



# Newsletter

*Organ Society of Queensland*

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**November 2018**

## President's Column

As another year draws almost to a close, we can reflect that we have returned to a very healthy organ concert season this year. Some 28 so far, and 4 more this month. Fortunately both City Hall and St Johns Cathedral are back on the job!

Not only these, but the Society arranged another fund raising concert for Qld Brain Institute, and members have been involved in another, for drought relief. In fact it rained before the concert, so the mere PROMISE of a concert broke the drought!

As outlined in our April Newsletter, we welcomed several new members to the Society this year. We are glad to meet you and hopefully get to know you better at 2019 activities.

We sadly farewelled a cherished member of the Society Elsie Anders, who passed away mid year. A tribute to her is in this newsletter. You will note a myriad of items in this Newsletter, that are important changes – the Organ Australia publication may change to an online eJournal, but we are seeking your input about this.

Overall we are looking to do a number of new things next year, so we hope to see more of you during this time.

Meanwhile we hope to see some of you at the upcoming Southport Organ Ramble.

**Peter Robinson**  
President OSQ

## 2018 Annual General Meeting....

An attention grabbing headline to be sure.... But an important part of the Society's year.

*A successful AGM was held and the following Office Bearers were elected:*

*President Peter Robinson*

*Vice President Ross Windsor*

*Secretary Denis Wayper*

*Treasurer Jenny Summerson*

*Committee Steven Nisbet, Amanda Hume, Tom Campbell*



A total of 13 Members were present, with 9 Member apologies.

The President outlined a successful year, of various events for members, including a memorable visit to the Klais organ at QPAC, thanks to Dr Robert Boughen's invitation. Two Organ Scholarships are in progress to young organists, and more will be pursued. The President welcomed two new members present at the AGM. He also forecast that the Society will work next year towards a Young Organists concert, and an Organ Spectacular together with 4MBS, hopefully in the City Hall.

After conclusion of the AGM, the members present were treated to a fine presentation of music by Christopher Wrench, including the little heard but much appreciated Captain Logan's Fancy composed by Colin Brumby - a suite on the convict folksong Moreton Bay.

Noted above is the name of a new Committee member, Tom Campbell, so we welcome him to the committee.

Our President announced at the AGM that we have been tentatively advised that the Society is one of the beneficiaries of the estate of late member Elsie Anders. Of course this may take some time to materialize, but we are rather honoured to be so recognised by a lady who had a remarkable interest in music, organ and people. So we will spend some time in contemplating how this bequest can best serve her memory.

## 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 the Scholarship to their attention. A guideline and application form is on our website [www.organsociety.com.au](http://www.organsociety.com.au)

## What else are we doing.....

### Organ Australia Journal

This high quality journal which is included with your subscription to OSQ is produced by the Society of Organists Victoria. For various reasons, SOV is electing to publish this as an online journal in future. The Committee of OSQ has decided to keep faith with our members and print copies of the journal and post to you in the same way as before. We think you will enjoy reading the printed journal at your leisure, as we do, so we have taken a decision to do this while the future of the journal is being worked out by Victoria. At the moment costs are not affected, as we have been able to secure economical, but high quality printing locally for the quantity we need to supply to our members, wherever they are.

Hence the journal is enclosed with this Newsletter. We will keep you posted on the future of this important part of our service to members.

However just to gauge the interests of our members, would you please tell us your preference for receiving Organ Australia in the future – Email online, OR printed copy. Please either email your reply to [wayperd@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wayperd@bigpond.net.au), or use the response form on the back page, or telephone the Secretary Denis Wayper (07) 3263 9452.

### Organ Ramble to Southport



What about a pre-Christmas trip to the Gold Coast? We have planned a ramble to three distinctive organs at Southport – St Hilda's School, St Peters Anglican, and The Southport School on Saturday 1 December, and including a visit to the famous Charis Seafood Café for lunch (own cost) at Labrador. Have a leisurely but absorbing visit and a chat with other members, while enjoying these three organs. New committee person Tom Campbell is the organizer of this visit, so hopefully you can meet him too. The Ramble starts at The Southport School at 10.00am, we go to lunch before 12 noon and then return to St Peters about 1.00pm and follow with St Hildas at 2.30pm. RSVP to Denis Wayper by 28 November please.

