

**Discussion – The Tramway Museum Journal of Record – Core business or obsolete legacy?**

Stephen Taylor THS – How do you see the printed copy vs free copies of the web?

Response – Expected to see some need for recompense and would publish on the base of a subscription. May not be a searchable document if behind a pay wall. However search engines would be able to find back issues.

Mal Rowe TMSV – noted the National Library of Australia “Trove” web site as a great research resource. Mal expressed the view that weblogs vs an authoritative Journal on the web would be a loss to the community.

Response – The threat to Tramway Topics is that it is not considered a tramway activity to some of the WTM.

Dave Hinman THS – asked are there parallels with Trolley Wire? Amalgamation of the two?

Response – would not be adverse to a joint publication.

Peter Kahn STM – noted that STM is not making anything out of publishing Trolley Wire, covering printing and distribution costs. Will have to consider price increases.

Colin Seymour AETM – what percentage of the print run goes to Australian subscribers?

Responses – don’t know, but would be happy to facilitate cross advertising.

Mal Rowe TMSV – are we competing with our own publications – Museum newsletters vs a Journal of Record.

Response – provides an opportunity for linking magazines and the Journal, some museums are not hosting their magazines on the web.

Richard Gilbert BTM – noted that the situation with a Melbourne based radio station that only originally provided their programs to subscribers; but when they made it available on the web etc, listenership increased and that a net based subscription could work.