

The 15th International Conference on Competition and Ownership of Land Passenger Transport

(Thredbo 15)



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We Remember Michael Beesley, CBE

The Intent of the Thredbo Series

- International Gathering every 2 years to review and progress our understanding of real world experiences in the reform of land passenger transport (primarily bus, coach, rail and ferry)
 - 30 countries represented at Thredbo 15
- To critique in an intensive workshop mode (with a focus on debate and discussion) the experiences to date and to promote new avenues of thought for progress.
- To find ways in which we can deliver our messages to those in positions of influence to action the efforts we have made.



The Workshops are what make the Thredbo Series Distinct

- We are here to work
- We are here to interact between academics, transport operators (private and public), regulators, politicians, consultants and others committed to this industry
- *Leave your egos behind* – one of the great things about the Thredbo Series is understanding and appreciating the great contribution that each player in the supply chain can make.
 - Each stakeholder is not here to **compete** but to **cooperate**
 - The only threat is the failure to cooperate



The Workshop Chairs and Rapporteurs

- Eight (8) workshops (one is split)
- Nine invited Chairs and Rapporteurs who will run the workshop and prepare the published workshop report
- Each workshop will have an Assistant who will ensure all runs smoothly (technically speaking)
- Focus less on papers (mainly background) and more on debate and discussion
- **REMEMBER** – the Chair/Rapporteur has to prepare a workshop report during the Conference



Workshop Rules

- You select a workshop and you stay in it.
- You are **NOT ALLOWED** to wander between workshops (except if we require you to do so for a presentation but then you **MUST** return to your workshop)
- Without this compliance the workshops will not **WORK**.
- You will also see how valuable it is to stay in a workshop
 - you will become a strong team and make lasting friendships
 - Those who defect will miss out and not be popular.
 - Ask the many people here who have participated before.



Workshop Format

- The Chairs have total freedom to run the workshops as they so wish
- The Chairs know they have to prepare a presentation for the whole conference (for Thursday)
- The Chairs should recognise the value of the papers but not encourage excessive presentations (but Chairs will decide)
- *Discussion, Debate and synthesis to establish future research and policy agendas is central*



Communications

- English is the Thredbo series language
- For many participants English is not their first language
 - To ensure clear communication we ask kindly that all participants speak in English SLOWLY and CLEARLY and CONCISELY.
 - The Chairs will monitor and encourage this.
- Do not be afraid to speak up if someone is unclear – this is the only way we can learn from each other



Papers and Publications



- All papers
 - CD-Rom
 - Downloadable from Thredbo site (if not be appear in published volume):
 - <http://www.thredbo-conference-series.org/publications/>
 - Thredbo 1-7 also available (and progressively being scanned and placed on the Thredbo web site)
- T8: Hensher, D.A. (editor) (2005) *Competition and Ownership of Land Passenger Transport* (Elsevier Science, Oxford), 800pp.
- T9: Macario, R., Viegas, J. and Hensher, D.A. (editors) (Dec 2006) *Competition and Ownership in Land Passenger Transport*, Elsevier, Oxford. (ISBN-13: 978-0-08-045095-7), 969pp.
- T10: Hensher, D.A. (ed.) (2008) Reforms in Public Transport, *Research in Transportation Economics*, Vol. 22.
- T11: van de Velde, D., W. Veeneman, D.A. Hensher, and R. Steel (ed.) (2010) Reforms in Public Transport, *Research in Transportation Economics*, Vol. 29, 410pp.
- T12: D.A. Hensher, J. Walters and R. Steel (ed.) (2013) Recent Developments in the Reform of Land Passenger Transport, *Research in Transportation Economics*, Vol. 39, 308pp.
- T13: J. Preston, D.A. Hensher and R. Steel (ed.) (2014) Recent Developments in the Reform of Land Passenger Transport, *Research in Transportation Economics*, Vol. 48, 4338pp.
- T14: J. C. Munoz, D.A. Hensher and R. Steel (ed.) (2016) *Competition and Ownership of Land Passenger Transport – Selected Papers* *Research in Transportation Economics*, [Vol. 59](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/07398859/59), 461 pp.
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/07398859/59>

Publication

- Workshop Reports due by end of February 2018
- Chairs will advise which papers to be invited for Publication (RETREC) at the end of the conference
- Authors to advise Yes/No re. paper to be refereed by end of October 2017
- Selected papers to referees by end of November 2017; process completed by end February 2018
- Revisions up to end of April 2018
- RETREC published by end of June 2018



- Workshop 1. Integrating rail and bus based modes (including BRT) into a user-relevant transport system ([Graham Currie](#), [Dario Hidalgo](#))
- Workshop 2. Competitive tendering and other forms of contracting-out: institutional and contract design and performance measurement
 - 2a. Bus/Coach and General Public Transport ([Rico Merkert](#), [Maria Melkersson](#))
 - 2b. Rail and General Public Transport ([John Preston](#), [Heike Link](#))
- Workshop 3. Market initiative regimes: experience and measures to improve performance ([Didier Van de Velde](#), [Astrid Karl](#))
- Workshop 4. Criteria for successful collaboration ([Tom Rye](#), [Karolina Isaksson](#))
- Workshop 5. Bridging the benefit / funding gap ([John Stanley](#), [Anders Ljungberg](#))
- Workshop 6. Wider impacts of public transport and successful implementation of desirable and beneficial projects ([Christo Venter](#), [Wai Yan Leong](#))
- Workshop 7. The “uberisation” of public transport and mobility as a service (MaaS): implications for future mainstream public transport ([Corinne Mulley](#), [Annica Kronsell](#))
- Workshop 8. Big spatial data and data analytics in the digital age and how it can benefit public transport users ([Marcela Munizaga](#), [Menno Yap](#))



Workshop	Room
Workshop 1	A342
Workshop 2a	A520
Workshop 2b	<u>A120</u>
Workshop 3	A350
Workshop 4	A336
Workshop 5	A133
Workshop 6	A138
Workshop 7	A320
Workshop 8	A348



A Context for the Thredbo Workshops

- May the *Authority of Ideas* and not the *Idea of Authority* Reign Supreme

For then we will make real progress

Enjoy the Conference and Workshops



Thredbo 1 (1989)

Michael Beesley second on left



