



# Newsletter

*Organ Society of Queensland*

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Photo courtesy of Jim Clinch at AllOrgans

## **An Easy introduction to the Art of Improvising at the Organ**

A session entitled “An easy Introduction to the Art of Improvising at the Organ” was hosted by Jim Clinch of All Organs Australia at St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Ipswich, and presented by Dr. Robert Boughen. Around thirty attendees benefited from Dr. Boughen’s experience in a lecture/presentation/have-a-go format where various ‘tricks of the trade’ were explained, demonstrated and practised. Dr. Boughen has produced some notes summarising what he said at the presentation and has asked if the OSQ would disseminate them. They are primarily meant as an aide de memoir for those who attended, but I am equally sure there is useful information for others who were not able to attend and are interested in this part of the organists skillset. Dr. Boughen’s notes are attached.

I am pleased to say that Dr. Boughen has expressed interest in holding practical sessions in the art of organ playing in the future, so watch this space. We will hopefully have some useful and interesting workshops to come.

**Peter Robinson**

President  
OSQ



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*March 2015*

## **President’s Page**

**Greetings to one and all,**

All too quickly we are well into another year. As I write, Easter has all but passed, and the OSQ’s visit to The Baptist Tabernacle, now over two months ago, was also great success with around 30 people in attendance. Greg Hartay-Szabo put on a mini recital for us to demonstrate the organ’s new sound and capability and later all who wanted were afforded the opportunity to try the instrument for themselves. The upgrade work to the organ was deemed successful and the enhanced instrument sounded good in its home and place of work. Thanks to the people at the Tabernacle for hosting us and allowing this to happen.

**Peter Robinson**

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# BRISBANE BAROQUE

10-18 April 2015

## AN ORGAN ODYSSEY



Richard Gowers celebrated his twentieth birthday just prior to Christmas last year. In September 2014 he began a three-year appointment as an organ scholar with the King's College Choir, while studying for a music degree at Cambridge University.

For Brisbane Baroque he will give four **FREE** recitals of Bach's greatest works on the magnificent organ in **City Hall**.

Tuesday 14 April – 1.30pm  
Wednesday 15 April – 1.00pm  
Thursday 16 April – 1.00pm  
Friday 17 April – 1.00pm

Tuesday 14 April at 5.00pm in the City Hall, Christopher Wrench is providing organ accompaniment for countertenor Nicholas Tolputt.

## ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

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

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## Exciting Organ Concerts:

**Saturday 18 April 6.00pm**

**St Johns Twilight International Organ Series**

David Drury – Director of Music, St Pauls College University of Sydney Admission \$25/\$20 Phone 3835 2222

**Saturday 9 May 6.00pm**

**St Johns Twilight International Organ Series**

Ross Cobb – Director of Music, St Andrews Cathedral Sydney Admission \$25/\$20 Phone 3835 2222

**Saturday 23 May 6.00pm**

**St Johns Twilight International Organ Series**

Joseph Nolan – Organist and Master of Choristers, St Georges Cathedral, Perth Admission \$25/\$20 Phone 3835 2222

## President's Page (continued)

**Hope you have looked at all the items in this Newsletter.**

So, all in all, a lot of good entertainment, some of it free, to be had by all. Make the effort and feast the inner soul, I'm sure you'll be glad you did!

Regards,

Peter Robinson  
President.

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