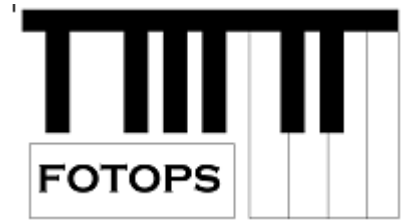


# FRIENDS OF THE TEAM OF PIANISTS INC.



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## PIANO PARTNER HITS 60. MORE HITS COMING

**Monday 1 May from 5.30pm**

**Celebrate Darryl Coote's 60th birthday with this special event in the Ballroom at 'Rippon Lea'.**

Join **Darryl Coote** and his special musical friends and guest performers **Anne Gilby** (oboe), **Sally-Anne Russell** (mezzo-soprano) and **Rohan de Korte** (cello) for canapé refreshments and bar drink sales on the pool terrace at 5.45pm, and then for a delightful recital in the Ballroom from 6.30pm. This event features a special \$10 discount of the ticket price for current financial members of the Friends of the Team of Pianists (FOTOPS). Please encourage your friends to join us via the Team website.

For those unable to attend on the night, tickets for a later "video-podcast" of the recital via YouTube are also on sale at the website link. Purchase for \$56 can be made immediately. This post-concert video will be available for viewing between 8am on Saturday 6 May 2023 and 10pm on Monday 15 May 2023 (AEST).

(Please note: due to catering requirements all **bookings must close on Wednesday 26 April** at 2.00pm - no door sales will be possible on the night.)

The Rippon Lea Ballroom is at 192 Hotham Street Elsternwick. Limited car parking available

### IN THIS EDITION:

FOTOPS 2023 AGM Notice, TOP concert information, interview with Darryl Coote, the order form for the Max Cooke's old piano hammers, and more.

Visit the [www.teamofpianists.com.au](http://www.teamofpianists.com.au) website for all booking and ticket arrangements. Ticket prices are \$80 adult and \$60 concession.



*Photo: Darryl Coote by Linda D'Amaro*

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MUSIC IN HISTORIC VENUES  
2022-2024

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Sunday Soirée: Masterworks at  
Glenfern

An intimate soirée in the historic Drawing Room at ‘Glenfern’, featuring music by composers Bach, Debussy, Chopin and Liszt

**Elizabeth Sellars** (violin) and **Rohan Murray** (piano) will perform the Sonata in E-major BWV 1016 (violin & keyboard) by J S Bach and Debussy's mercurial Sonata for violin & piano. **Rohan Murray** and **Robert Chamberlain** combine for a piano duet arrangement of Liszt's famous Hungarian Rhapsody no 2, while **Robert Chamberlain** takes us on a journey through the music of Chopin with Nocturne in E minor Op. 72 no 1, Five Mazurkas Op. 7, the ever-popular Fantaisie-Impromptu and the Scherzo no 2 in B flat minor Op. 31.

Two Sunday performances of this delightful program in ‘Glenfern’ East St Kilda, one at 3pm and the other at 6.30pm. You can also enjoy refreshments with other audience members, available from the **Friends of the Team of Pianists**, at the conclusion of each recital.

**Date and Time**

**Sunday 18 June 2023 at 3.00pm or at 6.30pm  
at historic ‘Glenfern’  
417 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East VIC**

Ticket prices are only \$50 AUD each adult and \$40 concession and National Trust members, and \$30 child or full-time student under 25 years.

Events are planned for the second half of 2023 that will be announced shortly. They will be held in other historic venues, with Team members combining with guest musicians.

For all bookings, go to the Team website;  
<https://www.teamofpianists.com.au/emails/view/2020-05>

On the Home page, click ‘BOOK NOW’ and this will take you to the TryBookings site, to order tickets. This online booking will be open until the start of the concert. You can go to Trybooking directly.

All future events will be advised on the Team’s website.

FROM 2022

The Team working closely with four glorious historic venues in and around Melbourne (Labassa at Caulfield North, Christ Church South Yarra, Barwon Park Winchelsea and the Rippon Lea Estate Ballroom) between October and December 2022, to present four wonderful concerts. Combining with guest performers, the original programs were carefully devised to match each venue. Many patrons were able to experience this return to live and regular performances.

