

50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Founding of the Theatre Organ Society of Australia NSW Divn

In March 1960, on the strength of a featured article in the Sydney Morning Herald, the Theatre Organ Society of Australia held its first meeting at the Paling Concert Hall with the object of attracting members. Palings, being a prominent Sydney music and instrument retailer who also sold Hammond Electric Organs, kindly donated the use of the premises without charge and even provided an organ to be played at the meetings. Several of the Sydney Theatre Organists also freely gave their time and talent to play for the TOSA members at these early meetings.

Now it is time to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of NSW Divn with a weekend of Mighty Wurlitzer Musical Magic played on the former Capitol Theatre Wurlitzer owned and operated by TOSA NSW Division in Sydney.

Saturday 13 March at 2:00pm will feature our **Patron Dr John Atwell** playing the 3 manual 17 rank Style 260 Wurlitzer at the Orion Theatre, 155 Beamish St., Campsie supported by **Mathew Loeser** playing piano and singing to his own accompaniment.

On Saturday evening there is an **optional dinner at Dedes Restaurant**, Sydney Rowing Club, 613 Great North Road Abbotsford. This venue is a great location with water views and patrons should aim to be there from 6:30pm for 7:00pm dinner. Parking is available at the venue. This will be a three course meal with several choices on the menu at \$54.50 per person. Drinks are not included in the dinner price so that patrons have a choice of refreshments.

Sunday 14 March at 2:00pm will feature the very experienced **Bill Schumacher** playing the 3 manual 17 rank Style 260 Wurlitzer at the Orion Theatre, 155 Beamish St., Campsie supported by **Bernard Walz** playing Grand Piano.

Details about the weekend, including booking forms, are on the web site www.tosa.net.au and information about the dinner venue can be seen at www.dedes.com.au

For those requiring accomodation they should arrange it by contacting the motels direct.

Suggested accomodation is:

The Comfort Inn, 117 Liverpool Road, Burwood, Phone 02 9744 0521 @ \$130 per night. Reasonably new motel.

Philip Lodge, 156 Parramatta Road, Ashfield, Phone 02 9797 9411 @ \$110 - \$125 per night.

The Executive and Committee invite you to come and join in the celebrations.