

TREMULANT

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Western Australian Division

T.O.S.A.(WA) INC.

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Welcome to 2016

COMING UP:

AGM and Member's Day: Sun 6 March 2016

Member's Day: Sun 3 April 2016

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2015

ROLE	NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
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SECRETARY	Ruth MacDonald	9206 1880
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CONVENORS

ROLE	NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
Newsletter Editor	Ruth MacDonald	9206 1880
Catering Coordinator	Malcolm Hood	9386 6045
Raffles	Anne Holland	
Webmaster	Rodney Raymond	9310 2838

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Once again it is time to renew your membership. Membership forms are attached to the last page of this *Tremulant*. Dues should be paid before the AGM in March. Remember, only financial members may vote at the AGM.

Please consider if you would be willing to nominate for a vacancy on the committee. In 2015 we held the majority of committee meetings immediately after Member's Days and this seemed to work quite well. We propose to continue this format in the coming year.

The existing committee is prepared to nominate again in 2016. However, if you are wanting this organisation to continue, we do need your support. Please consider how you may help us continue – the greatest need is in assisting with and providing afternoon teas, and assisting with setting up or cleaning up after meetings.

The other big area where we lack manpower this year will be in the maintenance team. A pipe organ requires regular and constant maintenance. Ian and Pamela McLean, together with Malcolm Hood have done most of the maintenance and tuning work this year. Ian in particular has led the team in planning and coordinating the maintenance needs, and completing a large amount of documentation about the organ and how it operates. However, because of ill health, both Ian and Pamela are unable to continue on the maintenance team. For a period, we will be able to continue to get the organ tuned by paying for it to be done, but this will be a big drain on our finances. If you do know anyone with an interest in things mechanical/pneumatic please talk with Rodney Raymond.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please note the following events which are planned for 2016:

First Sunday of each month: Member's Days. Free admission to a relaxing afternoon of theatre organ and piano music.

Sunday 15 May 2016: **BILL SCHUMACHER** in concert. Well known in the Eastern States as an organist and pianist, having given frequent concerts, Bill will return to WA on his third concert trip. Well known for his interpretation of ballads and musicals, Bill is sure to provide an entertaining concert.

Sunday 18 September 2016: **RICHARD AND MICHAEL LARRITT** in concert. Richard Larritt is one of the house organists at the Capri Theatre in Adelaide; in fact he is the longest serving house organist. He is also a pipe organ builder, and in his home, he has a theatre pipe organ which is somewhat larger than our Compton. Michael, Richard's son, also plays regularly at the Capri and is currently completing musical studies at university. The father and son will team together to present our second concert in 2016.

CONCERTS AT KARRINYUP:

20 March 2016, Tony Fenelon from Melbourne.

24 April 2016, John Pound from Perth.

22 May 2016, Chris Powell from UK.

26 June 2016, David Bailey from Brisbane.

21 August 2016, David Gray from UK.

16 October 2016, Martin Ellis from USA.

13 November 2016, Ray Clements and John Fuhrmann from Perth.



Dave and Rhonda Wickerham after the concert in November 2015

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Notice is hereby given that the 2016 Annual General Meeting is to be held at the John Leckie Pavilion, Melvista Avenue, Nedlands at 2:00pm on SUNDAY 6 March 2016. The meeting is only expected to last 30 minutes, after which we will continue with a normal "Member's Day" afternoon of music.

AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Welcome.

Apologies.

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous AGM (held 1 March 2015)

Business arising from previous AGM.

Reports: President.

Treasurer.

Election of Office Bearers:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Members (Minimum of 2 required)

Election of Conveners:

Catering

Editor

Raffles

Patron

General Business.

Please Note: Minutes of the previous AGM were circulated in the April 2015 Tremulant. Please email Rodney Raymond if you require another copy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2015

Looking back over the events of 2015, it has been both a sad year, but also a year of encouraging events. It has been noticeable that quite a number of our older members have found it more and more difficult to attend events, and we miss some of the people who were once regular attendees but are no longer able to get to events. 2015 also started with the sad loss of Dave Parker. Dave was tireless in his support of the Society, and has left a large hole in the organisation.

However, there have also been some encouraging events that have occurred during the past year. Two new people started practicing the organ and we have enjoyed hearing them play at member's days. Our concert program last year showcased some fantastic organists and music. Scott Harrison played an interesting and diverse concert in April. The variety concert in August was attended by a packed house, despite problems with hall bookings and having to change the date at the last minute. And to cap off the year, Dave Wickerham put our organ through its paces, playing an exceptional concert in November. Despite a failure of the capture action system on the organ, Dave hand registered the whole concert and produced an outstanding and exceptional performance.

The final event of the year, the Christmas luncheon, was another success with the attendance being much higher than we have had for many years.

