

President's Report

Our Terang and Warrnambool Queen's Birthday Organ Ramble was organized by Craig Doherty, our Warrnambool Council member with organ demonstrations at the five churches by Craig and Robert Craven. Five fine Fincham and Taylor organs in beautiful architectural liturgical buildings. Two days of playing on different instruments was enjoyed by those performing or attending to listen. The Belfry at the Terang Presbyterian Church was even specially cleaned out for the occasion enabling birds eye viewing from it.

Our next Society event is a student concert on 13 September at Toorak Uniting Church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Society Events...

ANNUAL SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS STUDENTS RECITAL

Sunday 13 September, 2.00pm at Toorak Uniting Church, 603 Toorak Road, Toorak.

The Society of Organists (Victoria) will host the annual Student Concert at Toorak Uniting Church on the recently overhauled Peter Collins organ. It's a great opportunity for those who are preparing for VCE exams to have their program performed to an audience. Students under 18, register by parent or teacher; students 18+ can register direct with Jennifer Chou: bach000@tpg.com.au

METROPOLITAN CUP DAY ORGAN RAMBLE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 3 November

Other Events...

GRAND ORGAN MASTER SERIES

St Andrew's Church, cnr New Street and Church Street, Brighton.

<i>Sunday 5 July, 2.30pm</i>	Siegfried Franke
<i>Sunday 2 August, 2.30pm</i>	Andrew Bainbridge
<i>Sunday 6 September, 2.30pm</i>	Thomas Heywood
<i>Sunday 4 October, 2.30pm</i>	Christopher Cook
<i>Sunday 1 November, 2.30pm</i>	Tom Healey
<i>Sunday 6 December, 2.30pm</i>	Thomas Heywood

Admission at the door includes program: Adult \$30 / Concession \$25 / U18 Free.

Car: Free Parking - enter the St Andrew's Church grounds from New Street.

Train: 450 metres (4 minute walk) from Middle Brighton Station.

Bus: Routes 216, 600 and 923 stop directly outside the Church. Church Street Cafés and Restaurants: a 30-second walk; serving all day.

Enquiries: office@standrewsbrighton.org.au Tel: Parish Office 03 9592 1240

Website: www.concertorgan.com



ORGAN CONCERTS at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EAST ST KILDA

All Saints' Church, East St Kilda, cnr Chapel Street and Dandenong Road, East St Kilda (opposite the Astor Theatre).

A series of free Organ concerts are held on the second Sunday of the month, duration approximately 50 minutes. 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. Free admission to all concerts.

<i>Sunday 12 July, 4.00pm</i>	David Brown	(St James' Old Cathedral)
<i>Sunday 9 August, 4.00pm</i>	Rhys Arvidson	(St Peter's Eastern Hill)
<i>Sunday 13 September, 4.00pm</i>	Frank de Rosso	(St Mary's Basilica, Geelong)
<i>Sunday 11 October, 4.00pm</i>	Chris Cook	(St John's Toorak)
<i>Sunday 8 November, 4.00pm</i>	E A Nixon	(St George's Malvern)

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.

ORGAN-IC LUNCH WITH DAVID BRIGGS

Thursday 16 July, 1.00pm at Melbourne Town Hall, 90-120 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

British organist David Briggs is an internationally renowned organist whose performances are acclaimed across the globe for their musicality, virtuosity, and ability to excite and engage audiences of all ages. The concert, entitled *The Art of Transcription* includes classical favourites from Vaughan Williams, Debussy, Ravel and Berlioz. The performance will finish with an improvisation on a given theme.

Programme:

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Overture to The Wasps
transcribed David Briggs (2014)

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Clair de Lune (from Suite Bergamasque)
transcribed by Alexandre Cellier

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Hungarian Dance No 5 in G minor
transcribed David Briggs (2014)

Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)

Menuet des Follets (from Damnation of Faust)
transcribed David Briggs (2014)

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

La Valse
transcribed by E Fagiani

Improvisation

Admission FREE. Enquiries Ph: 9658 9658 www.melbourne.vic.gov.au



GALA NEXTGEN ORGAN CONCERT

Sunday 2 August, 2.30pm at St Paul's Cathedral, cnr Swanston & Flinders Streets, Melbourne.

Grand Organ Discovery at **1.00pm** The next generation of Australian organists will perform on the 1890 T.C. Lewis Grand Organ. Admission \$20 at the door includes programme. Australian and New Zealand College of Organists (ANZCO) is committed to providing financial recognition of these young Australian performers' time and talent. The proceeds from this Gala NextGen Concert go to encourage these young artists as tomorrow's leaders.

Further information: www.anzco.org



LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

St Paul's Cathedral, cnr Swanston and Flinders Streets, Melbourne.

