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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We started the month with a visit from David Bailey and his sister Erika Boorman. As usual a highly polished performance was heard and enjoyed by a small but loyal audience. David is making quite a name for himself locally and also in the southern states not only in organ concerts but also in silent movie music.

Organ expert Graeme Davis arrived and we had a fruitful discussion with him regarding the Christie. He was very impressed with the overall standard of the organ and complimentary on Don's work. We are yet to receive all the information from him, but no doubt we will hear soon.

TOSA QLD hosted the 8th National Presidents meeting on the 17th October. Gail Ward (SA), Geoff Brimley (NSW), John Sutcliffe (VIC) and myself spent the day discussing a whole range of topics integral in the running of TOSA. I also had the pleasure in being able to show my southern counterparts the Christie in the afternoon and they were most impressed. I would like to thank Ian and Glenda for hosting the day at their home, culminating with an excellent dinner where we were able to meet our concert artist Scott Harrison in a relaxed atmosphere. Scott performed for us the next day and gave a pleasant, entertaining concert that all enjoyed.

As you are aware, Merv Lock has been home hosting our international and interstate concert artists for some 12–14 years. He has informed me that Scott Harrison will be his last guest. He has proved to be the "Host with the Most" and will be hard to be replaced. We are forever indebted to him for his selfless service to TOSA.

It is on the cards that we will have 3–4 internationals this year coming. It is imperative we find someone who can home host. With the ever-increasing costs to bring these artists to you and the ever-decreasing audience, we cannot possibly afford paid accommodation for these guests. Please if you can help, let us know.

See you at the **AGM Monday 9th November**, where some awards and special resolutions will need your attendance on the Monday night at the hall.

Please make the effort to attend this important event. Note also that the monthly meeting for November has been transferred to Sunday 15th November – a bus trip to TOSA Gold Coast.

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TOSA QLD CALENDAR 2009

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 February at Kelvin Grove State College Assembly Hall, Victoria Park Road, Kelvin Grove, at 2.00pm. All visitors are very welcome!!

2009 CALENDAR

NOTE: All dates and events are subject to change.
(TBA = to be advised; TBC = to be confirmed)

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August

- 2 Monthly meeting at Brisbane City Hall (silent movie - 2.30pm)
- 10 Playing session at KGSC hall (evening)
- 17 Committee meeting
- 30 **Brett Valliant (USA) at KGSC Hall**

September

- 6 Monthly meeting at KGSC hall
- 14 Playing session at KGSC hall (evening)
- 21 Committee meeting

4MBS Classic FM Radio (103.7FM):
Theatre pipe organ music can be heard in the **Village Hour** from noon, the last Wednesday of each month.

October

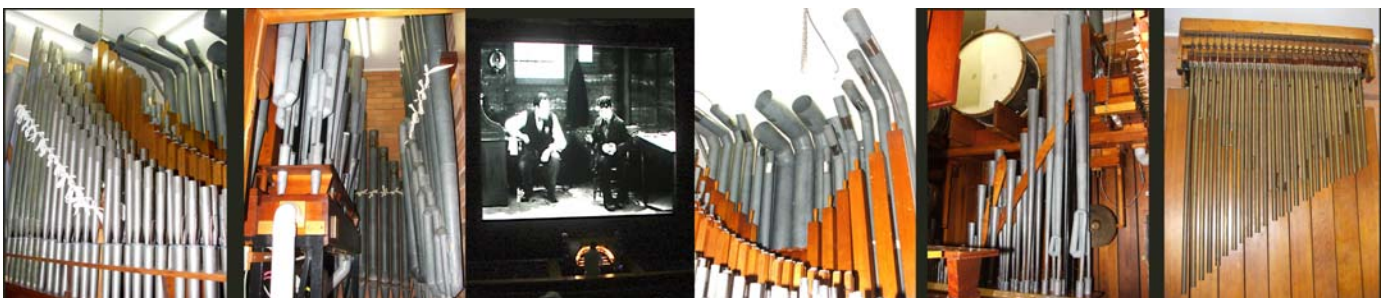
- 4 Monthly meeting (David Bailey & Erika Bormann) at KGSC hall
- 12 Playing session at KGSC hall (evening)
- 18 **Scott Harrison at KGSC hall**
- 19 Committee meeting

November

- 1 **Monthly meeting - cancelled**
- 9 **AGM at KGSC hall (evening)**
- 15 **Bus trip to TOSA Gold Coast**
- 16 Committee meeting

December

- 6 **Christmas Party (Crushers League Club)**
- 14 Playing session at KGSC hall (evening)



COMING EVENTS

Monday Nov 9th at 7.30pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**See special notice
in this edition of Tibia**

Special awards of Life Membership
will be given to Merv Lock and Kevin
Purchase at this meeting.

Please make sure you attend to
congratulate and thank both these
long-standing and hard-working
members of TOSA.

The evening will end with music on
the Christie. Players from the
membership are welcome.

Supper is included.

