

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER REPORT

We now look forward to years end after an active year for the Society with two Young Performers Concerts, Labour Day, Queens Birthday and Cup Day Organ Rambles and Olivier Latry Concert. At the November Annual General Meeting Alan Roberts, Allan Smith, Daniel Bittner, Jim Fletcher and Brendon Lukin were re-elected onto the Council and at a subsequent Council meeting the following Office Bearers were then elected:-

President:	Alan Roberts
Vice President:	Brendon Lukin
Treasurer:	Allan Smith
Membership:	Daniel Bittner

Accompanying *OP Newsletter* this month are the Annual Reports of the President and Vice President.

Event planning for next year is underway and you should note in your diaries the Melbourne Town Hall 'Get Organ-ised' Day on **Sunday 23 February** and our annual Labour Day Organ Ramble on **Monday 10 March**. Further details will be provided in the February Newsletter.

On behalf of the Council we thank members for their continuing interest, support and encouragement.

Season's Greetings to you all.

Alan Roberts  
President

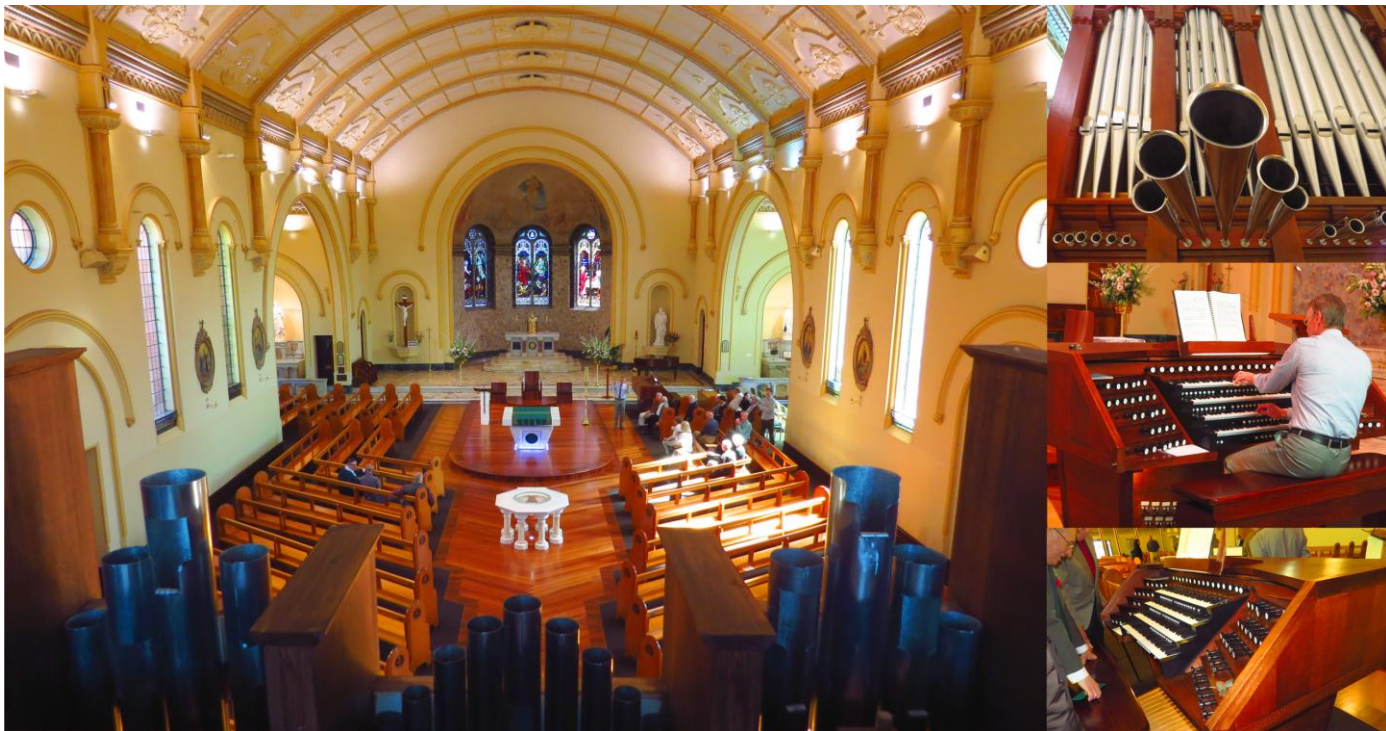
### Society Events...

