

President's Blog

Celebrations of the Organ have figured prominently this month with the 130 year celebration of the Fincham Organ in Trinity Uniting Church Brighton, 150 years of the Fincham and Hobday Organ at Hawthorn Presbyterian Church and concluding with the 125th birthday of the Fincham Organ at Auburn Uniting Church on 26 October. In addition there has been the Inaugural Warrnambool Organ Festival on three magnificent Fincham instruments at St John's Presbyterian Church, Christ Church Anglican Church and St Joseph's Catholic Church. A concert was given at each and all were well supported, including some Melbourne attendees. Warrnambool seems to be on a wave following the Olivier Latry concert two years ago and these organs were well showcased with interesting programs and performances.

Graham Lieschke continues with JS Bach's *Reformation Cantata* at the 9.00am Eucharist at St John's Lutheran Church, Southgate - a challenge to be there on a Sunday at 9.00am but well worth the effort.

At the Society level we have our Cup Day Organ Ramble, details of which have previously been forwarded and are separately again included in this newsletter. As to the AGM to be conducted on the same date, we have one council member, Daniel Bittner who will not be re-nominating and there is already a vacancy so any interested member we would be pleased to hear about and hopefully welcome onto the Council. If a nomination is not received in time for the AGM, the Council has power under the Rules of the Society to fill vacant positions.

Alan Roberts
President

Organs of the recent Warrnambool Festival

Photos: John Maidment OAM



St John's Presbyterian Church

Christ Church Anglican Church

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Society Events...

MELBOURNE CUP DAY ORGAN RAMBLE AND 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Brunswick / Coburg / Reservoir Areas

- 11.00am** St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, cnr Melville Road and Hope Street, Brunswick West.
1949 Hill, Norman and Beard organ ex Scotch College, Hawthorn.
Installed in 2003 with a new case and console by Australian Pipe Organs.
- 12.00pm** St Paul's Roman Catholic Church, 562 Sydney Road, Coburg 3058.
1919 Taylor organ ex St Giles' Presbyterian Church, Geelong, moved to St Paul's in 1986.
Church and organ have been splendidly restored after a fire in March 2008.
- 1.00pm Lunch** at La Porchetta, 273 Spring Street, Reservoir 3073.
Booking made for Society of Organists
- 2.00pm Annual General Meeting**
St Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church, cnr Spring Street and Viola Street, Reservoir.
1932 C.W. Andrewartha, Rebuilt in 1976 by George Stephens and again in 2009 by Australian Pipe Organs.
- 3.00pm** St Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, cnr Whitelaw Street and Black Street, Reservoir.
1902 Fincham organ built for Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Launceston, moved to St Stephen's
1986 by Laurie Pipe Organs. The original case from this organ is in St Silas Albert Park.

Photos: APO and John Maidment



St Joseph's, Brunswick West.



St Paul's, Coburg.



St Gabriel's, Reservoir.



St Stephen's, Reservoir.

Other Events...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!

Friday 31 October, 8.00pm at St John's Anglican Church, 5-7 Finch Street, East Malvern.

Prepare to be treated with tricks on the pipe organ by Thomas Heywood and Christopher Cook. From Bach to Boëllmann, via Bonnet and Mendelssohn, enjoy classic and gothic music sure to get you in the Halloween Spirit! All proceeds to ANZCO - Building the future for the Pipe Organ in Australasia. Admission at the door including Program: Adults \$30; Concession \$25; Under 18 FREE.

Watch the performers LIVE on screen. ANZCO gratefully acknowledges the generous support of St John's, East Malvern.

Full program details on www.anzco.org

LUX AETERNA

Sunday 2 November, 3.00pm at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra Street, Geelong.

Music at the Basilica present The Australian Chamber Choir, directed by Douglas Lawrence, with an orchestra of period instruments. Tickets at Geelong Performing Arts Centre, or at the door. \$30 Adult and Senior, \$25 Concession and Student, Under-12 free.

REQUIEM – JOHN RUTTER

Sunday 2 November, 5.00pm at Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, 49 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat.

