

## **AS TIME GOES BY**

## Spotlight on – Rod Ferguson (Transport Seating Technology)



Rod started his career in the seating industry as an Apprentice Motor Trimmer in 1963 working for Admac a well known seating manufacturer. Admac manufactured the first seats for the Denning bus built in 1958 for Greyhound, Rod stayed with Admac for eleven years and left after the

1974 Brisbane floods forced them to close down.

After leaving Admac Rod approached Russell Penfold from Greyhound also Clarie Skennar from Skennar Coach Lines to do the refurbishment of their seats. That is how Rod established himself going into business for himself, he would do the retrim in four days this included taking the seats out

of the Coach, painting the frames, sewing of all the covers, then re-fitting into the Coach, all this single handed working under his house at Holland Park.

In 1982 Rod was approached by two coach body builders, Motor Coach and Austral to build them a new coach seat, the criteria being Stylish and lightweight. Rod designed and manufactured a seat to their satisfaction and by this time he now employed 13 workers and had moved to his own factory in Capalaba.

In 1988 Rod was bought out by Henderson Saydair and was offered a position as a Director with Transit Seating, the business was sold in 1996. Rod then purchased industrial land at Stapylton and built his own factory and so Transport Seating Technology was born. Rod designed and manufactures the EXTREME and SAFE-T-RIDE seat belted Coach seats.



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Today Transport Seating is a fierce competitor in the seating industry having embraced the latest technology from home and overseas. This includes Germany's revolutionary development of a seat clip system for making the fitting and removal of seat covers so much easier and faster thus cutting down on labour. Transport Seating also developed the suspension cushion, a far cry from the uncomfortable cushion used in the 60s.

Transport Seating is not only in the Bus and Coach Industry but has also expanded its expertise into the Marine, Motor home industry and Suspension seats.

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