



1884 Restoration JW Walker & Sons Organ August 2008 Update

Patrons

- Steven Wilson, Executive Chairman, Wilson HTM Investment Group.
- Malcolm Snow, Chief Executive Officer, South Bank Corporation.
- Prof Peter Roennfeldt, Director, Qld Conservatorium, Griffith University.
- Gary Thorpe, General Manager, 4MBS Classic FM.
- Revd Rupert Jeffcoat, Director of Music, St John's Cathedral.

Appeal reaches milestone

We are delighted to announce that thanks to the generosity of individuals, the Celebration Concert held at St Andrew's church on 22 June, raised \$4,600 towards the Organ Restoration Appeal. As of 30 June the fund stands at \$71,000 and includes \$15,000 Heritage Grants from the Environmental Protection Agency and from the Brisbane City Council.

We are now a quarter of the way towards its target of \$250,000.

Celebration Concert

On Sunday 22 June, Organ Recitalist Christopher Wrench and trumpeter Paul Rawson played a truly magnificent concert, with music that included *Bist du bei mir* by J.S Bach, *Arabesque sur les flutes* from *Suite Francaise* by Jean Langlais and *Prayer of Saint Gregory* by Alan Hovannes.

We were delighted that the concert was well attended and was supported by two of the appeal patrons, Malcolm Snow, Chief Executive Officer, South Bank Corporation and Professor Peter Roennfeldt, Director of Queensland Conservatorium and also by past Rector Reverend Tom Wood, Organ Consultant Graeme Rushworth and Councillor Helen Abraham.

Also in attendance were past organists Ian McKinley, who was organist at St Andrew's from 1962-1975, Reg McGee and Margaret Robinson, daughter of the late Ted Salisbury, who was our organist from 1949-1962.

Following a wonderful programme of music, the concert goers were treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea.

Morris Lake

Chairman of Appeal.

Memories of the Organ

"My memories of St Andrew's during the 1960s include the distinctive, beautiful sound of the organ – the vox angelica blew me away, the hundreds of weddings, and the regular broadcasters on the ABC (Radio Australia), 4KQ and 4BC".

Ian McKinley, Organist 1962-1975.

Profile

Margaret Powell, Director of Music at St Andrew's and member of Organ Restoration Appeal team.

Margaret Powell began piano and theory lessons at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and completed tertiary training in music and classroom teaching at the Conservatorium, and at Alexander Mackie Teachers' College. During her years of classroom music teaching and extra-curricular music activities in high schools in Sydney, Coonabarabran and Perth, Margaret continued her interest in accompanying singers and instrumentalists as well as participating in or leading church choirs. Later, in Brisbane, Margaret changed to private music teaching in piano and theory with a particular emphasis on developing all-round musical skills in her pupils. Margaret took up the position of Director of Music Ministry at St Andrew's South Brisbane in December 1998 and has continued to enjoy the varying activities and responsibilities in this role.



Did you know?

Our organ, as shown in the background of the photo below, was built in 1884 by J W Walker and Sons, the well known organ builders of Tottenham Court Road, London, England. The specifications were drawn up by Mr W.G.Wilmore. The organ was sent in ten packing cases from England to Brisbane aboard the SS Quetta. The organ cost £650/7/2, plus erection costs. The SS Quetta arrived into Brisbane in 1885, with its precious cargo. The work of the erection of the organ at St Andrew's was undertaken by Mr. Thomas Christmas, under the supervision of Mr Wilmore. Thomas Christmas was a Brisbane man and was apprenticed to Andersons Piano Builders of Melbourne. At the time of its installation this two-manual organ was regarded as the largest and the best of its type in Queensland.



At the Celebration Concert. Appeal patrons, Malcolm Snow (left), Chief Executive Officer, South Bank Corporation and Professor Peter Roennfeldt (Right), Director of Queensland Conservatorium with organist Christopher Wrench, trumpeter Paul Rawson and Margaret Powell Director of Music at St Andrew's.

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