Christ Church Anglican Cathedral Diocese of Ballarat presents *Requiem* by John Rutter, sung within the celebration of the Eucharist for All Soul's Day, by the choirs of Christ Church Cathedral and St Mary's North Melbourne, with guest instrumentalists and VOX. Remember loved ones by name and light a candle in their memory in the beautiful ambience of the Ballarat Anglican Cathedral. Enquiries, Cathedral Office Ph: (03) 5331 1183.

ORGAN STUDENT CONCERT

Sunday 9 November, 2.00pm at Geelong Grammar School Chapel, cnr Art School Road & Tower Road, Corio (Geelong).

An informal concert featuring organ students aged 5 years to 21 years, from Geelong and surrounding areas. FREE admission. Enquiries, Brendon Lukin: 0408 212 210.

FREE ORGAN CONCERT – ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EAST ST KILDA

Sunday 9 November, 4.00pm at All Saints' Church, East St Kilda, cnr Chapel Street and Dandenong Road, East St Kilda (opp. Astor Theatre).

Tony Way (St Francis Melbourne) will perform the final organ concert in this series. Evensong and Benediction follows at 5.00pm. The organ at All Saints' Church is one of the largest parish-church organs in Melbourne, with 48 speaking stops. All Saints' Church has a fine acoustic and outstandingly-beautiful ambience. Enquiries: 9510 7689, or email John Rivers: music@allsaints.org.au

TOORAK UNITING CHURCH VIRGINIA DAVEY CONCERT SERIES

Toorak Uniting Church, 603 Toorak Road, Toorak, 3142.

Sunday 9 November, 2.00pm

Gala Concert featuring TUC Soloists Catriona DeVere, Ursula Paez, Stephen Carolane, and Andrew Long, with the collaboration of pianist David Ross-Smith.

Saturday 13 December, 8.00pm

St Lucia Concert – A Celebration of Light in darkness with music directed by Organist Camilla Hellgren of the Swedish Church. Traditional Swedish Christmas refreshments to follow.

Further information and bookings: <http://trybooking.com/ELGS> Phone enquires: 0410 844 552 or 9829 0300.

If you would like to receive a full brochure in the mail or email, please text your name and address to 0410 844 552.

To receive the brochure by email, please email to bach000@tpg.com.au On the dates of the 3 Sunday afternoon concerts, the Manse Gallery Cafe at the rear of the church will be open from 8.30am to 3.30pm.

MAROONDAH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Sunday 9 November, 2.30pm at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre, Yarra Valley Grammar School, Kalinda Road, Ringwood.

Program includes Rossini - *The Barber of Seville* Overture; Mozart - *Symphony No.39 in E flat, K 543*; and Beethoven - *Piano Concerto No.5 in E flat, Op.73 'Emperor'*, with soloist Martin Lamb. Admission \$25/ Conc \$20/ U16 free. Tickets at the door. Bookings also at www.trybooking.com Enquiries: 9720 8575 (Elaine) or 9849 0987 (Lyn).

AMEB SERIES 17 PIANO LAUNCH

Monday 10 November, 10.30am - 12.00pm at Bernies Music Land, 381 Canterbury Road, Ringwood.

Bernies Music Land is delighted to invite you to the launch of the AMEB's new Series 17 Piano range. From Preliminary to Grade 8, this series has been revised and updated to offer a sensational learning experience for your students. Special guest, Bernard Depasquale, General Manager AMEB Federal Office, will present the new series, accompanied by Caroline Almonte, featured pianist on CD recordings. Come and be the first to see and experience the new series, and pick up plenty of great tips.

This event is FREE, but Bookings are essential: 9872 5122.

REJOICE!

Friday 14 November, 8.00pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, Latrobe Terrace, Geelong.

Music at the Basilica Inc. presents REJOICE! The Music of Henry Purcell, with The Wildfire Chamber Choir conducted by Rick Prakhoff, and soloists Erika Tandiono, soprano; Elizabeth Anderson, alto and harpsichord; Jacob Lawrence, tenor; Tom Healey, bass; Bruno Siketa, trumpet; and Frank de Rosso, organ.

