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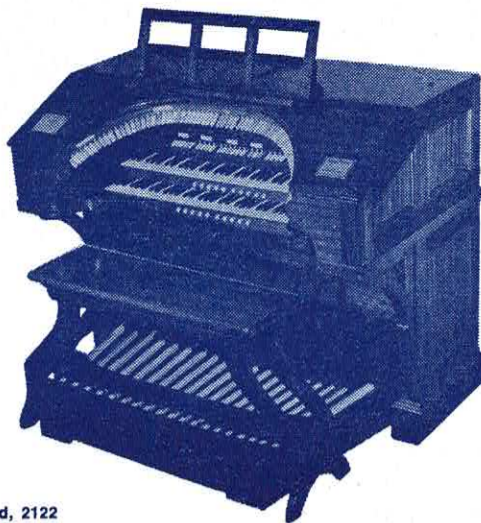
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1972

YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS MOST IMPORTANT MEETING IS A MUST

MONDAY 24th JANUARY 1972 8.00 p.m.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND HALL, STRATHFIELD

This year, for the first time, a new streamlined voting system will be used for drastically pruning the time taken in the actual election of Office-bearers. A ballot paper will be found on the last page of this TOSA News, and you are asked to fill this in before attending the meeting. A ballot box will be located at the door as you enter, and ballot papers should be lodged therein.

There will be a brief business meeting after which our member RAY THORNLEY will be presented at the console of his Lowrey Citation model Electronic Organ. This is the instrument he featured at the Roselands Shopping Complex during the month of December when he was heard by tens of thousands of shoppers. It is one of the few of this model in Australia.

Every member is urged to be present for this vital Annual Meeting PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR BALLOT PAPER WITH YOU.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 10th January, 7.15 p.m.

FEBRUARY TOSA NEWS DEADLINE

A.G.M. or 24th January.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Bill and Maree den Hertog of Collaroy; Kenneth Coombes of Concord. See you at A.G.M.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 19th FEBRUARY at 8.00 p.m., at DAVID PARSONS' RESIDENCE

AN ENTERTAINING EVENING OF MOVIES AND ORGAN MUSIC featuring films made available by our member RITCHIE WILLIS, and the music of DAVID PARSONS' fabulous COMM Electronic Organ installation. An evening with a difference. Full details next issue.

SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY at 2.30 p.m. We shall be presenting our first FREE Sunday afternoon Wurlitzer concert for 1972 at Marrickville Town Hall. This is your chance to bring friends, neighbours and workmates to one of our popular Sunday concerts, without it costing you a cent; So play host to as many as you can for the occasion and show your loyalty and enthusiasm to TOSA. SPECIAL GUEST ORGANIST to be announced next issue.



FRIDAY 10th MARCH AT PARRAMATTA TOWN HALL

The Society will present a FREE popular organ concert featuring our Honorary Member ERIC SMITH. ERIC will be playing a Yamaha electronic organ, which is expected to be the sensational EX 42.

It is some time since we staged a concert at Parramatta, and it is expected that the audience will be even larger than on the last occasion. This being a FREE concert, you can once again play the generous host to as many friends as possible without even opening your wallet.

SEE YOU AT PARRAMATTA FOR THE ERIC SMITH SHOW

SATURDAY 18th MARCH at 8.00P.M.

A TOSA SUPER-SPECIAL !!!!!

TOSA'S FIRST CONCERT AT THE FABULOUS NEW CHATSWOOD TOWN HALL

FEATURING THE FAMOUS ARCADIA THEATRE CHATSWOOD'S 2/10 WURLITZER NOW RESPLENDENT IN ITS NEW ULTRA-MODERN HOME.

For this Gala Evening, the Society has arranged to specially bring down from Queensland, Australia's most famous organist WILBUR KENTWELL.

Keep this date free and form a party to launch the North Shore's newest musical acquisition - THE MIGHTY CHATSWOOD WURLITZER. An evening of pure delight guaranteed.

In APRIL there will be an organ concert at Marrickville Town Hall featuring an organist we have not heard on a theatre pipe organ for some years. Full details later.

The date; FRIDAY 14th APRIL.....The Organist: CECIL CRANFIELD

Also in APRIL (Saturday 29th) there will be an organ party at the home of Members Commander and Mrs. Peter Irwin. This will be an unusual night, featuring records and tapes never previously heard in Australia PLUS Peter's Compton Electronic organ. More details will be given later.

