

News from Council

Afternoon Tea at the Lyon House

Nearly 40 Society members attended this event, enjoying the opportunity to view Corbett Lyon's unique house museum and to sample the possibilities of the Ahlborne / Wakeley hybrid digital-pipe organ. Musical proceedings for the afternoon were given a fitting launch by Douglas Lawrence, the Society's newest patron.



Members and guests gathered by the organ at the Lyon House Museum (Photo: Geoffrey M. Thomlinson)

Open Console in Inner City Melbourne

Labour Day, Monday 8 March.

Thanks to all members who have booked places for this event, which have been allocated in the table below. Two places remain open in the afternoon session at St Mark's, Fitzroy.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

1000	Allan Gray
1015	Anthony Hahn
1030	John Meyer
1045	Samuel Whitehead
1100	Alan Roberts
1115	Simon Colvin
1130	Stephen Baldwin
1145	Ronald MacKay

St Mark's, Fitzroy

1400	Alan Roberts
1415	Simon Colvin
1430	Allan Gray
1445	Anthony Hahn
1500	Samuel Whitehead
1515	Matthew Schultz
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1545	

Any members wishing to attend as listeners are most welcome; no booking is required. Lunch will be held at an eatery between the two venues. To be included in a table booking for lunch, or to reserve your place in the remaining times at St Mark's, please contact Kieran Crichton via email to secretary@sov.org.au or telephone 0407 816 321.

Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Council of the Society will be on **Friday 30 April**. Anyone wishing to raise items for this meeting, please contact the Secretary, Kieran Crichton, by **Wednesday 28 April**.

Other coming events

Queen's Birthday, Monday 14 June

Saturday 25 September

Cup day, Tuesday 2 November

Bus trip to visit organs and winery in Bendigo.

Open console – venue to be announced.

Organ visit to Ivanhoe, including the Society's Annual General Meeting.

ST AIDAN'S MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT

Sunday 14 March, 2.30pm at St Aidan's Uniting Church, Duggan Street, North Balwyn (Melway Map: 46 F3)

St Aidan's Music Society is proud to present Sonya Lifschitz in a piano recital. Sonya is a Ukrainian-born, Australian-based pianist who is quickly becoming recognised as one of Australia's leading young performers. She will perform works by such composers as Scriabin, Chopin, Brahms, Bach and Rzewski. Admission \$20 includes refreshments. Enquiries Maurice Mathers on 9890 8322 or mmathers@netspace.net.au

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT AT ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH

Sunday 28 March, 2.30pm – 4.00pm at St David's Uniting Church, cnr Aphrasia and Talbot Streets, Newtown.

Organ recital by Brendon Lukin. Excerpts from the First and Second parts of Handel's *Messiah*. Soloists: Catherine Lukin and Juliet Tripodi (Soprano), Alison Ralph (Alto), Peter Maunder (Tenor), and the augmented Choir of St David's Uniting Church Newtown, directed by Brendon Lukin. Refreshments will be served following the Concert.

Admission: \$15.00 per head (children under 15 free), proceeds to benefit the Don Millard Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship was established in memory of Don Millard who taught at Sacred Heart and Geelong College and served for 20 years as choirmaster at St David's. The scholarship provides opportunities for students to learn the pipe organ by covering the cost of lessons and allowing access to the instrument at St David's for practice. The first student to take up the scholarship is studying with Brendon Lukin this year.

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT AT RICHMOND

Sunday 28 March, 3.00pm at Richmond Uniting Church, 314 Church St, Richmond.

On Palm Sunday there will be a concert followed by refreshments to celebrate the 122nd Anniversary of the opening of the organ. Admission is free, but gold coin donations to the Richmond Churches Food Centre are requested. The instrument is a splendid example of George Fincham's work, and stands in its original location in near original condition. Four Melbourne organists will perform: guests Andrew Blackburn, Ken Falconer, Christopher Trikilis and Richmond Uniting's own Jim Fletcher. Further details: Richmond Uniting Church, telephone 9427 1282.

RECITAL AT ST JOHN'S TOORAK

Wednesday 31 March, 7.30pm at St John's Anglican Church, cnr Toorak and Orrong Roads, Toorak.

Jordie Howell will sing Michel de Lalande's *Leçons de Tenebres* accompanied by David Brown on the organ. Free admission.

FORTHCOMING BACH CANTATA SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S SOUTHGATE

St John's Lutheran Church, Southgate, presents the thirteenth annual series of services incorporating choral music by J.S. Bach.

Sunday 11 April, 9.00am

Eucharist for the First Sunday after Easter

Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden (BWV 6) for 4 soloists, choir, strings, 3 oboes incl. oboe da caccia and continuo. St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra. Dir. Graham Lieschke.