Tickets at Geelong Performing Arts Centre, or at the door. \$30 Adult and Senior, \$25 Concession and Student, Under-12 free.

LIDDIARD GALLERY PIANO CONCERTS

Friday 14 November, 8.00pm

Saturday 15 November, 2.00pm & 8.00pm,

Sunday 16 November, 2.00pm at Oakleigh Anglican Church, Dandenong Road, Oakleigh.

Admission \$30 /\$20 / \$15. Bookings and Enquiries: 9569 9178. Tickets also at www.trybooking.com

SEASON OUR SENSES #4 - SPRING 2014

Sunday 16 November, 2.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Brighton, cnr New & Church Streets, Brighton.

Season your Senses is a unique Melbourne series of four Sunday Organ Concerts in Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring! The Spring Concert at St Andrew's is 'Festive Fantasies' (con spirito!). A thrilling concert of festive masterworks...

Jacques Lemmens, edited by W.T. Best – *Fanfare*

Two pieces by Eugène Gigout – i. *Grand Choeur Dialogué* ii. *Toccata [in B minor]* from *Dix Pièces* (1892)

Two pieces by Louis Lefébure-Wély – i. *Scène Pastorale [The Storm]* ii. *Sortie [in E flat]*

Edouard Batiste – 'Andante' [No.1 in G major] from *Two Andantes for the Organ*.

Henri Mulet – *Carillon-Sortie [in D major]*

Richard Francis – 'La Grand Symphony Célèbre de Monsieur L.J.A. - The famous Grand Symphony of Mr L.J.A.' [Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély] from *Humorous Pieces for Organ - Volume 2, No.3*

[Dedicated to Thomas and Simone Heywood (2006)]

i. *Grand Introduction and Alla Marcia [The Celebrated Capriccio]* ii. *Barcarolle [Hymn of the Nuns]*

iii. *Scherzo [March in C]* iv. *Grand Final [Grand Offertoire in G and Sortie in B flat]*

Louis Vierne – 'Carillon de Westminster' from *Pièces de Fantaisie - Troisième suite, Op.54 No.6*.

Admission at the door includes program: Adult \$30 / Concession \$25. Doors open 30 mins prior.

Don't forget - you can watch the hands and feet of the 'Ironman der Orgel' live on screen! Further information www.concertorgan.com



TANGERINE DREAM – MELBOURNE MUSIC WEEK

Sunday 16 November, 7.00pm – 12.00am at Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Founded in 1967, German electronic music pioneers Tangerine Dream have been at the forefront of music creation for more than four decades. Edgar Froese and his collaborators have been central in the development of krautrock, psychedelia, electronic dance music and new age music. Well-known for their Hollywood film soundtracks including *Sorcerer* and *Risky Business*, they recently composed the score for *Grand Theft Auto V* video game. Tangerine Dream will feature the ten thousand pipes of the Melbourne Town Hall Grand Organ in a match made in heaven – or at least some mystical dominion. Fans old and new won't be disappointed as many of the synth-laden tracks are re-imagined for the acoustic phenomenon behind the impressive façade. Supported by Black Cab, Melbourne's own kraut inspired, electronic lead-out men, first formed in 2004. With James Lee delivering a mighty sonic punch on the Grand Organ, this promises to be a defining moment, ahead of the release of the band's long awaited fourth album. Book through www.dashtickets.com.au Tickets \$55. Enquiries: 9658 9658.



KNOX PIANO AWARDS WINNERS RECITAL

Wednesday 19 November, 7.30pm at Bernies Music Land, 381 Canterbury Road, Ringwood.

Bernies Music Land proudly presents a superb piano recital from the winner of the Knox Piano Awards. Admission \$10 or MusiClub 2014 voucher. Enquiries: 9872 5122.

ADVENT ORGAN CONCERT SERIES 2014 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. One of Australia's most important historic instruments (formerly in the Congregational Church, Prahran), the organ was restored and re-opened in August 1999. Join us for music of the season performed by prominent Melbourne organists each Saturday throughout Advent at 5.00pm.

