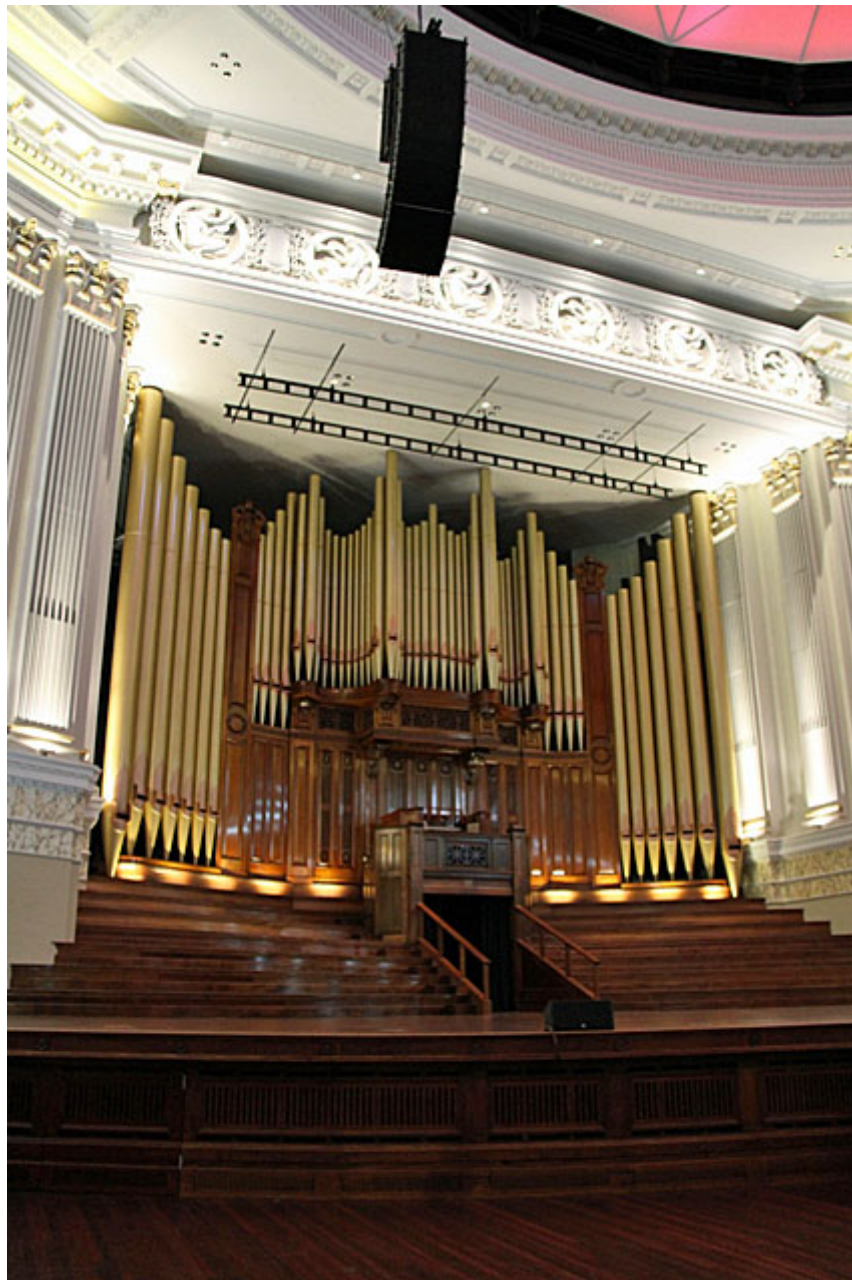


# QUEENSLAND

## 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### Organ Historical Trust of Australia

**Monday 22 September - Saturday 27 September 2014**



Brisbane City Hall organ (Photograph: Simon Pierce)

The 37th annual conference of the Organ Historical Trust of Australia was held in Queensland from 22-27 September 2014.

Our principal overseas guest was the internationally renowned improviser Nigel Allcoat who performed for us at several venues. See his website at: <http://www.nigelallcoat.org/>

The conference also commemorated the completion of the restoration of the Henry Willis & Sons organ at Brisbane City Hall carried out by Pierce Pipe Organs Pty Ltd. This project started at the end of 2009 and has seen its complete removal from the hall, its refurbishment, and reinstatement in the restored hall 2013-2014 which now has superlative acoustics. Details of the organ are at: <http://www.ohta.org.au/organs/organs/BrisbaneTownHall.html>

There were visits to many significant organs, such as the Norman & Beard instrument at St John's Cathedral, which has received a major tonal revision since our last visit, and to a number of organs by the local firm of Whitehouse Bros. together with others by Pierce Pipe Organs, Knud Smege, Roger Pogson, J.W. Walker & Sons and Kenneth Tickell. Papers were also delivered that were relevant to the themes of the conference.





