

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Our 80th Commemorative Celebration and Cup Day Organ crawl have now happened and each was a fitting event for those attending.

The Society had its beginnings around The Scots' Church, Melbourne, our founding President Herbert Davis being its Organist there for many years. Myfanwy McIndoe, the director of Music at St Patrick's and All Angels, Mentone, opened our commemoration with a fine concert performance with repertoire spanning far beyond the 80 years of the Society.

John Maidment then gave a comprehensive address on the history of the Society, which is to be published in the next edition of Organ Australia. A roll call of past presidents and other officers of the Society was then made, and presentations of a commemorative organ stop key ring made to those attending. A late afternoon tea was then enjoyed.

On Cup Day, a visit to see the TOSA theatre organ in the Malvern Town Hall was stymied by flooding of the basement where the console is located!

Now forwarded with this newsletter are the audited accounts of the Society.

Best wishes for the Festive Season.

Alan Roberts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MUSOC – MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY SERIES OF ORGAN CONCERTS

Fridays during Semester, 1.10pm at various venues in The University of Melbourne.

Free lunchtime organ concert. Information on performer, venue and programme at <https://www.anzco.org/musoc/>

ADVENT ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

St Patrick's Church, Corner Rogers and Childers Streets, Mentone (close to Mentone station).

<i>Saturday 1 December, 5.00pm</i>	Robert Stove
<i>Saturday 8 December, 5.00pm</i>	David Macfarlane
<i>Saturday 15 December, 5.00pm</i>	Ben Mackey
<i>Saturday 22 December, 5.00pm</i>	Rhys Arvidson

Free entry. Enquiries 9583 2103 (office hours).

ORGAN RECITAL - BALLARAT

Sunday 2 December, 4.00pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, Bakery Hill, 5 Humffray Street South, Ballarat 3354.

Featuring The Historic St Paul's Bakery Hill Pipe Organ. Organist Leigh Askew, Organist Christ The King Cathedral, Ballarat; and Tenor Timothy Reynolds, currently performing with Australian Opera. \$10.00 Donation. Performance followed by light refreshments.

ADVENT ORGAN CONCERTS AT THE BASILICA [Camberwell]

Basilica of Our Lady of Victories, 548 Burke Road, Camberwell (near Camberwell Junction).

Camberwell's iconic Our Lady of Victories Basilica this year celebrates the centenary of its opening in October 1918. One of Melbourne's ecclesiastical and architectural gems, the Basilica was dedicated in honour of the fallen of the Great War (1914-1918).

Join us each Sunday afternoon in December at 4pm to enjoy music of the season in the glorious acoustics of the Basilica performed by Melbourne's leading organists.

<i>Sunday 2 December, 4.00pm</i>	Tony Way (St Francis' Church, Melbourne)
<i>Sunday 9 December, 4.00pm</i>	David Agg (organ) and Georgia Wilkinson (soprano)
<i>Sunday 16 December, 4.00pm</i>	Jennifer Chou (Toorak Uniting Church)
<i>Sunday 23 December, 4.00pm</i>	Christopher Trikilis (Our Lady of Victories Basilica)

Concert duration is 60 minutes, and admission FREE. Enquiries 9816 9291

ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS AT THE BASILICA [Geelong]

Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra Street, Geelong.

Free Lunchtime Organ Recitals for Advent 2018. Duration 45 mins.

<i>Monday 3 December, 12.30pm</i>	Jodie Townsend (Director of Music at Geelong Grammar School)
<i>Monday 10 December, 12.30pm</i>	Beverly Phillips (Director of Music at St Mary's Anglican Church, North Melbourne)
<i>Monday 17 December, 12.30pm</i>	Colin Jenkins (former Director of Music at Wesley Church, Melbourne) [Program page 3]
<i>Monday 24 December, 12.30pm</i>	Frank De Rosso (Organist at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong)

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

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

Wednesday 5 December, 1.00pm Westgarth Ensemble. 'All the Ladies' – a Baroque concert featuring three sopranos and a cellist. Please check www.cathedral.org.au for more details as they become available.

