

Organ Historical Trust of Australia

**THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AND ITS LEGACY**

**Indigenous, Interstate and Imported Organs of Queensland**

30th Annual Conference  
29 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER 2007

Brisbane, Sunshine and Fraser Coasts - Queensland, Australia

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

This year's OHTA conference will provide an unforgettable experience of some fine historic and modern organs, together with wonderful neo-Gothic, classical and contemporary architecture, magnificent scenery and the balmy ambience of pre-Summer Brisbane, and the re-awakening cities of Maryborough and Gympie. Special attention will be given to the small remnant of pre-1931 organs built by the Brisbane firm of Whitehouse Bros. – a firm noted for the robust construction of reliable instruments that were especially suited to hot climates.

It is anticipated that recitals will be heard at Brisbane City Hall, Queensland Performing Arts Centre and St John's Cathedral, Brisbane, where we will also be present for Choral Evensong.

A focus for lectures and panel discussions will be the renewed interest in the tonal design and repertoire of early-20<sup>th</sup> century organs, the preservation of the last remaining Whitehouse instruments and OHTA's role in assisting churches to retain, use and maintain their instruments against a backdrop of ever-changing worship patterns and declining church attendance. Our guest speakers include Geoffrey Cox, Kelvin Hastie and John Maidment.

A broad cross selection of organs will be visited in six days, representing the work of Australian, British, and German builders over a wide-ranging period. Builders represented include Anderson, Benson, Heslop, Hunter, Jones, Klais, Wadsworth, Walker, Whitehouse, Willis and Alexander Young. Notable contemporary Australian organs by Smenge and Pierce are also included in the itinerary.

**Friday 28 September:** 8pm - Pre-Conference recital at St John's Anglican Cathedral, Ann Street  
Organist: Phillip Gearing Conference members/special guests only - this is not a public event

**Saturday 29 September:** \*Registration in St John's Cathedral, Ann Street from 8.45am. \*The Director of Music, The Revd Rupert Jeffcoat will present a short demonstration at 9.15am, followed by a general time for members to play the instrument. This visit will include a tour of the newly-completed interior of the building. \*Visits to organs by Pierce 2004, a rebuilt Walker 1884, Whitehouse 1924 & 1930 and a rebuilt Hunter 1888 in the suburbs of South Brisbane, West End and Woolloongabba. Conference dinner in evening.

**Sunday 30 September:** \*Morning free. \*12.00pm Willis 1892/1929 at Brisbane City Hall. \*Time to explore the delights of Southbank including the major 1986 Klais at QPAC and the intact 1929 Wurlitzer (ex Regent Theatre) at the Art Gallery. \*Evensong at St John's Cathedral, featuring the large six-division 1972 Hill, Norman & Beard

**Monday 1 October:** \*Beginning at historic St Paul's Terrace, we visit Masonic and church venues, featuring organs by Whitehouse 1931, Smenge 2000, a rebuilt 1883 Hill and a new Pierce organ incorporating Lewis pipework. \*Visit to the Old Museum Building with a tour and demonstration of its three-manual Anderson c.1890.

**Tuesday 2 October:** \*8.30am coach to Maryborough, with stop-off at scenic Kybong. Day includes organs by Wadsworth 1883, Alexander Young 1890, and Whitehouse 1910 and a guided tour of historic Maryborough.

**Wednesday 3 October:** \*8.00am coach trip to Gympie. Train trip on the historic *Valley Rattler*, including wine and cheese tasting at Dagon Station. \*Organs include a rebuilt Henry Willis 1884, Richard Heslop c.1898, Henry Jones c.1901, and George Benson 1888.

**Thursday 4 October:** \* 8.30am Coach return to Brisbane. \*Recital on the 1913 Whitehouse at St Brigid's, Red Hill. \* BBQ lunch at St Brigid's, overlooking the CBD. Conference concludes mid-afternoon.

