

THE SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS (VICTORIA) INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

1971

To Be Presented To The Members At The Annual Meeting

To Be Held On

MONDAY, MARCH 6th., 1972 at 8.00 p.m.

at

THE MELBOURNE UNITARIAN PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

110 Grey Street, East Melbourne, 3002.

In affiliation with the Incorporated Association of Organists  
(England)

Incorporated 1946

Founded 1938

OFFICE-BEARERS.

PATRONS. Sir W.N.McKie, D.Mus.,M.A.  
Illustre Mo.F.Germani.

PRESIDENT. Ralph Perrin.

PAST-PRESIDENTS. Herbert Davis; Claude Monteith; A.C.Lenton; R.E.V.Church;  
George Findlay; A.Wright-Denniss; David L.Cook; M.Bald-  
erson; James B.Thacker; Ralph H.Perrin; Leslie Harrison  
Peter Nicholls.

VICE-PRESIDENTS. Miss K.Campbell, Mr.L.Harrison, Mr.D.Grieger, Mr.P.Nicholls.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. Mrs.J.Hearne; Antony R.Love; William Smith;  
Frank Robertson-Smith; Geoffrey Thiele; William Ralph;  
John McClure; John Maidment; Ralph Perrin;  
Terrence Stokes.

TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND. Ralph H.Perrin; Max Balderson; Reg. V.Leggo.

HONORARY AUDITOR. Mr.Norman B.Allen.

HONORARY TREASURER.

Mrs.J.Hearne,  
38 Barter Crescent,  
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HONORARY SECRETARY.

Mr.Terrence Stokes,  
51 Thoresby Grove,  
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1970 - 71.

Thirty-Third Year.

## FOREWORD

The year 1971 was probably the most disappointing one that the Society has ever experienced. It was not a total failure or disappointment because many of the events held were very successful but unfortunately, the majority and more especially the larger events such as the proposed Organ Playing Competition and the Recital by Michael Wentzell in the Melbourne Town Hall were, to put it mildly, disasters both in attendance and cost. The performance of the artist at the recital itself was undeniably superb and those who did not attend missed a magnificent evening.

This does however, to my mind, raise the question of just what do members want in an Organ Society. Questionnaires issued on the matter are a waste of time - one is lucky if six are returned. Excuses are always being found such as the clashes with other events, the weather, the site chosen for the particular event and so on. However, these are just excuses - they are not reasons and Council would, I feel sure, like to know just what the solution is.

It became necessary, unfortunately, to raise the subscription during the course of the year to \$6.00 from the old subscription rate of \$4.00. But this was inevitable as Council had been absorbing the rises in costs for many years with the result that the bank account was lucky to be afloat at all on a number of occasions. However, members will not lose by the increase as the money made available in this way will enable Council to do that much more to improve the running of the Society.

The Multilith, whilst proving itself ideal in many ways for the production of the Newsletter has, otherwise, been virtually unused as members have not been forthcoming with material for printing on it. Of course, had they been so, it might have still proved difficult for me to assist them, because of the limitations to my own time in the last year. Council now has this matter in hand, however, and members may rest assured that the difficulties encountered in 1971 will not recur in 1972.

I am sorry if this foreword is cast in a somewhat gloomy style but over all, 1971 was not the brightest of years - let us look forward to 1972 when the planned programme materialises and see if this new year can end on a profoundly different note.

For and on behalf of Council:

Ralph Perrin:           President.

Terrence Stokes:       Secretary.

SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS (VICTORIA) INCORPORATED WEST VICTORIA (HAMILTON) BRANCH

REPORT FOR 1971.

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 1971 and in so doing, express my thanks to the Branch Committee and, in particular, to the Secretary, David Mibus, for their and his assistance during the year.

During the year, 3 members of the Society left the district but we gained 2 new ones so Branch membership now stands at 17 which may be regarded as satisfactory. The Branch received a subsidy from General Council to help defray costs. This assistance has been much appreciated and has enabled us to pay outstanding expenses.

