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EDITORIAL

New Year... new faces !

Welcome to 2008, a year of adventure for TOSA members. The Annual General Meeting last December has provided us with a full compliment of committee members for 2008. Glenda Kubler has now retired to the “backbench” after ten sterling years as President. Glenda has kindly offered to stay on committee as elected Vice-President. Our Division offers her and supporting husband Ian many thanks for all their work over the past decade and more.

We have a new President and also an Editor for *Tibia*. Lance Hutchinson has stepped into the breach as President, while Mike Gillies has offered to take on the roll of *Tibia* Editor. Lance has a wealth of experience in working with societies and community organizations, and has many good ideas for TOSA and committee. Mike was filled the vacancy officially left since Merv Lock resigned and temporarily held by Ian Kubler. He has experience in magazine assembly and editing, having previously edited a car club mag for 15 plus years. Most of the old committee was re-elected. There is one new face on the committee — Kevin Collins, who joins as a general committee member. Kevin “non-stop” (as he is known) is full of ideas for promoting TOSA events and has vast technical experience in all things digital, electrical even metaphysical! Congratulations to all those elected to TOSA committee for 2008.

Tibia has been given a facelift. The new banner above is a slightly stylized image of Robert Hope-Jones’ first *Tibia Plena* rank he produced. The pipes were installed in his Opus 70 organ at the Church of St Paul’s in Burton-on-Trent, England in 1893-4, well before he went to work for Wurlitzer. I wish to acknowledge the generosity of Don Hyde from Lancastrian Theatre Organ Trust, who provided me with the image. Let me know what you think of this edition — I am open to suggestions for improving our Division’s mouthpiece. I am also looking for contributions from members — letters to the editor, suggestions, technical articles, historical theatre organ snippets etc etc. M.G.



NEXT MEETING

January 20th – Informal digital organ afternoon at Arthur Midgley’s (DETAILS INSIDE)

February 3rd – Monthly meeting at the Kubler’s, not at the hall (DETAILS INSIDIE)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A happy new year to you all, with the hope that the coming year is not only joyous but a prosperous one.

I would like to welcome the previous committee members back and also Kevin Collins to our committee and look forward to his enthusiasm and expertise, which I know he will bring to the table.

I feel one of the main focus points of the committee this year will be continued work of strengthening the growth of membership. I would like to point out that this is not only a task for the committee, but one for all members to work with! To survive as a society we need to introduce new members on a regular basis, not only for enjoyment of music but also to maintain **The Christie**, which is paramount.

I know it's a bit corny, but as JFK (President Kennedy) said all those years ago, "Think not what the country can do for you, but what **you** can do for the county"...

I ask the same on behalf of T.O.S.A. If you know of someone that you feel would enjoy the music we make, see if they would like to be a member.

I hope to see you at Glenda's place in February.

Regards,
Lance

LATEST LOCAL NEWS

Going Digital

Committee is commencing the digital organ project this coming year. Once you hear Arthur's new toy you will see and be amazed at what is possible. The plan is to have a back-up instrument for the Christie and one which may be transportable for demonstrations etc. Rick Whatson has been investigating the promising new software and the many pipe voices now available.

Hall Renovations

Workmen from QBuild are well advanced with their alterations to the Kelvin Grove State College Assembly Hall entry. The old entrance and toilets have been demolished and the area cleared. Building work has started and it won't be long before the entry, box office and toilets are nearing completion.



Framework for the new entry and toilets are advancing well at the Kelvin Grove hall.

GoMA

Your committee is looking into our visit to the Gallery of Modern Art to view the Wurlitzer. Negotiations are ongoing and we hope to have news on this by next month.

UPCOMING TOSA EVENTS

The Theatre Organ Society of Australia - Queensland Division Incorporated, meets for monthly music programs on the first Sunday of the month from March at Kelvin Grove State College Assembly Hall, Victoria Park Road, Kelvin Grove, at 2.00pm. All visitors are very welcome!!

