



February 2026

# TREMULANT

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



## MEMBERS' DAYS

First Sunday of the  
month - 2pm start

1 March 2026

5 April 2026

3 May 2026

7 June 2026

5 July 2026

2 August 2026

6 September 2026

4 October 2026

1 November 2026

6 December 2026

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## President's Report for 2025

2025 was a year of consolidation for the Society. For the first time since Covid, our membership did not decrease, and that is a positive sign.

Our membership in 2025 was nineteen, the same as in 2024 but with five new members.

A special welcome to those new members: Marye Daniels, Cath Harrison, Brian Jones, Kuniko Nicholson and Cath Plowman.

Those new members have contributed in various ways already with humorous antics at several afternoon concerts, help in the kitchen with afternoon teas, providing piano music at the Christmas function in 2024, a wonderful Japanese afternoon tea, and coordinating the visit of a singing group in November 2025.

Unfortunately, health issues prevented two of our valuable members from attending in the latter part of last year, and I refer specifically to Anne Holland and Philip Surtees. Both Anne and Philip have served on the Committee from 2014 through to 2025. Unfortunately, Philip passed away at the end of last year, and there is a separate tribute to him in the February 2026 edition of *The Tremulant*. I am grateful to both of them for their many years of service to the Society.

We will continue with our advertising on Curtin Radio and Capital Radio as that has been the reason for several of our new members attending.

Two standout highlights of the year were the concert in November with the Waratah Singers and the Christmas afternoon tea. Thank you to Cath Plowman for coordinating the visit of the Waratah Singers. In December, we again held a festive afternoon tea with music appropriate to the Christmas season. Thirty three people attended in 2025, slightly more than in 2024. 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 2025 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 for coordinating the afternoon teas each month and to Cath Harrison and Robyn Lawrence for helping out as needed.

Thanks also to Simone Collins for her work as newsletter editor and keeping the news up to date on our Facebook page.

Please encourage others to come along each month. It is mainly by word of mouth that the news of our organisation spreads. Invite someone along to our next meeting!



**Top:** Waratah Singers (November)

**Bottom:** Marye encouraging audience participation (December)

**Previous Page:** 2025 Christmas afternoon tea



*Rodney Raymond*  
Rodney Raymond  
**President**

# Treasurer's Report for 2025

*Rodney Raymond & Bernard Varney*

During 2025, our income was a little higher than the previous year but so too was expenditure. The end result was a deficit of just over \$1,000.

In summary:

- total income for the year was \$2,999
- total expenses were \$4,010
- resulting in a loss for the 12 months of \$1,011.

The cash balance sheet shows our bank balances now being \$8,679.13.

The main shortfall is due to the hall hire cost for Sunday afternoons and practice sessions not being fully covered by income generated on Sunday afternoons. The society will only continue to exist for about eight more years, if no changes are made to our current mode of operating.

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

## Balance Sheet

Theatre Organ Society of Australia (WA Division) Inc		
26/01/26	Cash Accounts Balance Sheet	
	As of December 31, 2025	
	Dec 31, '25	Dec 31, '24
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Current/Savings		
General Account	8,679.13	9,614.84
<b>Total Current/Savings</b>	<b>8,679.13</b>	<b>9,614.84</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>8,679.13</b>	<b>9,614.84</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>8,679.13</b>	<b>9,614.84</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	0.00	0.00

# Income & Expenditure Report

Theatre Organ Society of Aust (WA Division)

26/01/26

## Income and Expenditure January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec '25	Jan - Dec '24
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Christmas Afternoon Tea	350.00	300.00
Donations	30.00	8.00
Membership Dues	760.00	540.00
Members Day Income		
Afternoon Tea	181.00	158.50
Raffle Takings	233.10	346.30
Organ Practice	1,245.00	1,125.00
Total Members Day Income	1,659.10	1,629.80
Miscellaneous Income	200.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,999.10</b>	<b>2,477.80</b>
Expense		
Christmas Afternoon Tea expense	335.08	137.34
Concerts		
Performing Rights	103.48	99.50
Total Concerts	103.48	99.50
Insurance	550.00	489.50
Members Day Costs		
Advertising	88.00	88.00
Hall Hire	1,039.50	907.50
Organ Practice Hall Hire	1,674.75	1,353.00
Total Members Day Costs	2,802.25	2,348.50
Repairs		
Equipment Repairs	219.00	0.00
Total Repairs	219.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>4,009.81</b>	<b>3,074.84</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-1,010.71</b>	<b>-597.04</b>
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## Membership Renewals are now due

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

# 2026 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Annual General Meeting is to be held at the John Leckie Pavilion, Melvista Avenue, Nedlands at **2:00pm** on **SUNDAY 1 March 2026**. 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 the Annual General Meeting*

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Previous AGM (held 6 April 2025) – published in this Tremulant
4. Reports:
  - a. President.
  - b. Treasurer.
  - c. Membership.Acceptance of reports
5. Election of Office Bearers:
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Committee Members
6. Election of Conveners:
  - a. Catering
  - b. Editor
  - c. Raffles
7. General Business.
  - a. Raffle or door entry fee for Sunday afternoons
8. Meeting Close

# **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 6 April 2025*

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

## **ATTENDANCE**

Eleven (11) financial adult members as per the attendance form.

## **APOLOGIES**

Yvonne Hill, Lynette Gillam, David Lun, Lee Delaney.

## **MINUTES**

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were circulated via the February 2025 issue of the Tremulant.

