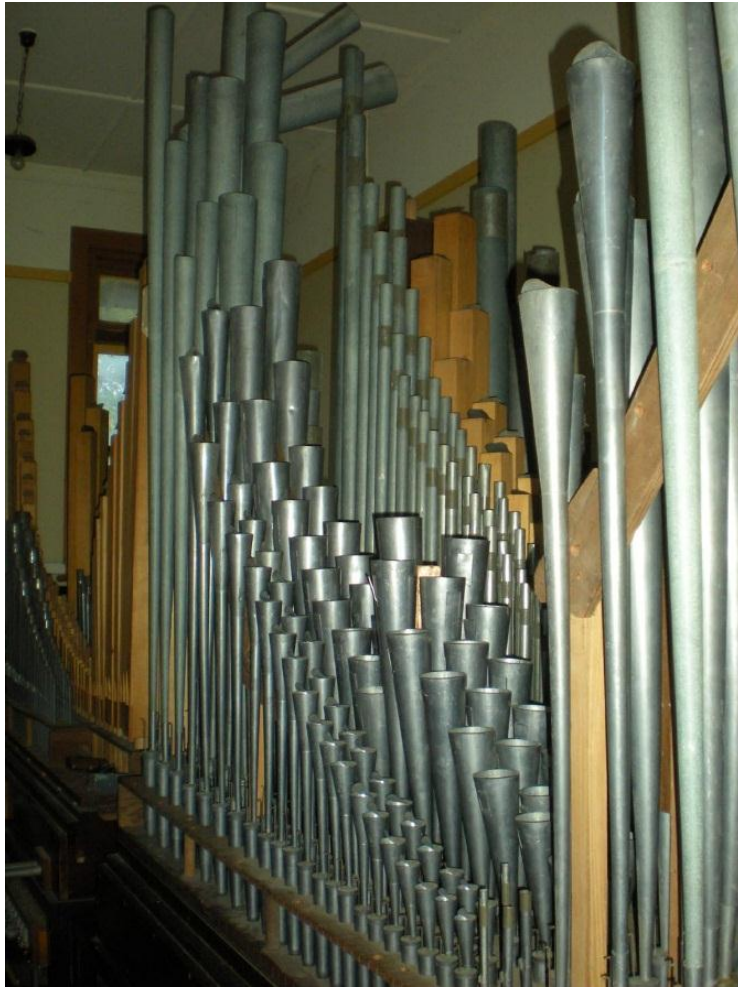


DODD/GUNSTAR PIPE ORGAN FOR SALE



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DODD/GUNSTAR PIPE ORGAN FOR SALE, JANUARY 2022

As part of home renovation activities, the vendors are offering this instrument for sale. With 27 speaking stops (three of which are reeds) and approximately 1500 pipes, this is a very capable organ. It was built in 1913 and installed at Trinity Methodist Church, Glenelg, South Australia in 1914. It was extensively modified in the late 1950s by Gunstar Organ Works, which resulted in new casework and electro-pneumatic action. The organ was decommissioned and sold to the current owners in late 2005, and has since been partially reassembled in their Eden Valley residence.

Provenance

Mid 1913: J.E. Dodd contracted to build a pneumatic-action organ for Trinity Methodist Church, Moseley Street, Glenelg SA.

March 1914: "The organ had been completed and a very successful opening recital had been given by Dr Davies."

March 1922: installation of an electric blower.

1954: Church damaged by earthquake.

1958: Organ removed into storage prior to demolition of old church building.

1959: The organ was converted to electro-pneumatic action by Gunstar Organ Works and reinstalled in a new A-frame church.

1973: Organ builder, Leith Jacob, contracted to make modifications to Great: addition of Twelfth 2 2/3 (58 pipes) & Mixture 2 rks. (116 pipes) on separate unit chest and return of the Fifteenth to its original rank.

1977: Moseley Street becomes a Uniting Church when the Methodists joined the Uniting Church of Australia (along with many Congregationalists & Presbyterians).

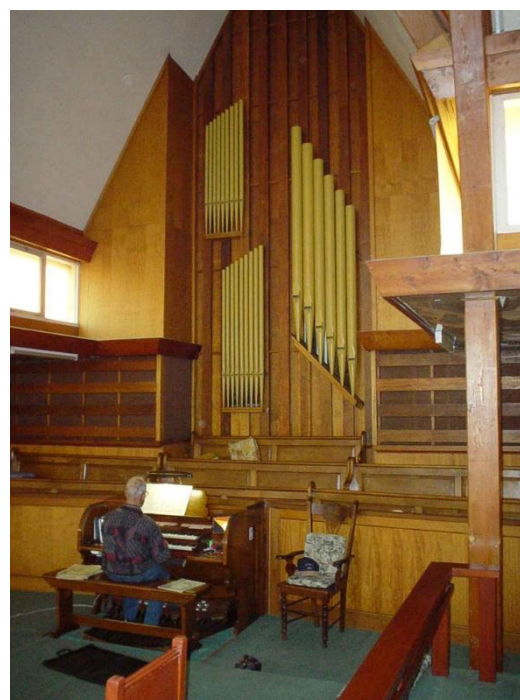
Late 2005: Following closure of the Moseley Street Church, John Edwards negotiated to purchase the organ and install it in his Eden Valley home.

2022: having purchased a smaller pipe organ, John & Bev offer the Dodd/Gunstar instrument for sale.

Further provenance information is contained in the attached correspondence and extracts from the Trust/Church Council Minutes (see Appendix).



