SOUTH AUSTRALIA

36th Annual Conference

Adelaide and the Barossa

Monday 30 September – Saturday 5 October 2013



1875 Hill & Son Organ, Tanunda Regional Gallery



Group conference attendees shot (Photograph: Trevor Bunning 3 October 2013)

Broad Horizons. Looking over the Hill

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Please click here to download the conference brochure.

CONFERENCE UPDATE

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Pre Conference Recital jointly with Organ Music Society of Adelaide. William McVicker at Pilgrim Uniting Church, Flinders Street Adelaide 2.30 – 4 pm. Entry \$20, no concessions. Programme: Balbastre, Cannonade; Couperin, Kyrie Gloria and Offertoire from the Mass for the Convents featuring soloist Naomi Hede; Rheinberger Sonata 8 in Eminor Op. 132.

MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration will be in the Cynthia Poulton Hall of St Peters Cathedral North Adelaide from 9 am on Monday 30 September. The Cathedral is at 27 King William Road, a 30 minute walk north from The Adelaide Town Hall and Pilgrim Uniting Church.

Those arriving on early morning flights from interstate and so unable to register at St Peters Cathedral should be at Pilgrim Uniting Church at 11 am (the lounge / office area at rear of church) or at the Adelaide Town Hall by 12.20 pm at the gallery foyer prior to the start of the Lord Mayor's Gala Concert. Entry to the Gala Concert is only by ticket in the Conference registration folder. The Cathedral is at bus stop 2.

TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER

The Tuesday Conference programme commences at St Andrews Uniting Church Glenelg at 9.00 am. Participants will need to catch the Glenelg tram leaving South Terrace at 8.05 am, 8.15 am, or at the latest 8.25 am. Tickets needed cost \$5 unless using a SA Seniors Metrocard or regular Metrocard. Vending machines are on the tram. The church is approximately 50 metres west of the penultimate stop number 16.

NOTE

Transport on the tram within the CBD is free but there is a cost associated with travel to Glenelg and North Adelaide. Buses are scheduled for every 15 minutes to North Adelaide but route numbers need to be carefully selected. A shared taxi from the South Terrace hotels to St Peter's Cathedral might be an option.

OHTA's 2013 conference will focus upon the restored 1875 Hill & Son grand organ, located at the Barossa Regional Gallery, Tanunda, a thriving historic town located in the renowned Barossa Valley, famous for its wines. It is anticipated that this organ will be completed to a state of full playability in time for the conference and it will be heard in several recitals, discussed in relevant papers, and there will be opportunities for participants to play the instrument. We will visit a number of significant organs in Adelaide, before moving to the Barossa Valley via Moonta, and there will be day excursions to several instruments and historic sites and opportunities for wine tastings.

OHTA's international guest for the conference will be **Dr William McVicker**, who is a highly regarded organist, teacher and authority on the organ, based in the United Kingdom. He is curator of the organs at the Royal Festival Hall and Reading Town Hall and has made a significant contribution to the promotion and development of these instruments. His skills as an organ consultant have also been widely sought.

ITINERARY UPDATE

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The budget has been determined. Registration fees are set and range from \$995AUD to \$1200AUD for full attendance, as printed on the Conference brochure. For daily registrants the cost of the evening meal has been excluded on Wednesday because it was felt there was little point in returning to Adelaide from Moonta via Tanunda just for the evening meal. Likewise, if daily participants wish to exclude the evening meals on Monday and Tuesday a reduction of thirty dollars may be made for the day. For catering purposes your intention should be marked on the registration form by August 31.

Accommodation in Adelaide remains the responsibility of participants and you are reminded of the Monday morning registration time. Allowance will be made for early morning aircraft arrivals, Adelaide airport is very close to the CBD, but participants may wish to book for Sunday evening arrival. Accommodation in Tanunda, all conference transportation costs and most meals remain covered in the Conference fee.

Accomodation in Adelaide Monday 30 September and Tuesday 1 October

Participants will be responsible for arranging and paying for their own accommodation. OHTA has been able to obtain special rates for a limited number of rooms at the Grand Chifley Hotel, Chifley on South and Country Comfort Motel complex on South Terrace, Adelaide, <u>provided reservations are received by 30 August.</u>

Contact for both Hotels and Motel (they are adjacent) is **Phone** 08 8223 4355 **Fax** 08 8232 5997 **email** reservations.southterrace@chifleyhotels.com

Rates as quoted:

Grand Chifley Room only \$160 Full breakfast \$19 Continental breakfast \$15 Booking Code #375201

Chifley on South Terrace Room only \$145 Continental breakfast \$10 Booking Code #375202

Country Comfort Room only \$109 Full breakfast \$19 Booking Code #375200

For further advice at the hotel ask for Debbie Elliot reservation supervisor.

The tram (free through the CBD) is approximately 300 metres from the hotel complex.

You will need to book two nights Monday 30 September and Tuesday October 1, and quote "Organ Historical Trust" plus appropriate code when booking to secure preferential rates. These rates should also apply if you wish to book prior to or after the Conference.

We have been advised that Adelaide accommodation at this period of the year is at a premium and rates can increase in excess of \$300 per night so participants are advised to book early.

Similar hotels to the Chifley on South might be the Country Comfort Riviera on North Terrace or the older Grosvenor, Both are on the tram route.

In the Barossa

Accommodation in the Barossa Wednesday 2 October to Friday 4 These nights are included in the Conference registration fee [see comment re budget]. Accommodation is at an absolute premium and will be in more than one venue.

William McVicker will give a public concert at Pilgrim Uniting Church on Sunday 29 September, prior to the Conference, starting at 2.30.

25 individuals have registered their intent to attend as at 1 January 2013 following the request in OHTA News October 2012. To ascertain transport and accommodation needs it would be appreciated if others could also respond by 1 March 2013 to David Shield at shielddm@bigpond.com

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