Hotel accommodation was reserved in Brisbane and in the Gold Coast, bus transportation was provided, and a number of meals scheduled. The conference brochure was posted out with the April *OHTA News* and is available for downloading by clicking on the link below.

2014 OHTA Conference brochure



Participants at the 2014 conference on the steps of St Mary's Church, Ipswich (Hugh Knight)

The proposed itinerary was as follows, starting in Brisbane and then proceeding west to Hatton Vale, Minden and Ipswich and finally south to Southport and Murwillumbah:

## ***Saturday 20 September***

Nigel Allcoat - recital at St John's Cathedral 6.00 pm (part of the Cathedral's TIOS recitals, doubling as a pre-conference recital)



### **St John's Anglican Cathedral, Ann Street, Brisbane**

Norman & Beard Ltd, London & Norwich, 1909

Installed 1910 B.B. Whitehouse & Co., Brisbane

Additions 1912, 1914, 1915 & 1924

3 manuals, 30 speaking stops, tubular-pneumatic action

Rebuilt & enlarged 1972 Hill, Norman & Beard, Melbourne

4 manuals, 81 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic & electro-magnetic action

Tonally redesigned and revoiced 2008-10 W.J Simon Pierce, Brisbane

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## Monday 22 September

St Paul's Presbyterian Church, St Paul's Terrace (registration followed by visit)  
 St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley  
 St Margaret's School, Ascot  
 Nazareth Lutheran Church, Woolloongabba  
 Wesley Uniting Church, Kangaroo Point  
 Evening: open console at St John's Cathedral

	<p><b>St Paul's Presbyterian Church, St Paul's Terrace</b>          Hill &amp; Son, London, 1882 (job no 1834)          Installed 1883 T.C. Christmas in Presbyterian Church, Creek Street          Installed 1889 in apse of present church          Removed 1891 to present location in transept          2 manuals, 18 speaking stops, mechanical action          Rebuilt with additions 1963 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane          2 manuals, 22 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action</p>
	<p><b>St Patrick's Catholic Church, Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley</b>          T.C. Christmas, Brisbane, for W. Horatio Wilson, Brisbane, c.1881          Installed in this location, 1882          3 manuals, 13 speaking stops, mechanical action</p>
	<p><b>St Margaret's Anglican Girls' School, Petrie Street, Ascot</b>          B.B. Whitehouse &amp; Co., 1905, for Presbyterian Church, Ithaca          Installed at Baptist Church, Greenslopes, 1934 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane          Additions 1972 H.W. Jarrott, Brisbane          Installed in present location 1994 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane          1 manual, 4 speaking stops, mechanical action, no pedals</p>
	<p><b>Nazareth Lutheran Church, Hawthorne Street, Woolloongabba</b>          W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane, 2005          2 manuals, 14 speaking stops, mechanical action</p>
	<p><b>Wesley Uniting (formerly Methodist) Church, Linton Street, Kangaroo Point</b>          B.B. Whitehouse &amp; Co., Brisbane, 1903          Restored 1953 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane          Restored with additions 1989 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane          2 manuals, 13 speaking stops, mechanical action</p>
	<p><b>St John's Anglican Cathedral, Ann Street, Brisbane</b>          Norman &amp; Beard Ltd, London &amp; Norwich, 1909          Installed 1910 B.B. Whitehouse &amp; Co., Brisbane          Additions 1912, 1914, 1915 &amp; 1924          3 manuals, 30 speaking stops, tubular-pneumatic action          Rebuilt &amp; enlarged 1972 Hill, Norman &amp; Beard, Melbourne          4 manuals, 81 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic &amp; electro-magnetic action</p>



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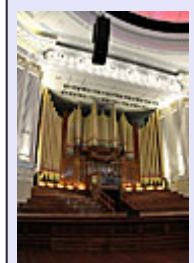
## Tuesday 23 September

St Andrew's Anglican Church, South Brisbane (OHTA annual general meeting followed by visit)  
Brisbane City Hall - lunchtime concert (part of regular BCC series) followed by open console  
University of Queensland: Forgan Smith Building  
University of Queensland: St John's College



### St Andrew's Anglican Church, Vulture Street, South Brisbane

J.W. Walker & Sons, London, 1884  
Installed 1885 T.C. Christmas, Brisbane  
2 manuals, 16 speaking stops, mechanical action.  
Restored with additions 1961 Charles Dirksen Organ Co., Brisbane  
Rebuilt and enlarged 1970 Laurie Pipe Organs, Melbourne  
3 manuals, 30 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action