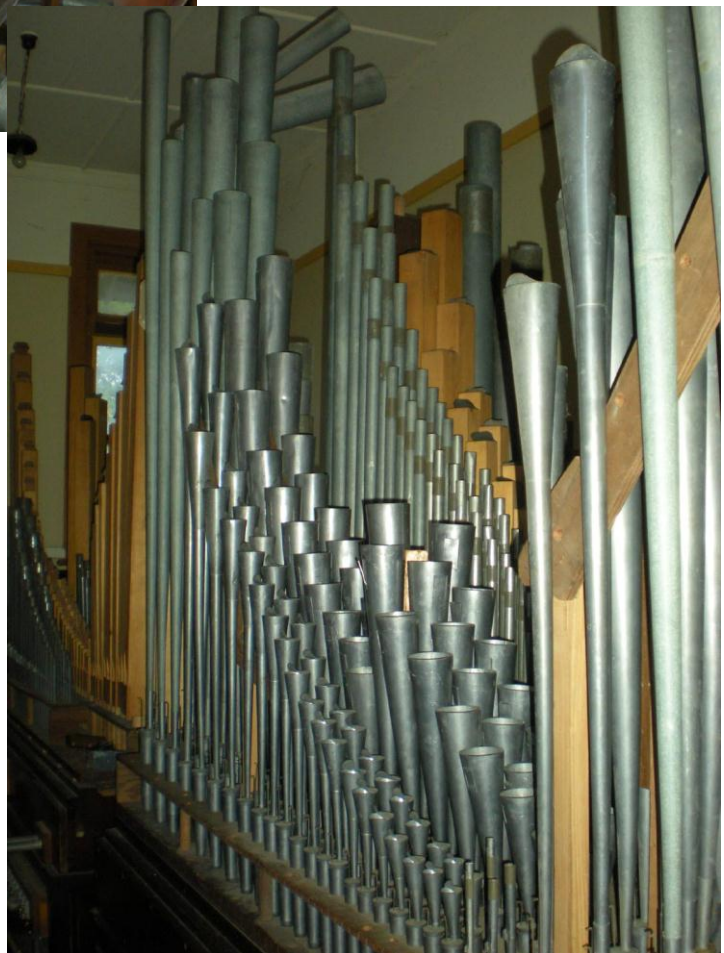
Dodd organ in original case circa 1914



Organ as modified by Gunstar Organ Works, circa 2005, shortly before being moved to Eden Valley. The organist is Bevan Reynolds



Front left view of Great & Swell divisions. The foreground metal pipes are the Great Diapason upper octaves, with the stopped wood Lieblich Gedact immediately behind



Front right view of Great & Swell divisions. The foremost ranks are the Swell Oboe & Cornopean reeds

General Sale Notes

- The sale price is \$10,000 or nearest offer for the entire organ and the Vendors do not intend splitting the instrument into smaller lots.
- The original organ frame was not used when the instrument was installed in the new Moseley Street 'A' frame church, circa 1959. Consequently it was necessary to build new framework when the organ was dismantled and reassembled at Eden Valley. This new framework (which is included in this sale) was constructed from hollow steel sections and includes wheels to enable the Great & Swell divisions to be rolled out for maintenance purposes.
- The original casework was not used during the 1958/59 rebuild (which effectively made the organ an integral part of the new church architecture). Therefore, this organ sale does not include any casework.
- The Swell division is not currently enclosed, although the original louvres and associated hardware were retained and are being offered as part of this sale.
- The Great & Swell Reservoirs have been fitted with wheels, and this enables them to be rolled underneath their respective chests during normal operation.
- The original Great & Swell slider motors were pneumatic, but the current configuration uses SLIC electric slider motors to be mounted on steel frames (provided). Although the organ only requires twelve SLIC units, this sale includes approximately thirty units, which means there will be plenty of spares.
- The sale includes the original two-manual console with concave & radiating pedal-board and stool. The Great & Swell Chests have been wired to the console keyboards (via ribbon & multi-core cables) for testing purposes, but the organ does not currently include hardware to couple the divisions. It is anticipated the purchaser would provide their own solid-state solution for this purpose.
- The Swell division includes a tremulant unit.
- The blower unit has been fully restored and equipped with a new 3-Phase motor.
- A concussion bellows unit was located in the original Moseley Street Organ Blower Room and will be offered as part of this sale.
- The floating Choir division is very much a work-in-progress, and currently comprises the specified pipework, a two-rank, electro-pneumatic bar & slider chest and a one-octave extension chest.
- The Schalmey pedal reed stop is currently pipes-only and the buyer would need to provide a suitable chest etc.
- The organ's footprint is approximately 5.5 metres x 3 metres, which is 16.5 square metres (not including blower cubicle & console), and its maximum height is about 3.5 metres.
- Given the organ's size, it would be possible to split it into two or more smaller instruments, and there is also the possibility of using the various unit chests to extend, borrow or float the associated ranks (i.e. the Great Twelfth, Mixture II, 4' Principal and Great/Swell 16' ranks etc.)
- The organ is only partially installed in the Eden Valley location and is currently not operational.

