



Newsletter

Organ Society of Queensland

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Annual General Meeting, with Patron Prof Peter Roennfeldt “Organists of Colonial Brisbane”

The AGM will be held at the Conservatorium at Southbank on **Saturday 26 September 2015** starting at 9.30am. After the usual proceedings our Patron has kindly agreed to give us an insight into the organist fraternity of Brisbane's early musical life by a talk entitled **Organists of Colonial Brisbane**. *Christopher Wrench has been asked to play some short pieces to illustrate the talk, some of which were played by the early organists.*

Prof. Peter Roennfeldt will also have copies of his latest book available for purchase at the AGM on 26 September - 'Madame Mallalieu - An inspiring musician and her legacy for Qld' (Copy Right Publishing). This is a definitive biography and career study of a significant early Queensland musician, who is better known to organists by her second married name of Mrs Willmore (1842-1938). OSQ members may either take advantage of the special launch price of \$35 (cash only or cheque made out to Peter Roennfeldt), or take an order form to mail to the publisher – Recommended Retail Price of \$44 plus \$5 postage.



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<https://www.facebook.com/organsocietyqld>

September 2015

President's Message

I bid you all greetings and hope to see you at the AGM in a couple of weeks time. I will report in greater depth on the activities at the AGM but I will leave you with a rough outline of what we are planning.

The OSQ along with the BCC is hosting Hector Olivera in an Organ Concert in City Hall in February next year – Mark 18th Feb 16 in your diaries. More details will be communicated when they are available. Much effort has gone into making this happen.

We are planning recitals around the region and hope to have one in October or November at St. George's Anglican at Eagle Heights. Your committee is also trying to plan a regional organ crawl and combine this with a recital maybe in the Warwick/Stanthorpe area.

I also hope to organise a visit to city hall with a

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Society Events

Sunday 25 October (to be confirmed)

Recital at St Georges Anglican Tamborine.
Ross Windsor.

January 2016 (to be confirmed)

Visit to Brisbane City Hall Willis Organ

At the City Hall

Thursday 15 October, 7.30 - 8.40pm

Mr Barry Morgan plays the Big Organ

As the Council publicity says "He is the celebrity organ salesman with the vintage sounds of his 1980s Hammond Aurora. He will play this and the Henry Willis Organ as part of his world famous act."
\$30/\$25 Book at QTix or 136 246.

Tuesday 10 November 12 noon-1pm

Lunchtime Concert

including Greg Hartay-Szabo at the Henry Willis Organ, with the School of Hard Knocks Choir.

Advance Notice for Next Year, at the City Hall, a Recital from - Hector Olivera 18 February 2016



Encourage another organ music lover to join the Society

Benefits of membership:

- Organ Australia journal quarterly
- Organ Rambles to magnificent instruments
- Advance notice of organ concerts

Ask for an enrolment form from the Treasurer, PO Box 6132, FAIRFIELD GARDENS 4103 or print out from www.organsociety.com.au

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Presidents Message (continued)

demonstration of the organ by one of our eminent organists, followed by an open console as well, however, this depends on the goodwill of the BCC and the availability of the hall, the latter being the more difficult of the two!

I have also been involved with City Hall representing the OSQ on the Lord Mayor's Organ Advisory Committee. This committee is making progress in getting the City Hall Organ heard more often, but it takes a lot of time to overcome the obstacles that make that difficult. However, I believe we are succeeding, albeit slowly.

More at the AGM, please make the effort to attend, it promises to be an interesting presentation and your committee needs your support.

Peter Robinson President, OSQ

Exciting Organ Concerts:

Saturday 12 September 6.00pm

Twilight International Organ Series
St Johns Cathedral, Ann St Brisbane
Sarah Kim (France/Australia)

Sunday 11 October, 4.00pm

UQ Art Museum (Mayne Hall) **CHRISTOPHER WRENCH** plays Bach, Sweelinck & Schumann (6 Fugue on B-A-C-H)

Saturday 24 October 6.00 pm

Twilight International Organ Series
St Johns Cathedral, Ann St Brisbane
Dong-Il Shin (Korea)

Saturday 14 November, 6.00pm *Twilight International Organ Series*

St Johns Cathedral, Ann St Brisbane
CHRISTOPHER WRENCH

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

OSQ offers an **Organ Scholarship** scheme for young organists. See the website for details, or phone the Secretary for a paper copy.

**Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of the Organ Society of Queensland**

9.30am Saturday 26 September 2015
Basil Jones Hall, Conservatorium of Music, Brisbane

Business to be conducted:

Minutes of previous AGM
Reports of Office Bearers
Election of Officers
General Business

Nominations are hereby called for Office Bearers for 2015-2016

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
4 Committee members

Nominations may be submitted to the Secretary
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If prior nominations are not received,
nominations will be called from the floor of the meeting

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