



Newsletter

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President's Column

I've tried several times to compose this column to you this year. And each draft has been superseded before it was finished. But now we are more settled on what is happening, at least in the first half of the year.

Our first event for the year has already happened. Although only a small number attended, it was an interesting and social time. Our visit to a new digital installation in Camp Hill was disappointing in that it was clearly deficient. This rendered the sound this organ produced to a less than acceptable level for today's technology. The church representatives, although disappointed in our assessment, were extremely grateful for our opinion and, in particular, our advice of what should and can be done to improve it, especially as it should already have been done. I await further news but I feel we have clearly made a difference here.

Coming up is our 'Never Too Young' concert. I urge you all to support it. Do come along. Hear and support our new talent at the organ bench. The OSQ has had a lot to do with some of the young artists and we hope to do more. Watch this space!

As always the scholarship program can do with funds. So even if you have a spare \$10, consider sending it our way. I assure you it will go to a carefully selected organ scholarship or bursary.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events throughout the year, kind regards,

Peter Robinson
President OSQ

NEVER TOO YOUNG CONCERT 31 March 2019

What does it mean to be Never Too Young? The OSQ thinks it is "never too young" to start learning the organ.



And so do these young organists pictured above who have given concerts sponsored by the Organ Society of Queensland. These groups, from Newcastle and South East Queensland, thrilled us in 2011 and 2012. And we are about to be thrilled again by a new group of young organists which the Society is assembling for our next NEVER TOO YOUNG concert at **2.00pm on Sunday 31 March** at St Andrews Uniting Church Ann St Brisbane City.

This is an event to be supported, because these young organists are the future of organ music in this city. The cost is a modest \$5 per person, which will go towards perhaps the first professional fee for these organists.

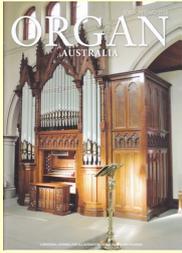
Organ Scholarship Scheme

Currently we are assisting two students at the Anglican Church Grammar School in Brisbane - "Churchie" with OSQ Organ Scholarships.

We feel this is an important role the Society can play in encouraging young people to develop skills on the King of Instruments.

We plan more scholarships for 2019, so if you have a candidate, please bring our Scholarship program to their attention. A guideline and application form is on our website www.organsociety.com.au

What else are we doing.....



Printing of the Organ Australia Journal

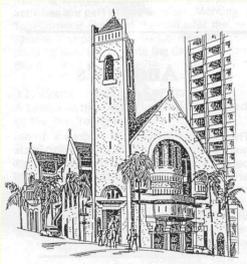
Last Newsletter we asked members opinions on how to distribute the Organ Australia journal, This is published by the Victorian Society of Organists which is moving to an electronic distribution for the future. Your opinion was greatly in favour of the printed version which we have been receiving. The Committee has therefore arranged for quality and economical printing of the journal in Queensland, to suit our members desire. We will have ongoing discussions with the Victorian Society as to the future publishing of this journal which we hope will be maintained to achieve the quality of articles and presentation we have enjoyed up to now.



Elsie Anders Legacy

In the last Newsletter and at the AGM we reported that a bequest from our late member Elsie Anders was expected. This has now been received, and the Committee has decided to place this, not insignificant, sum into a secure bank deposit while we consider how best to use these funds.

If you have ideas as to how these funds could be used, please pass them on to the committee for consideration.



Organs on Ann Street – a 4MBS Festival of Classics event.

OSQ has worked with 4MBS in arranging this event.

This popular format of a “travelling organ recital” is conducted in four organ venues along Ann Street Brisbane City. Four top organists of Brisbane have been engaged to delight patrons on **Saturday 18th May** 1pm to 5pm. Enjoy four different programs from Andrej Kouznetsov, Ross Windsor, Dr Steven Nisbet and Christopher Wrench

Starting at St John’s Cathedral, 373 Ann St. at 1pm, the concerts will continue at St Andrew’s Lutheran Church, St Andrew’s Uniting Church and Ann Street Presbyterian Church.

Bookings are essential: phone 4MBS 3847-1717

SPECIAL OFFER to all members and other organists.....