Dodd/Gunstar Specification

Great (9 Ranks, 588 Pipes, CC-A 58 Notes)

Open Diapason	8	Metal	Great Slider & Diapason Façade Unit Chests
Claribel	8	Wood	Great Slider & Unit Chests
Salicional	8	Stopped Wood	Great Slider Chest
Lieblich Gedeckt	8	Stopped Wood	Great Slider Chest
Flute d' Orchestre	4	Metal	Great Slider Chest
Principal	4	Metal	Great Principal Unit Chest
Twelfth	2 2/3	Spotted Metal	Great Auxiliary Unit Chest
Fifteenth	2	Metal	Great Slider Chest
Mixture	II	Metal	Great Auxiliary Unit Chest
Swell to Great		Tab & Thumb Piston	
Swell to Great Sub			
Swell to Great Super			
3 Thumb Piston			
Presets			

Swell (8 Ranks, 464 Pipes, CC-A 58 Notes)

Lieblich Bourdon	16	Stopped Wood	Swell Slider & 16' Unit Chest
Open Diapason	8	Wood	Swell Slider Chest
Hohl Flute	8	Stopped Wood	Swell Slider Chest
Viol d' Orchestre	8	Metal	Swell Slider Chest
Viole Celeste	8	Metal	Swell Slider Chest
Principal	4	Metal	Swell Slider Chest
Oboe	8	Metal	Swell Slider Chest
Cornopean	8	Metal	Swell Slider Chest
Sub			
Super			
Tremulant			
3 Thumb Piston			
Presets			

Choir (6 Ranks, 348 pipes, floating - to Great or Swell)

Principal	4	Spotted Metal	Unit Chest
Fifteenth	2	Metal	Unit Chest
Nineteenth	1 1/3	Metal	Unit Chest
Mixture	III	Metal	Unit Chest

Pedal (6 Ranks, 120 Pipes - Remainder borrowed from Great/Swell, CC-F 30 Notes)

Sub bass	16	Stopped Wood	Unit Chest
Echo	16	Stopped Wood	Swell 16' Unit Chest
Dolce	8	?	
Flute	8	Metal	
Schalmei	4	Spotted Metal	Unit Chest
Swell to Pedal			
Great to Pedal		Tab, Toe & Great Thumb Piston	
6 Great & Swell Preset Toe Pistons			
Swell to Great Toe			
Piston			

Blower 7.5 horsepower three-phase

Action Electropneumatic

Grand Total: 37 stops (27 speaking), 30 ranks, approx 1500 pipes

Great



8' Lieblich
Gedact

8' Diapason

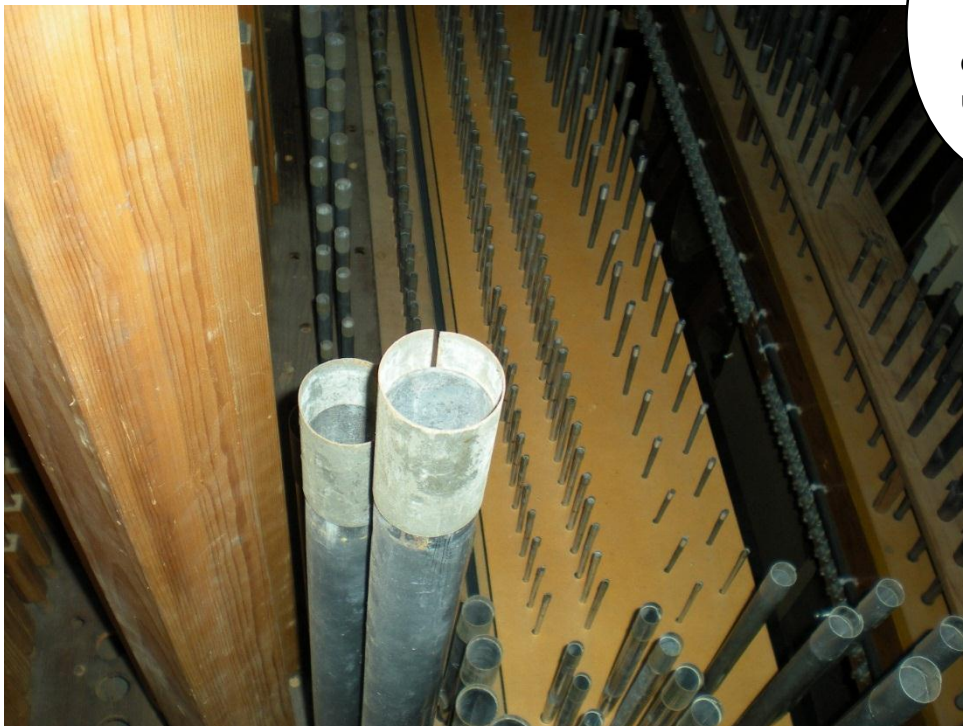


Fifteenth

Mixture
II

Twelfth

4'
Principal
on
dedicated
unit chest





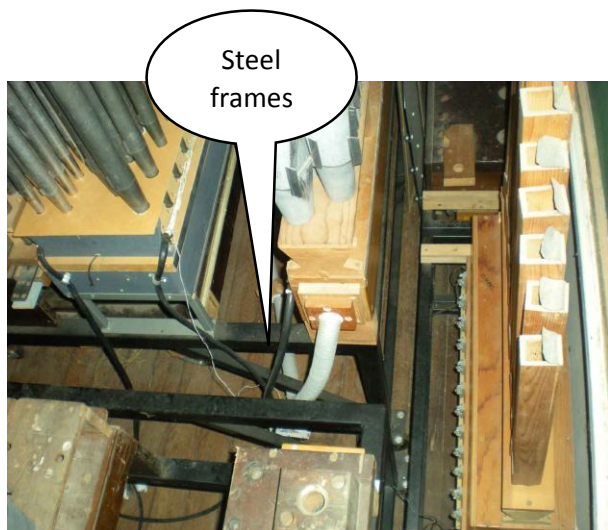
Mixture II

Twelfth

Mixture II & Twelfth are located on separate unit chest built by Leith Jacob circa 2001