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# INTERVIEW FOR THE OCCASION

## PLAY IT AT 60 RPM!

Darryl Coote's playing will be known to all who regularly attend the concerts by the Team of Pianists (TOP). He was one of the pupils of late Max Cooke and became a foundation partner of Max's TOP. Darryl combined with Max in some of the best piano duet performances to be heard over recent years. As well as a performer, Darryl is a teacher, lecturer, tutor to private pupils, and adjudicator for piano. For many years, he's been a member of the piano staff at Monash University. Darryl is highly valued in the profession generally, as well as having been President of both the Victorian Music Teachers' Association (2008-2011) and the Australian National Piano Award (2012 to the present).

Darryl, thank you for agreeing to be interviewed for the FOTOPS Newsletter:

**Mr.Ed:** *How and when did you become a pianist?*

**Darryl:** *While I always enjoyed playing the piano during my school years, I didn't begin to pursue it seriously until I was in Years 11 and 12. After that, in the 1980's I studied at Melbourne University Conservatorium (bachelor's and master's degrees), as well as at the Musikhochschule in Hanover (Germany).*

**Mr.Ed:** *How did the Team of Pianists get started?*

**Darryl:** *Several of us who were students of Max Cooke, asked Max to take us on a study tour of Europe. Max responded by saying that we'd need to gain performance experience, as well as raise some money for the trip, through giving concerts. That was the initial impetus for the Team, though at the time, none of us realised we'd still be collaborating all these years later!*

**Mr.Ed:** *Do you also play another instrument?*

**Darryl:** *I studied harpsichord with Max Cooke for two years while at the Conservatorium and I learnt a great deal through that. I don't play a non-keyboard instrument however, though I wish I could.*

**Mr.Ed:** *You have travelled and played overseas, so do you have a favourite venue that you love to perform in? (not including Rippon Lea Ballroom)!*

**Darryl:** *Two favourite venues are Melba Hall at the University of Melbourne, as well as the Pioneer Chapel in Poowong, South Gippsland. Both are attractive and intimate.*

**Mr.Ed:** *What is your favourite piece of music and why?*

**Darryl:** *Mozart's piano concerto in D minor, KV 466 – it's intensely lyrical and dramatic, as well as structurally perfect and balanced in terms of tension and resolution.*

**Mr.Ed:** *Thinking of the future, what would you like to do to impact and promote the future of piano performance in Victoria?*

**Darryl:** *Over 30 years, I've been a co-founder, adjudicator and am now President of the Australian National Piano Award ([www.australianpianoaward.com.au](http://www.australianpianoaward.com.au)). The Award provides valuable experience, exposure and prizemoney for young professional pianists.*

**Mr.Ed:** *What is your favourite ice cream?*

**Darryl:** *Strawberry!*

Thank you, Darryl.

MrEd Note: The heading for this interview is also a reference to the playing speed of records. Remember 33 and 45 and old 78's?

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## FRIENDS PLAY FOR FRIENDS

Our Friends Play for Friends group had their first 2023 concert in the home of member David deZilwa (DDZ) on Sunday 26th February. This was very well attended, with pieces offered by several regular contributors, students and interested players. After COVID, this was the first matinee where we reverted to the existing rules regarding length of piece performed and a couple of other sensible requirements, following feedback from our participants. This was received with great acclaim so we will continue with the “new” old rules.

Our next matinee has been scheduled for the afternoon of Sunday 21st May. If you are interested in joining but would like to experience it first before committing to play, please drop our Conveyor Ray, a line on email at [ray@ymp.com.au](mailto:ray@ymp.com.au)

These afternoons are designed for FOTOPS members who want to practice and improve their piano skills by performing with other like-minded people. Performers need access to a grand piano.

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IMP VIC Pty Ltd  
[ray@ymp.com.au](mailto:ray@ymp.com.au)  
Mobile 0402 992 116

## CHURCH MUSIC EVENT

Hymn book editor and musician Rev Dr D’Arcy Wood, will introduce an afternoon of music, sharing insights into the heritage of Church music. He will focus on music of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, when community and choral singing became very popular. Bruce Macrae will lead a group of invited choristers on grand piano. The event is both online and live audience.

**Sunday 4 June 2023 2.00pm Stonnington Uniting Church, 57-59 Burke Road Malvern**  
Free event. Uniting Church Historical Society. Option to register for Zoom link option by email:  
[ken.barelli@bigpond.com](mailto:ken.barelli@bigpond.com)  
Enquiries: Ken Barelli – Mobile 0418 317 942

## VALE CHRISTINE McVIE

Singer songwriter Christine McVie passed away in November 2022 aged 79. Recognised as the musician in the UK band Fleetwood Mac, from 1975 to 1998 she was responsible for songs including ‘Don't Stop’, ‘Little Lies’ and ‘Songbird’. She last performed in Australia on the band’s farewell tour in 2019.

