



— January - March 2025 —

TREMULANT

The Official Newsletter of
Theatre Organ Society of Australia (Western Australian Division) Inc



MEMBERS' DAYS

First Sunday of the
month - 2pm start

No Members' Day
in March

6 April 2025

4 May 2025

1 June 2025

6 July 2025

3 August 2025

7 September 2025*

(* To be confirmed)

5 October 2025

2 November 2025

7 December 2025

President's Report for 2024

How quickly another year has come and gone! And by the time you read this, the second month of 2025 will be nearly over.

As I look back at 2024, the big highlight was that our advertising on Curtin Radio for the past couple of years has started to pay dividends, as evidenced by several new people coming along to our Sunday afternoon meetings.

Attendances on Sunday afternoons have dwindled over the past few years, but it has been good to see new people attending from time to time. Murray, Yvonne, Anne and Nora-Ann all heard about the Society through the Curtin Radio advertising and have come along on a Sunday afternoon.

Two other highlights were the first couple of meetings for the year. Music teacher Marlene Crone presented items from her students interspersed with theatre organ, and the event was well received.

Then in June, young Kai Laird, together with Joyce Zhou presented items on organ and piano. It was wonderful to be entertained by one of Perth's younger organists; someone I am sure we will hear a lot more from in the future.

Our membership in 2024 was nineteen, several less than in 2023 and half the number of members we had in 2021. We welcomed new members Len and Robyn Lawrence and Murray Pennifold.

We would encourage all who come along on Sunday afternoons to support the Society through membership. The membership fee is small, but it helps with ongoing costs such as insurance and hall hire.

Again, in December, we held a festive afternoon tea with music appropriate to the Christmas season. Thirty people attended that event, only slightly less than the previous year. Half of those attending were invited friends of members and the result was an enjoyable afternoon of good music and scrumptious food.

I would like to thank the committee from 2024 which again 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 also to Simone Collins for her work as newsletter editor and keeping the news up to date on our Facebook page.

The only way we will be able to keep holding meetings in 2025 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!



Top: Marlene Crone and students (April)

Bottom: Kai Laird (June)

Previous Page: Rodney Raymond at the Christmas afternoon tea



Rodney Raymond
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President

Treasurer's Report for 2024

Rodney Raymond & Bernard Varney

During 2024, our income was similar to previous years but with reduced expenditure and hence a reduced deficit of about \$500.

This was in part due to no longer insuring the organ for vandalism or damage.

In summary:

- total income for the year was \$2,478
- total expenses were \$3,074
- resulting in a loss for the 12 months of \$597.

The cash balance sheet shows our bank balances as totalling \$9,615.

The detailed Income and Expenditure report and Cash Balance Sheet follow below.

Balance Sheet

Theatre Organ Society of Australia (WA Division) Inc		
08/02/25	Cash Accounts Balance Sheet	
	As of December 31, 2025	
	Dec 31, '25	Dec 31, '24
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Current/Savings		
General Account	9,614.84	9,614.84
Total Current/Savings	9,614.84	9,614.84
Total Current Assets	9,614.84	9,614.84
TOTAL ASSETS	9,614.84	9,614.84
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00	0.00

Income & Expenditure Report

Theatre Organ Society of Aust (WA Division)

08/02/25

Income and Expenditure January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec '24	Jan - Dec '23
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Bank Interest	0.00	309.23
Christmas Afternoon Tea	300.00	310.00
Concert income		
Ticket sales	0.00	205.00
Total Concert income	0.00	205.00
Donations	8.00	20.00
Membership Dues	540.00	700.00
Members Day Income		
Afternoon Tea	158.50	115.90
Raffle Takings	346.30	491.00
Organ Practice	1,125.00	525.00
Total Members Day Income	1,629.80	1,131.90
Total Income	2,477.80	2,676.13
Expense		
Christmas Afternoon Tea expe...	137.34	187.88
Concerts		
Performing Rights	99.50	95.68
Total Concerts	99.50	95.68
Insurance	489.50	957.42
Members Day Costs		
Advertising	88.00	88.00
Afternoon Tea	0.00	126.00
Hall Hire	907.50	948.00
Organ Practice Hall Hire	1,353.00	1,719.00
Total Members Day Costs	2,348.50	2,881.00
Total Expense	3,074.84	4,121.98
Net Ordinary Income	-597.04	-1,445.85
Net Income	-597.04	-1,445.85



Membership Renewals are now due

Please see the membership form on the last page of this newsletter

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia (Western Australian Division) Incorporated

Held at the John Leckie Memorial Pavilion on Sunday 3 March 2024

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

ATTENDANCE

Eight (8) financial adult members and two (2) visitors as per the attendance form.

APOLOGIES

Ruth MacDonald, June Varney, Sonia Yeates.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting were circulated via the February 2024 issue of the Tremulant.