Lowest Diapason octaves are located on separate unit chest



Steel frames

Great, Swell & Pedal divisions are mounted on steel frames



Flute d'Orchestre lower register is located on a small unit chest

Swell



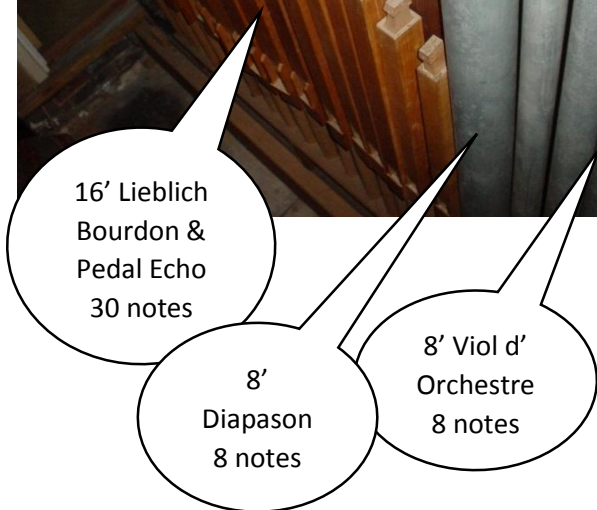
Highest four notes in the Oboe rank are flue pipes



Swell Reservoir



Swell 16' unit chest pipes



Swell 16' unit chest magnets

Pedal



16' Sub-
bass

16' Sub-
bass

Great 8' Claribel
lowest octave

*Pedal Sub-bass & Claribel unit chests in original
Moseley Street situation*



*Pedal 4' Schalmey – ex Adelaide
Town Hall*

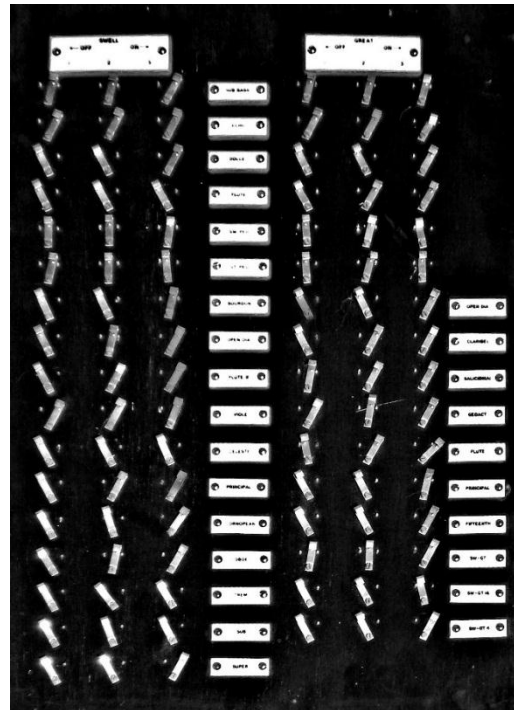
Console



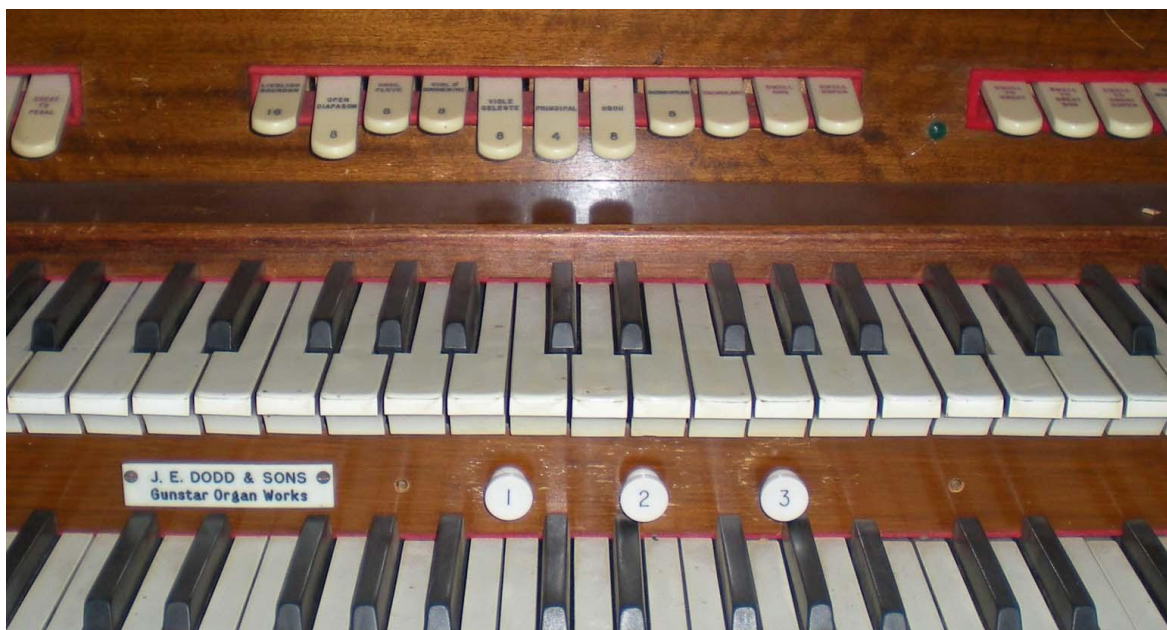
Console while still installed at Moseley Street