A number of functions were held during the year. On 6th. December, 1970 our members spent an enjoyable year at the Baptist Church, Hamilton, inspecting and playing the 5 Stop Bevington Organ. The evening concluded with the Annual Meeting at which I was elected President once again. David Mibus was re-elected Secretary and Ron Hartwich, Graeme Hartwich and William Schlahechke were appointed to the Committee. We planned to hold a public recital in February, 1971 as part of the Hamilton Yulunga Festival but because of changed Festival arrangements this did not eventuate. On Sunday afternoon, May 2nd. we had a visit from Terry Simmons, Lorrain Coggin and Jamie Hull-Brown of Warrnambool who played the Flute & Recorder, Virginal and Violin respectively. The recital was held at Christ Church, Hamilton with David Mibus providing the organ music. This was a most successful recital with over 100 people present.

On Sunday afternoon, June 17th members journeyed to Portland to inspect the organs in St. Stephen's Church of England, Wesley Church and Scots Church. At St. Stephen's, David Collier of Melbourne gave a recital of lesser known early organ music. Each year, we hold a record night and this year we were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Coll. Walter of Hamilton. This was held on Wednesday, August 16th. This Report will be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Branch which, this year, will be held at the Tabor Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 3rd., following an inspection of the organ and a time of informal playing by members.

On Sunday, November 28th., it is planned to hold a recital in the Lutheran Church, Hamklton. This will be given by David Collier and Meredith Goding of Melbourne. Because the Branch is small in numbers, I do urge all members to endeavour to attend all the functions arranged, thus ensuring the continued success of this Branch. Next year, we are hoping to have a visit from Sergio de Pieri and have in mind a visit to Horsham Churches. Members of the Soci

in other areas have been in contact with us and we hope this will continue. We would particularly welcome Society members who would like to come to Hamilton to give recitals. We are looking forward to 1972 with enthusiasm.

Glen Witham.

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### GENERAL STATISTICS.

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Ten Council Meetings were held during the year. Attendances were as follows:

##### Vice-Presidents.

Miss K.Campbell.	8.	Mr.D.Grieger	7.
Mr.P.Nicholls.	8.	Mr.L.Harrison.	9.

##### Councillors.

Mrs.J.Hearne	8.	Mr.W.Ralph.	6.
Mr.A.R.Love.	10.	Mr.F.Robertson-Smith	4.
Mr.J.Maidment.	5.	Mr.W.Smith.	10.
Mr.J.McClure	7.	Mr.T.Stokes.	10.
Mr.R.Perrin.	9.	Mr.G.Thiele.	5.

Mr.J.Maidment was granted leave of absence for several months during the course of the year as he was going overseas and Messrs.Ralph and Thiele joined the Council during the year to replace earlier resignations.

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#### OFFICE-BEARERS.

At the first meeting of the year the following were elected to office:

President: Mr.Ralph Perrin.

Hon.Secretary: Mr.Terrence Stokes.

Hon.Treasurer: Mrs.Joyce Hearne.

Librarian: Mr.John Maidment.

Publicity Officer: Mr.Peter Nicholls.

I.A.O.Officer: Mr.William Smith.

Programme Committee Representative: Mr.Frank Robertson-Smith.

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#### FUNCTIONS.

- No.239. President's Reception.
- 240. Slide Night.
- 241. Visit to organs in Malvern/Armadale.
- 242. Organ Playing Competition (Cancelled) & Public Recital in Melbourne Town Hall.
- 243. Social Night at the Melbourne Unitarian Church.
- 244. Visits to organs in Private Homes.

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The usual list of names, addresses and qualifications of members is deleted from this issue because of difficulties of preparation.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30th. 1971.