Images of the Melbourne Cup Day Organ Ramble and Annual General Meeting



St Silas Anglican Church, Albert Park.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middle Park.

### Other Events...

#### ADVENT ORGAN CONCERT SERIES 2013 at MENTONE

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

The Catholic Parish of Mentone-Parkdale celebrates the historic 1862 Nicholson Organ installed in St Patrick's each year with an annual concert series in the lead-up to Christmas. This important historic organ (formerly in the Congregational Church, Prahran) was restored and re-opened in August 1999. Join us for music of the season performed by prominent Melbourne organists each Saturday throughout Advent.

**Saturday 7 December, 5.00pm**

Frank de Rosso (*St Mary's Basilica, Geelong*)

**Saturday 14 December, 5.00pm**

John Rivers (*All Saints' East St Kilda*)

**Saturday 21 December, 5.00pm**

Christopher Trikilis (*St Patrick's Mentone*) & the Moorabbin City Brass Ensemble (*dir. Joseph Yu*)

Admission is FREE to all concerts.

Enquiries: 9583 2103 (office hours) or 0402 678 148.

#### THOMAS HEYWOOD CONCERT

**Sunday 8 December, 2.00pm** at Bairnsdale Uniting Church, cnr Lanes Road & Great Alpine Road, Lucknow 3875.

Enquiries 1300 66 12 44 [enquiries@concertorgan.com](mailto:enquiries@concertorgan.com)

#### FREE ORGAN CONCERT at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EAST ST KILDA

**Sunday 8 December, 4.00pm** at All Saints' Church, East St Kilda, cnr Chapel Street and Dandenong Road, East St Kilda.

The final in this series of free Organ concerts features Tom Healey. Further information from John Rivers: [music@allsaints.org.au](mailto:music@allsaints.org.au)

#### MELBOURNE TOWN HALL CONCERT

**Tuesday 10 December, 7.30pm** at The Melbourne Town Hall, 100 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

##### Organ &... Percussion and Soprano

The most exciting percussion group in Australia, Sydney's Synergy Percussion will present a high-energy performance in which music, both popular and obscure, is arranged for six percussionists and 9592 pipes with Brendon Lukin on the organ.

Some of film's finest musical moments, including highlights from Star Wars, War Horse (both by John Williams) and Lord of the Rings (by Howard Shore) will sound throughout the Melbourne Town Hall. On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Benjamin Britten's death, we hear Our Hunting Fathers, an enticing and at times startling work featuring soprano Cath Lukin.

Presented by the City of Melbourne. Tickets: \$25 - \$45 Bookings via [www.trybooking.com/DGPM](http://www.trybooking.com/DGPM) Major cards accepted.

Contact details: 03 9658 9658

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SOV Members will receive a 30% discount when they book in advance on the trybooking website by entering Promo code "SOV"

#### TONY FENELON CONCERTS

**Thursday 12 December, 2.00pm & 7.30pm** at Bernies Music Land, 381 Canterbury Road, Ringwood.

Join us for a fabulous musical celebration with the Maestro, Tony Felon performing on the spectacular Atelier organ. Plenty of organ favourites, playing tips, nostalgia, Christmas cheer and much more. Tickets: \$20 or 2 MusiClub 2013 Vouchers. Bookings: 9872 5122.

#### SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Sunday 15 December, 7.00pm** at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Union Road, Surrey Hills.

Christmas will be celebrated with a Service of Lessons and Carols at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Surrey Hills.

Join us to sing favourite carols and hear the choir sing others by composers including Rutter, Floyd, Holst, Manz and Adam.

Inquiries 9890 2605 or 9894 2335.

## CAROLS AND READINGS AT MALVERN

*Sunday 15 December, 7.30pm* at Malvern Presbyterian Church, 162 Wattletree Road, Malvern.

Carols for Congregation and Choir, music by JS Bach, Martin How, William G James, David Willcocks, and June Nixon. Well known carols and a brass quintet from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, (leader Ken McClimont) Soloists: Roxane Hislop, (mezzo-soprano), Sylvia Isaac, (soprano). Director: Dr Gordon Atkinson.