MUSIC BY STEVEN NISBET

Organist & Director of Music
St Andrew's Uniting Church, Brisbane



CREATIVE LAST VERSES	Descants & reharmonisations for 95 well-known hymns “.... excellent arrangements” the late Dr Gerre Hancock (St Thomas, New York City). Email Steven for a free sample.	\$50 (posted in Aust.)
FOUR INTROITS	On this day; I wait and You are there; Christ is our cornerstone; I will sing to the Lord Short anthems arranged for SATB choir (minimum 6 copies)	\$5 (posted in Aust.)
EV'RY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT	Spiritual arranged for SATB choir (minimum 6 copies)	\$5 each (posted in Aust.)
O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL	Advent hymn arranged for SATB choir (minimum 6 copies)	\$5 each (posted in Aust.)
LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS	New setting for SATB choir (minimum 6 copies)	\$5 each (posted in Aust.)
LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS	New unison setting (minimum 6 copies)	\$3 each (posted in Aust.)
FORTH IN YOUR NAME	SATB Anthem based on hymn by Wesley/Gibbons (minimum 6 copies)	\$5 each (posted in Aust.)
THE LORD'S PRAYER	Unison setting for congregation (includes permission to copy)	\$8 (emailed)
FIVE-FOLD AMEN	A joyous conclusion to worship, Unison (& SATB) (includes permission to copy)	\$2 (emailed)
FANFARE FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION	Organ solo (4 minutes)	\$8 (posted in Aust.)

To order, email your name & postal address to Steven: rsnisbet@optusnet.com.au

Society News

Organ Ramble to Camp Hill /Coorparoo

On 16 February a fine group of organists attended the first Ramble for the year. We went to [Church of the Latter Day Saints](#), Camp Hill where there is a New Johannus two-manual digital organ. Several of us played the organ, and commented that they felt that the organ would benefit from a voicing session from the installing technician, because it has only recently been added to the church assets.

Later we travelled to [St Stephen's Anglican Church](#), Coorparoo where there is a Pipe organ by Charles Dirksen (1959), rebuilt by Bert Jarrott (1978, 2 manuals, 20 stops). The resources of this organ are well suited to the church and it was easy to play and to select registrations suitable to much of the church organ repertoire.

An interesting music lecture series

The King of Instruments

Four Lecture-Recitals by Dr Steven Nisbet

St Andrew's Uniting Church, Creek & Ann Streets

Tuesdays from 10.30am to 11.30am

June 4 – How the organ works 1 (stops & pipes)

June 11 – How the organ works 2 (technology)

June 18 – Organ building across the world

June 25 – Organ music across musical eras

Register – rsnisbet@optusnet.com.au

Communication and Marketing

We are asking for someone to help with a new Communication and Marketing role for the Society. So far we are doing this within the committee, but we really need another person to advise us.

If you are willing to assist, or you have family members with these skills, please telephone the Secretary Denis Wayper 3263 9452 right away.

Modest remuneration for these services can be offered.

Encourage another organ music lover to join the Society

Benefits of membership:

- o *Organ Australia* journal 3 times per year
- o Organ Rambles to magnificent instruments
- o 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

Exciting Organ Concerts:

[Brisbane City Hall Organ Series](#)

Tuesday 12th March 1.15pm (Michael Fulcher)

Tuesday 9th April 12 noon (Phillip Gearing and Brass)

Tuesday 21st May 1.15pm (Jonathon Lee)

Tuesday 11th June 1.15pm (Christopher Wrench)

Tuesday 25th June 12 noon (Maurice Clerc)

Tuesday 30th July 12 noon (Tony Fenelon)

Tuesday 13th August 1.15pm (Ben Sheen)

Tuesday 15th September (TBA) (Dong Ill Shin)

Tuesday 22nd October (TBA)

[Part of 4MBS Festival of Classics Final Concert Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony](#)

Sunday 23rd June 3pm, Brisbane City Hall

Christopher Wrench & Brisbane Symphony Orchestra

[4MBS Silver Memories Concert](#)

Sunday 1 September, Brisbane City Hall

Christopher Wrench, Emily Cox and Brisbane Chorale and other singers

Society Events: Mark your diaries:

[Never Too Young](#) **31 March**

[Organs on Ann Street](#) in conjunction with 4MBS **18 May**

City Hall Visit - date to be confirmed - **June**

Beaudesert Uniting Church **17 August**

AGM and Organ Recital **21 September**

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