Meeting commences at 7.30pm sharp.

Kelvin Grove State College Assembly Hall
Corner of Victoria Park Road and Tank Street,
Kelvin Grove

Saturday Nov 14th at 7.30pm

Concert of Organ Music Brisbane City Hall

Celebrating 80 years since the first recital of the
City Hall's Willis pipe organ, two noted Brisbane
organists Rupert Jeffcoat and Christopher Wrench
will perform music by Widor, Elgar, Jongen,
Karg-Elert, Bingam and many others.

*This is your last chance to hear the organ before
the three-year city hall renovations begin.*

ADMISSION - FREE

Sunday Nov 15th at 2.00pm

BUS TRIP TO TOSA GOLD COAST

**(This event is in place of the
Nov 1 meeting at Kelvin
Grove Hall)**

**Phone Merv Lock now to
reserve a seat - 3353 1998**

Join us in a bus trip down to Burleigh for an
afternoon with TOSA Gold Coast on Sunday
November 15. Special performances by **Merv
Lock, Lance Hutchinson, Glenda Kubler,
Arthur Midgley and Brian Clark** will take place
on the fabulous Olympic 3/19 digital theatre organ
at Maher Hall.

11.00am Bus departs from Burnie Brae,
Kuran St, Chermside.
11.30am Bus departs from St
Joachim's Hall, Crown St,
Holland Park
12.15pm Lunch stop at Mobil Coomera
1.15pm Depart Mobil Coomera
1.45pm Arrive at Maher Hall
2.00pm Concert

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2009 TOSA (QLD DIVN) INC.

The year opened with Bill Schumacher at the Christie. March followed with our own Glenda Kubler at the console accompanying the Charlie Chaplin movie "Work". March also saw the Cleveland Connection entertain us with Arthur Midgley showing us he's got it were it counts!

I traveled to Adelaide at Easter for the "Pipes to the future" organ festival held at the Capri Theater. It was great to witness and be involved with the fellowship of like minded people enjoying world class artists at their best. During the same time the TOSA National Presidents Forum was held, where the main topics discussed were membership and attendances at concerts.

Our Patron Dr Robert Boughen performed for us in May, presenting a variety of light classical pieces. On the same billboard was the Brisbane Concert Orchestra conducted by Bernie Hoesman — the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

July meeting was an entertaining afternoon provided by Gold Coast TOSA. August saw us meet at City Hall to be a part of the Brisbane International Film Festival and see a silent movie with Ron West at the mighty Willis. David Bailey has been busy at GOMA providing accompaniment on the ex-Regent Wurlitzer for a series of silent movies for the Hollywood on the Hudson Festival.

The two international guests, Mark Herman and Brett Valiant performed this year. Both are exceptional organists of slightly different styles, but both extremely entertaining.

Glenda and Ian Kubler and also Alan Clarke have tendered their resignations and will not be standing for committee for 2010. I would like to publicly thank them for their efforts in the past year. Glenda especially, seeing she has spent the best part of 38 years supporting TOSA in one way or another.

Our home host "extraordinaire" Merv Lock has decided to relinquish this post. He has supported us for 14 years in this position and on behalf of all the members I sincerely thank him.

This year, to help our financial situation, we hosted a couple of dance nights at the instigation of Kevin Purchase. This was mainly to help offset the cost of the international artists. This extra work would not be needed if members supported us by attending the concerts to help maintain the status quo. The Christie, through Don Clark's efforts, has now gained an

international reputation as one of the best in its class! So much so, that acclaimed English organist Simon Gledhill has made specific requests that the Christie is one of the organs of preference for performance on his 2010 Australian tour.

The next twelve months will be a telling time for the society. Insurance costs are climbing and Christie needs to be maintained at a high standard. Increases in subscription levies are inevitable unless we can improve attendances at concerts and events.

Lance Hutchinson
President
TOSA QLD

AGENDA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TOSA QUEENSLAND DIVISION INCORPORATED

**Monday November 9th, 2008
at 7.30pm**

**In Kelvin Grove State College
Assembly Hall,
Corner of Victoria Park Road
and Tank Street, Kelvin Grove**

AGENDA:

1. President's opening remarks
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous AGM
4. Business arising from those minutes
5. President's annual report
6. Treasurer's and Auditor's report
7. Adoption of auditing statement
8. Adoption of special resolutions
9. Awarding of two Life Memberships
10. Vacating of the chair and committee for election of officers to committee
11. Election of office-bearers
12. Appointment of Patron and Auditor
13. General business
14. Close of meeting and supper

Notice:

On the recommendation of the Management Committee, it is intended to award Life Memberships to Merv Lock and Kevin Purchase at this Annual General Meeting.

Brett Valliant - August 30

All I can say is: Wow!! What a magnificent concert... Brett Valliant did more than give the usual international artist concert, he made the Christie shine like a bright star that it is. He opened with the *Star Wars* theme before playing over 14 pieces, including several medleys. Memorable tunes included the *Wizard of Oz* theme, a Johnny Mercer medley, *Liberty Bell March*, *New Moon* medley, and more music from the 1920s — the era of cinema organ.