## BACH CANTATA SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S SOUTHGATE

St John's Lutheran Church, Southgate, presents the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Series of services incorporating choral music by JS Bach. Services include organ music on the 1992 Smenge organ, usually by JS Bach.

*Sunday 15 December, 9.00am* **Advent Festival Eucharist**

The Annunciation (by Brett Dean) for choir and small orchestra (3 clarinets, 3 horns, harp, 3 violas, 2 cellos, 2 double basses).

Choir of Trinity College, Consort of Melbourne. Directed by the composer. Australian premiere of the 4th 2012 Thomanerchor Festmusik. Presented with support of the Robert Salzer Foundation and the Vizard Foundation.

*Sunday 5 January 2014, 9.00am* **Epiphany Festival Eucharist**

*Sie warden aus Saba alle kommen* (BWV 65) for 2 soloists, chorus, strings, 2 oboes da caccia, 2 recorders, 2 horns and continuo.

St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra. Directed by Graham Lieschke.

St Johns Southgate, 20 City Rd, Southbank. Parking available at service times. No admission charge.

Enquiries: telephone 9682 4995. [www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au](http://www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au)

## COLIN JENKINS: CHRISTMAS ORGAN RECITALS

*Thursday 19 December, 1.00pm* at St Michael's Uniting Church, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Music by Pachelbel, Buxtehude, Pietro Yon and Liszt.

*Tuesday 24 December [Christmas Eve] 10.30pm* at St Clement's Anglican Church, cnr Glenhuntly & Brighton Roads, Elsternwick.

'Yuletide Melodies from Many Countries' – England, Poland, France, Scotland, Ukraine, Australia, Ireland, America and Germany.

## FREE THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS

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

St Michael's organist, Rhys Boak and a number of local and visiting organists are scheduled to give recitals during the year.

Website has further information: <http://www.stmichaels.org.au> or Phone: 9654 5120.

## RSCM AUSTRALIA 2014 SUMMER SCHOOL

*Friday 3 – Friday 10 January 2014*

Join us in beautiful Trinity College for a wonderful week of music making!

Participate in exciting church music with a national, international & multicultural flavour! Features include...

- Voice for Life sessions & Exams
- Both Open & Auditioned Choirs
- Vocal Production seminars
- African Drumming seminar
- The theology of Bach's *St John Passion*
- Specially-composed music
- Venues include St Paul's Cathedral, St Francis Catholic Church, Melbourne Town Hall & Christ Church South Yarra.

Summer School Director, Dr Jeffrey Smith, is currently adjunct professor of organ at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He was previously canon director of music at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. He is well known to the RSCM, having directed the Australian Summer School in Adelaide, 2010. He is currently Organist of *Four Weddings and a Funeral* Church - St Batholemew the Great, London. Please contact RSCM Victoria: Siegfried Franke c/o Trinity Grammar School, 40 Charles Street, Kew, Vic 3101 or Marion Dewar (03) 5662 4432 [imdewar@dsci.net.au](mailto:imdewar@dsci.net.au) [www.rscmaustralia.com.au](http://www.rscmaustralia.com.au)

## ORGANS OF THE BALLARAT GOLDFIELDS FESTIVAL

*Friday 10 to Sunday 19 January 2014* at historic venues in the Ballarat region.

Twenty-three one-hour recitals of classical in heritage buildings with the use of the region's organs as a central theme. Organists for the 19<sup>th</sup> festival: Christopher Wrench, Jennifer Chou, Rhys Boak, Anthony Halliday, Tony Fenelon and Brendon Lukin. Music Director: Sergio de Pieri OAM. This is a very reasonably priced festival, with weekend and day passes and single tickets available. It will, however, be the last opportunity to attend a recital at Barkly Street Uniting Church Ballarat, because the church is to be sold. Festival program outline and online bookings: [www.ballarat.com/organs](http://www.ballarat.com/organs) Enquiries: 03 5333 1195 Brochures and bookings: 0429 327 097.

## GEELONG SUZUKI ORGAN AND PIANO INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

*Sunday 19 to Wednesday 22 January 2014* at Geelong College, Sacred Heart College and St David's Uniting Church Newtown (Geelong).

