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News from Council



Simon Colvin samples the generous acoustics of the Abbey Church at Tarrawarra

Queen's Birthday Organ Visit to the Yarra Valley

32 Society members and guests braved an overcast start to join for a day-long bus tour to organs in the Yarra Valley on Monday 8 June. Instruments were visited at Wesley Church Box Hill, St John the Evangelist Croydon, St Francis in the Fields Mooroolbark and the Abbey Church at Tarrawarra, along with a visit to the VOFT winery at Dixons Creek for lunch. A quiz was ably compiled and presented by Simon Colvin for the short trips between the various destinations, with prizes awarded to John Maidment, Kieran Crichton and the team of Tony Love with Nigel Nettleship.

Special thanks are due to David Macfarlane, who drove the bus, and to Christopher Trikilis for organizing the itinerary for the day. A full report with more photos will appear in the September *Organ Australia*.

Membership Survey

Over 140 responses have been received. Many thanks to all who took the time to fill in the survey and return it, providing important information that will help guide Council in planning future programmes and activities. A report of the data and analysis will be published in the September *Organ Australia*.

Council Meetings

There are three Council meetings remaining between now and the AGM in November. Council will be meeting on 27 June, 28 August and 16 October. If you have any business you would like Council to discuss, or ideas that would be of interest for events and activities in 2010, please contact the Secretary, Kieran Crichton, via email to secretary@sov.org.au or telephone 0407 816 321.

Council Elections

Due to the new electoral procedure adopted in last year's constitutional changes, Council elections will now be taken by a postal ballot. This means that nominations close significantly earlier than in the past. Nomination forms will be available from the website from the beginning of August, and any nominations must be sent to the Secretary to arrive by close of business on Friday 2 October. The result of the election will be announced at the AGM on 3 November.



Members take in the 'Croydon Sound'

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 1 August, 5.30pm at the Scots' Church, corner of Collins & Russell St Melbourne

Launch of *The Southern Cross Collection: Organ Music by Australian Composers*. Prize winning pieces from last year's inaugural *New Organ Music Awards*, published as a memorial to the late Ian Harrison. Pieces from the collection will be performed on the Rieger organ by David Macfarlane and Kieran Crichton.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 24 October – Mendelssohn Day. To mark the bicentenary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47), the Society of Organists is holding a festival focusing of the life of Mendelssohn, his music, cultural milieu, and to explore the role of the organ as a progressive force in music making. The day will include performances of music by Mendelssohn and his contemporaries by prominent Melbourne organists, choirs and chamber ensembles along with papers and discussions exploring the themes of the day. The Society's Annual Dinner will be held in the evening.

Tuesday 3 November – Cup Day Organ Visit to Brunswick.
The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held during this event.

THOMAS HEYWOOD CONCERTS

During July Thomas is touring to Ireland, the United Kingdom and Germany. For full details of his concerts, please visit <http://concertorgan.com> Enquiries 1300 66 12 44

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 telephone: 9654 5120.

CONCERT CANCELLED – ORGAN MUSIC OF THE BAROQUE

Was to have been on Sunday 5 July, 3.00pm at the Basilica of Our Lady of Victories, 548 Burke Road, Camberwell.
David Agg has reluctantly decided to cancel this concert due to a temporary injury. Enquiries: 9809 4426.

CHRISTOPHER HERRICK 'ORGAN FIREWORKS' MELBOURNE TOWN HALL ORGANic LUNCH

Wednesday 8 July, 1-2pm at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Free Admission. Enquiries: Tel.:03 9658 9658

Email: grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Website: www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/grandorgan

ST AIDAN'S MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT

Sunday 12 July, 2.30pm at St Aidan's Church, Duggan Street, North Balwyn. (Melway Map ref: 46 F3)

St Aidan's Music Society is pleased to present the exciting Scottish Fiddle Club in concert. Admission \$20 includes refreshments.

This group has an exceptional array of talent and will be sure to give you a wonderfully varied program.

Enquiries: Maurice Mathers 9890 8322.

ORGAN RECITALS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

Thursday 16 July, 1.15pm Duet recital featuring Ben Sheen and Michael Heighway
(Organ scholars – Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford and St Paul's Cathedral).

Thursday 23 July, 1.15pm Mathias Giesen (Abbey of St Florian, Austria).

Thursday 30 July, 1.15pm Lachlan Redd (Assistant Organist St Paul's Cathedral).

Thursday 13 August, 1.15pm Michael Heighway.

Thursday 20 August, 1.15pm Paul Dean (London).

Thursday 27 August, 1.15pm Rhys Boak (St. Michael's, Collins St).

Thursday 3 September, 1.15pm Dr Gordon Atkinson.

