

TREMULANT

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Western Australian Division

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

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Welcome 2017

COMING UP:

AGM and Member's Day: Sun 5 March 2017

Member's Day: Sun 2 April 2017

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INFORMATION PAGE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2016

ROLE	NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
PRESIDENT	Rodney Raymond	9310 2838
VICE-PRESIDENT	Brian Court	9572 1157
SECRETARY	Ruth MacDonald	9206 1880
TREASURER	Bernard Varney	9305 0498
COMMITTEE	Evelyn Frost	9295 2237
	Philip Surtees	0407 450 091
	Anne Holland	9407 7747
	Simone Collins	0411 474 450

CONVENORS

ROLE	NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
Newsletter Editor	Ruth MacDonald	9206 1880
Catering Coordinator	Malcolm Hood	9386 6045
Raffles	Anne Holland	9407 7747
Webmaster	Rodney Raymond	9310 2838

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Yes, the time has come again 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. We will continue to hold the majority of committee meetings immediately after Member's Days as this seems to suit most people.

The existing committee is prepared to nominate again in 2017. 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 area where we lack manpower is in the maintenance team. A pipe organ requires regular and constant maintenance. Ian has been able to assist when he can, and Malcolm and Simone assisted with tuning last year. 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 2017:

Sunday 2 April 2017: Member's Day but with a visit from Andrew Batt-Rawden, composer in residence at Gallop House. Andrew will talk about his experience during his time as composer in residence there. You can visit his website www.andrewbatrawden.com.au "Through his work, Andrew revisits layers of self, drawing you in and allowing you to reflect. His expressions connect to audience by showing vulnerabilities and contradictions, whilst eliciting a sense of freedom. He is expressive and full of emotion, and creates the space for others to express themselves."

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

Sunday 18 June 2017: BILL SCHUMACHER and DEBBIE FITZSUMMONS in concert. When I approached Debbie to come and play for us, she suggested that both she and Bill combine their talents to do a duo concert. You will remember that last year Bill played a wonderful concert for us. With Debbie providing the razzamatazz, this will be a wonderful afternoon of music to look forward to.

VARIETY CONCERT. Once again we are planning a variety concert using a combination of school groups and organ. More details as the planning is confirmed.

Thursday 9 November 2017: NATHAN AVAKIAN from USA: Nathan was the 2009 winner of the ATOS Young Theatre Organist competition and he returns to Perth on his second Australian tour. A young and extremely talented performer who will present a dazzling musical extravaganza. This will be a show not to be missed. Note that it is on a weekday – but those of you who came to Dave Wickerham's midweek concert can be assured that this will be another concert of similar high quality.

NOTE: A concert season ticket can be purchased for the reduced price of \$35. Complete the details on the membership application form on page 9.

CONCERTS AT KARRINYUP:

26 March 2017, Tony Fenelon from Melbourne.

30 April 2017, John Pound from Perth.

4 June 2017, John Atwell from Melbourne.

9 July 2017, Justin Stahl from USA.

20 August 2017, David Bailey from Brisbane.

8 October 2017, Ray Clements and John Fuhrmann from Perth.

12 November 2017, Nathan Avakian from USA.

Contact John Fuhrmann on 9447 9837 for tickets and more information.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Notice is hereby given that the 2017 Annual General Meeting is to be held at the John Leckie Pavilion, Melvista Avenue, Nedlands at 2:00pm on SUNDAY 5 March 2017. 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 6 March 2016) – see page 8

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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2016

2016 has been a stable year, but there have also been several stand out events. It is noticeable that quite a number of our older members are finding it more and more difficult to attend functions, and we miss some of the people who were once regular attendees but are no longer able to get to events. Concert attendances are becoming lower and lower, so we must decide if we wish to continue this form of entertainment.

However, there have also been some encouraging events that have occurred during the past year. The first was the opportunity to hear Bill Schumacher in concert after a break of quite a few years. Bill has a wonderful style and played a very relaxing concert. We are fortunate that he will be back in 2017 along with the Gold Coast TOSA President, Debbie Fitzsummons. In September, we were able to showcase young organist Michael Larritt from South Australia in his first concert outside of his home state. This was another excellent concert and we were treated to some music that most would not have heard before, notably some fine music from the sound tracks of video games. TOSA(WA) has promoted young and upcoming organists in past years, and it was good to be able to do it again last year. The downside to all of our concerts was a declining attendance.

The other highlight for the year was the Christmas luncheon. For the second year in a row, attendance was above fifty. It is encouraging that so many were interested in attending and supporting this event.

Thank you to each person who has contributed to the running of the Society throughout the past year. A big 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 also to Phillip Surtees, Anne Holland and Brian Court who regularly assist with setting up. And thanks is extended to Ruth MacDonald for the large amount of work in regularly producing the *Tremulant*. Thankyou also to Simone Collins and Bev Frost for their contribution to the committee, and thankyou to all our musicians – Ruth, Simone, Len and Dorothy for their work in preparing and presenting music for our enjoyment.

What of the future? I commented last year that it is obvious that the Society is getting leaner and older and we do need to consider the form in which we can continue. And 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 2016

During 2016 we again had a deficit, with expenses being \$1,627 more than income. Whilst the total income for the 2016 year was similar to 2015, and the expenses were about \$1,500 less than in 2015, the outcome was better than in 2015, but still a negative outcome.

Bank interest has again declined as both rates and our capital has reduced. Income from the Christmas lunch was \$85 less than last year, but costs were \$200 less.

