

BUS AND COACH SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

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2020 Annual Report

President's Report – Geoff Foster

Well, this was either the easiest or the hardest year to be BCSV President. The second half of 2019 saw two tours operated locally both through Andrew Fairhall at Ventura using firstly Optare buses with a visit to the Monbulk depot and then a (somewhat premature as it turned out) farewell to the ethanol buses. There was also an outing to Seymour using preserved operator coaches from Moonee Valley and Driver plus the usual Yarra Glen HCVC Rally. So far so good.

A packed program was being developed for 2020 including planned trips to Deniliquin, McHarrys and the National Denning Muster. Then Covid happened and it all went to hell. No events have been able to be run so far this year, as has been the case for many hobby, sporting and industry events around the country. The Committee has conducted business online during those periods where we were unable to physically meet.

Fortunately, production of Australian Bus Panorama has not been impacted to date. The Society has also expanded its use of the Facebook Group to provide information and entertainment to members. This included the regular Thursday Throwbacks compiled firstly by Craig Halsall and more recently by Jason Lee (nee Blackman) and myself. There was also the serialisation and expansion of the Swedish Buses presentation which was to have been the item for the March meeting.

I hope all members have been able to survive this most difficult and constraining year of 2020. I know many would love to have been out there doing the hobby. I feel for you having had to personally cancel several local and interstate trips plus a seven-week overseas jaunt. Hoping everyone has stayed home and stayed safe.

Let us hope that the next 12 months will be more rewarding.

Secretary's Report – Paul Kennelly

Membership edged up to 201, another record.

During the year, the following members passed away: Chris Ryman, Stephen Jones, Allan Ofak, John Gabell and Ray Allnutt. We passed on our condolences to their families and friends.

Geoff Foster produced another outstanding set of Panorama magazines, his 35th year as editor. For almost as long, member Hayden Ramsdale provided the proof reading of the gen pages but, for personal reasons, has decided to retire from that position. Well done and thank you to Hayden.

Our website has been slowly added to over the last 12 months and has had thousands of “hits” in that period. Our decision to make it publicly available when constructed has meant that it has reached many people with a past connection to the bus industry. Many of those have provided information to us. Thanks to Craig Halsall for adding material to the site and to Webmaster Matt Fleay-Daly for keeping it all going.

I would like to express my thanks to the members of the Committee – Geoff Foster, Jason Lee (nee Blackman), David Kemp and Gary Driver. The Committee has worked very harmoniously and continued to work on long term issues such as a Transport Museum and a permanent archive for Society documents and memorabilia. Both issues have proved to be stumbling blocks for Committees of the past, despite their best efforts. There is cause for optimism on both fronts.

Treasurer's Report - David Kemp

The attached Financial Statements are provided for the benefit of members.



McHarry's depot in Kooyong Road, Geelong – almost 60 years ago as seen in a John Masterton photo.

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**Statement of Income & Expenditure
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June, 2020**

	Current 2019/2020 full year	Last year 2018/2019 full year
Cash Receipts		
Membership Subscriptions received since 1st July	\$ 10,475.00	\$9,780.00
Sales	\$ 836.00	\$2,112.00
Panorama Magazine Sales	\$ 725.00	incl.
Badges	\$ 98.00	\$63.00
Meetings & Tours	\$ 140.00	\$1,130.00
Interest	\$ 247.24	\$1,162.71
Donations	\$ 1,214.00	\$1,120.00
Other (Transfer of funds)	\$ 344.93	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 14,080.17	\$15,367.71
Cash Payments		
Panorama Costs	\$ 8,724.11	\$8,060.70
Admin Costs	\$ 367.38	\$467.71
Declined Memberships (refunds)	\$ -	\$200.00
Badges	\$ 110.00	\$33.80
Subscriptions	\$ 250.00	\$245.00
Insurance	\$ 907.81	\$889.66
Website	\$ 75.00	\$663.51
Sales	\$ -	\$1,110.00
Meetings & Tours	\$ 218.44	\$926.25
Other	\$ -	\$0.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ 10,652.74	\$12,596.63
Surplus	\$ 3,427.43	\$2,771.08
Balance carried forward from last financial year	\$ 12,118.10	\$14,374.52
Transfer to CBA Term Deposit during the year	-\$ 5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Cheque from 2017 presented on 13/7/2018	-	-\$27.50
Surplus + cash carried forward - term deposit transfer	\$ 10,545.53	\$12,118.10
CBA Transaction Account Balance	\$10,595.03	\$12,118.10
Less unpresented Cheques	\$ 49.50	\$0.00
CASH AVAILABLE	\$ 10,545.53	\$12,118.10

For reference, 138 members have paid their 2020/21 year subscriptions to date in full, totalling \$6525, plus donations. Those amounts received this year are included in 2019/2020 year's income.

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