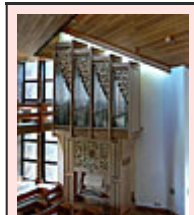


### Brisbane City Hall, King George Square, Brisbane

Henry Willis & Sons, London, 1891-92, for the Exhibition Building, Bowen Park, Brisbane.  
4 manuals, 45 speaking stops, tubular pneumatic action  
Rebuilt, enlarged & installed in present location 1927-29 Henry Willis & Sons Ltd, London &  
Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  
5 manuals, 76 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action  
Renovated with additions 1988-91, Brown & Arkley, Sydney  
5 manuals, 79 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action.  
Removed to storage for restoration 2010 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane



### Forgan Smith Building, University of Queensland



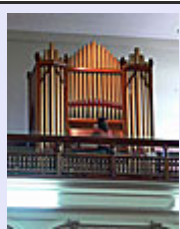
### St John's College Chapel (Anglican), University of Queensland

Kenneth Tickell & Co., Northampton, UK, 2011  
2 manuals, 16 speaking stops, mechanical action

## Wednesday 24 September

All Hallows School Chapel, Ann Street  
St John's Cathedral, Ann Street  
St Andrew's Lutheran Church, Wickham Terrace  
All Saints' Anglican Church, Wickham Terrace  
St Andrew's Uniting Church, Creek Street  
Ann Street Presbyterian Church  
Albert Street Uniting Church





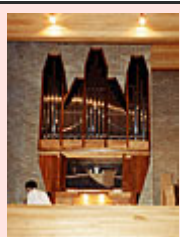
**All Hallows' Convent Chapel, Ann Street, Brisbane**

B.B. Whitehouse & Co., Brisbane, 1911, for **Holy Trinity Anglican Church**, Mackay  
 Restored & installed in present location with additions  
 c.1921 B.B. Whitehouse & Co., Brisbane  
 Restored 2011 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane  
 2 manuals, 10 speaking stops, mechanical action



**St John's Anglican Cathedral, Ann Street, Brisbane**

Norman & Beard Ltd, London & Norwich, 1909  
 Installed 1910 B.B. Whitehouse & Co., Brisbane  
 Additions 1912, 1914, 1915 & 1924  
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**St Andrew's Lutheran Church, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane**

Knud Smenge, Melbourne, 1990  
 2 manuals, 17 speaking stops, mechanical action



**All Saints' Anglican Church, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane**

T.C. Lewis, London, 1873, for St John's Pro-Cathedral, Brisbane  
 2 manuals, 11 speaking stops, mechanical action  
 Installed with additions 1903 at St Luke's Anglican Church, Brisbane, B.B.  
 Whitehouse & Co., Brisbane  
 Rebuilt, electrified & installed in this location 1957 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  
 Rebuilt & enlarged 2007 W.J.Simon Pierce, Brisbane (opus 5)  
 2 manuals, 24 speaking stops, mechanical action



**St Andrew's Uniting (formerly Presbyterian) Church, Creek Street**

Walter G. Rendall, Sydney, 1905  
 3 manuals, 30 speaking stops, tubular pneumatic action  
 Rebuilt with addition 1908, B.B. Whitehouse & Co., Brisbane  
 3 manuals, 31 speaking stops, tubular pneumatic action  
 Additions 1922, and console moved 1935 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  
 Electrified 1941 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  
 Addition 1959 J.W. Walker & Sons, UK  
 3 manuals, 38 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action  
 Rebuilt 1984 J.W. Walker & Sons (Australia) Pty Ltd, Sydney  
 3 manuals, 40 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action



**Presbyterian Church, Ann Street, Brisbane**

Charles Richardson, Sydney, 1903  
 Console moved and pneumatic action reversed 1921 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  
 Additions 1929-30 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  
 Restored 2004 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane  
 2 manuals, 17 speaking stops, tubular-pneumatic action

**Uniting (formerly Methodist) Church, Albert Street, Brisbane**



George Benson, Manchester, 1889.  
 3 manuals, 26 speaking stops, mechanical & tubular pneumatic action  
 Addition 1895 B.B. Whitehouse, Brisbane.  
 Rebuilt with tubular pneumatic action 1911 B.B. Whitehouse & Co., Brisbane  
 Additions 1928 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  
 Rebuilt & enlarged 1951 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  
 3 manuals, 41 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action  
 Rebuilt 1985 J.W. Walker & Sons.  
 3 manuals, 37 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action

## Thursday 25 September

Apostolic Cathedral, Hatton Vale  
 Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minden  
 Lunch at Railway Museum  
 St Thomas' Anglican Church, North Ipswich  
 St Mary's Catholic Church, Ipswich



### **Apostolic Cathedral, Niemeyer's Rd, Hatton Vale**

Installed 1950 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane,  
 incorporating case, soundboard & action of original organ at the  
 Methodist Church, Woolloowin, and pipework from first organ  
 at All Saints' Anglican Church, Brisbane  
 1 manual, 6 speaking stops, mechanical action, no pedals  
 Enlarged 2008 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane  
 1 manual & pedals, 12 speaking stops, mechanical action



### **Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tallegalla Road, Minden**

FIRST ORGAN: Unknown builder, installed c.1881.  
 PRESENT ORGAN: Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane, 1931.  
 1 manual, 3 speaking stops, tubular-pneumatic action, no pedals.