After interval, Brett performed a stylistically perfect rendition of the *Thieving Magpie Overture* by Rossini. In celebration of the *Mama Mia* Musical, we heard a selection of ABBA hits; then a set of train-themed melodies, complete with train effects; an interesting arrangement of the famous Queen hit song *Bohemian Rhapsody* which sounded quite impressive on the Christie. Valliant's rendition of *Bali Hai*'i was pure theatre organ — and very lush and tropical in effect.

Commenting on the excellent adaptability of the Christie to give a true classical sound as well as theatre style, Brett then showed us by playing the famous Widor *Toccata* to rousing applause. He also played the lesser-known *Toccata* by the 20th century American composer John Weaver. The wonderful concert ended with *Opus One*, a big band number and finally, *We'll Meet Again* for the encore. We look forward to his return.

September Monthly Meeting with David Bailey & Erika Boorman

Another consummate performance from these two family members... It was shame that more members were not there to enjoy their fabulous program of jazzy numbers. Those of the faithful who did come along enjoyed an afternoon of torch song numbers and other well know tunes, sung by Erika with David accompanying on the Christie theatre pipe organ. David also played a few solos, including a delightful version of *Donkey Serenade*. Please come back again — all of you!



Scott Harrison – October 18

The boy from Kingston finally made it to play the Christie — and it was worth the wait! A not too small crowd came along, including our Patron, who made a fleeting visit. (Dr Boughen had another meeting to attend so left early, with apologies).

Scott is a very polished musician and his repertoire is wide-ranging, so it is doubtful if anyone was left disappointed with his program. He played about 18 pieces in all, from a Louis Armstrong medley, Gershwin, Cole Porter, *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Sound of Music* selections, *Deep Purple* to *Ye Old Broken Cross*. That's just a few!

Highlight no doubt was the duet with Lance Hutchinson on the grand piano for *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. This had not been rehearsed and was thought up the night before over a coffee. Needless to say, the crowd went wild... It was a great afternoon and Scott even sold 8 of his CDs.



AGM is on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm in Kelvin Grove College Hall.
Please attend this important meeting.
Music and supper afterwards.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

First Special Resolution to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia (Qld Divn) Inc.

It is moved that Clause 11.(1) of the Association's Rules be amended from:

11. (1) The Management Committee of the Association shall consist of a President, *two Vice Presidents*, Secretary, Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Association and such number of other members as the members of the Association at any General Meeting may from time to time elect or appoint provided that no member who has not been a financial member for a continuous period of six months immediately preceding a General Meeting shall be elected or appointed to the Management Committee at that General Meeting. The immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Management Committee. The management committee shall appoint from its membership an Editor of the Association's magazine "Tibia".

To:

11. (1) The Management Committee of the Association shall consist of a President, *Vice President*, Secretary, Treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the Association and such number of other members as the members of the Association at any General Meeting may from time to time elect or appoint provided that no member who has not been a financial member for a continuous period of six months immediately preceding a General Meeting shall be elected or appointed to the Management Committee at that General Meeting. The immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Management Committee. The management committee shall appoint from its membership an Editor of the Association's magazine "Tibia".

Second Special Resolution to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia (Qld Divn) Inc.

It is moved that Clause 23.(1) of the Association's Rules be amended from:

23. (1) The Secretary shall convene all general meetings of the Association by giving not less

than *14* days notice of any such meeting to the members of the Association.

To:

23. (1) The Secretary shall convene all general meetings of the Association by giving not less than *21* days notice of any such meeting to the members of the Association.

Third Special Resolution to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia (Qld Divn) Inc.

It is moved that Clause 15. (1) of the Association's Rules be amended from:

15. (1) The Management Committee shall meet at least *once every calendar month* to exercise its functions.

To:

15. (1) The Management Committee shall meet at least once every *third* calendar month to exercise its functions.

Moved: Mike Gillies

Seconded: Kevin Collins

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

The following financial members have been nominated for the respective committee positions:

Lance Hutchinson – President
Kevin Collins – Vice-president
Kevin Purchase – Treasurer
Rick Watson – Secretary
Mike Gillies – General committee member
David Bailey – General committee member
Brett Kavanagh - General committee member

Secretary
TOSA Qld Divn Inc.

American Theatre Organ Society Annual Convention



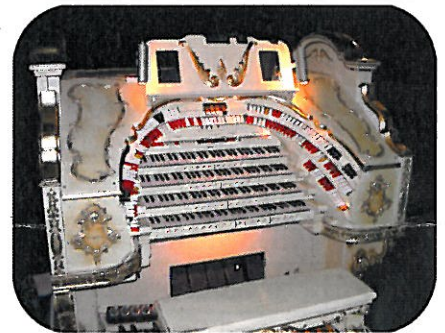
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