

# *INDIGENOUS AND EXOTIC*

## SOME ORGANS OF THE UPPER NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

**29th Annual  
Conference**

**Auckland and  
Waikato  
regions**

**30th September  
- 5th October,  
2006**



**Details and photographs of  
selected organs seen on  
the conference**

**Organs built by  
George Croft**

Knox Presbyterian  
Church, Parnell

St Benedict's Catholic  
Pro-Cathedral

Unitarian Church,  
Ponsonby

St Stephen's  
Presbyterian Church,  
Ponsonby

Sacred Heart Catholic  
Church, Ponsonby

St Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church,  
Hamilton

Bainbridge Methodist,  
Rotorua

Maclaurin Chapel,  
University of Auckland

### **Organs built by Lawton and Osborne**

St Christopher's Naval  
Chapel, Devonport

St Peter's School,  
Cambridge

### **Organ by John Avery**

Ponsonby Baptist  
Church

### **Organ by Brindley & Foster**

Holy Sepulchre  
Anglican Church,  
Grafton

### **Organ by Henry Jones**

St Alban's Anglican  
Church, Balmoral

## **Organ by Harrison & Harrison**

Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral, Parnell

## **Organ by Pearce**

Union Church, Thames

## **Organ by Anon**

St Mark's Anglican Church, Te Aroha

## **Organs by Létourneau and Thompson**

St Paul's Collegiate School, Hamilton

## **Miscellaneous photos**

Auckland

Croft organbuilding factory

Rotorua and learning how to do the "Haka"

Zealandia Sculpture Gardens and organ

St Matthew's in the City, Auckland

Group photo

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Conference book  
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*Auckland Town Hall with  
Conference Hotel (Airedale)  
behind [MQ]*

**The 2006 OHTA Conference** to the North Island of New Zealand gave members the opportunity to



see and hear a number of historic instruments, particularly those by the significant local firm of **George Croft** together with **Lawton & Osborne**, an offshoot of a prominent Scottish firm.



*Holy Sepulchre Anglican Church,  
Auckland:  
three manual Brindley & Foster  
1896 / Norman & Beard*

There were visits to instruments by notable overseas builders, particularly **John Avery, Brindley & Foster, Harrison & Harrison** and **Henry Jones**. A number of these organs are located in splendid wooden churches with notable fittings.



*Knox Presbyterian Church,  
Parnell, Auckland - two manual  
Croft 1911*

**A summary of the programme:**

**Saturday 30 September:** Registration at Auckland Town Hall. Papers and visits to organs in central Auckland and an evening concert on the restored 1779 John Avery organ at Ponsonby Baptist Church.

**Sunday 1 October:** Visits to organs in Parnell including the old cathedral (St Mary's) and its Croft organ and the new cathedral with its Harrison organ and concluding with the conference dinner in the Selwyn Library.