Dear Lunchtime Concert-goers,

Apologies, but this week's lunchtime concert has necessarily been cancelled due to ongoing problems with the organ's blower.

A temporary fix will be in place later in the week, but after more than 25,000 services (to say nothing of recitals and other concerts), the motorised blower of the 1890 T.C. Lewis Pipe Organ at St Paul's Cathedral is coming to the end of its life.

The blower comprises an electric motor and giant fans. These provide wind to the bellows, which is then fed to the pipes. After 90 years, the motor and the bearings, which keep the fans' spindle rotating smoothly, have deteriorated. While restoration was considered, the cost was comparable to replacement. Our organ advisors believe that replacing the complete blowing system is the most prudent course. Note: no works were carried out on the blower during the 1980s organ rebuild.

The new blowing plant will be the fourth in the organ's history. The first was powered by a water motor. This system was electrified in 1913, and replaced by the current plant, a 'Duplex' brand made for organ builders Hill, Norman & Beard by G.R. Dain at the firm's London factory, in 1928.

We need to raise \$75,000. Please donate to the St Paul's Cathedral Music Foundation today.

If 500 people donate \$150 each, the organ will keep sounding magnificent for the next 100 years. Donations are tax deductible.

<https://spcm.files.wordpress.com/2018/07/mf-donation-form-june-2018.pdf>

<https://cathedral.org.au/worship/music/the-music-foundation/>

Thanks for your generosity, and best wishes,

Philip Nicholls,

Director of Music,

St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. [11 November 2018]

HARDY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Sunday 9 December, 3.00pm at All Saints', Newtown, Geelong.

Myfanwy McIndoe will be the organist for this first recital in the Hardy Organ Recital Series.

Program...

Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV733

J.S. Bach

Prelude on 'Veni Emmanuel' from *Three Short Preludes*

Edward Bairstow

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV659

J.S. Bach

Offertoire No. 6 sur un Noël espagnol-Élévation

A. Guilmant

Toccata from the *5th Organ Symphony*

C. M. Widor

Details of the organ can be found at www.allsaintsnewtown.org.au



ST STEPHEN'S CONCERT ON RICHMOND HILL

Sunday 9 December, 2.30pm at St Stephen's Anglican Church, 360 Church Street Richmond.

Flute and Piano: From Bach to the Impressionists.

This concert sees two of Melbourne's leading musicians - flautist Derek Jones and pianist David Barnard - present works by Bach, Debussy and Reinecke.

The St Stephen's Concerts on Richmond Hill Series has been established to raise much-needed funds for the restoration and conservation of one of Australia's most important historic pipe organs, the 1865 J.W. Walker pipe organ in St Stephen's Church Richmond.

Built in London in 1865 for 'Rose Hill', the home of William Philpott in Toorak, the instrument has been in St Stephen's Church since 1869 and is currently receiving much-needed conservation work to ensure it remains in playing condition for generations to come.

Tickets \$40 (including afternoon tea) at the door. All proceeds toward the St Stephen's Organ Restoration fund. Enquiries: 9428 4871.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT BURWOOD

Sunday 9 December, 7.30pm at Burwood Uniting Church, cnr Hyslop Street and Warrigal Road, Glen Iris.

Annual Candlelight Service of Readings and well known Carols. Choral works by Nancy Price & Don Besig, John L Bell, Lon Berry, Andrea Klouse and Jay Althouse. Choir leader: Jessie Clark; Organist & pianist: Colin Prohasky.

All welcome. Supper to follow.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Wednesday 12 December, 7.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.

The concert will feature Anthony Halliday (organ) and Joel Brennan (trumpet).