All Kimber Allen console stop tab switches are fitted with set/reset coils



Original nickel leaf-switch thumb-piston setter board



Console closeup picture showing stop tabs, manuals, thumb pistons & nameplate

Blower



*Blower in original Moseley
Street Organ Blower Room*

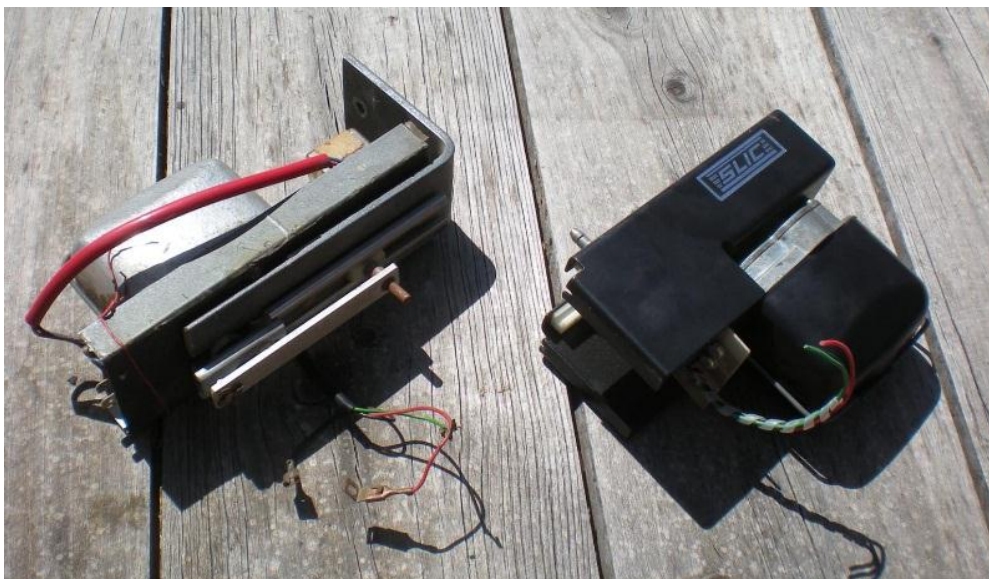


*Three images of restored blower unit mounted on mobile trolley and equipped with new 3-Phase
motor & soft-start controller enclosure*

Slider Actuators



Original Dodd pneumatic actuators



SLIC type slider actuators used in the Eden Valley installation

Choir



Bar & Slider unit intended to be used in floating Choir division – uses Kimber Allen electro-pneumatics



Nineteenth 1 1/3
spotted metal pipes



Choir division Octave unit chest

Appendix – Additional Provenance Documentation - Trust/Church Council Minutes & Supporting Correspondence.

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- 10.01.1912 Mr Martin to make enquiries re the Norwood organ, which was likely to be for sale at a low price.
- 24.01.1912 After a lengthy discussion the matter of purchasing the Norwood Methodist pipe organ was allowed to stand over on the motion proposed by Mr Hooper, seconded Mr Deckert. That all the Trustees with power to add and Mr McKinley organist, form a committee to go to Norwood, and inspect organ, and report at next meeting. A.W. Wellington (Minister) to convene the visiting committee.
- 08.05.1912 A long discussion ensued re the organ and it was resolved that Mr Warhurst be asked to inspect the organ at Norwood Wesley Church and report to the Trustees. Cost not to exceed one guinea.
- 15.05.1912 Secretary reported having attended at the Norwood Wesley Church with Mr Warhurst who examined the organ and reported that he considered the organ very cheap at the price suggested (75 pounds) and he thought with the alterations suggested by Mr Dodd as per his letter of 23 January the organ should last at least 10 years. But if we could afford it a new organ would be better.
After a long discussion it was resolved that the Sec. make enquiry respecting the cost of a new organ.
Resolved that a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Gibson, Hock, Martin & Dawe be appointed that they have power to act in the matter of purchasing the Norwood organ if they thought it advisable.
Resolved that the Chairman and Sec. have power to authorize persons to collect subscriptions for organ.
- 13.12.1912 Mr Hock submitted a verbal report of the subcommittee re procuring new organ. They recommend that a canvass be made for donations before deciding whether to go in for an organ.
- 02.05.1913 Mr C W Priest forwarded one guinea towards pipe organ fund. After a long discussion Mr Hock proposed that a pipe organ be purchased. Mr Abbott secd. Carried unanimously. The organ Committee and Mr Gibson were appointed to organize the matter.
- 16.06.1913 Proposed by Mr Martin secd. by Mr Hock that plans and specifications and cost be submitted to the Organ Committee of an organ equal to that at the East Adelaide Methodist Church. Carried.
- 04.07.1913 The chairman (Rev S Rossiter) reported having interviewed Mr Dodd the organ builder. As a result a meeting had been held at Mr. Dawe's office at which the Chairman and Messrs Martin, Collins, Hock & Dawe were present. It was then resolved in view of the urgency of the matter and the necessity of immediately instructing Mr Dodd to cable to England for the pipes, if the organ were to be installed this year, to authorize Mr. Dodd to order the pipes.
The Chairman produced a plan and specifications of the organ as recommended by Mr Dodd. These were considered and discussed at length and it was resolved that Mr Dodd be asked to meet the Organ