Saturday 29 November, 5.00pm	Fr Nicholas Dillon	(Priest/Musician, St Philip's North Blackburn)
Saturday 6 December, 5.00pm	Dr Gordon Atkinson	(Malvern Presbyterian Church)
Saturday 13 December, 5.00pm	Merrowyn Deacon	(Trinity Uniting Church, Brighton)
Saturday 20 December, 5.00pm	Dr Paul Taylor	(Assistant Organist, St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne)

Admission is FREE to all concerts. Enquiries: 9583 2103 (office hours) or 0402 678 148.

BACH CANTATA SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S SOUTHGATE

St Johns Lutheran Church, Southgate presents an ongoing series of services incorporating the choral music of J.S. Bach in the context for which it was written, liturgical Lutheran church services. 2014 is its 17th liturgical year. The series has presented over 100 different cantatas, the B Minor Mass, the Christmas Oratorio, the Magnificat, and several Latin masses in almost 150 events.

Sunday 30 November, 9.00am **Advent Festival Eucharist**

O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort (BWV 20) for 3 soloists, chorus, strings, 3 oboes, trumpet and continuo.

The Choir of Newman College and Newman Baroque Orchestra, directed by Gary Ekkel.

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

Enquiries: telephone 9682 4995. www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au

A TALE OF TWO ORGANS – GRAND ORGAN MEETS THEATRE ORGAN

Sunday 30 November, 2.00pm 1st Act at the Melbourne Town Hall, then a 50 minute interval, 2nd Act at the Regent Theatre.

Richard Hills (UK) and Tony Fenelon with special guests.

A Tale of Two Organs is a truly remarkable Melbourne event. For the first time in history, both the Melbourne Town Hall Grand Organ and the stunning Regent Theatre Wurlitzer organ will be showcased in the same concert.

The two outstanding pipe organs will be played by two of the world's most revered and versatile musicians. British organist Richard Hills is a sensational performer known for his lightning-quick hands and his infectious rhythmic improvisations. American Theatre Organ Society Organist of the Year in 2010, Richard is one of the very few organists to have mastered both the world of the classical organ and that of the theatre organ.

Tony Fenelon is one of Australia's best loved musicians, a virtuoso on both piano and organ. In performance, Tony brings drama and fun in equal measures and is equally adept playing major classical works or accompanying silent films.

The progressive concert on either side of Collins Street will be a mix of classical and theatre organ styles and will include solos, duets, Melbourne Opera, piano and a film screening. All profits will be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation.

Bookings through Ticketmaster or 1300 11 10 10. A Reserve \$75; B reserve \$55; C Reserve \$35.

Your ticket covers both the Melbourne Town Hall and Regent Theatre sections of the performance.

Both venues will have allocated seating. Please choose your seats at the Regent Theatre and equivalent seats will be allocated for you at the Town Hall. Tickets will not be printed until one month prior to the performance date. Tickets will arrive within 4 working days.



THE THREE ORGANISTS!

Sunday 30 November, 8.00pm at St Mary's Basilica, Geelong. Frank de Rosso, Brendon Lukin and Tom Healey. Music for three organs.

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.

CAROLS SERVICE AT MALVERN

Sunday 14 December, 7.30pm at Malvern Presbyterian Church, 161 Wattletree Road, Malvern.

The Choir, Soloist and Organist at Malvern Presbyterian Church have been given notice that their services will not be required from December. All are to be replaced by electronic keyboard, and other instruments. There has been a choir at Malvern for over 100 years, and, it's a disappointment that it should be replaced in the name of progress. The Annual Carols Service will take place on 14 December. Soloists are Roxane Hislop and Sylvia Isaac with a brass group from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. Well-known carols and several for the choir will be part of this service. All SOV members are invited to this final event in the church's life. Dr Gordon Atkinson is the conductor.

ORGAN &... BRASS & WIND – THE AIR FORCE BAND

Tuesday 16 December, 1.00 - 2.00pm at Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Conductor: Matthew Shelley; Organ: Brendon Lukin.

