

TREMULANT

The Official Newsletter of
Theatre Organ Society of Australia (Western Australian Division) Inc
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Best wishes for 2023 from the Theatre Organ Society...



The Christmas afternoon tea held in 2022

TOSA(WA) – AGM – SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 5 March 2023** at 2:00pm in the John Leckie Pavilion. The AGM should only take about 45 minutes, after which we will have music provided by our regular musicians.

The agenda and reports are included in this Tremulant.

MEMBER'S DAYS AT JOHN LECKIE PAVILION:

Members Days - First Sunday of each month – 2pm start

Free admission to a relaxing afternoon of theatre organ and piano music.

5 MARCH 2023	2 APRIL 2023	7 MAY 2023
4 JUNE 2023	2 JULY 2023	6 AUGUST 2023
3 SEPTEMBER 2023	1 OCTOBER 2023	5 NOVEMBER 2023
3 DECEMBER 2023		



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TOSA(WA) meets at the
John Leckie Pavilion
25 Melvista Ave, Nedlands

2:00pm on the first Sunday
of each month from March to Dec.



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE and the 2023 membership form is attached on the last page. Please return your membership renewal as soon as possible.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2023 Annual General Meeting is to be held at the John Leckie Pavilion, Melvista Avenue, Nedlands at **2:00pm** on **SUNDAY 5 March 2023**. The meeting is only expected to last 45 minutes, after which we will continue with a normal "Member's Day" afternoon of music.

AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous AGM (held 6 March 2022) – and published in this *Tremulant*
4. Reports:
 - a. President.
 - b. Treasurer.
 - c. Membership.
5. Election of Office Bearers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Committee Members (Minimum of 2 required)
6. Election of Conveners:
 - a. Catering
 - b. Editor
 - c. Raffles
7. General Business.
8. Any other Business
9. Meeting Close

TURNING NINETY

In 1933, our Compton organ was delivered to and installed in the Plaza Theatre, Worthing, England. This year marks the celebration of the organ being ninety years old. Designated Opus A212, it was manufactured and installed in the Plaza Theatre when it opened in December 1933. The Plaza Theatre closed as a cinema in 1968 and in 1971 the organ was moved to Western Australia. It was originally installed in Bob Purvis' warehouse in Myaree but was then installed in the John Leckie Pavilion in 1989.

The John Compton Organ company was a large English organ builder. In total they built 261 theatre organs plus a large number of church organs. The Plaza Theatre in Stockport opened in 1932 complete with a 3 manual 11 rank Compton organ. It was likely that this was the impetus for a 3 manual 10 rank Compton organ being installed in the Plaza theatre in Worthing a year later.

Simone Collins will be absent for a couple of months as she is undergoing surgery on her ankle in February.
We wish Simone a speedy recovery...

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 6 MARCH 2022.

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

ATTENDANCE

Sixteen (16) financial adult members and two (2) visitors as per the attached list.

APOLOGIES: Simone Collins.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Moved, Ruth MacDonald; Seconded, Anne Holland, that the Minutes are a true and correct record. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President's Report was circulated with the notice of meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was circulated with the notice of meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership has declined from 46 members in 2019 to 43 members in 2020 and 37 members in 2021.

Moved, Phillip Surtees; Seconded, Beryl Channer, that the reports be accepted. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following nominations were received:

President:	Rodney Raymond	Nominated Ruth MacDonald, Seconded Phillip Surtees. Carried.
Vice-President:	Phillip Surtees	Nominated Bernard Varney, Seconded Thelma Law. Carried.
Secretary:	Ruth MacDonald	Nominated Anne Holland, Seconded Glenys Raymond. Carried.
Treasurer:	Bernard Varney	Nominated M Browes, Seconded Laura Gillam. Carried.
Committee:	Anne Holland	Nominated Ruth MacDonald, Seconded Bernard Varney. Carried.
	Simone Collins	Nominated Anne Holland, Seconded Ruth MacDonald. Carried.

ELECTION OF CONVENORS

Catering: Glenys Raymond.

Tremulant Editor: Simone Collins.

Raffle Organiser: Anne Holland.

These nominations were accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Future Direction:** Rodney commented that our membership is now rapidly declining as many long-standing members are reaching the stage of life where they are unable to attend concerts and events any more. It was resolved that we should continue in our current format of providing an informal afternoon of music on the first Sunday of each month, for as long as possible. Members should encourage friends to attend whenever possible.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2022

2022 has been a year where our declining membership and attendance has started to become very noticeable. We have held some successful musical afternoons each month, with several new people attending, but more new people are needed if the musical afternoons are to continue. Unfortunately, many of our regular members are aging and some are no longer able to drive themselves to our meetings.