"NOSTALGIA NIGHT" at the Capitol Theatre.....

This special night mentioned in last month's TOSA News has had to be deferred. This was decided by the Committee at the December meeting.

ORGAN OF THE MONTH CLUB

I have been informed by the Australian distributor for Concert Recording, that once again, this company is in full production, with some fantastic new organ recordings in the catalogue and plenty more in store for early release. Having bought some of these releases in the past and being thrilled with the organs, the music, and most particularly, the technical excellence, I can thoroughly recommend them. I suggest you write to Concert Recording, P.O. Box 108, Wentworthville, for details.

LOOKING FOR A BARGAIN?

Members are reminded that the Society can supply you with the best quality BRANDED recording tape in all sizes, including cassettes, at the BEST PRICE you'll ever find anywhere. You owe it to yourself to buy through the Society - you can save more than your Annual Membership fees in no time if you take advantage of this offer.

Contact our member RAY GARRETT at 869 7247 for price and any further information. Support your own Society in this terrific service to members.

Our member Heather Moen, who has recently gained her A. Mus. A. in Organ at N.S.W. State Conservatorium, is again playing a Thomas Organ at Top Ryde Regional Shopping Centre for two weeks preceding Christmas. The Organ is a Californian Model 253.



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30.9.71

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
General subscriptions	689.01	Printing & stationery	237.26
TOSA News subscriptions	1289.69	TOSA News	1014.15
Theatre Organ Pchse.Fund	430.52	Theatre Organ Pchse. Fund	430.52
Electronic Organ Construct- ion Fund	141.00	Elec. Organ Constn. Fund	141.00
Marrickville Organ Ops.	108.19	Pr.Edwd.Organ Mtce. Fund	20.00
Marrickville Concerts	2057.05	M'ville Organ Operations	86.62
Other meetings & concerts	66.00	Marrickville Concerts	1776.60
1970 Convention	422.00	Other meetings & concerts	113.39
1971 Convention	277.00	1970 Convention	542.20
1970 Organ Spectacular	419.56	1971 Convention	46.79
Car stickers	1.00	1970 Organ Spectacular	457.15
Badges	13.00	Receipt duty	3.86
Sale of Tapes, tape copying	368.10	Badges	50.41
Noreen Hennessy records	8.00	Purchase tapes,tape copying	533.94
Screening Fee for film	15.00	Postage	148.20
Bank Interest	14.73	Christmas function 1970	100.00
		Bank charges	12.30
		Rent of meeting room	38.00
		M'ville organ - mtce. tuning	71.73
		Capitol organ maintenance	30.00
		Telephones	51.75
		Insurance of voluntary workers	16.60
		Floral tribute	6.00
			<u>5928.47</u>
		Add surplus for year	<u>391.38</u>
			<u>6319.85</u>

ACCUMULATED PROFITS contain-  
ed within General Fund:

M'ville Organ Ops. 119.41  
M'ville Organ  
Concerts 213.46

BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

Accumulated funds 1.10.70	617.29	Funds as at 30.9.71 at	
Add surplus	<u>391.38</u>	C'wealth Svgs.Bank,Ryde	1000.30
	<u>1008.67</u>	Petty Cash on hand	8.37
			<u>1008.67</u>

"PRINCE EDWARD" ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND

Accumulated funds 1.10.70	328.54	Funds as at 30.9.71 at	
Add Savings Bk. Interest	11.03	C'wealth Svgs.Bank, Ryde	339.57
	<u>339.57</u>		

THEATRE PIPE ORGAN PURCHASE FUND

Accumulated funds 1.10.70	540.95	Funds as at 30.9.71 at	
Add Income	430.52	C'wealth Svgs.Bank, Ryde	987.33
Add Savings Bank Interest	15.86		
	<u>987.33</u>		

ELECTRONIC ORGAN CONSTRUCTION FUND

Accumulated funds 1.10.70	502.84	Funds at 30.9.71 at	
Add Income	141.00	C'wealth Svgs.Bank, Ryde	660.33
Add Savings Bank Interest	16.49		
	<u>660.33</u>		

TOTAL FUNDS                    £2995.90

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O.O. MOEN, Hon. Treasurer.

I report having audited the books of account and other records from which these statements have been compiled and certify them to be correct and in accordance therewith.