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- Committee at the Church on the following afternoon in order to discuss the plan with a view to making certain alterations.
Resolved that the effort for collecting funds be for the dual object of an organ and a kindergarten room.
Resolved that the money as collected be deposited in the Savings Bank to be credit of a Church improvement fund.
Resolved that the Chairman on behalf of the Trustees ask the Ladies Guild to make a special effort during the year in aid of the Pipe Organ and Kindergarten room.
The Chairman reported having submitted the specification of the organ to Dr. Davies who approved of it. He said he would be willing to open the organ if desired and to supervise the building for an honorarium of ten guineas.
- 20.08.1913 Mr Dodd forwarded agreement for construction of Pipe Organ as per specifications submitted, for the sum of 465 pounds, payable 50% on completion of organ in factory and the balance on completion in the church.
Resolved that the agreement be approved by the Trustees subject to the hydraulic power being satisfactorily arranged and a time limit agreed to, and that the Organ Committee be empowered to complete the arrangements and to sign the agreement.
Resolved that in any minor details the Organ Committee have power to act without reference to the Trustees.
- 05.11.1913 Resolved that Mr A Martin be requested to arrange with Mr Dodd re the hydraulic power for Organ. Mr Medlyn, Sec. to Organ Committee reported that there was 97pounds, 13 shillings and 5 pence in hand.
- 14.01.1914 The Chairman reported that Mr Dodd advised he would be ready to commence installing the organ by about the 20th inst. Mr Dodd wrote quoting for levers for hand blowing the organ and three pound ten shillings extra. Resolved that same be purchased. Mr. Medlyn reported there was 204 pounds 9 shillings and 2 pence in the Bank to the credit of the Organ Fund.
- 19.01.1914 Letter from Mr J.E.Dodd enquiring if we wished the pipes decorated at extra cost. Resolved to notify Mr Dodd that we wished the decoration of the pipes to be in accordance with the specifications. Resolved that the Chairman and Secretary sign the contract on behalf of the Trust, and that written permission be given to Mr Dodd to remove the pipes put in at his own expense and risk.
- 09.03.1914 The Chairman reported having arranged with Dr Davies for the supervision and the opening of the Organ. The Dr. suggested that the opening be on the evening of Tuesday, 24th March and submitted a programme. This was approved and it was resolved that 500 programmes be obtained and that they be sold at one shilling each giving admission to the opening ceremony. Resolved that Mr S Williams be asked to take photos of the Church and Organ for the programs. Resolved to have

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- special opening services on Sunday March 19th to be conducted by Rev Rossiter. Mr Trotter undertook to provide special music.
The Secretary to arrange for man to blow the organ @ 1/6 per service.
- 25.03.1914 The Chairman reported that the organ had been completed and a very successful opening recital had been given by Dr Davies.
A letter was received from Mr J E Dodd forwarding the following accounts:
Organ as per contract 465 pounds
Labor for blowing 1 pound 5 shillings
Extra pipes as per previous letter at our option 75 pounds
Additional pipe installed at request of Dr. Davies also at our option 27pounds 10 shillings.
Resolved to pay Mr Dodd three hundred pounds on account.
Resolved that Messrs Martin, Trotter and J Pearce be appointed to examine the organ and power house with Mr Dodd.
Mr Medlyn reported that there was 296 pounds 19 shillings and 9 pence to the credit of the organ fund in the Savings Bank.
- 20.05.1914 Dr. Davies wrote under date of 30 March stating he has made his final inspection of the organ and certified that in every way it is a most satisfactory fulfilment of Mr Dodd's contract. In reference to the retention of the supplementary pipes he strongly advised that none should be removed but if necessary to do so the following is the order of importance:
1 Lieblich Bourdon 16 ft.
2 Lieblich Gedacht 8ft
3 Oboe 8ft
4 Celeste 8ft
- 02.10.1914 Mr Baker was appointed to blow the organ to be paid 1/6 per service on Sunday and 1/6 for each practice with assistance provided on Thursday evenings.
- 07.05.1915 Mr Dodd wrote asking for a final reply with reference to the retention of the stops he had included in the organ at his own risk. The Secty. replied that the Trustees were not at present in a position to purchase same but if Mr Dodd cared to allow them to remain it was probable they would be bought when conditions improved. The Secretary reported having after consultation with the Trustees sold to Mr A E Andrew the old Esty organ for 35 pounds payable 2 pounds monthly.
- 26.01.1916 Correspondence from J.E.Dodd 6 Sept offering to tune organ at twelve guineas per annum. Resolved that the offer be accepted.
- 30.01.1918 The Chairman reported that he had arranged for a man to blow the organ at 5/- per Sunday when necessary.
- 03.11.1919 Resolved to retain the additional stops. And the Treasurer and Secretary to negotiate with Dr Dodd in reference to payment of interest for same.
Or make necessary arrangements about the account until it could be liquidated. Resolved that owing to unsatisfactory arrangements as to power for working the organ it was not advisable at present to allow any

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- one to use same. Resolved that the Treasurer and Secretary make enquiries from Mr Dodd re cost of electric blower.
- 17.11.1921 Proposed that Messrs Martin and Boyce be a Committee to enquire as to the best method of securing power for Organ and to report to a future Trustee Meeting in a fortnights time. Carried.
- 08.12.1921 Messrs A Martin & Boyce reported as follows: that after visiting several churches and looking at several different instillations for power for organ they came to the conclusion that Webers electric instillation was the best they could recommend. They had written several letter to big firms in Victoria and elsewhere to get quotations for a more powerful engine and blower than the present system but they were unsuccessful. After a lengthy discussion on the subject, Mr Martin moved and Mr...?... seconded that Mr Weber be asked to visit the church and give an estimate for a new engine and organ blower and that every facility be given him to make an inspection of the premises. It was also decided to get a price from Mr J.E.Dodd and Mr Roberts. Carried
- 15.12.1921 Messrs Martin & Boyce submitted to the meeting two offers one from Mr Weber and one from Mr J.E. Dodd and it was agreed that the offer of Mr J E Dodd be accepted subject to the Committees final arrangements. The Chairman suggested that an account be opened at the Commercial Bank Glenelg to be known as Moseley St Organ account to finance the instillation of electric power for the organ. Messrs Martin and Boyce were hopeful of securing donations towards the cost. It was finally agreed to leave the matter in the hands of Martin and Boyce to report to a future trustees meeting.
- 22.03.1922 It was decided to open an account with the Commercial Bank . Accounts for payment Dodd thirty-eight pound 15 shillings for blower and A Martins for engine 49 pound 12 shillings.
- 26.09.48 After considerable discussion and consideration of tenders for repairing our organ and revoicing of stop and improvement to swell pedal it was decided on the motion of Mr Francis, seconded by Mr Penny, that Mr Bandt and Mr Chesterfield be empowered to have the work done, and that the tender of Mr L.S.Waters be accepted. The cost to our trust for this work was 46 pounds seventeen/6 and specified the following works: outside pneumatic purses need replacing in the Lieblich Bourdon chest, the bass and treble off note chests, replaced with round motors 20pounds; revoice great Solicional (slightly louder) 3 pounds; fit tuning slides to great principal, and save damaged pipes 3 pound 10/-; adjust pneumatics and try and quieten drawstop action, 2 pound 10/0; renew motor, renew felt to quieten tremulant 15/-; recover swell keys in celluloid, six pounds, refelt and stop side play throughout pedals making pedal board quieter and smoother nine pounds; fit springs to great to pedal and swell to pedal to help in drawing stop on 12/6; check all other working parts and attend to whatever is necessary 1 pound 10/-. All repairs guaranteed for five years.