Thank you to each person who has contributed to the running of the Society throughout the past year. Thank you to all those who have helped to set up and pack up, to those who prepare and serve afternoon tea, and to those who bring raffle prizes. Special thanks to Malcolm Hood for coordinating the afternoon teas, and to Bernard Varney for his assistance with afternoon teas and also undertaking the duties of treasurer. Thanks to Phillip Surtees, Anne Holland and Brian Court who regularly assist with setting up. A thank you also to Ruth MacDonald for the large amount of work in regularly producing the *Tremulant*. And can I especially mention the constant and tiring work that Ian and Pamela McLean have done in keeping the organ tuned, maintained and serviced. The contribution of Ian and Pamela has been appreciated, and will be missed in the future.

What of the future? It is obvious that the Society is getting leaner and older. We do need to consider the form in which we can continue. In 2018, we are due to celebrate fifty years as an organisation. I would like to be able to celebrate this milestone in some manner – your thoughts and ideas are welcomed.

Rodney Raymond
PRESIDENT

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2015

The TOSA committee deliberately operated with a negative budget again during 2015, in the hope that spending might generate additional interest in the group.

We budgeted \$1000 on marketing, of which \$900 was spent on radio advertising on Capital Community Radio. There were about ten phone calls that came from people who heard the advertising, but advertising in this manner does not represent good value for money.

Most of the other income and expenses were as would be expected and similar to the previous year. Bank interest has declined slightly as our capital has reduced. With more people attending the Christmas lunch, income was \$400 more than last year, but costs were \$300 more.

Concert income was \$3,300, but concert expenses were \$4,700 (including the \$900 for radio advertising).

Membership in 2015 was 64, and membership income was \$60 higher than in 2014.

Member's day income was \$1,168 but member's day costs were \$3,376, the main expense being hall hire for organ practice. In 2016, we will again be charging organists for organ practice, so this will reduce this expenditure.

Insurance cost \$1,393, similar to the previous year.

In summary, income was \$8,343 and expenditure was \$11,879, resulting in a loss for the year of \$3,536. The balance of the bank accounts is now \$26,058.

The detailed Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure reports follow below.

Rodney Raymond and Bernard Varney.

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23/01/16

Cash Accounts Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2015

	Dec 31, '15	Dec 31, '14
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Current/Savings		
General Account	4,865.84	3,321.83
Term Deposit	21,192.69	26,273.13
Total Current/Savings	<u>26,058.53</u>	<u>29,594.96</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>26,058.53</u>	<u>29,594.96</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>26,058.53</u></u>	<u><u>29,594.96</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00	0.00

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Income and Expenditure

January through December 2015

	Jan - Dec '15	Jan - Dec '14
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Bank Interest	919.95	1,058.36
Christmas Dinner		
Raffle	235.00	173.00
Christmas Dinner - Other	1,620.00	1,262.00
Total Christmas Dinner	1,855.00	1,435.00
Concert income		
Afternoon tea	309.00	191.00
Ticket sales	2,940.97	1,676.00
Total Concert income	3,249.97	1,867.00
Donations	80.00	160.00
Membership Dues	1,070.00	1,010.00
Members Day Income		
Afternoon Tea	482.55	432.05
Raffle Takings	685.30	532.00
Total Members Day Income	1,167.85	964.05
Total Income	8,342.77	6,494.41
Expense		
Christmas Dinner expenses	2,020.14	1,683.76
Bank Service Charges	0.00	28.50
Concerts		
Afternoon Tea Costs	111.61	0.00
Concert advertising	900.00	503.17
Concert artist air fare	1,070.00	1,300.00
Concert artist fee	1,775.00	1,300.00
Concert artist costs	515.60	0.00
Hall hire for concerts	323.53	363.73
Performing Rights	11.00	64.90
Total Concerts	4,706.74	3,531.80
Insurance	1,392.60	1,381.60
Licenses and Permits	23.10	0.00
Members Day Costs		
Hall Hire	830.00	736.00
Organ Practice Hall Hire	2,393.00	1,394.00
Sundry Costs	153.07	228.00
Total Members Day Costs	3,376.07	2,358.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	19.00
Organ Maintenance		
Capture System	0.00	132.00
Total Organ Maintenance	0.00	132.00
Postage and Delivery	360.55	171.93
Total Expense	11,879.20	9,306.59
Net Ordinary Income	-3,536.43	-2,812.18
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T.O.S.A. [W.A.] Inc.
MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016

I /We wish to renew my membership of T. O. S.A. (W.A.) for 2016.

Membership fees are **\$35** Family Membership and **\$25** Single Membership.

(Please PRINT Clearly)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

[First name/s]

[Surname]

Address

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Post code Telephone number

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please indicate your preference:

I would like to receive the newsletter (*The Tremulant*) by:

Paper copy

Email

I am interested in receiving interstate newsletters by email: YES/NO.

Please tick one:

I have enclosed a cheque made out to Theatre Organ Society of Aust. (W.A.) Inc.

I have deposited directly into TOSA Bankwest account: BSB 306-073, Account 4191824.

Payment amount: Date of fund transfer:

PLEASE FORWARD THIS FORM
(WITH PAYMENT IF BY CHEQUE) TO:

Rodney Raymond
3 Chamberlain Circle
BATEMAN 6150

**Or you can scan and email the form to the address on our
website**

