



Newsletter

Organ Society of Queensland

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Vice President's Message

Certainly this year for the OSQ has been out of the ordinary. What we have done as a committee on your behalf did not radically change, but events have steered us in a ways that were not usual! As previously notified, our President was taken ill not long after our last AGM and asked me to become Acting President and, at Steven's request, I am still performing that role. As reported in March, Steven is making steady progress in his recovery, is back at the console at St. Andrew's, although as I write he is in the USA with his wife, Adele, enjoying the delights of Boston in summer. I hope he returns refreshed and invigorated. However, Steven has also indicated that he will step down as President at the coming AGM which means we have to elect a new President.

In accordance with normal procedure outlined in our constitution, all committee members will stand down at the AGM and the election process to select the committee for the coming year undertaken. All positions are open to all members and the process by which you can nominate is explained on the last page of this newsletter. Please consider whether you would like to help out on the committee.

Active participation makes for a more vibrant and relevant organisation. I have indicated my willingness to take on the presidency and accordingly will stand for that position at the AGM. The change of Presidency, no matter who is elected, will mark a change for the OSQ as Steven has been at the helm for such a long time. I appeal to you all to make a special effort to attend the AGM so that you can be involved and have your say in which way you want us to go. No matter who gets elected, it will be a good thing if there is a good representation of the membership present to vote for the way ahead.

The AGM is the routine but necessary procedure and, although dealing with important matters, I hope can be dispensed with efficiently so that we can get on with the more enjoyable aspects arranged for you afterwards. Firstly we have a mini-recital to be given by the new Cathedral organist, Andrej Kouznetsov, and following that a 'Welcome to Brisbane Andrej' catered brunch for which there will be NO CHARGE. Please make a special effort to attend what should be a great morning and certainly great value. Please do not procrastinate with your RSVPs as we will need an indication of numbers as soon as possible for catering purposes.

See you there! Regards

Peter Robinson

Vice President

OSQ

July 2014



A Special Message for Members

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

is on Sat 26 July 2014.

9.30 am at St Johns Cathedral Ann Street Brisbane.

This is a special event for three reasons:

1. We are having an exclusive recital from the St Johns Cathedral Organist Andrej Kouznetsov;
2. We will have a change in President this year; and
3. We will have a short reception to "meet the new Cathedral organist" Andrej Kouznetsov.

Please RSVP to Denis Wayper 3263 9452 or wayperd@bigpond.net.au if you are planning to attend, for catering purposes.

Sponsor an Organ



No not at Uluru (Ayers Rock) but at Alice Springs.

An organist we know at the Alice, has asked whether Brisbane churches would help raise funds for an organ at his Alice Springs church. If your church would be interested in getting behind this good cause, please phone our Vice President Peter Robinson on 0421741485.

As an alternative to satisfy this interest for an organ in Alice Springs, if you have a good used organ for sale, please advise.

OSQ Member Profile

Our next profile for 2014 is the Society's Secretary Denis Wayper who has been doing this role for some years.

Denis Wayper fulfils regular organ duties at Aspley Uniting Church, Brisbane and has been playing church service organ music for over 30 years. He has played a number of major organs in Australia England and South Africa, including concerts in Brisbane City and suburban churches. On a recent trip to England he played the Organ at Westminster Abbey, and other Cathedrals, Churches and Schools in southern England. Other thrilling experiences are to have played the organs in the Sydney Opera House and the Melbourne Town Hall. He is a classically trained pianist to Grade 5 AMEB standard, and also enjoys playing Christian keyboard music styles popularised by Hillsong music.

Special Topics

The Classic Organ Academy program in 2014 is still going. This program is for any organist or piano student with an interest in learning the fundamentals of classic organ playing, and consists of a series of free workshops. The Academy is being lead by Ross Windsor. For more details contact Garry Smith 0411 183 871, or email garrysmithvivace@gmail.com The program is held monthly on a Sunday afternoon 2.00pm – 4.30pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hawthorne St, Woolloongabba Brisbane.

Some of us experienced a most amazing concert in May featuring the one and only Tony Fenelon, playing the Roland Classic Organ and Oliver Brett playing the Rodgers digital pipe organ. You will recall Oliver is the Assistant Organist at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, and was also the Society's Guest Speaker at our 60th Anniversary Lunch in 2012. Between them they played up a storm on these fascinating technologically advanced instruments. And as a bonus Oliver played a Mozart Piano Concerto using a new Roland grand piano, accompanied by Tony on the Roland Classic Organ.

