

**St Peter's Lutheran Church, Stawell
Hill & Son Chamber Organ Restoration Appeal**

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1/We would like to make this donation to assist with the restoration of the 1858 Hill & Son Chamber Organ at St Peter's Lutheran Church in Stawell.

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Please send this form with your donation to:

**St Peter's Lutheran Church Hill & Son Chamber
Organ Restoration Appeal
Post Office Box 182
Stawell Victoria 3380**

ENQUIRIES:

Karen Jenkins 0400 583 066

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Proposed Restoration Work

St Peter's 1858 Hill & Son chamber organ is of very high heritage and musical significance and is in urgent need of a full restoration. This will be the first major work carried out on the organ during its 160-year history.

The organ is to be dismantled totally, carefully packed and moved to the organbuilder's workshop. The restoration work will include:

Refurbishment of the windchests, action and wind system.

Refurbishment of the pipework including repairs and careful regulation. All original inscriptions and markings will be retained.

The swell box is to be restored and all shutters and action overhauled.

Refurbishment of the stop and combination action and replacement of the existing drawstops and their engraving based upon the 1857 Hill chamber organ at Ingrave, UK.

The casework is to be carefully restored under the guidance of a heritage conservator.

When the restoration work has been completed the organ is to be carefully reinstalled in the Stawell Lutheran Church and be of considerable value to the wider community for concerts, school groups and teaching.

William Hill (1789-1870) founder of Hill & Son

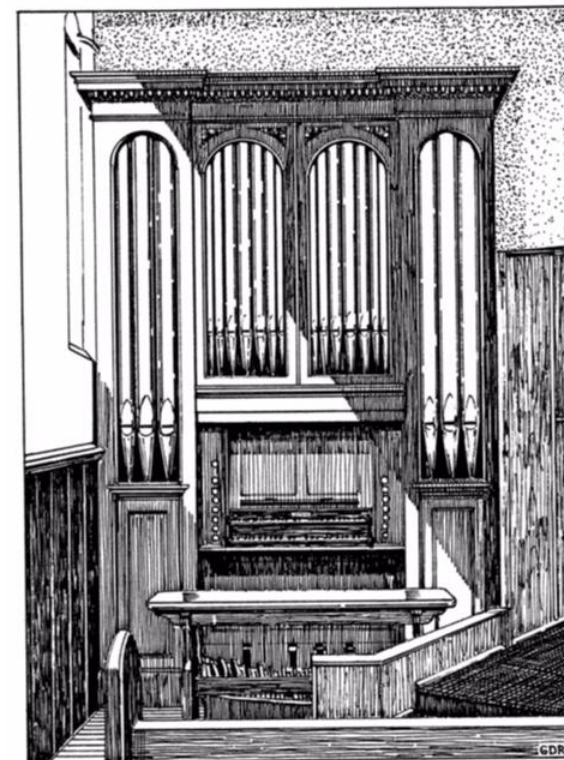
Hill was the most important organbuilder in Britain in the middle years of the 19th century and constructed major organs for concert halls in Birmingham and London and in a number of English cathedrals. He revolutionised the style of English organbuilding and would have personally supervised the design and construction of the Stawell organ.

Graeme D Rushworth drew the cover page picture of the 1858 Hill & Son chamber organ

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Stawell Victoria**



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The building

St Peter's Church was designed by Revd J.G. Wilson and built in 1874 as a Congregational Church. By the 1950s the church was unused and in 1957 it was purchased by the Lutheran Church for the new Stawell congregation which was formed on 17 September 1958. The congregation has several items of historical significance and beauty. The altar and pulpit were originally built for St Luke's Lutheran Church in Murtoa by the noted wood-carver Robert Prenzel in the mid 1920s. The 17th century lectern was brought from England by John Kriewaldt and donated to the church.



The Organ

St Peter's chamber organ was built in 1858 in the London factory of Hill & Son for Mr Peter Davis of Melbourne. In 1860 it was auctioned by Beauchamp Brothers for Mr Davis who was moving to Europe and was installed in St Andrew's Anglican Church, Brighton where it remained until 1923. It was then sold and moved to Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Stratford until it was purchased by John Kriewaldt in 1968. The organ was moved to Stawell, where work was carried out to renovate the organ to a usable condition. John then donated it to the new St Peter's Lutheran Congregation in memory of his parents. Further work was completed in 1996. In 2008 the organ was added to the Victorian State Heritage Register. (VHR H2177). It is also listed on the Organ Historical Trust of Australia web page:

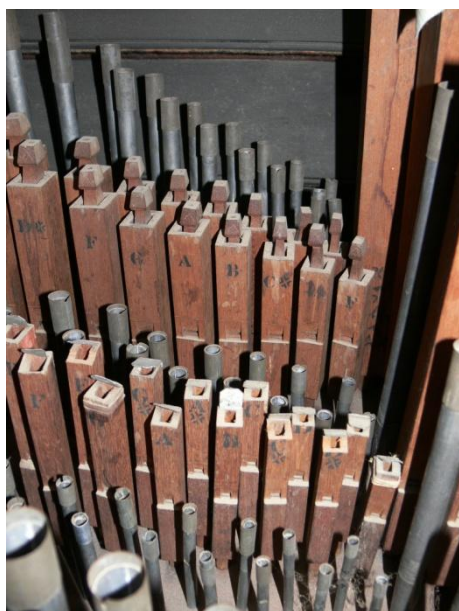


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Statement of Significance

St Peter's Hill chamber organ retains the original wind supply, pipes, keyboards and mechanical action. It is housed in a solid mahogany case with classical egg and dart moulding.

The organ is historically significant as it is the oldest substantial chamber organ in Victoria, the oldest Hill & Son organ in Australia and an extremely rare, if not unique, example in the world of a Hill & Son chamber organ from this period.



The Organ Builder

Australian Pipe Organs has been chosen to restore the 1858 Hill & Son chamber organ in St Peter's Lutheran Church in Stawell, following the guidelines in the January 2018 quotation document. This firm has recently completed the full restoration of the 1870s George Fincham chamber organ in Fincham Hall (formerly the Methodist Church) at Dunkeld and in 2016 it completed the restoration of the 1868 George Fincham organ in the St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church in Talbot. It is currently restoring the c.1860 Hamlin & Son chamber organ at St Paul's Anglican Church, Clunes.

Organ Historical Trust of Australia Consultant

Mr John Maidment OAM

The Appeal

The Appeal is being coordinated by the Organ Historical Trust of Australia (OHTA) which through its listing on the Australian Tax Office Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC) is able to offer tax-deductibility for donations above \$2.00. The OHTA was established in 1977 with the aims of preserving and documenting pipe organs. Information on the Trust can be found at www.ohta.org.au

The Patrons

Ms Louise Staley M.P. and Cr Tony Driscoll, Mayor Northern Grampians Shire Council

The Appeal Committee

Chairperson	Karen Jenkins
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Revd Christopher Raatz (Pastor of St. Peter's)

The Appeal Target

The target for St. Peter's 1858 Hill & Son chamber organ restoration is \$95,000.