NOTE: All dates and events are subject to change.

January 2008

20th Digital organ open day at Arthur Midgley's from 2.00pm. BYO plate for afternoon tea.

February

3rd Monthly Meeting at the Kubler's 2.00pm BYO plate etc. - RSVP 30th Jan (tel.3265 4050)

23rd A Dance is being planned for this evening at Kelvin Grove. From 7.30pm – more details to come...

March

2nd Monthly Meeting at Kelvin Grove 2.00 pm (Guest artist)

21-24th Warragul Wurlitzer grand opening, Victoria.

April

6^h Monthly Meeting at Kelvin Grove 2.00 pm

12/13th Special Musical event being planned. Details to be advised.

**A REMINDER THAT MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE NOW.
A FORM IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.**

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CHRISTIE PLAYING

Those wishing to obtain practise time or just have a play of our Christie theatre pipe organ can arrange for playing time with Kevin Purchase, our hall liaison officer. Simply give Kevin a call a few days before the time you would like and make arrangements with him. We usually arrange times so that a group of players is fitted into the day's session, usually on weekends. Time at night and during school holidays is also available.



If you need help with stop registrations or getting to know the organ's controls, this can be arranged. Remember the Christie is there for all members to play and enjoy. It won't bite you!
Call Kevin on 07-3359 6016 to book a time.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held last December 3rd at Kelvin Grove hall, the AGM saw a good turnout of members to hear that the business side of the society is now looking quite rosy, thanks to good patronage at our concerts in 2007, a successful dance and increased membership over the recent past year or two. The Christie continues to perform admirably and is obviously giving much joy to members, as many more join the ranks of regular players.

This year we have a new committee with the addition of new and enthusiastic members. The society would especially like to welcome Lance Hutchinson as its new President and Kevin Collins who joins as a general committee member. Kevin has been responsible for much of the audio-visual improvements we have seen of late at concerts and monthly meetings. Rick Watson, our resident virtual / midi expert has offered to take on the position of Web Master to monitor our web site. Mike Gillies will dive in the deep end as new Tibia Editor. In addition, most of the older committee members are keen to stay on. Dr Robert Boughen has kindly offered to continue as patron.

The AGM also marked a major milestone for Glenda Kubler. She retired after holding the post of President for ten years. Everyone would agree that Glenda (with the help of hubby Ian) has done a tremendous amount of work for TOSA over this time and steered us through some rough seas as well as some wonderful musical moments at theatre organ events. And in recognition of this work, the Society has bestowed the honour of TOSA Qld Life Membership for Glenda and Ian. A special plaque was presented to them both by incoming President Lance following the AGM. Glenda has kindly offered to stay on as Vice-President this year to aid Lance and his committee.

TOSA would like to acknowledge the support offered by the Brisbane City Council's Senior Citizens Funding Program in helping to defray the costs of the Christmas party afternoon tea.

(Left to right) The Kublers thanked by new President Lance; Kevin08... Kev Collins joins committee; Theatre organist tragic, now Tibia Editor, Mike Gillies



**Remember to regularly consult our web pages for the latest news and updates for events.
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NOTE YOUR DIARY

- Please note that the calendar of events in this Tibia has not been finalised and is SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
- The monthly meeting in February usually at Kelvin Grove Hall has been moved to the Kubler residence due to the construction work by Qbuild with the hall's entry and toilets.
- Due to unfortunate scheduling circumstances beyond our control, the two international artists arranged for this year will both be performing in August. Therefore, we will be offering "attend both concerts for a discounted ticket price" for TOSA Qld members. More details to follow. Don't miss both Ken Double and Richard Hills — they are incredibly good organists and showmen.

Sunday Jan 20th

Start the year with Digital technology! Arthur Midgley has kindly offered to demonstrate his recently assembled Cinema 2 digital theatre organ to those interested. This is an informal afternoon event and we request that those who attend bring a plate of nibbles for the afternoon tea. Starts at 2.00pm. Arthur's address is: 7 Piper Street, Gordon Park (Tel. 3857 3257).