Moved, Simone Collins; Seconded, Philip Surtees, 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. The account balances as presented were verified against the bank statement figures by David Lun.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership has declined from 37 members in 2021 to 24 members in 2022 and 22 members in 2023.

Moved, Anne Holland; Seconded, Philip Surtees, that the reports be accepted. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following nominations were received:

President	Rodney Raymond	<i>Nominated Phillip Surtees, Seconded Anne Holland. Carried.</i>
Vice President	Phillip Surtees	<i>Nominated Rodney Raymond, Seconded Simone Collins. Carried.</i>
Secretary	Ruth MacDonald	<i>Nominated Rodney Raymond, Seconded Simone Collins. Carried.</i>
Treasurer	Bernard Varney	<i>Nominated Rodney Raymond, Seconded Phillip Surtees. Carried.</i>
Committee	Anne Holland Simone Collins	<i>Nominated Rodney Raymond, Seconded Phillip Surtees. Carried.</i>

ELECTION OF CONVENORS

Catering	Glenys Raymond
Tremulant Editor	Simone Collins
Raffle Organiser	Anne Holland

The nominations were accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1. 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 anymore. Members should encourage friends to attend whenever possible.
- 2. Concert with City of Nedlands Seniors:** Following the successful concert with the Belmont Senior Citizens Club, it was resolved that Rodney approach the City of Nedlands to see if they have similar groups in the area who might be interested in attending a similar concert.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 14:25.



Notice of the 2025 AGM

The next Annual General Meeting of TOSA(WA) will be held at **2:00pm Sunday 6th April 2025** at the John Leckie Pavilion, Melvista Ave, Nedlands.

From the Editor

Simone Collins

Welcome to a new year of TOSA(WA) activity, and a fresh look for the Tremulant!

I've work extensively in Canva for graphic design for a number of years now, and thought I'd move the Tremulant into Canva as well, as it's a lot quicker to lay out very nice looking publications. The only downside is that the easy ability to add lots of photos and nice graphics can make for a large file size!

Last year I also took over editing the "Music Network News" newsletter that goes out to over 800 music educators, primarily in Perth. That gives us another avenue to promote our Members' Days and other events to a wider audience. I'm hopeful that I can encourage other teachers from the WA Music Teachers' Association to consider coming along one Sunday, like Marlene did.

I'll endeavour to provide more updates on Facebook in the year ahead, which makes it easier to share our news and other information about theatre organs.

If you have any news or photos that you would like me to share, please email me on simone@musicwithsimone.com.au



More photos from our 2024 Christmas afternoon tea.



Find us on Facebook at



facebook.com/theatreorganwa



PIPE ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, 11th of May 2025

The youngest organ scholar at the St Mary's Cathedral presents a recital that will blow your socks off! Come and watch 11-year-old Kai Laird perform works from Bach, Pachelbel, Daquin, Price and more. Featuring special guest, 7-year-old Kenzie Laird on the violin.

Venue: St Andrew's Anglican Church

Address: 259 Barker Road, Subiaco 6008

Date: Sunday, 11th of May 2025

Time: 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Please join us for afternoon tea in the hall after the recital.

All proceeds will go toward Kai's Sydney Organ Competition 2025 Fund.

Adults (over 18): \$25

Children (4 and above): \$12.50

Children (under 4): FREE

Booking Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CZEGU>



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TOSAQ presents Music on Sundays with Alessandro Pittorino

2 March 2025 - Kelvin Grove, Queensland

TOSAQ launches its 2025 'Music on Sundays' series with internationally acclaimed organist Alessandro Pittorino! Performing on the magnificent Christie Cinema Pipe Organ at Kelvin Grove State College Hall, Alessandro brings his signature vibrant and theatrical style to Brisbane audiences.

Fresh from a highly successful 2024 tour at Brisbane City Hall, Sydney and Melbourne Town Halls, and with an upcoming performance at the Capri Theatre in South Australia, Alessandro is a true crossover artist, seamlessly blending classical mastery with show-stopping Broadway energy.

For this special TOSAQ debut, Alessandro presents 'Symphonic', a dynamic program featuring orchestral transcriptions, Broadway favourites, and cinematic masterpieces.

Experience the magic of cabaret-style seating, multi-camera projection for an up-close view of the performance, and enjoy a complimentary drink on arrival with afternoon tea at interval.

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our beloved Christie Cinema Pipe Organ at Kelvin Grove with an electrifying performance by one of Australia's most exciting organists!

More details at <https://www.tosaq.com.au/events/alessandro2025/>



T.O.S.A. [W.A.] Inc. MEMBERSHIP FORM 2025

I / We wish to renew my membership of T.O.S.A. (W.A.) for 2025.

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 given cash to the Treasurer.

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 TO:

Rodney Raymond
3 Chamberlain Circle
BATEMAN 6150

Or you can scan and email the form to president@tosawa.org.au

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