Wednesday 5 August, 1.00pm Ben Sheen, Organ recital.

Wednesday 12 August, 1.00pm Theresa Yu, Piano recital.

ORGAN RECITAL BY COLIN JENKINS

Thursday 6 August, 1.00pm at St Michael's Uniting Church, Collins Street, Melbourne.

I will be pleased to see you at my recital if you happen to be in the city on this day. Programme...

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| 1. <i>Entrata</i> | Jaak-Nicolaas Lemmens (1823-1881) |
| 2. <i>Concerto appropriato all'Organo in B flat major</i> | Giulio Taglietti (1660-1718) arr. Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) |
| 3. <i>Improvisation: My soul hath a desire</i> | George Oldroyd (1887-1956) |
| 4. <i>Improvisation: Pour light upon us</i> | George Oldroyd (1887-1956) |

DAVID LEE GRAVE RESTORATION CEREMONY

Sunday 16 August, 2.00pm at the Grave of David Lee, Melbourne General Cemetery, College Crescent, Parkville.

David Lee, Melbourne's first and legendary 19th century City Organist, was laid to rest in 1897.

David Lee's grave, at the Melbourne General Cemetery, has been restored with funds raised following Thomas Heywood's recent Blast from the Past! Grand Organ Concert at the Melbourne Town Hall. Please join us at his grave as we unveil the plaque installed to honour one of Australia's finest 19th-century musicians. FREE ADMISSION TO THIS EVENT.

More about david lee...

David Lee, Organist and Conductor, was born on 20 March 1837 at Armagh, Ireland, the son of James Lee, a Professor of Music, and his wife, Mary Scarlet. At 4 he entered the Armagh Cathedral School, at 7 became a chorister and at 12 was made Deputy-Organist of Armagh Cathedral. On leaving school he joined the Provincial Bank of Ireland as a clerk.

Lee arrived at Melbourne in 1864, aged 27. At various times he was Organist of St Stephen's Church, Richmond, the Independent Church, Collins Street, where he led the choir for eight years, and – during the height of his fame – at St Andrew's Church, Brighton from 1880-1885 during the 'Marvellous Melbourne' years.

David Lee opened organs in many city and suburban churches, notably the organ in St Patrick's Cathedral on 14 March 1880 and Chalmers Presbyterian Church, East Melbourne, on 30 April 1885. He had been appointed organist of the Melbourne Philharmonic Society in 1866, and was



appointed conductor from 1867 to 1874, when he visited America and Europe, and in 1877-88. He also taught music. On 8 August 1872 he opened the new Melbourne Town Hall Grand Organ.

In 1877, Lee was appointed first City Organist of Melbourne by the Melbourne City Council - this was the first City Organist appointment in Australasia. For many years his twice-weekly recitals in the Melbourne Town Hall drew large audiences. He was invited to give the opening recital on the new organ of the Adelaide Town Hall in October 1877. He visited Europe again in 1887.

On 23 April 1877 at Christ Church, St Kilda, he had married Mary Mackenzie, eldest daughter of Archibald Johnson of Toorak House. She predeceased him without issue.

He was one of the inaugural members of the Australasian Pipe Organ Hall of Fame. The Australasian Pipe Organ Hall of Fame, established by the Australian and New Zealand College of Organists, posthumously honours those who have made a significant contribution to the establishment and development of the instrument in Australia and New Zealand, thereby raising public awareness of the pipe organ and enriching Australasian cultural life.

Lee died of kidney disease at South Yarra on 12 May 1897 and was buried in the Anglican section of the Melbourne General Cemetery. Pall-bearers included the Mayor of Melbourne and other prominent Melburnians. In 2015, with funds raised from a memorial organ concert at the Melbourne Town Hall, his grave was restored by the City of Melbourne.

WARRNAMBOOL ORGAN FESTIVAL

Friday 4 – Sunday 6 September

Advanced Notice for the Warrnambool Organ Festival. Details to follow in the August edition of *OP Newsletter*.

BACH CANTATA SERVICES IN 2015 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. 2015 is its 18th liturgical year. Services include organ music on the 23-stop gallery organ (Smenge, 1992), usually by Bach.

Sunday 6 September, 9.00am **Eucharist (Pentecost 15)**

Geist und Seele wird verwirret (BWV 35) for alto solo, strings, 3 oboes, obbligato organ and continuo. Hamish Gould (countertenor), Josh van Konkelenberg (organ), St Johns Bach Orchestra, directed by Graham Lieschke.

Sunday 25 October, 9.00am **Reformation Festival Eucharist**

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (BWV 80) for 4 soloists, chorus, strings, 3 oboes, and continuo, including the parts for 3 trumpets and timpani added by Bach's son, Wilhelm Friedemann Bach. St Johns Bach Orchestra, directed by Graham Lieschke.