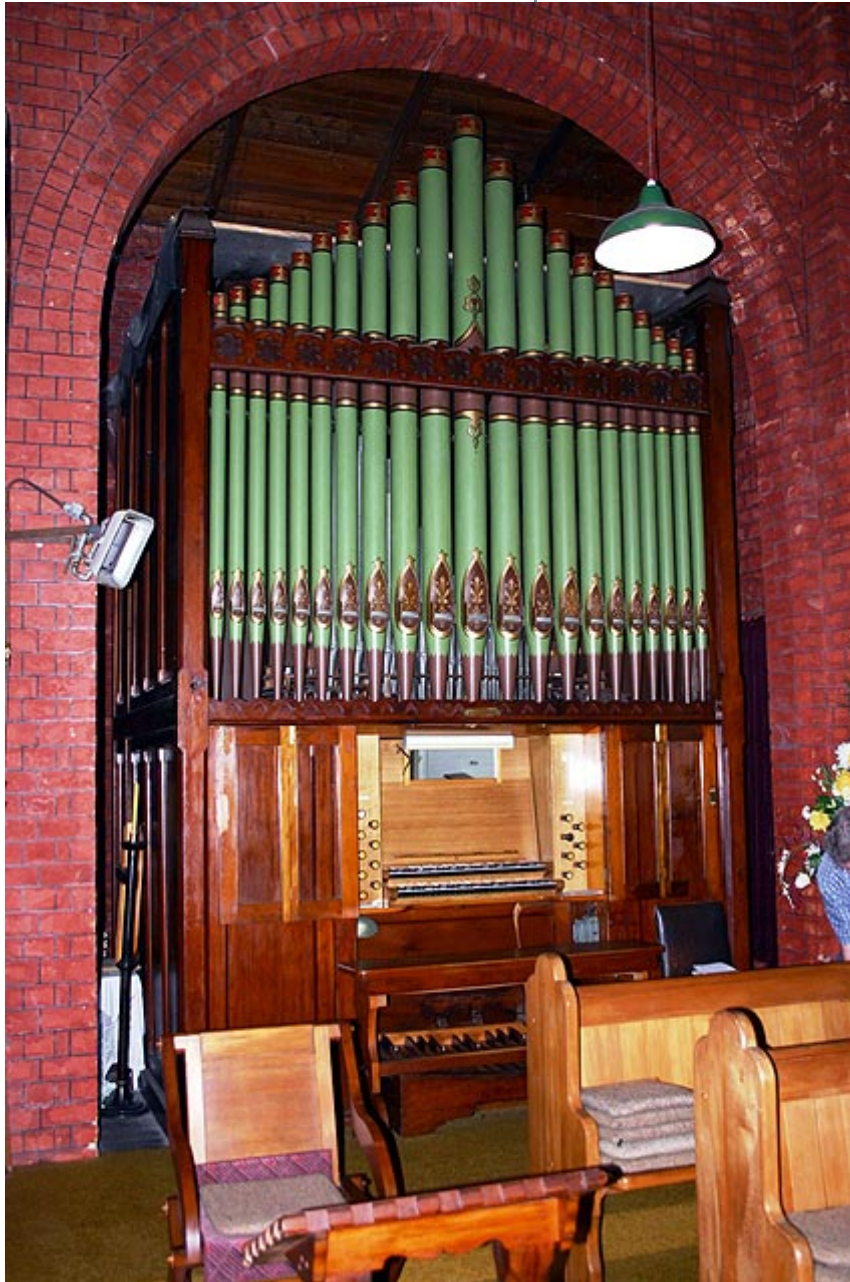
**Monday 2 October:** Organs in Auckland and suburbs south of the harbour

**Tuesday 3 October:** Boat trip to Devonport with organs north of the harbour



**Wednesday 4 October:** Bus trip to Rotorua via Hamilton and Cambridge

**Thursday 5 October:** Return to Auckland following sight seeing in Rotorua via Te Aroha and Thames. Evening silent movie with Wurlitzer accompaniment.



*St Alban's Anglican Church, Balmoral, Auckland - two manual Henry Jones 1884*

A special focus was the organs of the noted New Zealand builder **George Croft**, which were discussed by Dr Ron Newton, and then visited over the ensuing days. Also seen was the wonderful harbourside setting of