### **St Thomas' Anglican Church, Lawrence Street, North Ipswich**

James Cole, Manchester, c.1878  
 Installed 1878 Wesleyan Church, Albert Street, Brisbane  
 2 manuals, 12 speaking stops, mechanical action  
 Installed in present location with addition 1892 W.H. Paling & Co., Brisbane  
 2 manuals, 13 speaking stops, mechanical action  
 Restored 1937 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  
 Partially rebuilt 1968 John Hamer-Howorth  
 2 manuals, 12 speaking stops, mechanical action


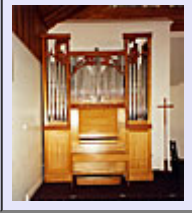
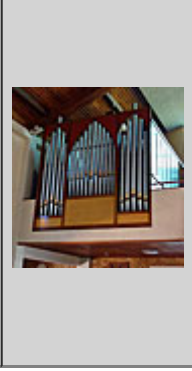



### **St Mary's Catholic Church, Elizabeth Street, Ipswich**

B.B. Whitehouse & Co., Brisbane 1915  
 Addition c.1917  
 Restored 1987-96 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane  
 2 manuals, 19 speaking stops, tubular-pneumatic action


## Friday 26 September

Bethesda Lutheran Church, Beenleigh  
 St George's Anglican Church, Tamborine Mountain  
 St Peter's Anglican Church, Southport  
 St Hilda's School Chapel, Southport




	<p><b>Bethesda (formerly St Peter's) Lutheran Church, City Road, Beenleigh</b>          Knud Smenge, Melbourne, 1983          2 manuals, 8 speaking stops, mechanical action</p>
	<p><b>St George's Anglican Church, Dapsang Drive, Tamborine Mountain</b>          W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane, 1993          Additions 1997-2000 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane          1 manual, 11 speaking stops, mechanical action</p>
	<p><b>St Peter's Anglican Church, Nerang Street, Southport</b>          Original builder unknown          Probably installed 1866 at <b>St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Ipswich</b>          Installed c.1921 in St Alban's Chapel, The Southport School, Southport,          1924 in former St Peter's Church, Southport, and 1959 in present church.          2 manuals, 7 speaking stops, mechanical action          Rebuilt with electro-pneumatic action 1976 Walter Emerson, Toowoomba          Additions 1982 Walter Emerson, Toowoomba;          1990 Australian Pipe Organs, Melbourne and 2010 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane          2 manuals, 10 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action          Enlarged 2014 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane          3 manuals, 18 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action</p>
	<p><b>St Hilda's (Anglican Girls') School, High Street, Southport</b>          J.W. Walker &amp; Sons, Brandon, Suffolk, 1985          Installed 1986 David Hudd, Brisbane          2 manuals, 8 speaking stops, mechanical action</p>

## Saturday 27 September

All Saints' Anglican Church, Murwillumbah  
 St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Murwillumbah  
 The Southport School Chapel, Southport

	<p><b>All Saints' Anglican Church, Byangum Road, Murwillumbah</b>          C.W. Leggo, Sydney, 1926          2 manuals, 18 speaking stops, tubular-pneumatic action</p>
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	<p>Moved to present church 1960, and electrified 1973 H.W. Jarrott, Brisbane  2 manuals, 20 speaking stops, electric action  Restored 1998 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane  Additions 2010 W.J. Simon Pierce, Brisbane  2 manuals, 22 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action</p>
	<p><b>St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wollumbin Street, Murwillumbah</b>  William Stone, Melbourne, 1884, for <b>St Columb's Anglican Church, Hawthorn, Victoria</b>  Installed in present location 1924 W.L. Roberts, Melbourne  2 manuals, 8 speaking stops, mechanical action  Rebuilt in organ loft 1955 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  2 manuals, 9 speaking stops, tubular-pneumatic action  Electrified c.1986 H.W. Jarrott, Brisbane  2 manuals, 9 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action</p>
	<p><b>The Southport School (Anglican), St Alban's Chapel, Winchester Street, Southport</b>  Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane, 1925  Addition 1925 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  2 manuals, 23 speaking stops, tubular-pneumatic action  Electrified 1979 Whitehouse Bros, Brisbane  2 manuals (3-manual console), 23 speaking stops, electro-pneumatic action</p>

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