*Moved, Simone Collins; Seconded, Ruth MacDonald, 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 Len Lawrence.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership has declined from 22 members in 2023 to 19 members in 2024. A letter from Thelma Law was read to the meeting, advising she is no longer able to attend meetings.

*Moved, Len Lawrence; 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 Robyn Lawrence. Carried.</i>
Vice President	Phillip Surtees	<i>Nominated Simone Collins, Seconded Ruth MacDonald. Carried.</i>
Secretary	Ruth MacDonald	<i>Nominated Rodney Raymond, Seconded Simone Collins. Carried.</i>
Treasurer	Bernard Varney	<i>Nominated Glenys Raymond, Seconded Anne Holland. Carried.</i>
Committee	Anne Holland Simone Collins	<i>Nominated Rodney Raymond, Seconded Phillip Surtees. Nominated Rodney Raymond, Seconded Ruth MacDonald Carried.</i>

## **ELECTION OF CONVENORS**

Catering	Glenys Raymond
Tremulant Editor	Simone Collins
Raffle Organiser	Anne Holland

The nominations were accepted.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 1. Correspondence with City of Nedlands:** Rodney advised that we had not been able to meet in March as the City of Nedlands used the hall as an early voting venue for the state election. This affected access by all three music groups which use the hall – TOSA, the Fremantle Symphony Orchestra and the Claremont Concert Band. The symphony orchestra and the concert band normally store their larger instruments at the hall and had to find alternative venues for practice. A combined letter from all groups was sent to the City of Nedlands expressing disappointment for neglecting their regular users and using the hall as an early voting centre instead.
- 2. Como Wurlitzer – sale of regulator:** Rodney advised that a spare regulator frame owned by the Society but surplus to our requirements had been sold to Como Wurlitzer for \$200.
- 3. Advertising on Capital Radio:** Advertising on Capital Radio is now occurring, thanks to the assistance of John Fuhrmann in setting this up.
- 4. Vinyl records:** Bernard Varney reminded the group that we have a large number of 78 and LP records which are sitting idle in storage. Glenys Raymond to investigate putting them on Facebook Marketplace. Simone Collins to see if there is any interest by anyone in the Music Teacher's Association.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 14:22.

# Vale Philip Surtees

*TOSA Committee Member  
2014 - 2025 & Vice President*

It is with sadness that we report that Philip Surtees, our Vice President since 2020, died on Friday 5th December 2025, aged 83 years. His funeral was held in Wangara on Monday 22nd December.

Philip had been a member of TOSA for fifteen years. A regular attendee, he would always be there early to help set up and remain behind to help pack up. He helped to man the "Have-A-Go Day" stall for TOSA every year for about five years.

Phillip regularly attended all types of organ events in Western Australia. He was also an annual Season Ticket holder for Karrinyup Wurlitzer concerts for around 15 years. He consistently sat in the same auditorium area in the Karrinyup Community Centre, having attended a tuning session on one occasion and determined the best position in the reverberant auditorium to hear the instrument.

His enthusiasm for Theatre Organ music saw him recommend concert attendance to others, which contributed greatly to the financial viability of the overseas and interstate artist concert programme.



*Above: Philip at the 2022 TOSA Christmas party*



*Left: Philip was one of eight individuals recognised at the 2016 WA Farmers Gala Dinner & Awards ceremony for his dedication and service to the WA agriculture sector.*





*Above: Philip looking out over the land*

Born on 13th November 1942 in Gabbin, a townsite in the eastern agricultural area about 17 kms west of Bencubbin, and then growing up in the Wubin district, Philip farmed in the Muchea-Chittering district for 20 years. Philip had been part of WA Farmers since 1966 and was a very active member. He represented the Zone on the Wool Council and served as President of the Mortlock Zone. He was also a member of the fire brigade in Chittering.

Philip and his family are honoured with Surtees Road named after them, 10 km south of Gabbin in the Shire of Mount Marshall.

He was also an active Committee Member for the Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group.



## Enoch Fandrich in Perth

Enoch Fandrich, the organist of St Michael's Cathedral and St John's Anglican Church in Wagga Wagga, visited Perth in January 2026.



Whilst on his visit, he checked out a number of organs around Perth including the organs at St Patrick's Basilica in Fremantle and John Septimus Roe in Mirrabooka, as well as our Compton organ in Nedlands.

It was the first time that Enoch had played a theatre organ, but it did not take him long to get the hang of a style of organ which is just a bit different to those he is normally used to playing.

Enoch also played a concert at St Andrew's Anglican Church in Subiaco on the Australia Day public holiday.



# T.O.S.A. (W.A.) Inc.

## Membership Form 2026

Please PRINT clearly

I/We wish to join/renew my/our membership of T.O.S.A. (W.A.) for 2026.

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
[First Name(s)] [Surname]

My details have not changed from last year

Please update my details:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive *The Tremulant* newsletter by:  Email  Paper copy

I am interested in receiving **interstate** newsletter by email:  Yes  No

### 2026 Membership fees are:

**\$60** Family membership

**\$40** Single membership

Total amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of payment: \_\_\_\_\_

I have given cash to the Treasurer

I have deposited directly into the TOSA Commonwealth Bank account

**BSB 066-160 Account 1118 3151**

### Please return your completed form to:

Post: Rodney Raymond  
3 Chamberlain Circle  
BATEMAN 6150

Office use only:  List updated  Addresses updated  Receipt issued