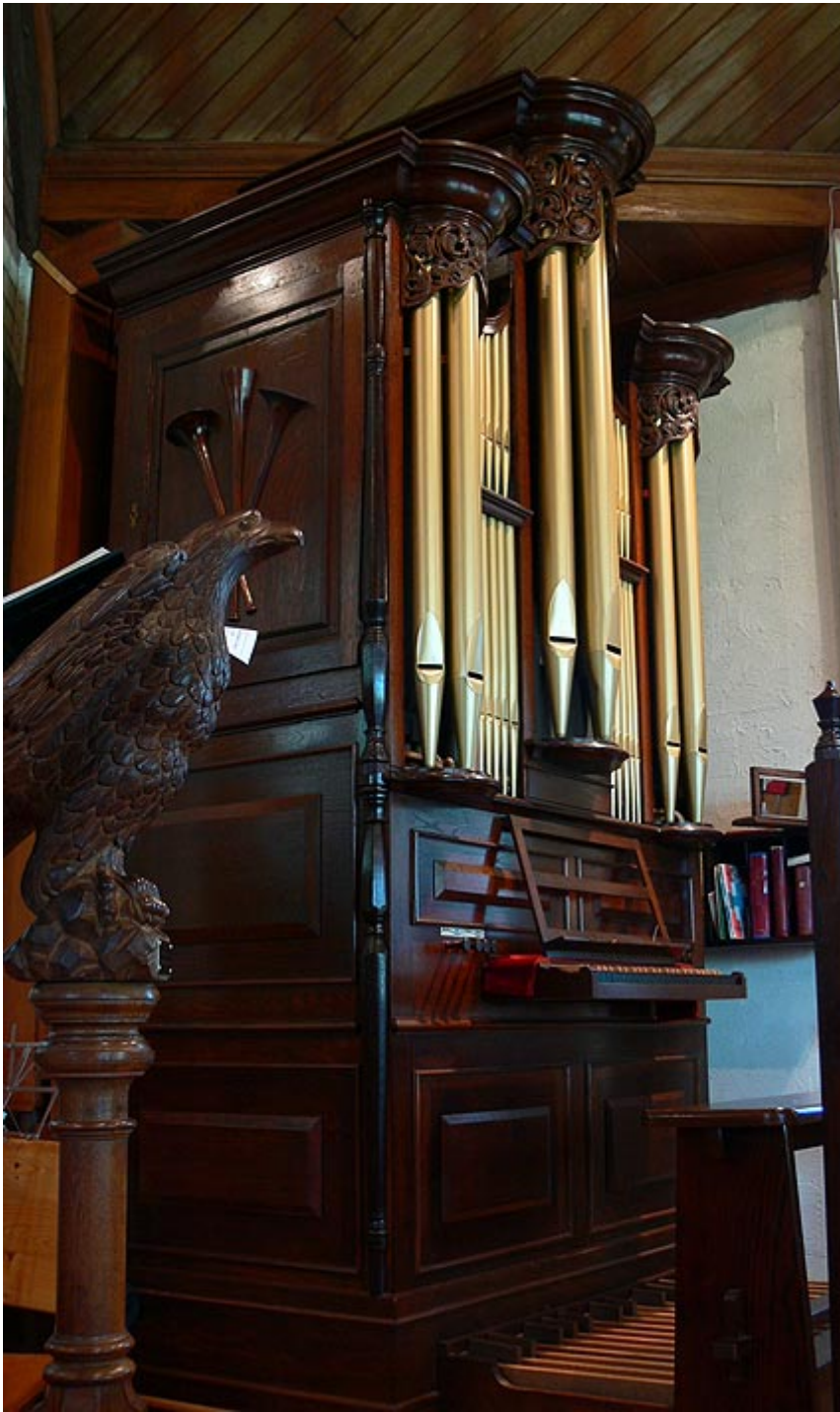
Auckland, the expansive countryside to the south, the historic town of Rotorua, with its geo-thermal areas, and Thames, at the base of the Coromandel Peninsula.







Several papers on organs and buildings by authorities such as Dr Ron Newton, John Hargraves, Bruce Petry, Alan Buchan and John Maidment were given, together with recitals by prominent local musicians including John Wells, James Tibbles, Eugene Lavery, Stephen Beech, Rachel Griffiths and Ron Clarke.



*St Mark's Anglican Church, Te Aroha - remnants of 17th century English organ rebuilt Croft 1985*

The programme included a mix of organ visits, recitals, lectures and visits to historic and scenic places. The organs visited included the work of builders who are not represented in Australia.



*Restored 1779 John Avery organ  
at Ponsonby Baptist Church.*

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