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News of forthcoming events, advertisements and other items of interest may be published free as a service to members.
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Next newsletter is February 2009. Cut-off date for newsletter items is **20th January 2009.**

Email to: newslettereditor@sov.org.au or post items to the Society's address above. (Enquiries: 0425 726 880)

From the President:

The year is fast closing, and many of you are undoubtedly preparing for Christmas services as this Newsletter arrives. The new Council of the Society of Organists has met, and officers have been elected. I am President for the coming year, Christopher Trikilis is Vice-President, and Kieran Crichton is Secretary. At his stage no Treasurer has been elected, and John Lester has agreed to continue in this role until Christmas. Planning for the year's programs is under way, and details of Society events for the greater part of 2009 will be available in the February Newsletter.

2009 promises to be a very busy year for those of our members who like to keep musical anniversaries: there are many milestones to be celebrated for composers well associated with the organ. Next year brings a host of birthday anniversaries - Mendelssohn (200th), Purcell (250th) and Basil Harwood (150th) - and death anniversaries for Handel (250th), Haydn and Albrechtsberger (both 200th), and Dudley Buck (100th). You might consider including some of these composers' music in your repertoire for the coming year.

Our first Society event for 2009 will be a BBQ and garden party at the Country Women's Association Club, 3 Lansell Road, Toorak, on Saturday, February 7, 4.30-8.30pm. The CWA Club is one of Melbourne's best-kept secrets, and we are fortunate to be able to offer this opportunity for members to come and enjoy the beautiful gardens and discover Umina, the historic mansion that houses the Club. For the BBQ, the Society will provide meat, vegetarian food, bread and cold drinks - please bring a salad or dessert to share. Entry will be \$5. RSVP by February 5 to the Secretary, Kieran Crichton, at secretary@sov.org.au or phone 0407 816 321.

For those who play in a church I send all good wishes for your Christmas labours, and a safe holiday season.

Gordon Atkinson.

Financial Report 2007/2008:

At the AGM on 24th October, Treasurer John Lester presented the Financial Report for 2007/2008.

The surplus for the year was \$3,140 - with income of \$40,300 and expenditure of \$37,160.

Major income items were Membership Fees of \$18,200 and Organ Australia (non-member subscribers and advertising) of \$17,400.

Major expenditure was on communications - Organ Australia and Newsletter - for a total of \$27,100. In addition, prizes and cost for the New Organ Music Awards were \$3,300.

With total funds of \$55,000, in term deposits and cash, the Society is in a good position to fund future projects.

Membership of the Society is just over 300, and there is a similar number of additional subscribers to Organ Australia.

John Lester.

SOCIETY EVENTS FOR 2009

Overture to 2009 – BBQ and Garden Party to launch the 2009 Society of Organists Program.
Saturday 7 February 2009, 4.30-8.30pm.

Country Women's Association Club, 3 Lansell Road, Toorak.
(NB: Limited parking on-site, but Lansell Road and surrounding streets have plenty of spaces)

The Society will provide meat, vegetarian food, bread and cold drinks.

Tea and coffee will be available.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Entry: \$5

Please RSVP by 5 February to the Secretary, Kieran Crichton, to secretary@sov.org.au or on 0407 816 321.

Dates for your diary:

MENTONE ADVENT ORGAN CONCERTS

St Patrick's Catholic Church, cnr Rogers and Childers Streets, Mentone.

Saturday 6 December, 5.00pm Fr Nicholas Dillon (NZ)

Saturday 13 December, 5.00pm Rhys Boak

Saturday 20 December, 5.00pm Christopher Trikilis

All are warmly invited to hear these recitals presented on the splendidly-restored 1862 Nicholson Organ located in the church.
Admission to all concerts is FREE. Enquiries: 9583 2103 (office hrs)

ADVENT SERVICES AT ST JOHNS SOUTHGATE

Sunday 7 December, 9.00am Sunday Eucharist (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Christmas Oratorio (BWV 248, parts 1 & 2)

St Johns Bach Choir and VCA Bach Orchestra directed by Marco van Pagee.

Sunday 14 December, 9.00am Sunday Eucharist (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Christmas Oratorio (BWV 248, parts 3 & 4)

St Johns Bach Choir and VCA Bach Orchestra directed by Marco van Pagee.