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- 17.03.1949 Gunstar Organ Works (letter) expressing disappointment that they had not been entrusted with organ repairs after having serviced the instrument for so many years, and adding that they hoped the trustees had not lost confidence in their work and attention to the organ generally. The trust responded expressing thanks for work done over a number of years and affirming their confidence in the firm and trusted that they would continue to service the organ as in the past.
- 19.04.1949 Account from Mr L.S. Waters for forty pounds passed for payment for repairs to organ.
- 06.06.1949 The pipe organ was insured for 1,500 pounds plus 50 pound for organ shed and 50 pounds for the organ motor.
- 03.04.1956 Letter received from J.E. Dodd on the request of the organist a letter setting out a quote for repairs to the bellows. The organist was requested to obtain a quote from L.S. Waters for the same work and a quote for yearly service and tuning.
- 26.06.1956 Dodd and Sons services were terminated and L.S. Waters quotation accepted for repairs and servicing of the organ.

Following the removal of the organ into storage due to the demolition in 1958 of the old Moseley Street church which was damaged in the earthquake of 1954, the organ was reinstalled in the new Trinity Methodist Church Glenelg. The new building was opened in 1959 but the first reference in the Minutes occurs as follows:

- 20.07.1960 Mr Bruce Martin (organist) reported that the organ builders (Gustar) should complete the following:
1. Regulation of the base octaves of the Swell Hohl Flute
 2. Investigation of maintenance of wind pressures under stress of full or heavy registration playing.
 3. Re-assembling the shutters of the swell box to allow a freer exit of sound from this department
 4. Investigation of the possibility of replacing hidden panels of the timber screen with fabric to allow freer exit of sound from the swell organ.
- This may cost in region of 10 pounds.
- Otherwise the contract, in Mr Martin's opinion, has been faithfully fulfilled.
- It was resolved that the organists report be received and that Mr Martin take up these matters with Gunstar, negotiate with them re item 4 and report same to the Secretary.
- 29.09.1964 The organist, Mr Ken Allen, resented a quotation from Dodd & Sons for the cost of installing a set of trumpet stops playable on manuals and pedals in 4ft, 8ft and 16ft itches and adjustments to swells for a total of 1,150 pounds. The Trust decided to hold the letter in abeyance. The subcommittee to take up the matter with Mr Allen with regard to getting more sound from the organ by replacing the present "face" or front covering and; if necessary conferring with Dodd and Sons for improvement and at same time to exclude the draught.

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- 07.06.1965 Mr Pryor reported having investigated the possibility of removing peg board and substituting Tygane cloth, submitting sample. Expert advice was against this, but alternatively recommended the installation of wooden louvers in place of peg board, and that the organ loft have a ceiling installed, as much of sound was lost in roof: Painting back wall of loft with gloss paint would also assist. Mr Pryor had obtained an estimate from a carpenter for alterations; viz ceiling of loft 25 pounds, louvers bottom section and both wings at rear of choir section 120 pounds and 170 pounds extra for top section. Mr Pryor pointed out that by altering bottom section only, the additional sound would not be reflected to the Gallery if opening. Mr Pryor was thanked for his investigations.
- 05.07.1965 A letter from Mr Ken Allen organist and choirmaster was read and received. It was generally felt that the Trustees agreed with Mr Allen's submissions in principle. Adjustments to the organ with louvers in the central part, a ceiling and painting that back wall were estimated to cost approx 200 pounds.
- 08.12.1965 There are varying opinions as to the extent and cause of draughts said to be originating from the organ loft. After discussion it was decided to approach the Professor Engineering at the University of Adelaide for advice regarding the cause and origin of the draughts complained of. Mr Allen was of opinion that the removal of several bricks at the side of the organ loft so that the air drawn in would be of a temperature more nearly approaching that within the loft, would be more advantageous in maintaining a constant pitch. Mr Allen undertook to remove the necessary bricks with the assistance of Mr Jack Starr and Mr W Arcus. Mr Allen's offer was accepted and he was thanked for his coming to the meeting.
- 18.01.1966 Draught from organ loft – Chairman reported having been in touch with Professor Bull of the Adelaide University requesting his aid in an endeavour to relinquish draught. The Chairman and the Professor would meet at Trinity early in February and subsequently submit a report. The secretary advised that Mr Allen would attend to this matter shortly.
- 14.03.1966 It was noted that Mr Allen had decided this method of keeping the organ in tune may cause noise from blower to enter the Church so he had abandoned the idea and was in search of another. Minister reported having together with Prof. Bull, examined the church for draughts, whilst he, Mr Inglis, played the organ. The draught appeared to be originating from the organ loft. To overcome this Prof. Bull suggested the following action: 1. install two warming fans in organ chamber and switch on at same time as church heaters. This would create equal air density and 2. install exhaust fan in organ chamber in the lee of the prevailing wind (doorway facing Moseley St). This would expel cold air and bring air from the Church into the organ. Mr Pryor moved that we implement suggestion No. 1 as a trial. carried.
- 21.02.1968 Tuning changed to Mr L Waters at a cost of \$160 pa.