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## Society News

**We thought it might be interesting to hear about members' respective organ music journeys, so here are some brief Bios:**

### Adrian Sharp

I am a local of Brisbane, and have been interested in the organ since watching church organists play when I was a youngster. I started playing the organ myself for church when I was in high school. Now a Catholic priest, I don't get much opportunity to play, although I hear myself play most Sundays, since – due to a shortage of organists – our organ has the facility for recording tracks, which are then played back during Mass. I think the new VPO technology has great possibilities (we have one in our choir loft), and I also enjoy listening to the theatre pipe organ.

### OSQ Secretary Denis Wayper

Denis Wayper is an organist at the Aspley Uniting Church in Brisbane, where he has been playing for over 34 years. Which is also how long he has been playing the organ. As well as enjoying organ music he enjoys most other music including opera, musical theatre, and ballet and some, repeat some, of modern christian music. His work involved him in the forest products industry and in the State Government with management of the state's environmental impact assessment process.

### Gregory Hartay-Szabo

Gregory Hartay-Szabo has been Organist/Director of Music at the Albert Street Uniting Church since February 2005. Greg is Budapest-born and commenced organ studies with Istvan Baroti, Organist of the Hungarian National Cathedral at Esztergom and later had the privilege of regularly deputizing for his teacher. Greg came to Australia as a dual citizen in 1998 and majored in Organ at the Queensland Conservatorium under the tutelage of Christopher Wrench. He won the Conservatorium Organ prize in three consecutive years, graduating with Honours in 2003. He has performed in numerous local and interstate organ recitals and concerts, including the Brisbane Festival in 2002 and 2004.

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## 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](http://www.organsociety.com.au)

## Exciting Organ Concerts:

**Sunday 11 November, 4.00pm**

**Classical Music Recital**

**St Pauls Anglican Ipswich**

**David Reccia Chenoweth**

**Saturday 17 November, 2.00pm**

**TOSAQ Theatre Organ Concert**

**Kelvin Grove State College**

**Simon Gledhill**

**Saturday 17 November, 6.00pm**

**Organ Recital Series**

**St Johns Cathedral**

**Andrej Kouznetsov**

**Tuesday 20 November, 1.15pm**

**Free Lunchtime Concert**

**Brisbane City Hall**

**David Drury**

## Society Event:

**Saturday 1 December 10.00am- 3.30pm**

**Organ Ramble to Southport Organs**

**Commencing at The Southport School**



**Humour ... An occasional series of organ-ic humour.**

Organ Stops we would all like to have sometimes...



## OSQ and the Pony Express

One semi-rural member advised us of a change of address from the street address to a Post Office Box. We felt inquisitive enough to ask him why, as we had just sent the Journal to the street address. We received the following explanation –

*"By way of explanation, we obtained the PO box because our horse used to grab the mail out of our letter box and eat it, which lead to unpaid bills etc.*

*"The last copy of the OSQ journal arrived, but the postie decided just to chuck it on the ground rather than place it in our letter box. It was then that I decided it would be safer being delivered to the PO box. Hence the change."*

## Tribute to Elsie Anders 1932 - 2018



In her early twenties, Elsie discovered the pipe organ and started lessons at St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane being taught by Louise Grimes and later, continued on with Frederic Rogers at All Saints Anglican Church Brisbane.

As an organist, Elsie has played in many, many churches. From 1956 to 1962 she played at St. Mary's Kangaroo Point where over the years she accompanied many talented and famous singers, including Donald Smith, Henry Howell, Janet Delpratt, Olive Martin and Len Cleary. Other Churches she has played at include St. Barnabas' Red Hill, St. Paul's Ashgrove, Christ Church Milton, Hamilton Methodist Church, Mowbraytown Presbyterian (East Brisbane) and Morningside Methodist.

Elsie was also a golfer and an Associate Member of the Brisbane Golf Club. For many years she regularly played in and captained the weekend Pennant team.

Additionally, she is a published author. The book "Boonah and Beyond" was published in 2013 and is a history of the Anders family and the area in which they lived.

Elsie has been a great supporter of the Organ Society as far back as the early 60s when she was for some years Treasurer. Elsie attended many of the Society's events, concerts and organ rambles over the years and she always had a wealth of stories to tell and many friends to speak about, and took a keen interest in new people with musical and especially organ interests.

Rest in Peace Elsie, from your many friends at the Organ Society of Qld.

## Visit to Pierce Pipe Organs Workshop



In September we visited the organ building workshop of Pierce Pipe Organs, and host Simon Pierce demonstrated the many techniques and equipment for building fine pipe organs in Brisbane. One such piece of technology, a CNC router, produced a fascinating plaque for the Society with our logo on it. Here it is being presented to President Peter Robinson by Simon Pierce.

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## 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.



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