<u>Expenditure.</u>	<u>REVENUE ACCOUNT.</u>		<u>Revenue.</u>	
	<u>1970.</u>	<u>1971.</u>	<u>1970.</u>	<u>1971.</u>
To Cancellation Petty Cash advance	20	-	By subscriptions	1383 1274
Annual Report Expenses	161	41.56	Donations received	
Postage, Telephone, Sundries	233.	193.86	Interest	
Printing & Stationery	440	462.18	S.E.C. Stock	30.25.
Annual Meeting Expenses	19.	17.00	A.N.Z. Bank	7.03
Herbert Davis Memorial Prize	21.	-	C.T. Bonds.	16.13.
I.A.O fees/journals	220.	280.93.	Transfer against accumulation fund	20.96
Net cost of functions	113.	393.19		
Bank Loans fees (Net) on account of Multilith	7.	19.65.		
Transfer to accumulated fund	226	-		
	\$ 1406	1348.37		\$ 1460 1348.37.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

To Balance 30.9.71		By Balance at 30.9.70	1263.59.
Commonwealth Treasury Bonds		Entrance Fees	14.00
100 5% due 1976	100.00	Interest: M.M.B.W. Debentures	
200 4 7/8% due 1984	200.00	S.E.C. Stock	5.53.
State Electricity Commission Debentures 5 5/8% 1978	192.00	C.T. Bonds	10.86.
M.M.B.W. Debentures		A.N.Z. Bank Fixed Dep	11.79.
100 5 1/4% 1977	97.88	S.S.B. Savings Int.	2.97.
A.N.Z. Savings Bank Fixed Deposit	400.00	A.N.Z.           "	7.30.
Cash in A.N.Z. Savings Bank	332.93		
Cash in A.N.Z. Fixed Deposit (Interest)	11.79.		
	\$ 1334.60		\$ 1334.60.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

To balance at 30.9.71		By balance at 30.9.70.	645.76.
C.T. Bonds "T" Series	100.00		
M.M.B.W. Debentures \$500			
5 1/4% due 1977	489.32.		
Cash in A.N.Z. Savings Bank, Forest Hill	56.44.		
	\$645.76.		\$ 645.76.

BENEVOLENT FUND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

To balance at 30.9.71		By balance at 30.9.70	428.80.
C.T.Bonds \$100 5% due 1976	100.00	Interest: M.M.B.W.Deb.	
Cash in A.N.Z.Savings Bank	381.68.		27.62.
Forest Hill		C.T.Bonds	10.20.
		S.S.Bank	4.81.
		A.N.Z.Bank	10.25. 52.88
	<u>\$481.68</u>		
			<u>\$481.68.</u>

BALANCE SHEET.

Subscriptions in advance	75.00	Library (At cost)	574.12.
Library Fund	96.30	Addresograpg & Fittings	66.31.
Accumulated Fund at 30.9.70		(At cost)	
	1572.42.	I.B.M.Electric Typewriter	150.00
<u>Less</u> transfer against Fund from		(At cost)	
Revenue Account 20.96.	1551.46.	Gestetner Duplicating Machine	
Overdraft with A.N.Z.Bank Forest Hill		(At cost)	100.00
for purchase of Multilith	1072.00	Multilith Offset Printing Machine	
Surplus held pending completion next		(At cost)	1045.00
stage of Gazetteer	70.66.	C.T.Bonds 5 3/8% due 1982	300.00
		S.E.C.Stock: 5 1/4% 1984	100.00
		5% due 1975	500.00
	<u>\$ 2865.42.</u>	Cash at A.N.Z.Bank Forest Hill	
			29.99
			<u>\$ 2865.42.</u>

SUMMARY OF COMPETITION ACCOUNT TO SEPTEMBER 30th.1971.

Balance brought forward 30.9.70	38.59	Refund of entrance fee held for 1971	
Bank Interest	1.01.	Competition	3.00.
Refund of chq.stamp duty	1.10	Acct.closed - balance transfered to	
		Loan A/c. (re Multilith Machine	37.70
	<u>\$ 40.70</u>		
			<u>\$ 40.70.</u>

SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND BANK LOAN ACCOUNT  
SEPTEMBER 1970 to 30th SEPTEMBER 1971.

Nett cost of machine	1045.00	Donations received	30.25.
Bank fees	24.15.	Proceeds of functions	15.00
Bank Interest	85.80	Transfer on closing Comp.A/c	37.70.
		Nett Overdraft balance A.N.Z.	
		Bank	1072.00.
	<u>\$ 1154.95.</u>		
			<u>\$ 1154.95.</u>