



Annual Report 2021

President's Report – Geoff Foster

Well, I said last year that 2019-20 had been either the easiest or the hardest year to be BCSV President. 2020-21 proved to be little different. After being unable to run our AGM at the normal time in 2020 we were also unable to run any activities for the remainder of the calendar year.

The first part of 2021 looked far more promising and at the end of January were able to run the McHarry's visit which was combined with the late AGM. This proved to be an excellent day with a record attendance.

Autumn was also successful with the two-day celebration of the 90th anniversary of Driver Group in late April. The weekend required a helluva lot of work from Driver Group and their staff with vehicle, logistics and lunch organisation and also from BCSV's perspective in view of the need for covid safe plans.

This was followed in May by the farewell tour for Ventura's first-generation low floor artics, a rather simpler event but equally as enjoyable. I thank all the companies and individuals involved in making the three events happen.

But, as they said in Game of Thrones, "Winter is coming" and so it did bring with it the Delta variant and yet more lockdowns, effectively preventing any further events for the remainder of the reporting and calendar years. The unavailability of Hawthorn meant that we were also unable to conduct any of the regular social meetings. So, once again, the Committee faces you, the members, at a much-delayed AGM.

Fortunately, some things did continue as usual with Australian Bus Panorama making its appearance at all the normal times and with a renewed focus on the Facebook Group with our Lockdown Lotto series, which attracted many viewings, positive comments and even a handful of new members.

But in the background, one significant thing was developing - the MOVE Museum in Shepparton, where this year's AGM is being held. The Committee was able to visit the site during one of the brief breaks between lockdowns and members received a

special ABP outlining the BCSV's preservation history, the museum's development, and our possible role. Gary Driver has been instrumental in making this happen. The AGM will now consider a series of recommendations which will be put to the meeting. Your Committee fully supports these and we seek your formal support to continue.

Once Omicron has passed, it is our full intention to resume a normal round of meetings and tours with several events already in the planning stages. Hopefully you are, or soon will be, all double vaxxed and boosted as this will be important to the conduct of future events.

Secretary's Report – Paul Kennelly

Membership edged up to 210, another very pleasing record.

Steve Bayer joined the Committee in May as Restoration Officer and set about the main task of the position of constructing and maintaining a register of preserved buses in Victoria. Steve had made considerable progress.

In March, the Society wrote to the Minister of Public Transport, the Hon Ben Carroll, regarding the government's discussion document. "Preserving Our Rail History – a blueprint for the future." Within our submission, which argued for a Transport Museum to be established at Newport, we reminded the Minister that VicTrack still owns eight preserved buses from the former MET Heritage Fleet. In response, a meeting with VicTrack staff was arranged at Newport to ascertain the status of the 5 of the 8 vehicles which reside there. They are the Austerity bodied Internationals K6 (301), the Martin & King bodied AEC Mark III (531), the ex VRMS Comair Bedford SB3 (300), the Leyland National (826) and the Ansair bodied Volvo B59 (887). While all have suffered some damage from vandals or are otherwise in a state of disrepair, none are too far gone. The Freighter Lawton bodied AEC Mark IV (624) and Freighter (Vic) bodied AEC Mark VI (776) are at Bylands and under cover. The eighth bus, a bob tailed Comeng AEC Mark III (347) resides in a paddock with the private "custodian" who received it in 1995. Recent photos posted on Facebook show that it is a wreck.

Since the last AGM, the following members have passed away: Bill Barber and Paul Oakes. We passed on our condolences to their families and friends.

Geoff Foster produced another outstanding set of Panorama magazines, his 36th year as editor.

Our website continues to grow with many hundreds of “hits” being registered. 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 (as well as to Facebook and Bus Australia) and to our Webmaster Matt Fleay-Daly for keeping it all going.

I would like to express my thanks to the Committee – Geoff Foster, Jason Lee, Steve Bayer, Gary Driver and to David Kemp for keeping the finances in order. Thanks to those members who helped our tours run so well, be it driving, cooking or organising.

