

TREMULANT

The Official Newsletter of
Theatre Organ Society of Australia (Western Australian Division) Inc
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Best wishes for 2024 from the Theatre Organ Society...



The Christmas afternoon tea held in 2023

TOSA(WA) – AGM – SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 3 March 2024** 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.

3 MARCH 2024	7 APRIL 2024	12 MAY 2024
2 JUNE 2024	7 JULY 2024	4 AUGUST 2024
1 SEPTEMBER 2024	6 OCTOBER 2024	3 NOVEMBER 2024
1 DECEMBER 2024		



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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 2024 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 2024 Annual General Meeting is to be held at the John Leckie Pavilion, Melvista Avenue, Nedlands at **2:00pm** on **SUNDAY 3 March 2024**. 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 5 March 2023) – and published in this *Tremulant*
4. Reports:
 - a. President.
 - b. Treasurer.
 - c. Membership.
5. Election of Office Bearers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President (if required)
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Committee Members
6. Election of Conveners:
 - a. Catering
 - b. Editor
 - c. Raffles
7. General Business.
 - a. Future Directions
 - b. May member's day
8. Any other Business
9. Meeting Close

ABOUT OUR ORGAN

In 1933, our Compton organ was delivered to and installed in the Plaza Theatre, Worthing, England. 2023 marked 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 moved to 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 just down the road in the Plaza theatre in Worthing a year later.

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 MARCH 2023.

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

ATTENDANCE

Thirteen (13) financial adult members and three (3) visitors.

APOLOGIES

Simone Collins, Beryl Channer, Len and Semone Harris.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting had previously been circulated via the Tremulant.

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

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (See Feb 2023 Tremulant)

The President's Report was circulated with the notice of meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT (See Feb 2023 Tremulant)

The Treasurer's report was circulated with the notice of meeting. The account balances as presented were verified against the bank statement figures by Fred Heldberg.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership has declined from 43 members in 2020 and 37 members in 2021 to 24 members in 2022.

Moved, Thelma Law; Seconded, Laura Gillam, that the reports be accepted. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following nominations were received:

President: Rodney Raymond, Nominated Philip Surtees, Seconded Ruth MacDonald. Carried.

Vice-President: Phillip Surtees, Nominated Ruth MacDonald, Seconded Glenys Raymond. Carried.

Secretary: Ruth MacDonald, Nominated Anne Holland, Seconded Laura Gillam. Carried.

Treasurer: Bernard Varney, Nominated Laura Gillam, Seconded Anne Holland. Carried.

Committee: Anne Holland, Nominated Laura Gillam, Seconded Margaret Young. Carried.

Simone Collins, Nominated Rodney Raymond, Seconded Bill Frost. Carried.

ELECTION OF CONVENORS

Catering: Glenys Raymond.

Tremulant Editor: Simone Collins.

Raffle Organiser: Anne Holland.

These nominations were accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Karrinyup WurliTzer:** Rodney advised that he had received information from John Fuhrmann that a final concert was to be held on the Wurlitzer organ in the Karrinyup Community Centre on 2 April 2023. The Karrinyup WurliTzer is then to be relocated to the Cygnet Theatre in Como. The installation in the new venue will take six to twelve months.
2. **Future Direction:** Rodney reiterated that our membership is now rapidly declining as many long-standing members are reaching the stage of life where they are unable to drive to attend events any more. Members should encourage friends to attend whenever possible.

CLOSE: There being no further business, the meeting closed at 14:20.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2023

The 2023 year was a year of disparities – two successful events but contrasted by a number of less successful events. In September, we hosted a visit from the Belmont Senior Citizen's Club. 42 of their members came along to listen to a concert presented by Simone Collins and myself. Feedback was very positive. It was encouraging to have a large number of people attending an event again. And in December, we held a Festive Afternoon Tea which was attended by 32 people. Of those 32, 17 were visitors, some of whom have occasionally come to member's days, but also some new faces as well.