Tuesday 6 October, 1.15pm Concert by the Thisted Church Choir of men and boys, Denmark,
Dir. Preben Norgaard Christensen.

MATTHIAS GIESEN AT SCOTCH COLLEGE

Tuesday 21 July, 7.45pm in the Scotch College Memorial Hall, Morrison St, Hawthorn.

Tickets \$20.00 / \$15.00 concession available at the door or by telephoning 9810 4219.

CELEBRITY ORGAN CONCERT - PHILIP SCRIVEN

Saturday 25 July, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta.

Philip Scriven has been organist and Director of Music at Lichfield Cathedral since 2002. Not only is he an acclaimed church organist and recitalist but also an orchestral conductor, opera repetiteur and music director. This multi-talented celebratory recitalist's program for Wangaratta includes works by well known and loved composers Widor, Elgar, Liszt, Brahms, and of course JS Bach. Enquiries: John Rivers, (03) 5766 2545. Tickets at the door from 7.00pm: \$25, \$20 concession, Children under 16 free.

CONCERTS AT RICHMOND UNITING CHURCH

Richmond Uniting Church, 314 Church St, Richmond.

Sunday 26 July, 5.00pm

Kylie Sparkman and Owen Thompson present a program of flute and guitar music, including works by South American composers.

Sunday 16 August, 5.00pm

Pianist Freya Dinshaw will perform an exciting and varied program, including *Ballade No.1* by Chopin and the well-known *Sonata in F major (K 332)* by Mozart.

Sunday 20 September, 5.00pm

A concert of music exploring repertoire ranging from the *Unaccompanied Cello Suites* by JS Bach to the modern and unconventional sound world of Elliott Gyger.

Admission to all concerts is by gold coin donation. Refreshments will be served after each concert in Gallery 314.

Enquiries: 9427 1282.

'LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH' MUSIC AFTERNOONS

St Mary's Anglican Church, cnr Queensberry and Howard St, North Melbourne.

A series of 1 hour music recitals has been scheduled for the last Sunday of each month, and includes a 'cuppa.' Programmes include a variety of music for organ, voice and other instruments. Admission is by donation to the St Mary's Water Tank Fund.

Enquiries: Phone 9328 2522.

SING STANFORD

Saturday 1 August, 4.00pm at St James the Great, 435 Inkerman St, East St Kilda.

St James the Great is hosting a 'StanfordFest'. To honour this great Irish composer, the program will include the Te Deum in B flat and the Evening Service in G, plus secular instrumental and choral music. If you wish to sing Stanford in this occasional choir, contact John Kirkham 0448 319 105 or come to rehearsals on Saturdays @ 10.00am or Wednesdays @7.30pm throughout July. Church office contact: 9527 1017.

JOHN SCOTT MELBOURNE TOWN HALL ORGANIC LUNCH

Wednesday 5 August, 1-2pm at Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Free Admission. Enquiries: Tel.:03 9658 9658

Email: grandorgan@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Website: www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/grandorgan

BACH CANTATA SERVICES AT ST JOHNS SOUTHGATE

St Johns Southgate presents an ongoing series of services incorporating the choral music of J.S. Bach. The 2009 program is its 12th liturgical year.

Sunday 9 August, 9.00am

Sunday Eucharist (10th Sunday after Pentecost)

Mass in F major (BWV 233)

Der Herr is mein getreuer Hirt (BWV 112) for soloists, choir, strings, 2 oboes, 2 horns, bassoon, and continuo.

St Johns Bach Choir and VCA Bach Orchestra. Dir. Marco van Pagee.

Sunday 22 November, 9.00am

Sunday Eucharist (Last Sunday of the Church Year)

Mass in G minor (BWV 235)

Ach wie flüchtig, ach wie nichtig (BWV 26) for soloists, choir, strings, 3 oboes, flute, and continuo.

St Johns Bach Choir and VCA Bach Orchestra. Dir. Marco van Pagee.

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

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

SCOTS' CHURCH INTERNATIONAL ORGAN SERIES

Tuesday 1 September, 6.15pm

The Scots' Church Choir and Soloists, Robin Batterham (organ), Douglas Lawrence (conductor). Works by Edward Elgar, Benjamin Britten, Felix Mendelssohn and John Rutter.

Tuesday 8 September, 6.15pm

Wolfgang Kleber – organist of the Pauluskirche, Darmstadt, Germany.

Wednesday 9 September, 2.00pm

Lecture recital with Wolfgang Kleber on the *Schübler Chorales* of JS Bach

Tuesday 15 September, 6.15pm

Frantisek Vanicek, organist at Hradek Kralove's University, Prague, Czech Republic.