Anthony Halliday is invited annually to give organ and piano recitals throughout Europe and Australasia including festivals in Cologne, Bonn, Rome, Leipzig (St Thomas's Church where Bach was organist) and London. Appearances as soloist include with the Sydney, Melbourne and Tasmanian Symphony Orchestras, principal players of the BBC Symphony and St Cecilia Chamber Orchestras, London.

Joel Brennan has served as principal trumpet of the Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra (Netherlands) and Hyogo Performing Arts Centre Orchestra (Japan), and has appeared with orchestras worldwide such as the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Victoria (Australia), Winnipeg Symphony (Canada), Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra (Korea), Rotterdam Philharmonic (Netherlands), and Bilkent Symphony Orchestra (Turkey).

Tickets: \$20 No concessions (Children under 15 free). Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZEUH>



FREE THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Every Thursday 1.00pm - 1.30pm St Michael's Uniting Church, 120 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Every Thursday at 1.00pm, the St Michael's Carillon is sounded and the grand organ comes to life for a free 30 minute recital. Now into their ninth year, these recitals are well attended by the public. Performed by organist Rhys Boak and visiting artists, these recitals bring the joy and beauty of live music to many Melbournians and visitors. www.facebook.com/stmichaelsmelbourne/

Thursday 13 December, 1.00pm - St. Michael's, Collins Street Melbourne

Colin Jenkins will perform selected organ works (*) from the *17 December* program listing below. Free Admission.

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday 16 December, 7.00pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, cnr Union Road and Montrose Street, Surrey Hills.

Come and sing popular carols and hear the Christmas story in words and music. Composers of choir music include Rutter, Handel, Britten, Willcocks and Warlock. Light supper to follow. Inquiries 9890 2165 or 9894 2335.

ADVENT ORGAN RECITAL

Monday 17 December, 12.30pm at St Mary of the Angels Basilica, 136 Yarra Street, Geelong 3220.

Colin Jenkins will perform the following organ works... Free Admission.

Prelude to <i>Concerto in D major</i> (1749)	Claude Balbastre (1724 - 1799)	*
Three Movements from <i>Advent Suite</i>	Pietro A. Yon (1886 - 1943)	*
- Prelude <i>Rorate Coeli</i> - Introit <i>Veni Emmanuel</i> - <i>Ave Maria</i> in Piedmontese Peasant Style.		
<i>Prelude on a French Traditional Carol</i> (Picardy)	Eric Thiman (1900 - 1975)	
<i>Vom Himmel hoch, da komm 'ich her</i> [From Heaven above to earth I come]	Johann Pachelbel (1653 - 1706)	*
<i>Divinum Mysterium</i> (Of the Father's Love Begotten)	Wilbur Held (1914 - 2015)	*
<i>Prelude Solemn 'Veni Emmanuel'</i> [O Come, O Come Emmanuel]	Richard Purvis (1917 - 1995)	
<i>Cloches</i>	Marcel Fournier (1899 - 1963) arr. Carolyn Shuster Fournier (1956 -)	
Pastorale: <i>Gesu Bambino</i> [The Infant Jesus]	Pietro A. Yon (1886 - 1943)	*
Toccata: 'Songs of Praise'	Herbert Chappell (1934 -)	*

CAROLS AT HARTWELL

Sunday 23 December, 8.00pm at Hartwell Church of Christ, cnr Highfield Road and Milverton Street, Hartwell. (Melway Map 50 E5)

Carols performed by the choir and band as well as plenty of singing for all to join in! Guest organist: Colin Prohasky. Supper will be served afterwards. Enquiries: 9889 3484, or email Rosemary Kenny: roseink@optusnet.com.au

THE 24TH ORGANS OF THE BALLARAT GOLDFIELDS FESTIVAL

Friday 11 to Sunday 20 January 2019 in heritage churches and halls of the Victorian central highland area.

This festival was founded in 1996 by organist Sergio de Pieri, who returns from Venice each January as its director.