Sunday 21 December, 9.00pm Sunday Eucharist (4th Sunday of Advent)

Christmas Oratorio (BWV 248, parts 5 & 6)

St Johns Bach Choir and VCA Bach Orchestra directed by Marco van Pagee.

There is no admission charge for services at St Johns, Southgate, 20 City Rd, Southbank.

Enquiries: tel. 9682 4995 or 9370 8092. Parking available at service times.

O COME, EMMANUEL!

Sunday 7 December, 2.30pm at St Mark's Church, 250 George Street, Fitzroy.

Music for the Season of Advent. Music by Henry Purcell and Johann Sebastian Bach including Cantata No. 140 *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*. The Choir of St Mark's, Fitzroy; The St Mark's Consort; Christopher J. Luke, director.

Admission: \$15.00 and \$12.00 (Concession) – Tickets at the door, followed by Afternoon Tea.

For more information: St Mark's 9419 5051 • Christopher Luke 9571 7525 • www.stmarksfitzroy.com

A CHRISTMAS RECITAL

Friday 12 December, 7.30pm at Collins Street Baptist Church, Melbourne.

Victoria Chorale, with the Monash University Chorus. Tickets at the door.

SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday 15 December, 8.00pm, and

Tuesday 16 December, 8.00pm, at the Swedish Church, 21 St Georges Road, Toorak.

A concert with Christmas music from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, performed in the original languages.

Leader: Staffan Thuringer. Enquiries Phone 9827 5580. Admission free. Retiring collection.

Choir website: <http://skut.svenskakyrkan.se/melbourne/choir.html>

Concerts at MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

Cnr Swanston and Collins Streets, Melbourne.

ORGAN-IC LUNCH

Wednesday 17 December, 1.00pm.

Pavel Kohout and Orchestra Victoria. Admission FREE.

DAVID DRURY WITH ORCHESTRA VICTORIA.

Tuesday 16 February, 6.00pm

David Drury playing the Loveloch Concerto with Orchestra Victoria. Admission FREE.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Thursday 18 December at 2.00pm and 7.30pm at Bernies Music Land, 381 Canterbury Road. Ringwood.

Celebrate Christmas with Special Guest Artist, Tony Fenelon – Roland Atelier Workshop \$10. Enquiries: Telephone 9872 5122.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FOR TWO ORGANS AND CHOIR

Saturday 20 December, 6.30pm at St James the Great Anglican Church, cnr Inkerman and Alexandra Streets, East St Kilda.

Two organs, the historic Samuel Joscelyne 1860's and a Johannus, state of the art, Sweenlink 17, plus the St Jame's Singers combine to present an hour of music and verse for the season. Music includes 'This is the record of John' (Gibbons) and Purcell's Bell Anthem. Organ music by Daquin, Bach and Peeters. John Kirkham, Director of Music. All are welcome. Admission FREE.

FREE THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Every Thursday 1.00pm to 1.30pm at St Michael's Uniting Church, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne.

A variety of organists will play during the year, including St Michael's organist, Rhys Boak.

A guide to other Sunday musical events is available at the Church, which is open every weekday.

See the website for further information: <http://www.stmichaels.org.au/st-michaels-church/music> or Phone: 9654 5120.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY

Our Chief Patron, The Governor of Victoria – Professor David de Kretser AC, has issued an invitation to the Government House Open Day, Monday 26 January 2009. Admission is FREE – Gates open at 10.00am until 3.00pm.

RSCM SUMMER SCHOOL – INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC

Saturday 3 to Sunday 11 January, 2009 at Somerville House, Brisbane High School for Girls, in its new state of the art facility.

The 54th RSCM Summer School (now the International Festival of Sacred Music) includes seven separate courses all within the one festival, guaranteeing something for everyone regardless of standard or experience. Of particular interest is the International Organ School, with Rupert Jeffcoat, Christopher Wrench and Michael Fulcher among the tutors. Details and registration forms are available at www.rscm.com.au The mailing address is PO Box 358, Paddington, QLD 4064.

ORGANS OF THE BALLARAT GOLDFIELDS

Friday 9 to Sunday 18 January, 2009.