Sunday Feb 3rd

Due to hall renovations, you are invited to the Kubler residence this month for an afternoon of music and relaxation. Bring you music as Glenda has (at last count) four keyboard instruments to choose from!

BYO plate for afternoon tea. RSVP to Glenda on 3265 4050 by Jan 30th.

Glenda's address is: 10 Eucalyptus Street, Boondall.

NOTE: no monthly meeting at the hall this month.

Saturday Feb 23rd

We intend to kick off our new year with our first social dance event at the school hall. Following last year's successful dance, we will be planning an even better event with lots of dancing to both *Cruizin* and the Christie organ. Supper is included. Come along and see the new look hall foyer and entry.

Starts at 7.30pm. Entry just \$15 a head payable at the door. Even if you don't dance, come and enjoy the music —tell your friends. More details next month.

St Andrew's Anglican Church, South Brisbane

Margaret Powell from St Andrew's has invited TOSA members to attend a series of concerts at the church this year. Address is: 160 Vulture Street, South Brisbane.

For full details, telephone Margaret on 3398 7636 or email: margaret@st-andrews.org.au

Programme:

Sunday March 30th 3pm – Corda Spirita Chamber Orchestra

Sunday April 20th 2pm – TEAR Concert (woodwind, choir and more)

Sunday June 22nd 2pm – Christopher Wrench and Sanctuary String Quartet

Sunday August 3rd 3pm – ThanksFest (Corda Spirita Chamber Orchestra and organ)

Sunday October 5th 3pm – Corda Spirita Chamber Orchestra

***Got an event you think would interest TOSA members?
Contact committee with the details.***

Robert Boughen Concert - December 2, 2007

Once again our Patron, Dr Robert Boughen proved he is the doyen of organists in this State with a completely polished and refreshingly varied concert program after our annual general meeting last month. Although he admits to being unfamiliar with the theatre organ and its style, to all who heard him, his performance on the Christie was one of an old hand at the horseshoe console.

Robert's program included no less than 14 pieces, including a medley and several selections. Opening the show was the popular baroque classic *Trumpet Voluntary* by Clarke and the Christie's excellent trumpet stop shone in this. The first half included five other classical works and a selection from Sullivan's *Iolanthe* opera.

During interval we had the traditional end of year afternoon tea with lots of cheerios, Christmas cake, muffins and freshly made pikelet's (thanks Glenda and Ian), as well as the usual tea, coffee and biscuits. Special thanks to all who helped here.



The second half commenced with the little heard organ style of Dr Boughen. A very jazzy *Baby Elephant Walk* started proceedings, part of a medley termed "for the young in heart" on the printed program. Two more pieces were given a more contemporary Christie treatment, ending with Coates' march *Youth of Britain*, written for the current Queen's coronation.

Then followed the ever-popular *Show Boat* selection by Jerome Kern. Robert may have surprised many in the audience, as he opened the Christie up (trem's 'n' all !) to a magnificent theatre organ style rendition of this 1920s hit show. *Ole Man River* brought the house down! Jesse Crawford or George Wright would have nodded approval of this rendition I am sure...

Four more pieces were to come, returning to a more formal style and ending with the magnificent Toccata from *Suite Gothique* by Boellman. Continued applause could not entice our Patron back for an encore, as he was probably quite exhausted after such a huge and varied program. Newly elected President Lance Hutchinson presented Dr Boughen with a parting gift and thanked him for his continuing support of TOSA. We hope to get Robert back at a later date to play again for us.

Our resident technos (Lance and Kevin Collins) excelled themselves with a brilliant video camera display on the big screen. Their A-V set-up is still being fine tuned, but the day's visual display was wonderful and showed just how hard Robert was working at the Christie. Well done lads!

More concerts are coming up in 2008.