

# TREMULANT

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JUNE/JULY 2017

**COMING UP:**  
**Member's Day: Sun 4 June 2017**  
**Concert: Sun 18 June 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...

Please circle July 18 on your calendar. We will be holding a concert on that date featuring Bill Schumacher and Debbie Fitzsummons from the Gold Coast, Queensland. Many will remember Bill from past concerts, including a concert held last year. Bill is well known for his smooth style of playing, wonderful harmonies, almost gliding from one song to another. Debbie is an accomplished musician, having played with and accompanied a string of well known names. Together they will present a wonderful concert that you will not want to miss.

Then late in the year, in November, we are pleased to welcome American organist, Nathan Avarikian. Nathan is another top class musician, and is doing an Australian tour as part of the International Youth Silent Film Festival. We look forward to a great concert from him on our Compton organ.

Just prior to this concert, we will have a stand at the "HAVE A GO DAY". If you are able to assist handing out some brochures at that event, please talk with Rodney.

And finally, in 2018 we turn **fifty!** We are putting together a program for the weekend of 29 and 30 of September 2018. Hope you enjoy our events.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please note the following events which are planned for 2017:

**First Sunday of each month:** Musical afternoons. Free admission to a relaxing afternoon of theatre organ and piano music. The next one is Sunday 6 August 2017.

THERE IS **NO MEMBER'S DAY IN JULY – 2 JULY – DUE TO ANOTHER HALL BOOKING.**

**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. Nathan is 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 season concert ticket can still be purchased for the reduced price of \$35. You have until June 18 to see Bernard to purchase one (or more).**

## CONCERTS AT KARRINYUP:

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.

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

## TOSA (WA) TURNS 50:

**29 & 30 September 2018** – Our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations featuring Tony Fenelon, John Atwell, Chris McPhee, Rosanne Hoskins plus others. More details to come soon, but make sure you plan to attend...

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 5 March 2017. The minutes of the meeting are reproduced below with some additional comments in italics. The comments do not form part of the minutes.

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION) INCORPORATED, HELD AT JOHN LECKIE MEMORIAL PAVILION, ON SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017.**

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

#### **ATTENDANCE**

24 financial adult members as per the attached list.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Brian and Moya Browes, Yvonne Craig and Frank Yoemans.

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had previously been circulated via the *Tremulant*.

Moved, Philip Surtees; Seconded, Simone Collins, that the Minutes were a true record. Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING:** Nil.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (*This was published in the last Tremulant*)

The President's Report was circulated with the notice of meeting. Rodney briefly summarised the main items in the report and also indicated that the membership consisted of 62 members in 2016, a drop from 64 in 2015.

Moved, Shirley Stevens; Seconded, Anne Holland, that the President's Report be accepted. Carried.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT** (*This was published in the last Tremulant*)

The Treasurer's report was circulated with the notice of meeting. The bank statements were verified against the circulated report in front of the meeting by Arthur Stevens.

Moved, Peter Flewell-Smith; Seconded, Anne Holland, that the reports be accepted. Carried.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

The following nominations were received:

President:	Rodney Raymond	Nominated Simone Collins, Seconded Philip Surtees.
Vice-President:	Brian Court	Nominated Arthur Stevens, Seconded Simone Collins

Secretary: Ruth McDonald Nominated Malcolm Hood, Seconded Evelyn Frost  
Treasurer: Bernard Varney Nominated Brian Court, Seconded Bill Frost  
Committee: Anne Holland  
Philip Surtees  
Evelyn Frost  
Simone Collins

All four nominations for committee were nominated by Malcolm Hood, Seconded Brian Court.

These members were duly elected to the respective positions.

### **ELECTION OF CONVENORS**

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

These nominations were accepted.

### **ELECTION OF PATRON**

Len Rawle was nominated as Patron; Rodney advised that Len is willing to accept this role.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. **Advertising.** Arthur Stevens asked why we advertised concerts at Karrinyup but they do not seem to promote our concerts. Rodney explained that our concert with Dave Wickerham was advertised by Stirling Theatre Organ Productions (STOP) and that we do work together with STOP. The concert with Nathan Avakian in November is being arranged in collaboration with STOP. (*Since the AGM, organisation of the concert with Nathan Avakian has changed with TOSA(SA) arranging the concert, rather than Stirling Theatre Organ Productions*).

Philip Surtees suggested that we should continue to advertise with "In the Pipeline", the newsletter of The Organ Society of Western Australia. Rodney indicated that our 2017 concert dates have been forwarded to the editor of "In the Pipeline".

Bernard Varney suggested that we should advertise in the 'Hot List' in "The Sunday Times".

2. **Probus and Rotary Clubs.** Simone Collins suggested that we offer to talk about the organ, its heritage and TOSA at Probus or Rotary Clubs. Agreed that this was worth pursuing.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 14:40.

## OTHER NEWS

The Theatre Organ Society is planning to have a display stand at the **2017 Have a Go Day**. If you are able to assist, please see Rodney Raymond.

**Seniors Recreation Council of WA Inc.**

# Have a Go Day

A LiveLighter Event

## Wednesday 1st November 2017

Burswood Park 9.00am to 3.00pm, Great Eastern Highway  
Official Welcome: 10.30am,

**Registrations Now Open Phone 9492 9771**

Free Activities and Information day for over 45's  
Featuring Activities, Clubs/Groups, Seniors & Commercial Agencies

For more information contact  
Seniors Recreation Council of WA Inc.  
**08 9492 9771**  
[www.srcwa.asn.au](http://www.srcwa.asn.au)

Free tea, coffee & bottled water available all day  
Food Vendors in attendance

**25 YEARS IN BURSWOOD PARK**  
**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**HAVE A GO DAY 2017**  
a LiveLighter Event

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Semone Harris – hope you had a great day.

BERNARD VARNEY has now had knee replacement surgery and is now home recovering. Imagine how with new knees, Bernard will be able to learn to play pedals on the organ...

FOUND: A red diary was left behind at a recent Member's Day. If it is yours, please see Rodney Raymond to reclaim it.

WELCOME to new member YETTA DAVIES. We trust you enjoy the friendship of the group and enjoy the music that we provide.

Our membership is currently 53 members. There are a few people who have yet to renew their membership – please see Rodney Raymond or Bernard Varney if you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2017.