*For further information:*

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## REGISTRATION - RETURN THE NEXT THREE PAGES

### Full Registration:

I/We wish to:

Register and pay for the full conference before 2 July as an “earlybird” (*Includes all events, booklet, coach on 29 September and country coach, accommodation and breakfast in Maryborough & Gympie, 3 dinners and 2 lunches, but excludes Brisbane accommodation and council bus fares. Full time students under 25 years of age are eligible for a \$100 discount on full conference registration*)

Single \$700     Twin Share \$550 per person\*     Double \$1150

Register and pay for the full conference after 2 July *but before 3 September* at the standard rates (*see above for inclusions*)

Single \$750     Twin Share \$650 per person \*     Double \$1250

*\*please indicate the name of the person you will share with:*

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### Partial Registration:

I/we require accommodation in Maryborough on 2/10 (*rates include breakfast*)  
Single - \$70     Double/Twin - \$90

I/we require accommodation in Gympie on 3/10 (*rates include breakfast*) –  
 Single - \$70     Double/Twin - \$90

Register for daily participation (*prices below are per person and include one conference book – note that accommodation, bus [only if available] require separate registration – tick the box to receive further information*)

<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 29/09 (own transport)	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 29/09 (conference dinner)	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 30/09	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 01/10	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 2/10 (includes lunch)	\$65
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday 2/10 (dinner)	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 3/10	\$80
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday 3/10 (dinner)	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 4/10 (BBQ lunch)	\$25

**Total per person** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of people**

I am interested in bus transportation as a daily registrant – please send me further details

I am interested in accommodation in Maryborough/Gympie as a daily registrant – please send me further details.

## ACCOMMODATION

**BRISBANE:** OHTA has been able to obtain special rates for a *limited number of rooms* at the Terraces on Wickham, managed by Accor. This 3 ½ \* hotel is located 1km from the GPO. Provided we receive your booking by 2 July, we will reserve rooms for which you will then be billed, full payment required by 27 July. Please tick the boxes below to indicate the nights required. The room rate is \$135 for single and \$150 for twin/double occupancy, including breakfast buffet.

Single     Twin     Double

Fri 28/9     Sat 29/9     Sun 30/9     Mon 1/10

I wish to enquire about accommodation for Thursday 4 October [  ]

### **Terraces on Wickham, managed by Accor.**

345 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill, Brisbane Qld 4000  
PH: 07 3831 6177

**MARYBOROUGH / GYMPIE:** The cost of two nights (including breakfast) in Maryborough and Gympie, is included in the full registration fee.

### **Arkana Motel & Function Centre**

46 Ferry Street Maryborough Qld 4650 PH: 07 4121 2261  
Email: arkana01@bigpond.net.au      www.arkanamotel.com.au

### **Blue Shades Motor Inn**

Cnr Ferry & Queen Sts  
Maryborough Qld, 4650      PH: 07 4122 2777  
Email: blueshades@satcom.net.au

### **Gympie Conference Centre**

Fraser Road  
Locked Bag 13  
Gympie Qld 4570  
Email: dpitc@dpi.qld.gov.au      PH: 07 5483 0000  
<http://www2.dpi.qld.gov.au/conf/3425.html>

### **Shady Rest Motel**

17 Violet St  
Gympie QLD 4570      PH: (07) 5482 1999  
www.shadyrestmotel.com

## TRANSPORT

Participants will be responsible for arranging transport to and from Brisbane. Coach connects Brisbane to Gympie and Maryborough.

In Brisbane, on *Saturday 29 September* we begin in the CBD area, with coach travel to other suburbs and evening dinner. On *Sunday 30 September* Southbank is easily accessed by foot. It may be possible for those with restricted mobility to be offered lifts by participants who are using private cars – please advise by attaching a note to the booking form.

All venues on Monday are accessible by foot, using a Brisbane City Council bus from the city to the Old Museum, and back to the city afterwards.

**BOOKING FORM**

Please complete relevant boxes, detach and return with full payment by 2 July (for “earlybird” registration) or by 3 September (for standard registration) to:

**OHTA Conference 2007**  
**Dr Kelvin Hastie**  
**PO Box 505**  
**Miranda NSW 1490**

Name.....

Address.....

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Phone.....Email.....

Number attending .....Please list additional names:

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- Full payment before 2 July – “Earlybird”
- Full payment after 2 July, but *before* 3 September – standard.
- I am a full-time student under the age of 25 years and apply for a \$100 discount on full registration – I attach a photocopy of my student ID with this form
- I am registering on a daily basis  
(see over and add) with a total to be paid of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I am donating towards the costs of subsidising the attendance of student members to OHTA conferences \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT BEING PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(EXCLUDES BRISBANE ACCOMMODATION)

- By cheque (to “Organ Historical Trust of Australia”)
- By credit card – Visa  or Mastercard   
Card Number (*please write legibly*):

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Name on card [please print]

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Signature.....Date.....