is keen to renew its Committee with new people, fresh blood and fresh ideas

Adoption Moved Hilaire Fraser. Seconded Ben Lewis. Received with acclamation

Financial Report

The Treasurer, Len Regan, highlighted the following points from his written report

- Assets have increased by about \$4K in the last 3 to 4 years
- Postage costs are down due to a carryover of envelope stock from the previous year
- The Association's Term Deposit now has a balance of \$27K.

Following Len's report, there was a discussion on postage costs.

Adoption Moved Regan / Seconded Pandilovski. (nominated by Hilaire Fraser). Received with acclamation

The following written reports were discussed further:

Table Talk

The Editor of *Table Talk*, Victor Isaacs, summarised by saying that while the Rail section of the magazine functioned well, there was still a need for improvement in the Bus section, through the appointment of a Bus News Editor

Distribution list.

Hilaire outlined the general process and said that a few paper timetables were still being produced— they are popular and go quickly. In answer to a question from a member, Hilaire stated that DL went mostly to ATA Members, but that about a dozen non-members also received it.

Auction.

The Auction will continue, especially after receiving a donations of a number of collections. There are usually about half-a-dozen bidders for each item. The most recent Auction had a total of 19 bidders—a record. Some bidders make “ridiculously high” bids. The new management system for the Auction is working well

Archives Officer

Len Regan congratulated Geoffrey Clifton for collating and forwarding no fewer than 2,000 items to the collection. He then described the operation of the ATA’s archives and collection management at the Prahran Mechanics Institute. The agreement between PMI and ATA has recently been finalised. PMI will index items if required to do so. PMI is buying some surplus items or books from ATA to add to its own collection. PMI also hosts the ARHS (Vic) library. Len suggested that PMI would be a good place to hold the 2017-2018 AGM

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Number of Ordinary committee members for 2017-2018:

That the number of ordinary committee members for 2017-2018 be four.

Moved Fraser / Seconded Regan

AGREED

The meeting appointed Geoffrey Clifton as Returning Officer to conduct the election.

The following were elected unopposed:

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

6.2 **Vice President** Victor Isaacs (nominated by David Cranney)

6.3 **Secretary** Geoff Lambert (nominated by Victor Isaacs)

6.4 **Treasurer** Len Regan (nominated by Geoff Mann)

6.5 **Committee Members :** Chris Pandilovski (nominated by Hilaire Fraser), Alan Gray (nominated from the floor); Geoff Hassall (nominated by Hilaire Fraser); Alex Sims (nominated by Hilaire Fraser)

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Treasurer recommended that James T Wells be appointed as Auditor. The meeting agreed on the voices

LOCATION OF 2018 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Normally Canberra would be next in line to host an AGM, but it would be an advantage to have the Canberra Light Rail system operating for attendees to inspect. Because the prospect for this is uncertain, the members suggested that Melbourne would also be a possibility. This will be the subject of negotiations with the two Divisions

The meeting concluded at 1530

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Member	Chris Pandilovski		
Member	Alan Gray		
Member	Alex Sims		

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Proceedings of the 2017-2018 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:

