

Council and Committee Members RTAA											
AGM - Year and Date	Organization Name	President	Vice-President	Hon. Secretary	Treasurer	The Rail Track Journal	Council Members	Awards	Membership	Major Council Decisions	Historical Notes
17-August-1973		Brookes C. Wilson Managing Director Koppers Australia Pty Ltd Conference Chairman								At the conclusion of the First Rail Sleeper Conference in Sydney, it was agreed that a Continuation Committee should be formed. Committee planned next conference and constitution drawn up - Secretary John H. Foxton, Conference Convener.	The association commences as a lobby group and industry representative body for the manufacturers and importers of sleepers and other rail related products. Council of Rail Sleeper Association Australia meets half-yearly
13-August-1976	Rail Sleeper Association (Australia)	Brookes C. Wilson		John H. Foxton		First edition published January 1977	C. (Roy) Colville, Jan de Vries, Laurie N. Mills, F.A. Dale, Doug C. Gillett, Don Hagarty, R. Heacock, W.R. Hindmarsh, R.D. Ireland, Harold W.G. Lowe, N.E. Tamblin, D.D. Wade, H. (Neville) Walker. Specifications Committee: N.E. Tamblin, F.A. Dale, Alan N. Hulse. Research Committee: Harold W.G. Lowe (Chairman), F.A. Dale, Doug C. Gillett, Lance H.A. McLean, Dennis (G.D.) Dobson, C. (Rees) Warman, Frank G. Franklyn, C. (Roy) Colville, R. Heacock, Laurie N. Mills, Neville (HNJ) Walker, John H. Foxton. Forestry Committee: W.R. Hindmarsh (Chairman), Jan de Vries, R.D. Ireland, F.A. Dale, Eric R. Fogl. Publications Committee: John S. Moss (Chairman), C. (Roy) Colville, W.R. Hindmarsh, Laurie N. Mills, John H. Foxton	Membership was taken up by all the State Railway Systems throughout Australia and all its privately owned systems with any significant amounts of track. The main rail track component and the major construction and maintenance plant and equipment manufacturers also joined as did State Forestry and adjoining bodies. Some overseas organisations also joined, notably British Rail, New Zealand and South African Railways and international suppliers from Britain and the U.S.A. Members: Corporate 33 Personal 34	Association operates with four sub-committees: 1) Harold Lowe - Head of Research Sub-Committee. 2) Railway Committee with Frank Franklyn as Chairman. 3) Charles Greig - Forestry Sub-Committee. Bill Hindmarsh taking over his chairmanship. 4) Standards Sub-Committee - Norman Tamblin. In summation of the conference, John Foxton outlined the objects of the Constitution of the Association and encouraged all delegates to become members of the Rail Sleeper Association. Copies of Constitution were made available. Mr B.C. Wilson asked for all present to agree to the objects and the Constitution as written. The motion was carried unanimously.	In summation of the conference, John Foxton outlined the objects of the Constitution of the Association and encouraged all delegates to become members of the Rail Sleeper Association. Copies of Constitution were made available. Mr B.C. Wilson asked for all present to agree to the objects and the Constitution as written. The motion was carried unanimously.	
09-July-1977	Rail Sleeper Association (Australia)	Brookes C. Wilson		John H. Foxton		Editor - John S. Moss	Dr. J.B. Boyd, C.R. Colville, Jan de Vries, Laurie N. Mills, F.A. Dale, Doug C. Gillett, Don Hagarty, R. Heacock, W.R. Hindmarsh, R.D. Ireland, Harold W.G. Lowe, N.E. Tamblin, D.D. Wade, Neville Walker, John S. Moss. Specifications Committee: N.E. Tamblin, F.A. Dale, Alan N. Hulse, Dr. J.B. Boyd. Research Committee: Harold W.G. Lowe (Chairman), F.A. Dale, D.C. Gillett, Lance H.A. McLean, Dennis Dobson, C. (Rees) Warman, C.R. Colville, R. Heacock, Laurie N. Mills, Neville Walker, Don Hagarty, John H. Foxton. Forestry Committee: W.R. Hindmarsh (Chairman), J. de Vries, R.D. Ireland, F.A. Dale, Eric R. Fogl. Publications Committee: John S. Moss (Chairman), C.R. Colville, W.R. Hindmarsh, Laurie N. Mills, John H. Foxton	Corporate Membership 40 Personal Membership 45			
13-July-1978	Rail Sleeper Association (Australia)	Brookes C. Wilson	Harold W.G. Lowe	John H. Foxton		John S. Moss	Laurie N. Mills, D.D. Wade, Neville Walker, W.R. Hindmarsh, Jan de Vries, F.A. Dale, R.H. Heacock, Doug C. Gillett, Dennis Dobson, Frank G. Franklyn (Re-joined), T.F. Yorkston. Research Committee: Doug C. Gillett (Chairman), F.A. Dale, C. (Rees) Warman, Laurie N. Mills, Alan Hulse, Lance H.A. McLean, Frank Franklyn, Harold W.G. Lowe (Ex-Officio). Forestry Committee: W.R. Hindmarsh (Chairman), Jan de Vries, T.F. Yorkston, Eric R. Fogl. P.G. Duncan Publications Committee: John S. Moss (Chairman), W.R. Hindmarsh, Laurie N. Mills, John H. Foxton	Corporate 43 Personal 61	Because of distance, it was decided to ratify elections to Council during the next conference in 1979. Constitution altered to allow period of service to be between 20 - 40 months to fit in with a 2 - 3 year interval between conferences.	It became clear that the Association was required to represent significantly more members of the "below rail" industry that just the sleeper manufacturers and suppliers. This conference covers "total rail track structure from below the ballast to above the rail"	
28-September-1979	Rail Track and Sleeper Association	Harold W.G. Lowe	Frank G. Franklyn	John H. Foxton		John S. Moss - Editor and Manager	John E. Barnacle, A. Lyhyynski (G. Dennis) Dobson, P.G. Duncan, Doug C. Gillett, Eric R. Fogl, R.H. Heacock, Neil McDonald, Dr. Stephen March, Laurie N. Mills, P.L. O'Neill, H. (Neville) Walker, T.F. Yorkston	Corporate 48 Personal 84	The name of the Association changes reflect a broader scope. Australia has been dropped from name because of interest from other countries. The Association will now be known as Rail Track and Sleeper Association . Australian venues for conferences will be at 2 year intervals instead of previous three yearly with the possibility of continuation and some representation of papers in one of the Asian countries to be negotiated.		
16-September-1981	Rail Track and Sleeper Association	Harold W.G. Lowe	Frank G. Franklyn	John H. Foxton		John S. Moss - Editor and Manager	John E. Barnacle, A. Lyhyynski, Dennis Dobson, P.G. Duncan, D.C. Gillett, R.H. Heacock, N. Mc Donald, Mr Tan McFarlane, Dr. Stephen March, Laurie N. Mills, P.L. O'Neill, Dave A.C. Reid, Neville Walker, T.F. Yorkston	Corporate 43 Personal 61		1981 - Railway missions abroad - Japanese Railway Seminar and American Railway Engineers Tour of Mainland China, 1982 - Mission to the Malayan and Thailand Balmores	
18-September-1983	Rail Track Association Australia	H. (Neville) Walker	Frank G. Franklyn	John H. Foxton		John S. Moss - Editor and Manager	M.J. Abbott, J.E. Barnacle, A. Lyhyynski, Dennis Dobson, P.G. Duncan, Norm R. Geddes, D.C. Gillett, R.H. Heacock, Harold W.G. Lowe, Neil McDonald, Mr Tan MacFarlane, Dr. Stephen March, A.D. Maling, Laurie N. Mills, Jim Matijasevich, P.L. O'Neill, J. Price, Rob A. Schwarzer, Len A. Sheppard, Des P. Smith	Corporate 50 Personal 88		President RTAA - Mr H.N. Walker 1984 Mission to Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.	
18-March-1986	Rail Track Association Australia	H. (Neville) Walker	Frank G. Franklyn	John H. Foxton		John S. Moss - Editor and Manager	John E. Barnacle, Kevin Campbell, Dennis Dobson, P.G. Duncan, John Hoare, Norm R. Geddes, D.C. Gillett, A. Lyhyynski, Harold W.G. Lowe, Mr Tan MacFarlane, Laurie N. Mills, Dr. Stephen March, Jim Matijasevich, P.L. O'Neill, J. Price, Rob A. Schwarzer, Len A. Sheppard, Des P. Smith, Lloyd Silver	Corporate 49 Personal 88		Neville Walker retires as president. Frank Franklyn retires from full council membership. John Foxton retired from Secretary Manager.	
01-March-1988	Rail Track Association Australia	H. (Neville) Walker	Dennis Dobson	John H. Foxton Secretary Manager		John S. Moss - Editor and Manager	Don J. Archer, John C.B. Adams, O. Barnes, John E. Barnacle, Kevin Campbell, John Hoare, Frank Franklyn, Harold W. Lowe, N. D. McKenzie, Ian M. Nibble, Laurie N. Mills, Dr. Stephen March, Jim Matijasevich, P.L. O'Neill, R.G. Smith, Lloyd Silver, Phil Saunders, Len A. Sheppard. Co-opted Tan B. Mac Farlane	Corporate 46 Personal 92		John Moss retires from editorship of Rail Track Journal. Laurie Mills appointed Editor. Dave Hassall appointed New Secretary / Manager.	
24-October-1990	Rail Track Association Australia	Dennis Dobson President / Manager				John S. Moss	Alan Behn, R. Bratshell, Kevin Campbell, Frank Franklyn, John Gorman, N. D. McKenzie, Steve Maxwell, Laurie N. Mills, Dr. Stephen March, Ross Mitchell, Ken Moore, Ian M. Nibble, Nick H. Perkins, Don G. Pearce, L. Ser, R.G. Smith, Len A. Sheppard.	Corporate 34 Personal 66			
25-September-1991	Rail Track Association Australia	Dennis Dobson	Steve Maxwell	David J. Hassall Secretary Manager	John S. Moss	John S. Moss - Technical Rep.	Graeme Barkway, Kevin Campbell, John Gorman, N. D. McKenzie, Dr. Stephen March, Ross Mitchell, Ken Moore, Don G. Pearce, E.A. Smith, R.G. Smith, R. (Frank) Bell, John Mullen, John Willmott, David Hinwood, Ben Lombardo, J. Middleton, David O'Grady, Ian B. MacFarlane	Corporate 35 Personal 65			
28-October-1992	Rail Track Association Australia	Steve Maxwell	Frank Bell	David J. Hassall Secretary Manager		Rail Track Journal edition of Dec 1993 - last edition on our records. Editor - Laurie N. Mills	Graeme Barkway, Kevin Campbell, John Gorman, Norm Geddes, Allan Logan, Dr. Stephen March, Ross Mitchell, Don G. Pearce, E.A. Smith, John Mullen, John Willmott, Ben Lombardo, J. Middleton, David O'Grady, Ray Turcell, Bill Singleton, Dennis Dobson	Corporate 35 Personal 58	Unanimous decision that the Association become incorporated. Rules published in Rail Track Dec. 1993	First time President and Vice-President roles were filled by Public Railways sector	
14-September-1994	Rail Track Association Australia	Steve Maxwell		David J. Hassall Secretary Manager	John Durant	Laurie N. Mills Only one edition per annum	Railways: Steve Maxwell, Peter Milton, Brian Hogman, D. Higgins. Sleepers: Graeme Barkway, Kevin Campbell, J. Middleton. Track Components: Warwick Kinscher, John Willmott, Dave Hassall, R & D: John Durant, Laurie Mills, Dr. Stephen March, Contracting & Consulting: Mike Garrett, John Gorman, Ross Mitchell, David O'Grady, Dennis Dobson, Frank Franklyn, Neville Walker. Track Machinery: Allan Logan, Norm Geddes, Ben Lombardo	Corporate 35 Personal 58		John Foxton passed away 1993.	

13-September-1995	Rail Track Association Australia	Steve Maxwell	Graeme Barkway	David J. Hassall Secretary Manager	John Duranti	Last edition of Rail Track Journal - Editor Laurie Mills	Graeme Barkway, Kevin Campbell, Norm Geddes, Allan Logan, Peter Milton, John Wilmott, Ben Lombardo, J. Middleton, David O'Grady, Dennis Dobson, Frank F. Franklyn, John S. Moss, Neville Walker, Mike Garrett, R. Kouhounek, Warwick Kinscher, Brian Edwards, Brian Haganon, Nick Williams	L.Mills & D. Dobson awarded Life Membership 1994	Corporate 34 Personal 57 Members 5	Life	Position Paper prepared by Dennis Dobson in options for the future of the association. Letters distributed to other major rail organisations to request their consideration in co-ordinating railway conferences and to promote the rail industry in a positive light by stating clear objectives of each organisation so that there is overlap or competition.
30-October-1996	Rail Track Association Australia	Steve Maxwell		David J. Hassall Secretary Manager	John Duranti	Committee recommended that the offer be accepted from Star Media to produce four copies of Track & Signal per year which would be endorsed by RTAA with technical and editorial assistance being provided when necessary.	Railways: Brian Haganon, Steve Maxwell Sleepers: Kevin Campbell, Steve Douglas, J. Middleton, J. Kelderman Track Components: Nick Williams, Warwick Kinscher, Graeme Barkway, Dave Hassall Research & Development: John Duranti, Dr. Stephen Marich, John Wilmott, Laurie Mills Contracting & Consultancy: Terry Atkinson, Ben Lombardo, David O'Grady, Ross Mitchell, Brian Edwards Track Machinery: Allan Logan, Norm Geddes				
27-August-1997	Rail Track Association Australia	Steve Maxwell passed away, Presidency position left open, Dennis Dobson stood in as President		David J. Hassall Secretary Manager	John Duranti	Laurie N. Mills	Railways: Brian Haganon, Malcolm Owens Sleepers: Kevin Campbell, Steve Douglas, J. Middleton, J. Kelderman Track Components: Nick Williams, Warwick Kinscher, Graeme Barkway, Dave Hassall Research & Development: John Duranti, Dr. Stephen Marich, John Wilmott, Laurie Mills Contracting & Consultancy: Terry Atkinson, Ben Lombardo, David O'Grady, Ross Mitchell, Brian Edwards Track Machinery: Allan Logan, Norm Geddes	Steve Maxwell Award Inauguration			Steve Maxwell passed away 1997. First issue Track and Signal Magazine endorsed by RTAA
16-September-1998	Rail Track Association Australia	Russell S. Trevaskis		David J. Hassall Secretary Manager	John Duranti	Laurie N. Mills	Railways: Duncan McLeod, Brian Haganon, Barry Hedley, Sleepers: J. Middleton, Kevin Campbell, Steve Douglas, R. Duff, J. Kelderman Track Components: Nick Williams, Warwick Kinscher, Graeme Barkway, Dave Hassall, Research & Development: John Duranti, John Wilmott, Contracting & Consultancy: Ben Lombardo, David Bull, David O'Grady, John Kuchler, Track Machinery: Allan Logan, Norm Geddes				
19-October-1999	Rail Track Association Australia	Russell S. Trevaskis		David J. Hassall Secretary Manager	John Duranti	Laurie N. Mills	Railways: Malcolm Owens, Ken Baerthe, Duncan McLeod, David Bull, Brian Haganon, Barry Hedley Sleepers: Steve Douglas, Kevin Campbell, J. Middleton Track Components: Dave Hassall, Nick Williams, Graeme Barkway, Graham Bishop R&D: Warwick Kinscher, John Wilmott, John Duranti Contracting / Consultancy: Ben Lombardo, Russell Trevaskis, Bill Killinger, Graeme Robinson, Lachlan Daniel, John Kuchler, David O'Grady Track Machinery: Allan Logan, Norm Geddes				
26-October-2000	Rail Track Association Australia	Russell S. Trevaskis	David Bull	John Kuchler Secretary Manager	John Duranti	Laurie N. Mills and John Peric - Assistant Editor	Railways: Bill Killinger, Malcolm Owens, David Bull, Brian Haganon, Barry Hedley Sleepers: Steve Douglas, Kevin Campbell, Graeme Barkway Track Components: Dave Hassall, Nick Williams, Warwick Kinscher, R&D: John Wilmott, John Duranti Contracting / Consultancy: Ben Lombardo, Russell Trevaskis, Graeme Robinson, Lachlan Daniel, John Kuchler, David O'Grady, John Peric Track Machinery: Allan Logan, Norm Geddes				October 2000 - It was decided that the RTAA would introduce informal breakfasts which could be rotated on a roster system.
