

2016 OHTA NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

Visiting the Shaky Isles: Christchurch to Dunedin, New Zealand

The 2016 OHTA Conference will be held in the South Island of New Zealand. It will start in Christchurch on Monday 26 September and end in the Dunedin Town Hall on Sunday 2 October. A distinctive part of this conference will be learning about the greatest destruction of organs in Australasia (the 2010/11 Canterbury earthquakes), seeing the earthquake impact on central Christchurch, and acknowledging achievements of the rebuild.

In addition to visits to many organs of historic interest, each day includes a contrasting activity such as lunch in Ferrymead Heritage Park (Edwardian township), visiting New Zealand's first musical farm (cow bells, boomwhammers, musical windmill, ...), and visiting the South Island Organ Company factory near Timaru.

The cost is somewhat higher than previous conferences, because of the inclusion of 7 nights' accommodation and substantial coach travel. There are discounts for members and "early bird" registrations.

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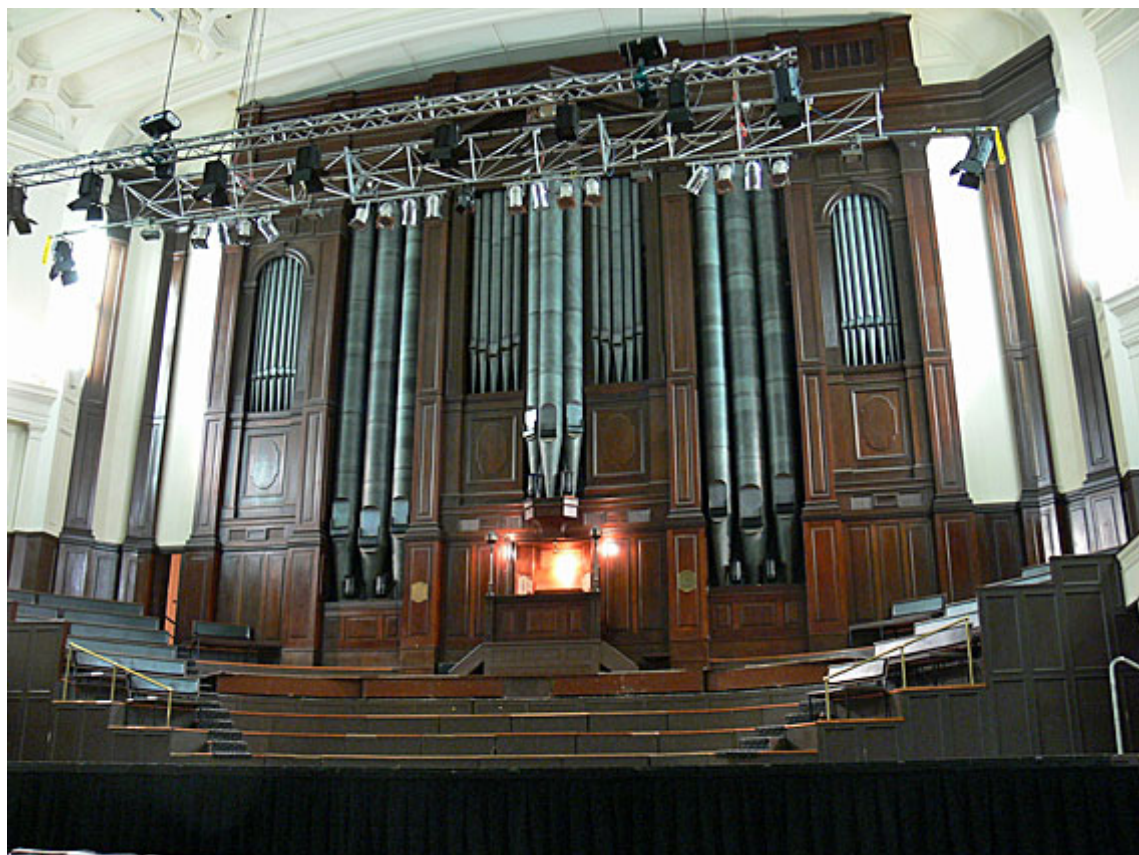
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Please click [here](#) to download the Conference Brochure. Where possible, we request that bookings be made by:

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The 1929 Hill, Norman & Beard organ at Dunedin Town Hall, restored by the South Island Organ Company 1995 (John Maidment)



The 1912 Arthur Hobday organ in Sacred Heart Basilica, Timaru restored by the South Island Organ Company 1986 (John Maidment)

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OHTA conference 2016 plan as at 24 July

Monday 26 September: Christchurch CBD

10:15 Knox Presbyterian. Registration + morning tea. Video display of earthquake impact on organs.