During the year, we were saddened to hear the news of the passing of a number of our regular attendees. Jo Hiller passed away in August – Jo had been a regular attendee at our meetings since 2008, although she also attended concerts prior to then, with her husband. Laura Gillam passed away in October, and she was another regular attendee since the time she first joined in 2016. We also learned that Elva Moore had passed away earlier in the year. Together with her husband Richard, they had been members since before 1993; were both committee members for a long period and Richard was Treasurer from 1997 to 2009. Richard is now living with his daughter in Alice Springs. Finally in November, our Patron, Len Rawle passed away. Although living in England, I would communicate regularly with Len and he would update me on all the organ projects he was still involved with. We offer condolences to the families of all these members.

With the deaths of these people have come falling attendances. A disaster occurred in September 2023. For the first time that I am aware of, the only people present at the September member's day were the committee! As I study the member's list and look at the names of those older than me, there are just eight people older than me who can attend on member's days. Days of no one attending are likely to happen again!

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

I would like to thank the committee from 2023 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 and 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*. Simone does a great job of that, as well as keeping the news up to date on our Facebook page.

The only way we will be able to keep holding meetings in 2024 is if people invite others. Half of those attending the Christmas afternoon tea were not members, they were invited by someone. We need to encourage those we know to come along each month. Invite someone along to our next meeting!



Rodney Raymond
PRESIDENT

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2023

During 2023, our income and expenditure was similar to previous years but also with a deficit similar to previous years of about \$1,500. In summary, the total income for the year was \$2,676 and total expenses were \$4,122, resulting in a loss for the 12 months of \$1,446. The cash balance sheet shows our bank balances as totaling \$10,287.

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 2024 indicates that we will again have expenses above income of about \$1,500. The detailed Income and Expenditure report and Cash Balance Sheet follow below.

Rodney Raymond and Bernard Varney

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Income and Expenditure

January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec '23	Jan - Dec '22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Bank Interest	309.23	62.26
Christmas Afternoon Tea	310.00	210.00
Concert income		
Ticket sales	205.00	0.00
Total Concert income	205.00	0.00
Donations	20.00	80.00
Membership Dues	700.00	740.00
Members Day Income		
Afternoon Tea	115.90	230.50
Raffle Takings	491.00	736.00
Organ Practice	525.00	240.00
Total Members Day Income	1,131.90	1,206.50
Total Income	2,676.13	2,298.76
Expense		
Christmas Afternoon Tea expe...	187.88	124.76
Concerts		
Performing Rights	95.68	92.44
Total Concerts	95.68	92.44
Insurance	957.42	957.42
Members Day Costs		
Advertising	88.00	0.00
Afternoon Tea	126.00	0.00
Hall Hire	948.00	1,054.00
Organ Practice Hall Hire	1,719.00	1,556.00
Total Members Day Costs	2,881.00	2,610.00
Total Expense	4,121.98	3,784.62
Net Ordinary Income	-1,445.85	-1,485.86
Net Income	-1,445.85	-1,485.86

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Cash Accounts Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, '23	Dec 31, '22
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Current/Savings		
General Account	10,286.88	2,217.93
Term Deposit	0.00	9,514.80
Total Current/Savings	10,286.88	11,732.73
Total Current Assets	10,286.88	11,732.73
TOTAL ASSETS	10,286.88	11,732.73
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00	0.00

PHOTOS FROM 2023



In July, Rodney was invited to play an organ for the open day of the Machinery Preservation Society. Here he is, playing an organ located in the Power House, at the Midland Railway workshops. Not something he would have dreamed of doing when he worked there!

And below at Christmas:





Some photographs showing the group from the Belmont Senior Citizen's Club, enjoying the music...





T.O.S.A. [W.A.] Inc. MEMBERSHIP FORM 2024

I / We wish to renew my membership of T.O.S.A. (W.A.) for 2024.

Membership fees are **\$60** 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 the TOSA Commonwealth account (*new banking details*):

BSB 066-160, Account: 1118 3151.

Date of fund transfer

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

**Rodney Raymond
3 Chamberlain Circle
BATEMAN 6150**

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