Concert income was \$2,229, however the concert expenses were \$4,000.

Membership in 2016 was 62, and membership income was \$300 higher than in 2015.

Member's day income was \$1,040 but member's day costs were \$2,594, the main expense being hall hire for organ practice.

Insurance cost \$1,403, similar to the previous year.

In summary, income was \$8,489 and expenditure was \$10,117, resulting in a loss for the year of \$1,628. The balance of the bank accounts is now \$24,431.

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

Rodney Raymond and Bernard Varney.

Theatre Organ Society of Australia (WA Division) Inc

04/02/17

Cash Accounts Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2016

	Dec 31, '16	Dec 31, '15
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Current/Savings		
General Account	2,623.05	4,865.84
Term Deposit	21,807.74	21,192.69
Total Current/Savings	<u>24,430.79</u>	<u>26,058.53</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>24,430.79</u>	<u>26,058.53</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>24,430.79</u></u>	<u><u>26,058.53</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00	0.00

Theatre Organ Society of Aust (WA Division)

04/02/17

Income and Expenditure

January through December 2016

	Jan - Dec '16	Jan - Dec '15
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Bank Interest	615.71	919.95
Christmas Dinner		
Raffle	0.00	235.00
Christmas Dinner - O...	1,770.00	1,620.00
Total Christmas Dinner	1,770.00	1,855.00
Concert income		
Afternoon tea	253.20	309.00
Ticket sales	1,975.79	2,940.97
Total Concert income	2,228.99	3,249.97
Donations	1,465.00	80.00
Membership Dues	1,370.00	1,070.00
Members Day Income		
Afternoon Tea	402.70	482.55
Raffle Takings	637.05	685.30
Total Members Day Inc...	1,039.75	1,167.85
Total Income	8,489.45	8,342.77
Expense		
Christmas Dinner expe...	1,806.73	2,020.14
Concerts		
Afternoon Tea Costs	235.11	111.61
Concert advertising	49.90	900.00
Concert artist air fare	1,200.00	1,070.00
Concert artist fee	1,500.00	1,775.00
Concert artist costs	334.00	515.60
Hall hire for concerts	655.00	323.53
Performing Rights	28.60	11.00
Total Concerts	4,002.61	4,706.74
Insurance	1,403.60	1,392.60
Licenses and Permits	0.00	23.10
Members Day Costs		
Hall Hire	940.75	830.00
Organ Practice Hall ...	1,653.00	2,393.00
Sundry Costs	0.00	153.07
Total Members Day Co...	2,593.75	3,376.07
Postage and Delivery	310.50	360.55
Total Expense	10,117.19	11,879.20
Net Ordinary Income	-1,627.74	-3,536.43
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (WA DIVISION) INC.
HELD AT JOHN LECKIE MEMORIAL PAVILION, ON SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2016**

The Meeting was declared open by the President, Rodney Raymond, at 14:00

ATTENDANCE

28 financial adult members as per attached list

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Brian Court, Ian and Pamela McLean, Shirley Rippin and Frank Yeomans.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were circulated.

Moved, Peter Flewell-Smith; Seconded, Anne Holland, that the Minutes were a true record. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report was circulated. Rodney briefly summarized the main items in the report and also indicated the membership consisted of 64 members in 2015, of whom 11 were new members.

Moved, Malcolm Hood; Seconded, Simone Collins, that the President's Report be accepted. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was circulated with the notice of meeting. Simone Collins verified the bank statements against the circulated report in front of the meeting.

Moved Malcolm Hood; Seconded, Simone Collins, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following nominations were received:

President:	Rodney Raymond	Nominated Malcolm Hood, Seconded Peter Flewell-Smith
Vice-President:	Brian Court	Nominated Bernard Varney, Seconded Anne Holland
Secretary:	Ruth MacDonald	Nominated Malcolm Hood, Seconded Simone Collins
Treasurer:	Bernard Varney	Nominated Anne Holland, Seconded Evelyn Frost
Committee:	Philip Surtees	Nominated Anne Holland, Seconded Bernard Varney
	Evelyn Frost	Nominated Malcolm Hood, Seconded Ruth MacDonald
	Anne Holland	Nominated Bill Frost, Seconded Bernard Varney
	Simone Collins	Nominated Ruth MacDonald, Seconded Anne Holland

These members were duly elected.

ELECTION OF CONVENORS

Catering:	Malcolm Hood.
Tremulant Editor:	Ruth McDonald.
Raffle Organizer:	Anne Holland.

These nominations were accepted.

ELECTION OF PATRON

It was suggested that Len Rawle be invited again as Patron: Rodney to follow up.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Life Memberships. A question was raised as to why there are two people in the membership with life memberships. Rodney explained this was the decision of a general meeting held a long time ago, and was done to recognize two people who had contributed greatly in the formation of this group.
2. Postage. A question was raised whether TOSA, as a not for profit association, would be entitled to concessional postage. Rodney replied concessional postage is only available to individuals with concession cards and as a business we are not entitled to concessional postage.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 14:30.

T.O.S.A. [W.A.] Inc.

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2017



I /We wish to renew my membership of T. O. S.A. (W.A.) for 2017.
Membership fees are **\$35** Family and **\$25** Single Membership.
Season Concert Tickets are also available at a cost of **\$35** each.

(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.

I would like _____ Season Concert tickets at \$35 each.

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 Rodney