

# ORGAN HISTORICAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA

ABN 99 005 443 372

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2022-2023

August 2022

Dear OHTA member,

Australia is slowly finding its way into the new "Covid-normal" world. It is refreshing to be able to start re-engaging as a national organ community, with interstate travel and online experiences now well established.

Whilst OHTA did not hold a National Conference in 2021, our on-line symposium event held in October 2021, titled "The Modern Australian Mechanical Action Organ", was very successful, with participation from a wider membership than would have been possible with an "in person" event only.

In September / October of this year, we have planned several "in person" events across various states, including a Sydney OHTA Weekend and a Melbourne OHTA Seminar, which we encourage our members and friends to participate in. Further information on these events, and other initiatives, is available in *OHTA News* and on the OHTA website [www.ohata.org.au](http://www.ohata.org.au) or contact the Secretary.

The OHTA Board continues to provide planning and direction for our organisation in an ever-changing organ environment, whilst progressing OHTA's aims in conserving notable pipe organs and supporting worthy projects, despite the general decline in use of organs in churches and redundant organs being an ever-growing challenge.

As always, we commend the **OHTA Foundation Fund** and the **Australian Pipe Organ Centre Fund** to our members for their ongoing support. These funds provide capacity for the ongoing work of OHTA well into the future, with planned long-lasting benefits. We ask that you might consider these as worthy of a bequest in your will. Contributions to these funds of \$2 and over are tax-deductible. For an outline of the benefits of these funds, refer to the OHTA website at [www.ohata.org](http://www.ohata.org) or contact the Chair.

We continue to provide tax-deductible appeals to support organ restorations across Australia. Recent projects to realise completion include the 1858 Hill & Son organ restoration in St Peter's Lutheran Church, Stawell, and the c1890 Kirkland organ restoration in Church of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Carcoar, with a CD recording.

The Christopher Dearnley Award is ongoing for support of organ recording projects. An award was recently provided to support a CD recording of the 1976 Ron Sharp organ in Perth Concert Hall, Western Australia.

The OHTA history archive / depository established at the Barossa Regional Gallery in Tanunda, South Australia, is progressing important work with ongoing part time volunteer curatorship. A recent successful grant from the SA History Trust has purchased computer and scanning equipment for digitising of important documentation.

We have greatly appreciated your support over the past year and particularly value the contributions made by those who have been able to take out special subscription levels. It is now time for annual subscriptions to be renewed. The subscription levels are unchanged from last year. You will notice that there are convenient ways to pay on-line by credit card via Trybooking (with a small administration fee) or by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

To remain viable, OHTA needs a strong membership base and we ask that you complete the renewal process as soon as possible. Please consider taking out a subscription at one of the higher levels, as a stronger reserve of funds enables us more readily to achieve our aims with depleting accumulated reserves. We will again acknowledge those members who take out special rates by listing their names in a forthcoming issue of *OHTA News*, unless anonymity is requested. Those subscribing at higher levels will be completely free to review their contribution level annually.

Donations to the OHTA Foundation Fund, the Australian Pipe Organ Centre Fund, the Dearnley Award, The South Australia Organ Projects Fund, and the Matthews Scholarship would be gratefully received. The Dearnley Award commemorates our former patron, Christopher Dearnley, and is made for recordings of Australian organs and organ music. The Matthews Scholarship commemorates Australian organbuilder Charles Ivor Matthews and is made for scholarly research into Australian organs and organbuilding. A receipt will be issued for tax-deductible donations of \$2 or more.

Yours sincerely,  
Steven Kaesler OAM  
Chair

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## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL 2022 – 2023

For continuing membership – ***please pay by 30 November 2022***

Non-renewed Memberships will be cancelled after 31 December 2022

*Please return this form with your Membership Renewal to Andrew Davidson, Membership Secretary*

**M** 0414 385 311  
**E** membership@ohta.org.au  
**P** PO Box 204 Wahroonga NSW 2076

### ORDINARY SUBSCRIPTION LEVELS

Ordinary membership	\$70	<input type="checkbox"/>
Australian Pensioners	\$45	<input type="checkbox"/>
Australian Full-Time Students U-25	\$45	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family	\$85	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overseas (inc. airmail)	\$90	<input type="checkbox"/>

### SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION LEVELS

Sustaining Member	\$120	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corporate (for companies)	\$300	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sponsor	\$350	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benefactor	\$600	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Membership	\$2000	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SUB-TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### DONATIONS TO THE OHTA TRUST FUND (Donations over \$2.00 are tax-deductible and receipts will be issued)

OHTA Foundation Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Australian Pipe Organ Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Christopher Dearnley Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
South Australia Organ Projects Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Charles Ivor Matthews Scholarship	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

**SUB-TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment can be made via:

- *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)*

*Please include your surname and initials as a reference*

*Name* Organ Historical Trust of Australia  
*Bank* ANZ - Royal Branch  
*BSB* 013 128  
*Account Number* 204 705 424

- *Cheque*

Made out to "Organ Historical Trust of Australia"

- *Credit Card (online)*

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