Tuesday 22 September, 6.15pm

Graham Lieschke, organist at St John's Lutheran Church, Southgate, Melbourne.

Tuesday 29 September, 6.15pm

Rhys Boak, organist at St Michael's Church, Collins St, Melbourne.

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL ORGAN COMPETITION

Friday 26 February 2010 at the Church of the Epiphany, Miami, Florida, USA.

Any organist under the age of 30 is eligible to enter. First prize is US\$5,000. Preliminary round recordings must be received by

Friday 18 December, 2009. For more information, please go to www.ruffatti.com/mioc.htm or email miamiorgancompetition@gmail.com

BACH ON THE WALKING PIANO

Jennifer Chou has forwarded a few web links which suggest that it may be time for organists to also learn to dance and bring the organ out to share with the world...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ugg1y1MaVJM> "Nice dancing and good musicianship"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO3cVrKh0-4> "The story behind the walking piano – an interview with the inventor"

<http://www.incredimail.com/index.asp?id=109096&rui=111453921>

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

30-note organ pedal board, complete in reasonable order, located in Moorooduc. Contact Nigel Nettleship, 0409 029 747 or (03) 5978 8388. Email: nigel47@bigpond.com

ORGANIST REQUIRED

The Anglican Parish of Jika Jika requires an Organist for All Saints Church, Preston. Duties include weekly Sunday morning services plus additional feast days, as negotiated. For further details, please contact Fr James Grant on (M) 0425 721 962 or the Musical Director, Brock Spicer, on 9408 6548. Email: info@jikajika.com

SEEKING ORGANIST & CHOIR DIRECTOR

St David's Uniting Church, Newtown, Geelong, is seeking the services of an organist and choir director for Thursday night practices and Sunday morning worship services. The Church has a Taylor pipe organ, rebuilt by Hill, Norman & Beard, and is regularly maintained. An enthusiastic choir of 15 four-part voices is accustomed to sing introits and anthems, as well as special Easter and Christmas music. An honorarium is offered. Applications and enquiries should be directed to the Church Secretary, Mr Geoff Neilson. PO Box 1, Geelong, Vic 3220. Telephone: 03 5224 7700. Email: gneilson@whkdayneilson.com.au

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

A vacancy exists for a TENOR at St Paul's Cathedral. The choir sings a comprehensive repertoire, and enjoys a friendly atmosphere. Sight reading ability is essential; payment/scholarship available. For more information or to arrange an audition, contact: Dr June Nixon (june@junenixon.com)

CHORAL VACANCIES AT TOORAK UNITING CHURCH

Principal Singer positions for Alto and Tenor are required for major suburban church choir, offering solo and chorus opportunities for professional choral singers, and occasional work with other professional instrumentalists. The Choir rehearses and sings on Sunday mornings only February to December, but the Principal Singers positions are paid for 12 months. Sight singing skill required (but it will develop very fast for the right person!). You are expected to provide a solid vocal lead to other (volunteer) singers in your voice part. For all enquiries contact Andrew Blackburn, Director of Music, telephone 03 9829 0340 or 0412 221 954. Website: www.toorak.unitingchurch.org.au/indexc.htm

ORGAN FOR SALE

St. Peter & St. Andrew's Church, 67 Darnley Street, Braybrook, has a redundant Livingstone & Burg UK Electronic, valve Organ Model CH291D for sale by negotiation. While this instrument is not currently in playing order, all parts and components are present and restorable. For all enquiries – including arranging an inspection – contact Vincent Forbes by email to lanvin@alphalink.com.au or telephone 9363 5228.

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

For a membership form, please visit our website, www.sov.org.au. Membership is not restricted to organists, and anyone with a love and interest in the organ and its music is welcome to join. If you know anyone – young or old! – who might enjoy the activities and opportunities offered by the Society, why not give them a gift subscription? Membership benefits include this Newsletter, which includes notices of coming events, concerts and other organ-related activities in Victoria, and *Organ Australia*, the national quarterly journal.

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT

Many members now pay their subscription by bank transfer. This is quick and easy, and saves paper; however, 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. To confirm that you have paid your membership, please return the reminder with a note of the date when the bank transfer was made. For any questions, call our Treasurer, David Brown, on 0432 851 216.

SOV WEBSITE

The SOV web address is www.sov.org.au. For additional information about Society events, check the *Upcoming Events* page. David Macfarlane is the Society webmaster. Email addresses and telephone numbers for all Council members and other office bearers can be found on the *Contact Us* page.

REGISTRAR OF DEPUTIES

Warwick Lewis keeps a list of members willing to play for weddings, funerals or locums for Sunday Services. Telephone 9802 0125.

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