



Newsletter

Organ Society of Queensland

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Christmas Greetings!

As Christmas races towards us again, it is my great pleasure to wish you all the compliments of the season. I do hope you will all have a happy fulfilling and especially a musical Christmas. May your Christmas music go well and provide much pleasure for many and satisfaction for you.

As I look back on the OSQ's year, I can say that it has gone well. There is much more that I and the committee would like to see done, but we are all volunteers and many other things compete for our time. We are always looking for ways to promote the cause and increase the size of our membership, and especially to attract younger organists. I am particularly keen for our efforts in the future to be biased this way.

There are many who contribute to the organ scene in Queensland and their sterling efforts are what keep us going. So I offer a general thank-you to the organist community for the tireless and, more often than not, unacknowledged effort.

This newsletter contains the events scheduled by your committee for the first part of 2014. Please support us with your attendance. We always seek two things - your inputs about any events you would like arranged, and - your help to organise or contribute to these events. Have you thought about volunteering to serve on the committee? The more interest we have, the more we can do.

On behalf of all of your committee I wish you all a happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May 2014 be filled with good music and music-making.

Peter Robinson
Vice President.

December 2013

Vice President's Message

It is with sadness that I have to report our President Steven Nisbet is unwell at the moment and has been advised by his doctors to lighten his load to a minimum in order to recuperate effectively. I am in contact with Adele periodically and I know that Steven is receiving good care. We all hope that it is just a matter of time before he will actively re-join us.

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OSQ

Visit the City Hall Organ!

Simon Pierce advises that the City Hall organ will be completed early next year. We are working to find a way that society members can assist Simon "test play" the organ to ensure it is in perfect condition when the Organ is opened to public concerts.

The Society is also assisting to organise the first public organ concerts, which may be as early as May 2014.

Society Events:

Tuesday 25 February 2014 – 7.00pm

Saturday 1 March – 9.00am

Possible Venue St Joseph's Kangaroo Point

PLAYING YOUR ELECTRONIC ORGAN

Presented by Organ Society of Qld and RSCM Qld

This is a workshop for church organists to gain more understanding of playing for church. More details Denis Wayper 3263 9452. *Please book as places are limited. Choose which date suits you.*

Late March 2014 – 7.30pm

Venue to be Advised

The Development of Cavaille Coll Pipe Organs

This will be a video presentation of a new DVD documentary on the famous French organ genre.

June Queens Birthday long weekend

Organ Ramble to the Blue Mountains

Our friends at the Sydney Organ Music Society are planning this ramble and have invited us to join with them. Please register your interest with the Secretary Denis Wayper telephone 3263 9452 or email wayperd@bigpond.net.au

Exciting Organ Concerts:

Fridays monthly in 2014

1.00-2.00pm

The Johnian Duo at Uni of Queensland Art Museum (The Mayne Centre)

Music for recorder and organ will be played in the Mayne Centre by Howard Munro (organ) and Ana Stevenson (recorder)
Admission Free

Saturdays monthly in 2014

6.00pm

Twilight International Organ Series at St Johns

We are hopeful that this popular series will be maintained in 2014

Sundays monthly in 2014

2.00pm

Theatre Organ Society Concerts

More information on the TOSA 2014 program will be available from their website <http://www.tosa-qld.org>

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

OSQ has just announced details of its **Organ Scholarship** scheme for young organists.

See the website for details, or phone the Secretary for a paper copy

Organist Development Course

If you wish to have this happen in your church.....

Please phone for details of the program

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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