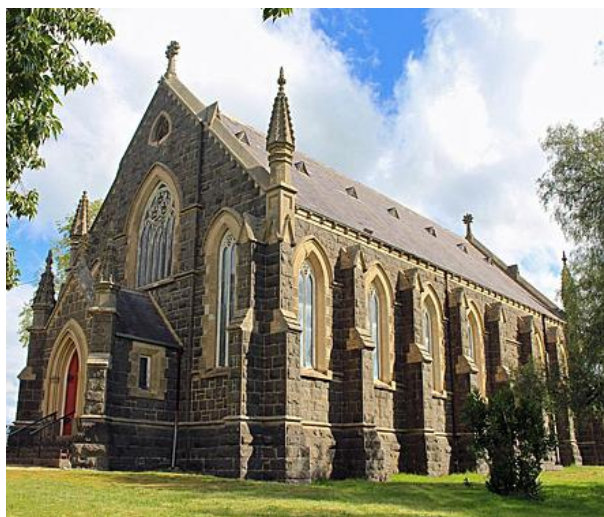
It was the heritage mechanical action organs in the region which inspired Sergio to create the festival in 1996 and several have now been restored or had major repairs. Earlier this year, the lovely Hamlin organ (London 1860) in St Paul's Anglican Church, Clunes, was restored and will be played in the festival by Anthony Halliday.

Nello Cartacia, organist at the Cathedral of Orvieto, will play the large Fincham organ at the Ballarat Central Uniting Church.

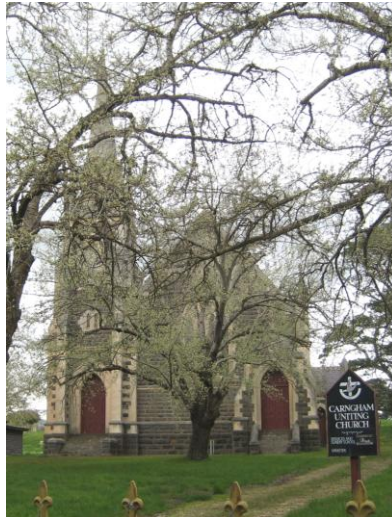
The program is, as always, varied and includes Schola Cantorum performing Arvo Part's *Passio*, e21 singing sacred music of Monteverdi, the festival Haydn Ensemble with baritone David Greco performing Schuberts, tenor David Thomson, the Orava Quartet and other brilliant musicians.

The 2019 festival will include Beaufort, Snake Valley, Clunes, Creswick and Ballarat venues, 23 one-hour recitals with time to relax and enjoy festival events and the beautiful summer days in this region.

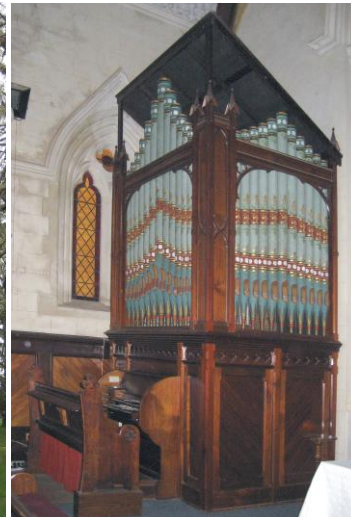
Gold passes, day passes, weekend passes and recital tickets are available. Bookings via website www.ballaratorgans.com.au until *Tuesday 1 January*. Also www.trybooking.com Booking enquiries 0429 327 097. Program enquiries and brochures 0401 826 466.



St Paul's Anglican Church, Clunes.



Carngham Uniting Church, Snake Valley.



THE BRIGHTON PROMS

Friday 22 February, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Brighton, 228 New Street, Brighton 3186.

Featuring: The Choir of Trinity College, Melbourne,
The Choir of St Andrew's Brighton, and
The Australian Festival Chamber Orchestra.

Admission: Adult \$45, Conc. \$40, Student \$20, U15 Free.
15% discount for 10 or more. Program included.



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 www.sov.org.au

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** (there is no newsletter in January). 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).

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