## VALE DAVID CROSBY

Do you remember David Crosby of US band Crosby Stills Nash and Young? The group’s 1970 album ‘Déjà Vu’ introduced the blending of rock with folk tunes. A man who was into the joy of music, his final album ‘For Free’ was released in 2021. Crosby died in January aged 81.

## MEMBERS HAVE RENEWED IN NUMBERS

Nearly all of you sent in your 2022-2023 membership renewals, so thank you. Our continuing strong membership base means so much to the Committee and is appreciated by the Team members. Our group is within reach of achieving 100 members again. Please encourage any family members or music-interested friends to join us.

The Membership Form is now in the FOTOPS section of the Team’s website. Its only \$35 to join and you receive benefits as well as supporting live music.  
If you are yet to renew, you know what to do !

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## IN HONOUR OF MAX COOKE OAM

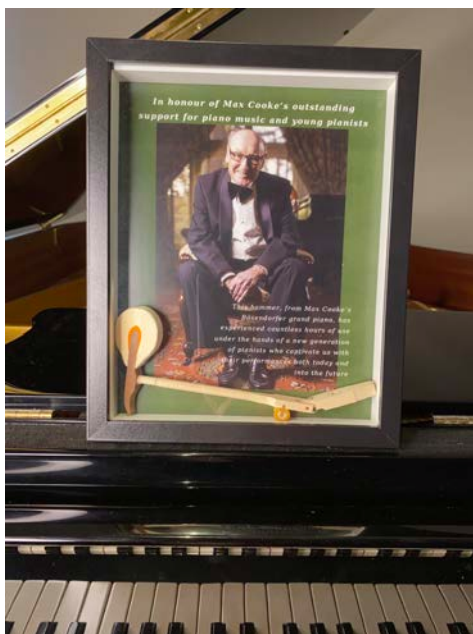
You are invited to acquire  
a hammer from the late Max Cooke's Bösendorfer grand piano  
Mounted and framed, these are available for \$50 each  
They may be collected personally at one of the TOP events in 2023  
or postage can be arranged for an additional \$25

### ORDER NOW

Write your name and contact details on this sheet, scan and email to:  
friendsoftop333@gmail.com  
or post to Friends of Team of Pianists PO Box 333 Balaclava 3183

An invoice will be sent to you with payment details  
Limited edition of 88 hammers, each framed under glass and mounted with a photo-poster  
background of Max

Your purchase will support the Team of Pianists' work with young pianists in the annual Spring Piano School as  
well as perpetuate Max Cooke's generosity towards young pianists. By purchasing this piece of Max Cooke  
memorabilia, you will own a genuine relic hammer from his last grand piano (Bösendorfer).



The text on the image says:

"This hammer, from Max Cooke's Bosendorfer grand piano, has experienced countless hours of use under the hands of a new generation of pianists who captivate us with their performances both today and into the future".

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Spotify !  
Spot-on messages will be gladly received from members, at any spot.

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As Editor, I wish to thank all those who have  
contributed to this edition.  
Mr.Ed



# NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE TEAM OF PIANISTS INC

The **TWENTYTH** Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Team of Pianists Inc. will be held on:

**Monday 24 July 2023 at 7.30pm AEST via the ZOOM link below**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86576122602>

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## Committee positions:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and several general committee members

Nominees must be proposed by a member of the Friends of the Team of Pianists and nominees must also sign the **Nomination Form** below. Any member interested in joining the committee, but who needs assistance in finding a member to support their nomination, should contact the Secretary, Ray Jacobs, mobile 0402 992 116

**Nominations (using the tear-off slip below) for any of the Committee positions, should be posted, or scanned and emailed, to:**

*The Secretary*  
*Friends of the Team of Pianists Inc*  
*P O Box 333 Balaclava Vic. 3183*  
**Email: [friendsoftop333@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftop333@gmail.com)**

The **closing date** for nominations is **Friday 21 July 2023**



FRIENDS OF THE TEAM OF PIANISTS INC –NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE POSITION 2023-2024

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_Postcode\_\_\_\_\_

Committee position\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of member proposing the nominee\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominee\_\_\_\_\_