Located a 20 minute walk from Geelong Railway Station. Australia's biggest organ summer school. Over 50 organ students and Suzuki organ and piano teachers from all over Australia participating. Patron, Patricia Brockman. Guest lecturers, Dr Jeremy Chesman (USA), Christa Rumsey, Robyn Hodge. Events throughout the four days. Day passes available. Contact Brendon Lukin for further details - Ph: 0408 212 210 Email: [brendon.lukin@gmail.com](mailto:brendon.lukin@gmail.com) Details for the **Evening Recital Series**:

*Sunday 19 January, 6.30pm* at St David's Uniting Church, Talbot St, Newtown.

French Baroque & Romantic Moods - Jennifer Chou, organ. Entry \$15.

*Monday 20 January, 7.00pm* at Geelong College Chapel, Talbot St, Newtown.

The Best of Baroque - David MacFarlane, organ, harpsichord. Entry \$15.

*Tuesday 21 January, 7.00pm* at the Keith Humble Centre, Aphrasia St, Geelong College.

Romance & Theatre Brendon Lukin, Wurlitzer Organ. Entry \$15.

*Wednesday 22 January, 7.00pm* at the Keith Humble Centre, Aphrasia St, Geelong College. Gala Finale Entry \$15.

# Opportunities and Trading Table

## ORGANIST AND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton is seeking to appoint an ORGANIST and DIRECTOR OF MUSIC (half-time, commencing after Easter 2014). The role includes playing the 4 manual Laurie organ at Sunday services, weddings and funerals and directing a 40 voice choir largely consisting of choral scholars from Brighton and Firbank Grammar Schools. For full details please contact the Rev'd Canon Jan Joustra ([vicar@standrewsbrighton.org.au](mailto:vicar@standrewsbrighton.org.au)). Applications close *31 January 2014*.

## ORGANIST WANTED

The Catholic Parish of Mentone-Parkdale is looking for an organist at St John Vianney's Church in Parkdale. The position involves playing the organ 2-3 times per month at the 9.00am mass. The church has a modern 3-manual Viscount organ, and there is a small but enthusiastic (volunteer) choir. All enquiries to Christopher Trikalis (Director of Music) on 9583 2103 or 0402 678 148.

## PEDALBOARDS FOR SALE

Several pedalboards of various quality are available for sale. Further details, Daniel Bittner: 9798 7664.

## HISTORIC PIPE ORGANS OF MELBOURNE VOL. 2

The second in this series presents six instruments by local and overseas organ builders ranging in date from 1877 to 1930. The performers include local and overseas musicians playing works that are well suited to the resources of the instruments including rarely heard pieces by Alain and Elgar's rousing *Imperial March*. Their sound ranges from the cultivated and refined Victorian quality of the Willis organ at Box Hill, the piquant qualities of the Merklin organ at Glen Iris, the delicate subtlety of the Wolff organ at Caulfield inspired by German practices, the bright and clear qualities of the Anderson organ at Williamstown and the Fincham organ at West Melbourne, through to the stentorian orchestral sound of the Hill, Norman & Beard organ at Hawthorn.

625 Pal format. Total running time 1 hour 37 minutes. Vol.1 is still available and may also be ordered by mail or online.

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**To order by post please mail your payment to:** Michael Wallis, 96A Loughnan Rd. Ringwood 3134.

**Price: \$25 each plus postage.** Postage is \$6 for the first copy and \$2 for each additional item.\*  
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## 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](http://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, Allan Smith, on 0419 347 787.

### SOV WEBSITE

The SOV website is [www.sov.org.au](http://www.sov.org.au) David Cundy 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. Contact details below.

### Advertising in *Organo Pleno Newsletter*

News of forthcoming events, advertisements and other items of interest are published in this newsletter free of charge as a service to members. All copy for advertisements is due by the **20<sup>th</sup> of each month**. All job advertisements which have a specific due date will be included in each issue until that date, whereas items for sale and job advertisements with no date will be included in the current issue only. All items are subject to renewal, amendment or withdrawal by the advertiser, and minor correction or reformatting by the Editor. Please send all advertisements to the Newsletter Editor, Colin Prohasky (contact details below).

### SOV COUNCILLORS FOR 2013-2014

Daniel Bittner, Jim Fletcher, Brendon Lukin, Alan Roberts, Allan Smith.

### Society of Organists (Victoria) Directory

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