Treasurer’s Report - David Kemp

The Financial Statements (on the reverse) are provided for the benefit of members which show a surplus for the 2020/21 financial year of \$3,217.84 – a very good result.



Photos by the late Peter Anderson taken at the original MBBL depot at 207 Bay Street, Brighton in 1960 shortly before the move to the ex-VR tram depot on the corner of St Kilda Street and Head Street, Elwood.

Bus & Coach Society of Victoria Inc.
Incorporation Number: A6261D ABN: 86829759481
Financial Report for 1 July to 30 June 2021
Statement of Income & Expenditure

	Current 2020/2021 Full year	Last year 2019/2020 full year
Receipts		
Membership Subscriptions received since 1st July	\$9,525.00	\$10,475.00
Sales	\$386.00	\$836.00
Panorama Magazine Sales	\$794.00	\$725.00
Badges	\$58.00	\$98.00
Meetings & Tours	\$1,575.00	\$140.00
Interest	\$697.23	\$247.24
Donations	\$1,140.00	\$1,214.00
Other (Transfer of funds)	\$0.00	\$344.93
Total Receipts	\$14,175.23	\$14,080.17
Expenditure		
Panorama Costs	\$8,055.57	\$8,724.11
Admin Costs	\$0.00	\$367.38
Declined Memberships (refunds)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Badges	\$30.80	\$110.00
Subscriptions	\$200.00	\$250.00
Insurance	\$981.59	\$907.81
Website	\$274.65	\$75.00
Sales	\$259.40	\$0.00
Meetings & Tours	\$496.18	\$218.44
Other	\$659.20	\$0.00
Total Expenditure	\$10,957.39	\$10,652.74
Surplus	\$3,217.84	\$3,427.43
Balance carried forward from last financial year	\$10,545.53	\$12,118.10
Surplus + cash carried forward	\$13,763.37	\$15,545.53
CBA Transaction Account Balance	\$13,763.37	\$10,595.03
Less unrepresented Cheques	\$0.00	\$49.50
Cash Available	\$13,763.37	\$10,545.53
Term Deposits:		
Matured CBA Term Deposits this financial year		
\$10,000 invested for 6 months at 1.20% to 13/9/2020		
\$10,000 invested for 12 months at 1.45% to 12/10/2020		
Renewed. Interest was paid into CBA Transaction Account		
Current CBA Term Deposits		
\$10,000 invested for 10 months at 0.85% to 13/07/2021	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$10,000 invested for 10 months at 0.80% to 12/08/2021	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$35,000 invested for 24 months at 1.40% to 11/10/2021	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Interest to be paid into CBA Transaction Account		
Total Held in current Term Deposits	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
Total Wealth	\$68,763.37	\$65,545.53

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Bank Reconciliation Statement
For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2021

Bank Balance at 01/07/2020 less unrepresented cheques	\$ 10,545.53
Income during year	\$ 14,175.23
Sub-total	\$ 24,720.76
Less Expenses during the year	\$ 10,957.39
Balance of transactions as of 30/06/2021	\$ 13,763.37
Bank Balance at 30 June 2021	\$ 13,763.37
Less unrepresented cheques	\$ -
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Interest to be paid into CBA Transaction Account	
Total Held in current Term Deposits	\$ 55,000.00
Total Wealth	\$ 68,763.37
Previous Year 2019/2020, for comparison	\$ 65,545.53

Statement by the Bus & Coach Society of Victoria Inc (BCSV) Committee


In the opinion of the BCSV Committee:


1. These financial statements have been prepared so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Society as at 30th June 2021, and of the performance of the Society for the year ended on that date.
2. The Society is able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Report prepared by:


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Treasurer

Reviewed by:


Geoff Foster
President


Jason Lee
Vice President


Paul Kennelly
Secretary


Gary Driver
Committee Member


Steve Bayer
Committee Member

Signed (date):