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New Committee

The AGM was held in October and a new Executive was elected.

President: Margaret Caley

Vice-President: Heather Coleman

Treasurer: Lyn Saunders

Play-Day Manager: Jean Dartnall

The Executive welcomes (and probably needs) suggestions and input from other members of the Society about any of our activities.

From the President

It is an honour to be chosen as President of a society which is thriving, well organized, and has so many willing helpers.

The NQRS has always welcomed players of other instruments (including me) – cello, baroque violin, oboe, guitar, etc. to play days and residential workshops. In 2007, the society will be even more actively encouraging performers of other 'early' instruments to join in. Play days will feature music which can benefit from a mixed group of instruments, such as polychoral works, and music for mixed consorts. Ruth Wilkinson, the guest tutor for the Paluma weekend, is a highly skilled performer on both recorder and viols, and is an ideal person to help to launch the Early Music aspect of NQRS.

I hope that, by broadening its activities to encourage Early Music, the society can provide opportunities for local musicians to develop an awareness of HIP (Historically Informed Performance) ideas, and provide enriching musical experiences for all members.

Meanwhile, have a happy and safe festive season,

Margaret Caley

Paluma Residential Workshop 2007

Plans are already underway for next year's weekend. It will be held at Gumburu the weekend of **May 25th** – **27th**. Keep reading your newsletter for more information.

Play Days

We plan to hold the first play day of 2007 on **February 25th** at the Riverside Gardens Community Centre (note that it is air conditioned). The theme will be water and the musical directors will be your new president and vice-president, Margaret and Heather. Details are still to be confirmed - watch for the next newsletter or ask a committee member.

Membership

Are you a financial member?

Benefits of membership include

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• Access to the Society library. (Members can receive a copy of the library catalogue on a CD or as an email attachment on request).

- Guaranteed receipt of newsletters.
- Opportunities to be involved in organising and deciding on Society activities

If you know or think that you are not a member, but would like to be, please contact us (or be sure to bring your membership fees to the next meeting you attend).

Interesting things

Local Recorder Teachers:

- Heather Coleman will again be running classes for adults next year. Contact her on 4778 8275 for information
- Malcolm Tattersall, group or individual tuition. Contact 4725 6937.

Retailers and Publishers specialising in recorders and recorder music:

Cootamundra Music, Townsville (Malcolm's sheet music), ph 4725 6937 http://members.iinet.net.au/~mtattersall/Cootamundra/CM Home.html

Orpheus music (new and second hand music for sale) at http://www.orpheusmusic.com.au/
Download the catalogues in pdf format by clicking here:
http://www.orpheusmusic.com.au/2ndhandSep06.pdf
http://www.orpheusmusic.com.au/GeckoSept06.pdf

Opportunities to play:

Monday night group 7.30 at the Tattersalls (usually). Please check with Glenda 4725 6937

Websites:

Recorder Home Page - biggest internet site for recorder players http://www.recorderhomepage.net/

Recorder discussion group

http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/recorder/

Recorder Radio - streaming over the internet (you'll have to do some guessing if you don't read German but it is free)

http://www.blockfloete-online.de/Radio/Recorder-Radio.htm

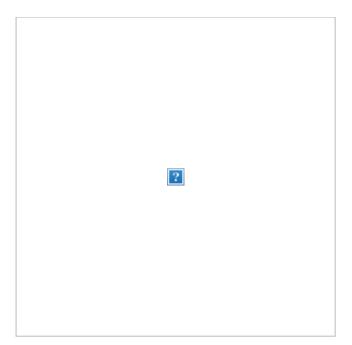
Early music news:

Hobart International Early Music Seminar with Hopkinson-Smith 30/3/07-2/4/07, see the website at http://members.iinet.net.au/~waiata/index.htm

Australian Brandenburg Orchestra Ensemble, Townsville, 17/8/07

If you would like anything included in this section, please get in touch with the newsletter editor

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Great Bass Recorder

The previous committee put a lot of work into gathering funds to buy a great bass recorder. This is a wonderful instrument and adds to the tone and depth of a recorder consort but the price puts it beyond most of us. We hope that we might be able to get one for the NQRS if membership and interest remains high.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is 2.00 pm Sunday February 4th at 24 Masuda Avenue, Annandale. The executive are keen to have other members join them to make sure that the Society is democratic and involves everyone. Contact Margaret on 042 775 7958.

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