Members known to have passed in 2022 include Dr Ken Collins and Shirley Stevens. We offer condolences to the families of these members.

Once again, we attended the "Have A Go" day at Burswood, handing out flyers to people who attended. Thank you to Anne Holland and Philip Surtees for helping out on that day. Quite a number of people took brochures, with two people being added to our mailing list.

I would like to thank the committee from 2022 which consisted of Simone Collins, Anne Holland, Ruth MacDonald, Philip Surtees and Bernard Varney. I appreciate each of these people for the help and assistance they provide in helping to keep this organisation running. I would also like to thank those who come along early to help put out the tables and chairs, those who have provided food for afternoon teas. Thank you to Glenys Raymond and Evelyn Frost for organising the afternoon teas each month. Thanks to Simone Collins for her work in producing *The Tremulant* every few months. Producing a regular newsletter is a mammoth task and Simone does a great job of that, as well as keeping the news up to date on our Facebook page.

Membership in 2022 has now declined to 24, a drop of 13 people from 2021. Falling membership remains our biggest challenge for the future. Surely we can continue to exist as a group for some time to come, but it will require effort and assistance and dedication from those in the group to try to expand our horizons. Invite someone along to our next meeting.



Rodney Raymond
PRESIDENT

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2022

During 2022, our income and expenditure reduced a little from previous years but with a similar deficit to previous years of about \$1,500. In summary, the total income for the year was \$2,299 and total expenses were \$3,785, resulting in a loss for the 12 months of \$1,486. The cash balance sheet shows our bank balances as totaling \$11,733.

Some expenses, such as hall hire, insurance and performing arts fees seem to continually increase each year. These expenses are unavoidable, and with declining membership fees, our budget for 2023 indicates that we will again have expenses above income of about \$1,500. The detailed Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure reports follow below.

Rodney Raymond and Bernard Varney

Theatre Organ Society of Aust (WA Division)

Income and Expenditure

January through December 2022

	◊ Jan - Dec '22 ◊	◊ Jan - Dec '21 ◊
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Bank Interest ▶	62.26 ◀	111.78
Christmas Dinner	210.00	1,340.00
Concert income		
Ticket sales	<u>0.00</u>	<u>49.00</u>
Total Concert income	0.00	49.00
Donations	80.00	185.00
Membership Dues	740.00	730.00
Members Day Income		
Afternoon Tea	230.50	168.25
Raffle Takings	736.00	520.90
Organ Practice	<u>240.00</u>	<u>510.00</u>
Total Members Day Income	<u>1,206.50</u>	<u>1,199.15</u>
Total Income	2,298.76	3,614.93
Expense		
Christmas Dinner expenses	124.76	1,350.00
Concerts		
Performing Rights	<u>92.44</u>	<u>53.82</u>
Total Concerts	92.44	53.82
Insurance	957.42	957.42
Members Day Costs		
Hall Hire	1,054.00	1,092.00
Organ Practice Hall Hire	<u>1,556.00</u>	<u>1,498.00</u>
Total Members Day Costs	<u>2,610.00</u>	<u>2,590.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,784.62</u>	<u>4,951.24</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1,485.86</u>	<u>-1,336.31</u>
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Cash Accounts Balance Sheet

As of January 31, 2023

	◊ Jan 31, '23 ◊	◊ Jan 31, '22 ◊
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Current/Savings		
General Account ▶	2,217.93 ◀	568.05
Term Deposit	<u>9,514.80</u>	<u>12,452.54</u>
Total Current/Savings	<u>11,732.73</u>	<u>13,020.59</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>11,732.73</u>	<u>13,020.59</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>11,732.73</u>	<u>13,020.59</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00	0.00



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

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2023

I / We wish to renew my membership of T.O.S.A. (W.A.) for 2023.

Membership fees are **\$50** Family or **\$40** Single Membership.

(Please PRINT Clearly)

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms
[First name/s] [Surname]

My details have not changed from last year. If details have changed, complete the following:

Address

. Post code

Telephone number Date of birth

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please indicate your preference:

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

Paper copy or Email

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

TOTAL AMOUNT = \$ _____

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.

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 President

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