10:45 Welcome

10:55 Lecture/presentation by John Dodgshun: Earthquake-related organ losses with focus on St Mary's Merivale story -- Hill, Norman & Beard 1926/1938, reb. 1968 Strachan, 3/49.

12:00 Organ recital by Andrew Blackburn. Organ: Jenkins 1903; reb. 1913 Pearce inc parts from Nicholson & Lord; reb. Brett 19??; rest. 1987 SIOC; rest. & enlarged 2014 SIOC; 3/30.

13:00 Catered lunch at Knox

13:50 Lecture/presentation by John Hargraves (South Island Organ Company): An organbuilder's perspective on the Canterbury earthquakes, including comments on their work in Knox & St Michaels visited the same day

14:45 Walking Tour (weather permitting). The quakes: destruction and rebuild (getting to grips with the impact first-hand). Taxi-van alternative to Quake City Exhibition for those not wanting to walk.

- Route: Town Hall; Durham St Methodist site; Arts Centre (Great Hall if can get access), Cathedral Square

15:45 approx. Quake City Exhibition & DIY afternoon tea in cafes (e.g. Re-Start Mall)

17:00 St Michael and All Angels Anglican. Bevington 1872; reb. 1896 F&H; reb. 1944 Lawton & Osborne; reb. 1951 HN&B; reb. 1971 Strachan; O/H 1978; 2001 SIOC; 2014 SIOC; 3/37.

18:00 Evening meal in cafes etc nearby (DIY; suggestions on map in booklet).

19:30 St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament Choir concert with organs, harpsichord, piano, violin.

Tuesday 27 September: Christchurch & surrounds

09:25 Bus departs

En route, drive by sites of St Luke's, Oxford Terrace Baptist, Octagon/Trinity Congregational, Transitional Cathedral/St John's Latimer Square (the 'cardboard cathedral'), St Paul's Trinity Pacific, Cathedral of Blessed Sacrament (Petre architect).

10:00 St Saviour's at Holy Trinity (Anglican), Lyttelton: Gray & Davison 1864, enl. 1912 Brett, O/H 1975-79 SIOC. 1/7

11:10 Union church, Lyttelton. Jenkins 1877, rem. 1880 from Lyttelton Orphanage. 2/15

12:15 Ferrymead Heritage Park. Edwardian township complete with picture theatre, school house, church, bakery, jail and railway station, steam train, trams. Home to 20 heritage societies. Organ: Sandford 1887-8, rem. 2007 from Hospital Sunnyside (Hillmorton); 1/4. Catered lunch.

15:00 Kaiapoi Cooperating Parish/Wesley Centre (former Methodist church): Jenkins 1879, enl. 1886 Jenkins. 2/13

15:45 OHTA AGM

17:15 St Andrew's at Rangi Ruru (Presbyterian), Merivale: Gray & Davison 1902, reb. 1964 Croft, enl. 1988 SIOC. 2/30

18:30 DIY evening meal

20:00 OHTA Council meeting, Webb Room at Pavilions Hotel.

Wednesday 28 September: Christchurch to Timaru

08:45 Bus departs

09:15 All Saint's Prebbleton – Wadsworth 1898, 2/9

10:30 St. Stephen's Lincoln - Nicholson & Lord / Pearce 1908; 1 / 8

12:00 Lunch in Darfield (DIY)

13:00 Trinity Darfield – Hobday 1914, 2/12

15:15 At Violinos Musical Farmstay, near Ashburton. Musical windmill, cowbells, boomwhackers, etc., and a Positive organ - afternoon tea 17:05 Temuka: St. Peter's Anglican. Sandford & Sandford 1888, 2/12

17:55 Bus departs

18:20 Arrive Grosvenor Hotel

19:00 Dinner at Landing Services Building (heritage building from 1871). Walk from hotel (3mins).

Thursday 29 September: Timaru & Waimate

08:55 Walk to St Mary's. Turn left into Beswick St, right into Stafford, then next left into Church St. (see map in booklet)

09:00 St. Mary's Timaru. Lewis 1886, reb. 1943 Brett, reb. 1962 Hayman, reb. & enlarged 1982 SIOC. 2/37. Alexander Mann grand piano (world's largest)

09:55 Bus departs for Waimate

10:45 St. Patrick's Basilica Waimate. Hobday 1918, rest. 1996 SIOC; 2/19. Francis Petre building.

12:30 Lunch (DIY at Timaru cafes; suggestions with map in booklet)

13:45 Bank Street Funeral Home - Nicholson & Lord / Pearce 1912-13, 2/12. NZOPT Historic Organ Certificate presentation

14:40 Bus departs

15:00 South Island Organ Company factory. Diverse activities.