A festival of fine music in historic venues. (14th Annual Festival)

If you did not receive a brochure with this newsletter please apply to Nola Squire, PO Box 335W Ballarat West, 3350.

Telephone 03 5338 1014 for enquiries. The December edition of Organ Australia will include a copy of the brochure.

ACCET CHORAL CONDUCTORS' SUMMER SCHOOL

Monday 19 to Thursday 22 January, 2009 at Trinity Grammar School, cnr Cotham Road and Charles Street, Kew.

The 16th annual ACCET Summer School for choir conductors will feature keynote presenter Bruce Rogers, Professor and Director of Choral Studies, Mount Antonio College, California, USA, who also directs an outstanding and prize-winning vocal jazz ensemble; and Timothy Sexton, South Australian singer, conductor, composer and arranger who formed the Adelaide Art Orchestra in 2001, Director of the Adelaide Vocal Project, and has great interest in popular music of the 1920-40 period.

Enquiries: ACCET 16th Choral Conductors' Summer School, PO Box 535, Richmond, Vic 3121. Tel: (03) 9818 1296.

Email: contact@choralconductors.org.au Website: www.choralconductors.org.au

RSCM MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR SINGERS AND ACCOMPANISTS

Saturday 28 March, 2009, 9.00am to 4.00pm at Pakenham Uniting Church.

This workshop is for all church musicians, members of congregations and singers. Tutors will be organists Roslyn Carolane and Siegfried Franke, singer Michele de Courcy, and Secondary School music teachers Sophy Morley and Janette Osborne. Morning tea, afternoon tea and light lunch provided. Registration fee \$25 by Friday 13 March 2009.

Enquiries: Marion Dewar, Tel 03 5662 4432, Fax 03 5662 4430, Email imdewar@telstra.com

and Siegfried Franke, Tel 9484 7211 (H), Email frankes@trinity.vic.edu.au

AUSTRALIA'S NEWEST GRAND CONCERT ORGAN

Sunday 17 May 2009, 2.30pm in The Great Hall (Aikman Hall), Haileybury Senior Campus, Keysborough, Vic.

Thomas Heywood will perform the opening solo concert on Australia's newest Grand Concert Organ at Haileybury College. The instrument has four manuals and 63 stops with a specification designed by Thomas, who acted as consultant for the project. It was gifted to the college in 2006 by the Royal Burgh of Perth for rebuilding by the Western Australian firm Pipe Organs W.A. The organ was originally built in 1887 for Perth City Hall, Scotland by Scottish organ builder John R Miller and rebuilt in 1957 by the famous English firm led by Henry Willis III. Featuring a stunning 4-manual Willis mobile on-stage console, the Grand Organ will be housed behind new twin cases divided in the side galleries. With a luxurious romantic specification in a large and comfortable concert hall, the new Grand Organ will be the ideal vehicle for the performance of the finest classical and romantic music.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST REQUIRED

Following the retirement of Mr John Mallinson, St George's Anglican Parish in Malvern is seeking to appoint a Director of Music to begin in early 2009. Duties include playing for a 10am Sunday Eucharist each week, other services during major festivals and seasons and training the parish choir. The Director will be remunerated at the rate set out in the fee scale of the Society of Organists [Victoria] www.sov.org.au including weddings and funerals. St George's has a two manual pipe organ originally built by Fincham in 1886 and developed and maintained to a high standard. This is an attractive and interesting position in a lively parish seeking to maintain the best of tradition and discover the best of new directions in church music. Further information may be obtained from the Vicar by email: vicar@stgeorgesmalvern.org and website www.stgeorgesmalvern.org

ORGANIST WANTED

The Montefiore Homes Aged Care Facility are looking for an organist who would be interested in giving a recital/demonstration of the organ to their residents. The instrument in the facility is a Wurlitzer 'Orbit'. This request has followed attendance by residents at the Gordon Stewart concert during Seniors Week at the Melbourne Town Hall who enjoyed hearing the organ! Enquiries to: Cynthia Cohen (email c.cohen@jewishcare.org.au or 03 8517 5682)