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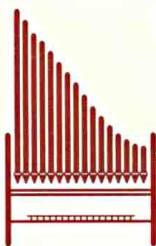
20.06.1973 Mr Wass reported that Mr Ken Allen organist, had conferred with Mr Ross Waters organ builder and tuner and submitted through Mr Wass the following suggestions to improve the volume and tone of the Church organ. 1. two reed swells need replacement or repairs approx cost of which would be \$400 to be repaired in Melbourne. 1. Replacement of portion of panelling and peg board with acoustic cloth, approx cost \$100. 3. to minimise effect of heat on pipes which adversely affects tuning the following is submitted (a) install Westminster Automatic ventilator near top of pitch of roof of church above Gallery, eastern end (b) completely seal door of pump chamber and cut a hole in the wall of vestry to vent cooler air to organ from inside church building. (c) install two mistral type fans at eastern end of church above gallery. After discussion, the following was resolved: (a) there being a possibility that similar reed swells may be available from Malvern Church organ, Mr Allen to be asked to investigate and advise cost. (2) arrangements to be made to have work executed to improve sound volume by modification of peg board and panels at approx cost of \$100. (3) Wass was authorized to investigate costs involved in this project having in mind that at the same time repairs to church ceiling.

12.10.1973 Replacing of portion of panelling and peg board with acoustic cloth _ Wass reported that required material was in hand but is finding difficulty in obtaining appropriate labour to complete the job. Ventilation – Mr Wass suggested that cost was prohibitive and recommended that this be not pursued. Vent Fans – Wass after investigation found this system would be unsatisfactory. In an endeavour to provide cooler air, in the summer season, he would, as soon as possible, have the pump room revented in the manner recommended at the meeting of the Committee. Resiting of “live” organ pipes outside panelling to inside of organ chamber and replacing with dummy pipes, after reventing organ chamber, would reduce the amount of hot air which affected these “live” pipes, as suggested by Mr Wass. It was resolved that the matter of organ modification be left in the hands of Mr Wass and Mr Allen.

27.02.1974 Mr Wass reported that he had constructed a new air vent at floor level for flow of cooler air into organ chamber and that since then the organist has reported an improvement. The replacement of peg board panelling in the church with special cloth was still to be done.

Minutes of meetings from early 1974 until 2001 have not been located.
The next minute we have reads:

22.11.2001 Organ upgrade has been approved by the relevant Synod Committee. (See attached letter from Leith Jacob which suggests additions to the organ, copies of correspondence with Mr Lewis Barrett, organist emeritus at Tynte Street Baptist Church and a proposal from organist, Mrs Joan Fopp, to the Church Council).



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Dear Joan,

Following our telephone conversation re possible additions to the Church pipe organ I now submit suggestions together with price for the improvement to the current specifications.

Armed with the information of possible maximum finance available, approx. \$5,000 I have pursued all areas known to me so as to procure pipework, chest magnets, stop key units etc. at the lowest possible price. Fortunately I have been successful in obtaining these goods through the closing of the Melbourne organ building firm of George Fincham & Sons (all stock made available for purchase to Aust. Pipe Organ Builders at approx. half the current price.)

Suggested additions to Great Organ:

Twelfth 2 2/3	58 pipes
Mixture 2 rks.	116 pipes
Fifteenth 2' to be returned to original rank.	

To Supply the above pipework together with all necessary chest magnets, wind chests, switching cabling and stop tab units.

To Install and carry out winding and voicing of pipework to blend with existing specification

	\$5450
Plus 10% G.S.T.	545
	<u>\$5945</u>

It is my belief these suggested additions will provide a much needed brightness to the instrument thus creating more versatility for the organist. I hope these are the details you require and would be pleased to discuss further if required.

Yours sincerely,

"In my eyes and ears the organ will ever be the King of Instruments" - W. A. Mozart

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Dear Joan

Thank you for your letter of August 7 and the copy of the letter of July 10 from Leith Jacob Organ Builder concerning improvements to the organ in Trinity Church, Glenelg.

The price of \$5945 (including 10% GST of \$545) for the addition of a 2 2/3 rank Twelfth (58 pipes) and a two rank Mixture (116 pipes) and associated work appears to be reasonable and these additions should improve the sound of the instrument significantly.

However, as you know, the organ is not heard as it should be because of the woodwork screen which impedes the flow of sound from the pipes - the sound is "bottled up" and does not flow into the building as it should.

In my opinion, whilst the suggested additions will improve the organ from a listener's point of view, it seems regrettable that it will not be heard as it should.

I have discussed this aspect with Leith Jacob and he agrees with my view.

From a cursory look, the wooden screen is only cosmetic and has no structural significance. I would like to suggest that sufficient of the timber be removed to permit the full sound of the instrument to be heard in the body of the sanctuary. The openings left from the timber removal could be covered with a suitable open type weave acoustical material which will not impede the egress of sound.

The result would be a vast improvement.

Yours sincerely,