17:15 Bus departs

17:40 DIY dinner near hotel (suggestions with map in booklet)

19:00 Bus departs (from outside the Grosvenor hotel)

19:30 Concert at Sacred Heart Basilica. A. A. Hobday 1912, pipes from 1848 Gray & Davison, rest. 1986 SIOC. 2/26.

Friday 30 September: Timaru to Dunedin

08:30 Bus departs

09:45 Waitaki Boys High School (Hall of Memories), Oamaru. Lawton & Osborne 1932, rest. 1996 SIOC. 2/24.

11:00 St. Patrick's Basilica, Oamaru. Positive Organ Co; 1/7. Hobday 1899, reb. Matla 1956, rem. from Masterton Anglican St Matthew's, 2/19. Petre building.

12:00 DIY lunch and walk around Oamaru Victorian Precinct (attractive whitestone buildings).

13:20 Bus departs

13:45 St. Andrew's Maheno. Brett 1938; 1/6.

15:15 Palmerston. Catered afternoon tea at Station Café.

15:55 Bus departs

16:50 Iona Presbyterian, Port Chalmers: Hill c.1916, inst. 1926, rest. 1998 SIOC. 2/13.

17:45 Holy Trinity Anglican, Port Chalmers: Jardine 1915; 2/11

19:00 Arrive Leviathan Hotel. DIY meals nearby (map in booklet has pointers to areas nearby with plenty of cafes and restaurants).

Saturday 1 October: Dunedin

8:30 Load buses (minivan first). Split into two streams because of limit on numbers at Burchell home.

Stream A (minivan)

- 8:30 Minivan departs
- 9:05 Burchell residence – Telford 1864 2/19. Positive Organ Company 1 / 4 (from Broad Bay church).
- 9:50 Load minivan
- 10:05 St David's Presbyterian, North East Valley: Nicholson & Lord / Pearce 1913-14. 2/15.
- 10:55 Load bus (back on main coach, all together again)

Stream B (main coach)

- 8:35 Bus departs
- 8:55 St David's Presbyterian, North East Valley: Nicholson & Lord / Pearce 1913-14. 2/15.
- 9:35 Load bus
- 9:40 Bus departs
- 10:00 Burchell residence – Telford 1864 2/19 & Positive Organ Company 1 / 4 (from Broad Bay church)
- 10:40 Load bus
- 10:45 Bus departs (picking up others from St David's en route).

11:20 St Matthew's Anglican, Dunedin: Bevington 1879, 1895 Jenkins added prep. Trumpet rank, enl. 1908 Norman & Beard, reb. SIOC 1969. 3/26.

12:05 Load bus

12:15 Bus departs

12:30 Lunch in Te Toitu/Otago Settlers Museum Museum (Auditorium).

13:15 Te Toitu/Otago Settlers Museum, talk by Andrew Blackburn: The pipe organ in Malaysia - a little known history, heritage

14:05 Museum visit. Barrel organ on display (but will not be played/demonstrated) Bryceson c.1850, rem. 1864 from Dunedin Anglican St Paul's Cathedral. Barrel organ with 3 barrels each with ten tunes. 8,8,4. In storage (will not be seen): John Taylor 1885. 1 /4.

14:45 Afternoon tea in the Museum.

15:10 Depart museum on foot (unless raining). 10 min walk + viewing First Church en route.

15:30 Cathedral Church of St Paul the Apostle (Anglican): Willis 1919, reb. SIOC 1973. 4/61. Also Croft, rem 2008 Wellington Lutheran St Paul's. 1/5.

16:30 Leave on foot for St Joseph's (8 mins walk, uphill)

16:45 Catholic St Joseph's Cathedral. Fincham 1866, reb. and enl. SIOC 1976. 3/35. Petre building with St Dominic's Priory nearby too.

17:45 Back to accommodation

18:20 Load bus

18:30 Bus departs

18:45 Final shared dinner, Dunedin Club (built 1867)

Sunday 2 October: Dunedin

Morning: No set activity. Choices (own expense) include:

- Otago Peninsula wildlife tour (albatrosses, yellow-eyed penguins, seals)
- Choral Services at Cathedral Church of St Paul the Apostle (Anglican) 10am; Knox Church Presbyterian 10 am and St Joseph's Cathedral (Catholic) 10 am.
- Olveston historic home visit
- Cadbury chocolate factory tour
- Speights Brewery (1876) tour (12 noon, or after the concert)
- Perhaps: Open console at Town Hall organ (to be confirmed later)

14:00 Town Hall concert by David Burchell, Dunedin City Organist. Hill, Norman & Beard 1919, enl. 1923 HN&B, enl. 1929 HN&B, rest. 1995 SIOC. 4/61.

15:30 Conference end

16:00 Bus departs for Christchurch. (Others will choose to stay in Dunedin and fly from there on Monday; or to travel further in Otago/Southland).