Thursday 13 May, 7.30pm

Vespers for Ascension Day

Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir (BWV 29) for 4 soloists, choir, strings, 2 oboes, 3 trumpets, timpani, organ solo and continuo. Harold Fabrikant (organ), St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra. Dir. Graham Lieschke.

Sunday 23 May, 9.00am

Festival Eucharist for Pentecost Sunday

Erwünschtes Freudenlicht (BWV 184) for 4 soloists, choir, 2 flutes, strings and continuo.

Early Music Studio Baroque Ensemble and Early Voices (dir. Vivien Hamilton) from the Early Music Studio, School of Music, University of Melbourne. Dir. Greg Dikmans.

Sunday 6 June, 9.00am

Eucharist for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Wer weiß, wie nahe mir mein Ende? (BWV 27) for 4 soloists, choir, strings, 2 oboes incl. oboe da caccia, horn, organ solo and continuo, and *Fürchte dich nicht (BWV 228)* motet for double chorus.

Australian Chamber Choir and St Johns Bach Orchestra. Dir. Douglas Lawrence.

Sunday 15 August, 9.00am

Eucharist for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 140) for 3 soloists, choir, strings, 3 oboes and continuo

St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra. Dir. Graham Lieschke.

Sunday 26 September, 9.00am

Eucharist in observance of St Michael's Day

Es erhub sich ein Streit (BWV 19) for 3 soloists, choir, strings, 3 oboes incl. oboe da caccia, 3 trumpets, timpani and continuo. St Johns Bach Choir and Orchestra, dir. Albrecht Koch (3rd St Johns Visiting Music Director, from Freiberg, Saxony, Germany).

There is no admission charge for services at St Johns. Parking available at service times.

St Johns Southgate, 20 City Rd, Southbank. Enquiries: telephone 9682 4995.

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS PROMENADE OF SACRED MUSIC

The tenth Promenade will take place in churches and concert venues in and around Hamilton, Victoria.

Thursday 15 April

8.00 pm Tabor Lutheran Church

Sonny Chua, Andrea Keeble and Dominic Perissinotto

Friday 16 April

12.00 noon The Hub, Hamilton

Cavendish Primary School Marimba Band

4.30 pm Uniting Church, Hamilton

Andy Rigby Kids Concert

8.00 pm St Mary's Catholic Church, Hamilton

Adelaide Chamber Singers

Saturday 17 April

9.30 am At various venues

'Tour of Beauty,' stained glass and history tour by John Maidment

11.00 am Anglican Christ Church, Hamilton

Church Hill Singers and Quintessential Winds

12.15 pm Outside the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre

Shoppers Concert – Baimbridge Ensembles

2.30 pm Warrayure Lutheran Church

Handel and Schubert, Quattro String Quartet, Deborah Kayser (Soprano), Elizabeth Anderson (Harpichord) and Dominic Perissinotto (Organ)

2.30 pm The Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld Invention in Time (Vibes and Marimba)
8.00 pm St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton Promenade Proms – Spirits in Stone

Sunday 18 April

Morning Sunday services at various churches Includes a 'Hymn Fest' at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church
2.30 pm Tarrington Lutheran Church Deborah Kayser (Soprano) and Vaughan McAlley (Tenor) with David Farrands (Trumpet), Hamilton Singers and the Tabor Male Choir

For full details of all programmes and ticket prices, visit www.promenadeofsacredmusic.com.au

CONCERTS AT ST ANDREW'S, BRIGHTON

Sunday 16 May, 3.00pm Four Hands on the Organ and Piano

Tom Healey (Director of Music at St Andrew's), organ; Sonoka Miyake (Asst Organist at St Paul's, Geelong), piano and organ. An entertaining programme of music for organ and piano, organ duet, and two organs. Music includes *The Ride of the Valkyr*.

Thursday 19 August, 8.00pm Gordon Stewart on the Organ

A welcome return visit by this impressive organist and engaging personality from Britain. Music by Hollins, Stanley, Bach, Bossi, Lemare, Strayhorn and Swinnon, concluding with the *Final* from Vierne's *Symphonie 1*.

Sunday 12 September, 4.00pm Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Chorus

Jonathan Grieves-Smith conducts the MSO Chorus, with Siobhan Stagg (soprano) and Anthony Mackey (bass), in a programme of great Russian (Rachmaninov) and Latvian music, including Australian premieres of sacred pieces by Peteris Vasks and Arturs Maskats.

Sunday 24 October, 3.00pm The Doug de Vries and Diana Clark Trio

Doug de Vries (guitarist/composer) and Diana Clark (singer/songwriter) are joined by Stephen Grant (piano accordion) to present a programme ranging from Brazilian music and bossa nova (including songs of Antonio Carlos Jobim) to original pieces for solo guitar, and meditative songs in English and Portuguese.

