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OFFICE BEARERS

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Mrs. Joy Hearne

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VICE PRESIDENTS :

Bill Smith
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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL :

John Beaverstock
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John Cowan *
Daniel Ferguson
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Joy Hearne

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* Part of the year only.

TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND :

Joy Hearne, Robert Moore, Les Harrison

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Stan Wilson

HONORARY SECRETARY :

Les Harrison

Annual Report
of the
SOCIETY OF ORGANISTS
(Victoria) Incorporated
to be submitted to the members at the
Annual Meeting
to be held on
4th December, 1981
at
Ormond College, University of Melbourne

Incorporated 1946

Founded 1938

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Council of the Society of Organists is pleased to present to you the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1981.

OFFICE BEARERS :

Following the Annual General Meeting on 5th December, 1980, the Council met and elected the following Office Bearers :-

President	:	Joy Hearne
Senior Vice President	:	Bill Smith
Junior Vice President	:	Les Harrison
Secretary	:	Les Harrison
Membership Secretary	:	John Hart
Minute Secretary	:	Bill Smith
Treasurer	:	Stan Wilson
Editor of V.O.J.	:	Paul Singleton

Continuing appointments were as follows :-

Publications	:	Keith Corben
Registrar of Deputies	:	Stan Sydserrff
Librarian/Archivist	:	Garry Hearne

COMMITTEES :

The following appointments were decided :-

<u>Programme</u>	:	Bill Smith, John Beaverstock, Daniel Ferguson, Les Harrison
<u>Publications</u>	:	Ross O'Brien, Paul Singleton, Les Harrison, Bill Smith
<u>Organ Advisory</u>	:	Ross O'Brien, John Beaverstock, John Cowan, John Hart

MEMBERSHIP :

During the year 15 new members were admitted to the Society, there were 3 resignations and a number of unfinancial members were removed from the list. The deaths of Harold McDonald and Mrs. G.E. Smith were reported. Final total membership for the year was 344 (1980 : 348).

HERBERT DAVIS AWARD :

This annual award, on the advice of the Dean of the Faculty of Music, University of Melbourne, is to be presented to Lloyd Fleming at the Dinner prior to the Annual General Meeting on December 4th.

FUNCTIONS :

- 361 : October : Recital by Michael Dudman at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.
- 362 : November : Cup Day visit to organs in the Brighton area.
- 363 : December : Annual General Meeting at Our Lady of Victories Church, Camberwell, preceded by an organ recital by Harold Fabrikant.
- 364 : February : Picnic and recorded organ music at the home of Tony Love at Mt. Martha.
- 365 : May : Visit to organs in the Geelong area.
- 366 : June : Workshop on organ accompaniment conducted by John Beaverstock at Toorak Uniting Church.
- 367 : July : Combined dinner with RSCM held at Greenacres Golf Club, Kew. Guest speaker was Leslie Barklamb.
- 368 : August : Student recital and members composition evening at Seddon Street, Ivanhoe, Uniting Church.
- 369 : September : Week-long visit to organs in the Hunter Valley area of N.S.W.

GENERAL MATTERS :(a) Overseas Recitalists

Last year's report pointed out the difficulties and uncertainties of sponsoring on our own behalf visits by recitalists from Europe or North America, although each year produces several who are anxious to come to Australia, some of whom do eventually arrive, having arranged what they can in the way of recitals by contacts with other groups. We are very happy to lend what support we can to these visitors, which may be a financial contribution to the expenses of the particular organizer, but more often than not involves provision of transport, accommodation and entertainment.

Under this heading come Maurice Clerc, who gave a recital in St. Paul's Cathedral in July, and in other parts of Victoria, and Hayko Siemens, who played at Toorak Uniting Church in September.

- (b) Continued liaison with the RSCM resulted in the very successful combined dinner held in July, at which guest speaker Leslie Barklamb reminisced about his early years in the formation of Melbourne's Symphony orchestras.

(c) We have continued to exchange information with ASME and TOSA and have maintained our support of the Organ Historical Trust of Australia (O.H.T.A.) and the International Festival of Organ and Harpsichord.

(d) Dr. A.E.H. Nickson

Following the plaque in memory of A.E.H.N. placed in St. Peter's Church, Eastern Hill, last year, a similar memorial has this year been placed in the Faculty of Music Building of Melbourne University. The generous support of many people who have made this possible is greatly appreciated. The balance of monies in the fund established for this project will be devoted to the A.E.H. Nickson Travelling Scholarship.

(e) Dr. A.E. Floyd

The Memorial Scholarship Fund to commemorate the many years of service to Melbourne by Dr. A.E. Floyd has now been launched, and is worthy of support by all members and the wider musical community. One of our members, John Moore, who is Honorary Secretary of the Fund Committee, would be glad to give more details of the Fund and the proposed Scholarship.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS :

We are indebted to those who have undertaken the numerous tasks necessary to keep the Society operating smoothly so that all members will benefit. In particular we should mention the work that goes into preparation and despatch of the Victorian Organ Journal and the accompanying Newsheet, as this involves close co-operation and concentrated effort on the part of a small but enthusiastic group.

We express our thanks to all those involved in organizing our various activities, and also to those who have taken part in recitals, lectures and discussions.

Joy Hearne President

Leslie Harrison Secretary

November, 1981