St Johns Southgate, 20 City Rd, Southbank. No admission charge (donations/offering are gratefully received).

Parking available at service times. Enquiries: telephone 9682 4995. www.stjohnssouthgate.com.au

MARTIN SETCHELL CONCERT AT WARRNAMBOOL

Saturday 26 September, 7.00pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, cnr Lava/Kepler Streets & Raglan Parade, Warrnambool.

Tickets: \$20.00, \$15.00 Concession. 15 years & under free.

WARRNAMBOOL EISTEDDFOD ORGAN SECTION

Competition date: *Saturday 22 August* at St Joseph's Church, cnr Lava/Kepler Sts & Raglan Parade, Warrnambool.

Closing date for entries: *Friday 31 July*

Junior Section, \$400 (16 years & under as at 23/08/2015) Open Section, \$1000.

Enquiries: Entry forms: Paddy McGennisken - 03 5562 7385. Music/spec: Robert Craven 03 5592 1989 or mcrav@westvic.com.au

A COUNTRY TOUR: ORGANS NORTH OF THE HUNTER, NSW

The 2015 OHTA Conference will be held in country New South Wales, commencing in Newcastle on Sunday 27 September and finishing there, with travel to Sydney, on the afternoon of *Saturday 3 October*. A coach will leave central Sydney on the afternoon of 27 September – interstate/overseas participants will therefore be able to fly in and out of Sydney.

Enquiries to Kelvin Hastie (khas@bigpond.com) Conference brochure will be issued with the Winter 2015 edition of Organ Australia and also be available on the OHTA website – www.ohta.org.au

Opportunities and Trading Table

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ST PAUL'S CANTERBURY

The Organist/Director of Music is valued at St Pauls, however the position will be vacant from mid-June, 2015. We are an inclusive Anglican parish in the liberal catholic tradition with a unique intergenerational parish choir. Applicants should be experienced and passionate about a diverse range of music, as well as being able to encourage and relate well with children. The position includes choir rehearsals, one Sunday service, availability for weddings and funerals. Expressions of interest to the Parish Priest, Rev'd Susanne Chambers. Email: vicar@stpaulscanterbury.org.au or parish office: (03) 9830 0729. Mobile 0405 758 776.

ORGAN SCHOLAR - CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH YARRA

The Christ Church Music Foundation Trustees are calling for Expressions of Interest in the CCSY Organ Scholarship. The term of the scholarship would commence in late August this year and last 12 months. The current value of the scholarship is \$5,000. The duties involve attending all parish services, tours and recordings and tuition on liturgical organ playing. Expectations of the Organ Scholar would depend on the individual but the idea is to train the scholar to play parts of the service as they are able and to gradually increase the amount of playing as appropriate. We would be delighted to receive an EOI from any gifted young organists within the next couple of weeks. In it they might say what you would hope to gain from being Organ Scholar and also what they feel they might offer the parish by being Organ Scholar. We expect to be auditioning prospective Scholars in late July.

Please contact: Michael Fulcher (Director of Music), music@ccsy.org.au or m_d_fulcher@yahoo.co.uk

TOORAK UNITING CHURCH ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

Students who are interested in learning to play the organ and getting hands on experience working with choir and church please email Jennifer Chou at bach000@tpg.com.au for more details. To be considered, reasonable keyboard level is required.

ORGANIST REQUIRED

St Mary's Star of the Sea, Sorrento. Organist required for the 10am Sunday mass. Could be shared with another organist. Johannus electronic organ. Honorarium paid.
Please contact Sandra Lee 0409 408 463.

**HUGH CRAIG SPINET c1970**

54 notes: C-F^{'''} buff stop, walnut veneer, stool, new Delrin plectra \$2,700.
Contact Ken Falconer 0409 410 042. ksfalc@gmail.com

HYMN BOOKS AVAILABLE

St Peters Mornington has the following hymn books free to a good home - any takers?
2 x tatty red AHB full music; 2 x OK red AHB melody;
7 x OK blue AHB melody; 1 x OK SA full music; 31 x OK SA melody.
Contact Nigel Nettleship 03 5978 8388, 04 0289 3358, or preferably nigel47@bigpond.com

PIPE ORGAN FOR SALE

Purpose-built organ to suit narrow church situation. The instrument has been well maintained. Dimensions: Height 3025 mm, Width 1625 mm, Depth 725 mm. Builder: Laurie Pipe Organs. Year of manufacture: 1987. Asking Price: (\$12500 negotiable). Contact Nigel, Ph 03 9755 1461, or Mob 0407 336 152.

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 2014-2015

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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