Advance notice: The Organ Historical Trust of Australia (OHTA) is organising its Annual Conference in Brisbane this year – 22 to 27 of September. This is always a stellar event, and will tour a good number of Brisbane and Regional organs, as well as socialising with a wide range of Australia's most interesting organ personalities. Consult the OHTA website www.ohta.org.au

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

OSQ offers an **Organ Scholarship** scheme for young organists. See the website for details, or phone the Secretary for a paper copy.

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

Society Events:

Saturday 26 July 2014 – 9.30am – 12.30pm

St Johns Cathedral, Ann st, Brisbane

Annual General Meeting of OSQ

9.30 – AGM

10.15 – Mini Recital by Andrej Kouznetsov

11.00 – Reception and refreshments to meet and welcome Andrej to Brisbane.

22-27 September

Conference – Organ Historical Society of Australia

OHTA are planning their conference in Brisbane this year. Included will be a tour of most of the major organs in Brisbane and a nearby regional centre. It is hoped that it will include a visit to the Brisbane City Hall organ. Details and bookings: www.ohta.org.au

Wednesday 22 October 2014 – 7.30pm (tbc)

Home of Jenny Summerson

21 The Esplanade, Yeronga

Top of the Stops – Thomas Heywood

This will be a video presentation of a new DVD concert by Thomas on the famous organ of St Peter's Cathedral Adelaide.

Late November date to be advised

Patron's Talk by Prof Roennfeldt

The Early Personalities of Brisbane's Organ Fraternity

City Hall Grand Opening Concerts

Sunday 10 August 11.30am

Grand Opening Concert of the Brisbane City Hall Organ

"Pulling Out All Stops"

Celebrate the restoration of the City Hall Pipe Organ. Two of Australia's greatest organists, Thomas Heywood and Andrej Kouznetsov, will bring this superb instrument to life again in a special two hour concert.

FREE entry, but bookings are essential. Call QTIX 136 246.

Sunday 10 August 6.30pm

Classic Silent Movie Comedy Concert

Hear David Bailey play fantastic accompaniment on City Hall Organ to three of Buster Keaton's greatest comedies - *Cops*, *Sherlock Jnr* and *One Week*.

Free Entry. Doors open 6.00pm

Exciting Organ Concerts:

4th Friday monthly in 2014

1.00-2.00pm next concert 25 July

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

Saturday evenings 6.00pm

ST JOHNS TWILIGHT INTERNATIONAL ORGAN SERIES

A monthly series of organ concerts at St Johns Cathedral featuring Australian and International organists of note. 6.00pm

Sat 26 July – Dominic Perissinotto (WA)

Sat 16 August - Felix Hell (USA/Germany)

Sat 20 September – Nigel Allcoat (UK)

Sat 25 Oct – Chris Cook and Phillip Gearing

FRIDAY 21 Nov – Richard Hills (UK)

Cost \$25/\$20. Phone 3835 2222

Sunday 24 August 3.00pm

Organ Alchemy

As part of the Brisbane Contemporary Church Music Festival St John's Cathedral organist Andrej Kouznetsov will give an organ demonstration of *Rhapsody and Fantasy in Contemporary Organ Music* at St Johns Cathedral. Cost \$10.

Various dates in 2014

Theatre Organ Society Concerts

Sunday July 6 – Donna Parker USA

50th Birthday Celebrations for TOSA

Fri 29 August - Walt Stroney USA

Sat 30 August - Jazz night with Big Bands

Sun 31 August - Silent Movie - David Bailey

Sun 31 August - Concert by Tony Fenelon

Sunday 5 October – Dwight Beacham USA

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

City Hall Grand Opening Concerts

Sunday 10 August 10.00pm

Classic Silent Horror

For a special late night thrill hear David Bailey play the Original 1925 silent movie of the *Phantom of the Opera*.
Free Entry. Doors open 9.30pm

Tuesday 12 August 12noon – 1.00pm

Free Lunchtime Concert

Featuring an organ concert by Eduarda van Klinken and Phillip Gearing. Music by Bach, Vierne, Walton, Gigout and Ampt

**Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Of the Organ Society of Queensland**

9.30am Saturday 26 July 2014
St Johns Cathedral, Ann Street, Brisbane

Business to be conducted:

Minutes of previous AGM
Reports of Office Bearers
Election of Officers
General Business

Nominations are hereby called for Office Bearers for 2014-2015

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
4 Committee members

Nominations may be submitted to the Secretary
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If prior nominations are not received,
nominations will be called from the floor of the meeting

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