14-November-2001	Rail Track Association Australia	Bill Killinger	David Bull	Lou Bonomi	Lou Bonomi (Part-time paid position)	Warwick Kinscher	Railways: Duncan McLeod, David Bull, Barry Hedley Track Components: Graeme Barkway, Nick Williams, Warwick Kinscher, Sleepers: Steve Douglas, Contracting / Consultancy: Bill Killinger, Ben Lombardo, Lou Bonomi, Graeme Robinson, Lachlan Daniel, John Kuchler, David O'Grady, John Peric Track Machinery: Allan Logan, Norm Geddes CE2 Committee Representative - Julia Prudhoe and Warwick Kinscher	Corporate Members 32 Individual Members 36 Life Members 5			Informa engaged to run conferences with agreed partners ARA, RTAA, RTSA and ARIC commencing in 2003
11-November-2002	Rail Track Association Australia	Bill Killinger	David Bull	David Bull	David Bull (Part-time paid position)		Railways: Duncan McLeod, Brian Edwards, Brian Haganon, Malcolm Owens, Barry Hedley, Track Components: Graeme Barkway, Nick Williams, Warwick Kinscher, Dave Hassall, Sleepers: Steve Douglas, Contracting / Consultancy: Ben Lombardo, Lou Bonomi, Graeme Robinson, David Tasker, John Kuchler, David O'Grady, Colin Glaysher, John Peric, Track Machinery: Allan Logan, Norm Geddes CE2 Committee Representatives - Ken Sherwood and Warwick Kinscher	Corporate Members 32 Personal Members 32 Life Members 4			
18-November-2003	Rail Track Association Australia	Bill Killinger	David Bull and Dave Hassall	David Bull	David Bull (Part-time paid position)		Railways: Duncan McLeod, Brian Edwards, Brian Haganon, Peter Milton, Barry Hedley, Track Components: Graeme Barkway, Dave Hassall, Warwick Kinscher, Dave Hassall, Sleepers: Nil Contracting / Consultancy: Ben Lombardo, Graeme Robinson, David Tasker, John Kuchler, Colin Glaysher, David Bull, Track Machinery: Allan Logan, Norm Geddes	Corporate Members 32 Personal Members 35 Life Members 4			
15-November-2004	Rail Track Association Australia	Bill Killinger	David Bull and Dave Hassall	David Bull	David Bull (Part-time paid position)		Railways, Sleepers, Track Components, R & D: Graeme Barkway, Malcolm Owens, Warwick Kinscher, Peter Boonstra, Graham Bishop, Brian Haganon, Terry Kearney, Dave Hassall, Mark Harris, Contracting/ Consultancy: Track Machinery: David Bull, Jim Matjasevich, Colin Glaysher, Graeme Robinson, John Furness, Rod Pomroy, John Kuchler, David Tasker, Bill Killinger, Greg Steele, Ben Lombardo, Alan Logan, Dale Coleman, Peter Milton, Wayne Barnett, Greg Steele.	Corporate Members 36 Personal Members 32 Life Members 4			