R.D. BLACKMORE, Hon. Auditor.  
6th December, 1971.



The following article about a remarkable Electronic Organ installation in New Zealand is reprinted from "Console Whispers". Can we beat this on the mainland?

LOWER HUTT TOWN HALL ORGAN - SPECIFICATIONS AFTER CURRENT REBUILD.

SWELL

16 ft. Liebligh Bourdon  
8 " Geigen Diapason  
8 " Stopped Diapason  
8 " Viole  
4 " Gemshorn  
4 " Flute  
2 " Gemshorn 15th  
3 Rank Mixture 17, 19, 22  
16 ft. Double Trumpet  
8 " Trumpet  
8 " Oboe  
4 " Clarion  
Sub-octave  
Octave  
Tremulant

GREAT

16 ft. Double Open Diapason  
8 " Open Diapason I  
8 " Open Diapason II  
8 " Gamba  
4 " Principal  
4 " Gamba  
2 2/3 Twelfth  
2 ft. Fifteenth  
1 " Octavin  
3 Rank Mixture 22, 26, 29  
8 " Tromba  
4 " Tromba Clarion  
Swell to Great  
Choir to Great

CHOIR

16 ft. Double Dulciana  
8 " Rohr Flute  
8 " Dulciana  
4 " Wald Flute  
4 " Dulcet  
2 2/3 Nazard  
2 ft. Piccolo  
1 3/5 Tibree  
1 1/3 Larigot  
1 ft. Flageolet  
16 " English Horn  
8 " Clarinet  
8 " Trompette Militaire  
Swell to Choir  
Tremulant

PEDAL

32 ft. Sub Bass  
16 " Open Wood  
16 " Violone  
16 " Bourdon  
8 " Octave  
8 " Bass Flute  
4 " Choral Bass  
3 Rank Mixture  
32 ft. Contra Trombone  
16 " Trombone  
16 " Dulzian  
8 " Trumpet  
4 " Schalmel  
Swell to Pedal  
Great to Pedal  
Choir to Pedal

The three-manual console uses drawstops, and a pipe organ of the above specifications would be an asset to any Town Hall. If however you have been mentally totting up the number of pipes in this organ, just hang fire for a while because there actually isn't a single pipe in it! Mr. John Daghish of Dominion Electronic Organ Co Ltd., Christchurch, tells us it uses twenty-two speakers spread over the proscenium arch of the stage plus an 18' pedal speaker and a full-sized horn speaker cabinet to augment this. Previously an English Jennings, apparently the entire original unstable electronic content of this organ is being rebuilt by the above company, and should be finished early in 1972. Mr. Daghish thinks this organ could be of interest to Society members, and believes it to be about twice the size of any other large electronic organ installation in this country.

REGINALD PORTER-BROWN TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

Reginald Porter-Brown, the "Organist Extraordinary" has accepted an invitation to tour Australia; the tour will be extensive and will include recitals on many types of organ.

The first recital will be given on Sunday 16th July 1972 at Sydney Town Hall.

Details of the rest of the itinerary are still being worked out.

Information can be obtained from the Tour Manager, Commander T.F. Irwin, R.N., 21 Campbell Drive, Wahroonga. (Phone 48 5030)

1972 ELECTIONS

IMPORTANT NOTE

For the benefit of newer members of TOSA (and older ones too) we publish a brief background to each person nominated for office for this year. Study the information given and then decide whom you will vote into office. Fill in your ballot paper at home and bring it with you to the Annual General Meeting on Monday 24th January, at 8.00 p.m. You will thus loyally exercise your right to elect those whom you feel will serve the Society well during the next 12 months.

Make sure you are financial before the A.G.M. starts, as ONLY FINANCIAL MEMBERS MAY VOTE.



The following nominations together with acceptances have been received for 1972 TOSA executive and committee positions.

PRESIDENT

1. TOM HALLORAN - served as President of TOSA for nine years. Present committee member, also present member of Marrickville organ maintenance sub-committee. Professional engineer electricity supply.
2. BILL SCHUMACHER - TOSA member approx. 10 - 11 years. Committee member 7 or 8 years. Part time organist at restaurants and clubs. Been playing organ 11 years. Also active in Hammond Organ Club. Employed by John Walker & Sons Ltd., Sales Dept.