The musical might of Australia's military will be on display as the Air Force Band performs a Christmas-tinged program of works for symphonic band and the Grand Organ. Favourites by Richard Strauss and Edward Elgar will be matched with lesser known works by Percy Grainger and Kenneth Alford. A highlight of this free concert will be the world premiere of a commissioned work by Melbourne composer Stuart Greenbaum, entitled *The gradual slowing of the Earth*. Organ aficionados will appreciate Marcel Dupré's *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor Op.7 No.1* and Eugène Gigout's heroic *Grand Choeur Dialogue*.

The Air Force Band has a proud history dating more than sixty years. Its mission is to promote and enhance the image and culture of the Air Force through music and ceremony. Under the sixth Director of Music, Squadron Leader Mathew Shelley, the band regularly gives free public concerts as well as supporting the armed services both in Australia and abroad. FREE entry. No bookings required.



RSCM SUMMER SCHOOL

Saturday 3-10 January, 2015 in Brisbane.

Major presenters will include:

Summer School Director: Andrew Reid (Director – RSCM UK)

Summer Singfest Director: Linda Beaupre

Sun Song Course Director: Jenny Moon

Summer School Chaplains: The Reverend Dr Peter Catt (St John's Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane) and Father Michael McLean (Syd)

Summer School Accompanist: Mr. Andrej Kouznetsov (St John's Cathedral, Brisbane)

Summer School Manager: Ralph Morton (St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane)

Course topics available – delegates to enrol in one of these:

The Art of the Organ (Michael Fulcher)

Chamber Choir for Advanced Singers (Andrew Reid)

Vocal Technique for Choristers (Ron Morris & Kathryn Morton)

Making Church Music Work in the Modern World (Ross Cobb)

Composition (Robert Davidson – University of Queensland School of Music)

Clergy (Father Peter Catt and Graeme Morton)

Church Music Leadership and Management (Ralph Morton)

Full details are available on the RSCM Australia website. http://rscmaustralia.org.au/?page_id=704



www.rscmaustralia.org.au

Opportunities and Trading Table

ORGANIST / DIRECTOR OF MUSIC REQUIRED

Saint Oswald's Anglican Church, Glen Iris, is seeking expressions of interest for Organist/Director of Music to commence early 2015. 1988 Knud Smenge Organ; Occasional Choir; One Sunday Service each month, also including Festivals & Special Services. Applications to The Locum Vicar, The Reverend Barry Fernley. Enquiries ph: 0421 903 390 Email: fernleybt@bigpond.com

CHOIR MUSIC WANTED

I am looking for some out of print choir publications...

- *New Anthem Book Vol Two: SA Men* published by Kevin Mayhew.
- *Australian Hymn Book* harmony edition, preferably with Catholic Supplement.
- *The ASB Psalter and Canticles* published by Collins.

If you have any of these that you are not using and would be prepared to part with, please contact Richard Hoy at Holy Trinity, Surrey Hills, rdhoy@bigpond.com or tel. 9894 2335.

CHOIR MUSIC

Expressions of interest are being sought for our large collection of choir anthems. Catalogue soon. Enquiries to OP Newsletter Editor.

ORGAN FOR SALE

Rodgers Scarborough 110 Organ: 2 Manual and Pedals. Carefully maintained. \$2750 or nearest offer. Enquiries: Colin 0425 726 880.

ORGAN PIPES FOR SALE

Rank of wooden organ pipes available – free to a good home. Enquiries: Michael 0408 331 818 or email mike@assemble-edit.com.au



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, Allan Smith (contact details below).

SOV WEBSITE

The SOV website is 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 LOCUMS

Warwick Lewis (contact details below), keeps a list of members willing to play for weddings, funerals or locums for Sunday Services.

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 20th 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, Lynn Blom, Olivier David, Craig Doherty,
Jim Fletcher, Rowan Kidd, Brendon Lukin, Alan Roberts and Allan Smith.

Society of Organists (Victoria) Directory

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