ORGANIST / DIRECTOR OF MUSIC POSITION VACANT

Saint Oswald's Anglican Church, Glen Iris, requires an Organist / Director of Music. One Sunday service, as well as festivals and special services. 1988 Knud Smenge organ. Occasional choir. Position to commence February 2009. Applications to The Vicar, The Reverend Ken Hewlett, 96 High Street, Glen Iris, Vic 3146. Email: kjhewlett@bigpond.com

ASSISTANT ORGANIST REQUIRED

From January 2009, there will be a vacancy for an Assistant Organist at Wangaratta Cathedral, in North East Victoria. Duties include accompanying most Sunday Choral Services and sharing the playing of a number of non-choral services with the Director of Music. The cathedral has two pipe organs: a 40 stop, 3 manual 1922 instrument by Willis, and a 5 stop 1845 single manual Bevington organ in the Lady Chapel. There is also a grand piano. Generous remuneration or salary/accommodation package is available. In the first instance contact Mr John Rivers, Director of Music, for further details: (03) 57 662 545; mob 0407 68 1978.

ESTEY ORGAN AVAILABLE

New home required for this well loved pedal organ, originally at the Arthur's Creek Methodist Church.
Enquiries: Alison Beckett, Phone: (03) 9096 7924 or Mobile: 0418 396 516.

TWO FREE ORGANS

Chelsea Church of Christ has two electronic organs that are available free of charge. One is a Yamaha and the other is a Thomas, both understood to be 1960s models and probably need some servicing. They will need to be collected. Chelsea Church of Christ is located at 3-5 Blantyre Avenue, Chelsea and the telephone number is 9773 0301. Enter from Station Street; Cheesecake Shop is on the corner. Inspection can be organized during the week. Chelsea Church of Christ is also the home of the Chelsea Men's Shed that is a drop-in venue for socially isolated men who want to work with tools and of other community activities. It is generally open during the week from Tuesday to Thursday between 10am and 4pm.

VICTORIAN MUSIC LIBRARY

The Music is now housed at the Uniting Church Archive Building, Orrong Road, Elsternwick and is open with three volunteers on Tuesdays. Email to Faye Dumont for more information: choir@rmit.edu.au

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Many members have taken advantage of paying their subscription by bank transfer. This is quick and easy, and saves paper. There is a downside – in a few cases the name of the member does not appear on our bank statement – which means we have no information about the person making the payment. As a consequence, reminder notices will continue to be sent - and we ask that members return the reminder with a note as to the (approximate) date when the bank transfer took place. If necessary, call our Treasurer, John Lester, on (M) 0429 331 344.

ADVERTISERS

Please phone Joy Hearne when an advertised item for sale has been sold, or organ position has been finalized.

BOOK / MUSIC REVIEWS

Colin Jenkins is the member who accepts books & music for review, and he will distribute them to various reviewers. He can be contacted at Ph / Fax 9437 7759, although publications should be sent to our post office box address, Page 1.

NEWSLETTER INSERTS

The SOV is happy to include inserts with the Newsletter, but so that the printer is certain of that agreement, anyone wishing to include an insert should telephone the Secretary or Joy Hearne before arranging to forward the inserts to the printer.

SOV WEBSITE

The SOV web address is <http://www.sov.org.au> Please direct any comments to David Macfarlane. E-mail addresses for Council Members may be accessed via the links on the website 'Council Members' page. Current newsletter items are also listed.

REGISTRAR OF DEPUTIES

Warwick Lewis 1/45 Regent Street, Mt Waverley, Vic 3149. Phone 9802 0125.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES of the SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS

- To promote and cultivate an interest in the organ and its music.
- To promote a friendly exchange of ideas amongst members of the Society.
- To assist players and encourage those who may be interested in learning the organ
- To offer advice, if requested, on the rebuilding and design of instruments.
- To encourage a high standard of musicianship amongst members.

MEMBERSHIP of the SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS

Please tell your friends about the Society of Organists (Victoria) and give them a membership form, available from the Secretary or from the www.sov.org.au website. Members need not necessarily play the organ, but be interested in the instrument and its music. Membership means that they will receive this newsletter and the new *Organ Australia* journal and be invited to society events – both social and educational. Perhaps a year's membership would make an ideal gift.

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