St Andrew's Anglican Church, cnr New & Church Streets, Brighton. Single concerts: \$25 (\$20 Concession; \$10 Student/Child).
Four concert subscription: \$75 (\$60 Concession; \$30 Student/Child). Enquiries/Booking: 9530 5815. Tickets also at the door.

30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR JOHN HOGAN

In celebration of John Hogan's 30th anniversary as Organist and Choir Master at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo – which coincides with the 150th anniversary of the choir's formation – there will be a choir reunion dinner on 29 May 2010. Anyone with memories of John that they would like to contribute to a DVD and book for the occasion, or who would like to donate to a fund for a rank of pipes in the cathedral organ, please contact the Choir Secretary by email to sacredheartchoir@hotmail.com, by post to P.O. Box 682, Bendigo, Victoria, 3552. For more information, contact Kerry Percival on 03 5434 5744.

Opportunities and Trading Table

ORGAN FOR SALE

Viscount Jubileum 232 which has 2 manuals and full 32 note radiating pedalboard. Purchased around 1993 from Bernies Music Land and its still in very good condition, attested by a very recent servicing and minor repair by Barry Wilkinson of Metropolitan Organ Service. Price negotiable. Enquiries to Ian Sutherland, Tel: (03) 9744 1205, Email: iants@labyrinth.net.au

REED ORGAN FOR SALE

The Church St James the Great East St Kilda wishes to sell an antique reed organ manufactured by the *Smith American Organ Company*. It is a one five octave manual, with 8 stops, knee swells and treadles. In very good condition, it is of dark wood in an ornate Victorian Gothic style. To arrange inspection contact Father Roger Kelly OGS on (03) 9527 1017 or email to rkelly@ogs.net

JENNY SETCHELL'S ORGAN-isms

Joy Hearne is the distribution agent in Australia for Jenny Setchell. Copies are available for sale at \$25.00 if pick up arranged, or \$31.50 by post. Please telephone Joy on 9893 3095.

REED ORGAN IN SEARCH OF A GOOD HOME

The Geelong Mission to Seafarers has a unique 'Belle of Canada' reed organ which is in need of a good home. The instrument is approximately 100 years old and consists of two five-octave manuals, twenty stops, knee swells, and treadles all housed in a fine dark walnut case. All offers will be considered. For more information, or to arrange an inspection, contact the Rev. Noah Park via email to mts_geelong@hotmail.com or telephone 03 5278 6985.

NORTH OF THE YARRA – ORGANS OF MELBOURNE

Move Records announces the release of this CD featuring Gordon Atkinson playing seven of Melbourne's finest organs in the suburbs north of the Yarra River, ranging in date and size from the oldest organ, St Linus' Church, Merlynston (c.1855 - 4 stops) to the 4 Manual Rieger organ in the 'The Scots' Church (1998-1999 - 68 stops). Repertoire includes works by Handel, Karg-Elert, Schumann and Vierne as well as works by two Melbourne-born composers, Barrie Cabena and Gordon Atkinson. Contact Move Records (03) 9497 3105 or find out more details on the web at www.move.com.au/disc.cfm/3333

ORGAN BUILDING BOOKS AVAILABLE

Alan Robinson would like to dispose of the following books: *Lewis' Modern Organ Building*; *Audsley Art of Organ Building (2 volumes)*; and *The Modern British Organ - Bonavia-Hunt*, for the 'best offer'. Telephone 03 9887 3567.

COMING EVENTS AT THE MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

Organ-ic Lunch with Thomas Trotter

1.00pm, Wednesday 17 March. Free entry.

Birmingham Town Hall City Organist Thomas Trotter is one of the world's most widely admired organ soloists. In May 2002 he received the Royal Philharmonic Society's Prestigious Instrumentalist Award in recognition of being "one of the foremost exponents of the organist's art". In this concert he will perform works by Wagner, Thalben-Ball, Bairstow, Festing and J.S. Bach.

Organ-ic Lunch with David Macfarlane

1.00pm, Wednesday 16 June. Free entry.

David Macfarlane is Organist at Newman College in the University of Melbourne, and Director of Music at All Saints' Church, East St. Kilda. This concert will be his Melbourne Town Hall solo organ debut.

For more information about all forthcoming Melbourne Town Hall organ concerts, visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/grandorgan

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, on 0419 347 787.

SOV WEBSITE

The SOV website 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 (see 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 sale items and job advertisements are carried for three issues only, subject to renewal by the advertiser. Please send all advertisements to the Newsletter Editor, Colin Prohasky (see below). When an item has been sold, or a position filled, please notify the editor to stop your advertisement.

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