23-November-2005	Rail Track Association Australia	Bill Killinger	David Bull and Dave Hassall	Melissa Mathieson	Melissa Mathieson		Graeme Barkway, Warwick Kinscher, Peter Boonstra, Brian Haganon, Dave Hassall, Mark Harris, Mike Garrett, David Bull, Graeme Robinson, John Furness, Rod Pomroy, John Kuchler, David Tasker, Bill Killinger, Ben Lombardo, Allan Logan, Dale Coleman, Peter Milton, Norm Geddes, Brian Paper, Lachlan Daniel, Piers Broonan, Graeme Robinson.	Corporate Members 37 Personal Members 29 Life Members 4			
22-November-2006	Rail Track Association Australia	Dave Hassall	David Bull and Allan Logan	Mark Walker / Sandy Kay Bull	Mark Walker / Sam Hayden		Colin Glaysher, Graeme Robinson, Ben Lombardo, Peter Milton, Michael O'Rourke, Peter Boonstra, Mark Harris, Ken Sherwood, Ernie McCombe, Max Croucher, Norm Geddes, Ross Kelsey, Gilbert Ness, Warwick Kinscher, Mike Austin, Piers Brogan, Graham Barkway, Bill Killinger, David Bull, Dave Hassall, Dale Coleman, Lachlan Daniel, John Furness, Bryan Paper, Mike Garrett.	Corporate Members 53 Personal Members 30 Life Members 4			
05-December-2007	Rail Track Association Australia	Warwick Kinscher	David Bull and Ken Sherwood	Sandy Kay-Bull	Sam Hayden		Max Croucher, Lachlan Daniel, Dale Coleman, Bill Killinger, Graeme Barkway, Paul Kyte, Rod Pomroy, Mark Harris, Ernie McCombe, Norm Geddes, Ross Kelsey, Richard Stewart, Ben Lombardo, Peter Milton, Piers Brogan, Allan Logan, Peter Boonstra, John Furness and Gilbert Ness.	Life Membership Awards presented to Bill Killinger and Dave Hassall			Life Member Frank Franklyn passed away in September 2008
2 December 2008 MELBOURNE	Rail Track Association Australia	Warwick Kinscher	David Bull and Ken Sherwood	Sandy Kay-Bull	Allan Logan		Max Croucher, Lachlan Daniel, Dale Coleman, Bill Killinger, Graeme Barkway, Paul Kyte, Mark Harris, Ross Kelsey, Ben Lombardo, Peter Milton, Piers Brogan, Peter Boonstra, David Bainbridge, Colin Glaysher and Gilbert Ness.	Inaugural Frank Franklyn Award presented to Adam Morris	Corporate Members 66 Personal Members 31 Life Members 5		Inaugural Frank Franklyn Track Special Award
18 November 2009 ADELAIDE	Rail Track Association Australia	Dale Coleman	David Bull and David Bainbridge	Sandy Kay-Bull	Allan Logan		Howarth, Max Croucher, Lachlan Daniel, Mark Harris, Ben Lombardo, Peter Milton, Bruce Mc Comas, Garry Thuer, Peter Boonstra, Paul Radman, and Bill Killinger (Life Member)	Frank Franklyn Award presented to Damian Binzi	Corporate Members 72 Personal Members 30 Life Members 5		
24 November 2010 PERTH	Rail Track Association Australia	David Bainbridge	David Bull and Garry Thuer	Sandy Kay-Bull	Allan Logan		Warwick Kinscher, Jaffer Mahood, David Howarth, Max Croucher, Lachlan Daniel, Mark Harris, Ben Lombardo, Peter Milton, Bruce Mc Comas, Peter Boonstra, Paul Harris, Julie Tassone, Rebecca Want, Mike Hughes and Bill Killinger (Life Member)	Frank Franklyn Award presented to Ilija Kolak	Corporate Members 84 Personal Members 31 Life Members 5		