SECRETARY

1. (Mrs) PAMELA TOOKER - present occupation, housewife. Took up piano at 7 years of age, won City of Sydney Eistedford 6 months later, have attended many TOSA committee meetings. Helped with maintenance of Capitol organ.
2. (Mrs) BETTY RANDALL - has been private secretary for 8 years in legal and assurance work. During past 14 years has conducted own retail business in St. George district. Studied music from childhood, presently evening organist at St. Columbs, West Ryde. Successful in 1970 Yamaha contest for Northern Districts, progressed to grand final for N.S.W. Member of TOSA for 5 years, owns electronic organ.

TREASURER

1. OSCAR MOEN - Chartered Accountant. TOSA Treasurer 1971. Currently in practice as a Public Accountant at Ryde, N.S.W. Owner - builder of an electronic organ. TOSA member for several years.

VICE PRESIDENT

(2 req'd)

1. FRANK ELLIS - TOSA member for over 10 years. Elected to committee 1964., became Editor of TOSA News in 1965 until 1970, Vice President from 1966 to 1971, completing a 6 year term in this office.
2. DES RUSSELL - Vice President of TOSA for the past 9 years. Member of Society for 11 years. Convenor of TOSA electronic sub-committee. Experience as committee member of organisations associated with music. Personal interests include technical and musical aspects of both electronic and pipe organs. Business activity, member of development laboratory for design of electronic apparatus.

MINUTE SECRETARY

1. (Mrs). SHIRLEY NOTT - TOSA Member for 4 years. Recently secretary to Managing Director of large international company, also secretary to Legal Director. Interest in music since childhood, member of several choirs over a period of years, also member of two Choral Societies. Organist 4 years, owns electronic organ. Has held positions of Secretary, President and Treasurer in a number of organisations. Was Training Officer for a Sales Promotion Team and is accustomed to Public Speaking.

COMMITTEE

1. ROD BLACKMORE - "Foundation Member" 1960 Treasurer 1961-1964, also from 1967-1969; Committee member 1971; TOSA News producer 1961-1964; "Diaphone" editor since 1962; Organist; Amateur electronic "nut"; Stipendiary Magistrate.
2. RAY GARRETT - Professional Electronics Engineer Dept. of the Navy; keen interest in electronic organs for past 20 years; TOSA member since 1961; served on Electronics sub-committee 5 years, and on main committee for 2 years 1969-70. Other activities include Geriatric committee service; also chairman of a voluntary aid body.
3. BOB GLIDDON - TOSA member 5 years; member of the promotional sub-committee; member Capitol organ sub-committee; experience in organisation of music groups; presently restoring Christie organ; Airline official.
4. PETER IRWIN - Educated Victoria College, Jersey. Entered Royal (Commander R.N.) Navy 1939 as cadet in engineering specialisation. Qualified in mechanical, marine and electrical engineering. Member of British Institute of Management, Fellow of the Institute of Work Study Practitioner. Served in a battleship, two air-craft carriers (superintended construction of the second and commissioned her), guided missile trials ships and in destroyers. Served in Admiralty as expert in aviation fuels and in charge of design of nuclear submarine "mother ship" (engineering aspects). Retired R.N. 1968 to migrate to Australia. Founder-Chairman Funtington Fencing Club. Presently in Australia Chief Industrial Engineer to Blue Metal Industries Ltd. Will sponsor and manage a 3 month Australian concert (1972) for the famous English Theatre Organist Reginald Porter-Brown.
5. MALCOLM MACKAY - Served on committee for last 2 years, also member of Marrickville Organ sub-committee since inception. Assisted in rebuilding and installation of Marrickville WurliTzer organ and has worked as one of the maintenance crew ever since.
6. BILL RICHARDS - TOSA member for 6 years. Committee member for 3 years; member Marrickville organ sub-committee since its inception following installation of organ.
7. BILL SCHUMACHER - (in the interests of saving space, please refer to Bill's background under heading of 'President').
8. BARRY TOOKER - Occupation, rotograveue camera operator for "Women's Weekly"; served 5 consecutive years on TOSA committee. Head of sub-committee responsible for maintenance of Capitol WurliTzer organ; member of maintenance committee maintaining State WurliTzer organ. Chief recording engineer in production of mastertape for "Australian Style" with Ian Davies for Concert Recording; served on the committee of Australian Electric Traction Assn., also production manager of magazine "Electric Traction".