

ORGANS OF THE BALLARAT GOLDFIELDS

A Festival of Fine Music

FESTIVAL 2019

NEWSLETTER

Number One

WELCOME TO FESTIVAL 2019

How quickly the years flash by!

Now we are introducing the 24th Annual Festival – the average number of recitals per Festival is probably about 25 so that adds up to many, many concerts most of which have been played to near or capacity audiences.

Long time patrons are well aware that there is a 'tried and true' aspect of each year – the annual visits to the Uniting Church in Carngham, the former Wesleyan Church in Clunes, and the opening and closing recitals held in Ballarat's St Patrick's Cathedral. Another regular feature is a day out of Ballarat which gives visitors a chance to see something of the wider region.

The Directors give much thought to creating a programme which not only has wide appeal but also is able to introduce something new each year.

The mesmerising music of Arvo Pärt will feature in the opening recital – this contemporary composer is now regularly heard on the radio and is much admired.

After 144 years of worship, **St Joseph's Catholic Church** in Blampied has been closed. It is many years since the Festival visited this historic church but we will be returning in 2019 with a very special programme of English Baroque music. This will be played by Camerata Antica accompanied by Laura Moore playing the viola da gamba and David Drury accompanying on the chamber organ. A light meal has been arranged at the nearby **Swiss Mountain Hotel**, and all are welcome but the meal requires pre-booking. The Hotel was established in 1865 and is reputed to be the oldest licensed weatherboard hotel in Victoria.

FROM THE DIRECTORS

We have been especially delighted with the beautiful proposals sent to us for the 24th Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields festival and think that you will enjoy these recitals very much.

It has also been a delight to once again be able to hold recitals in the beautiful heritage buildings of the goldfields, so much part of the festival, and we appreciate the generous welcoming, support by all those who care for these lovely churches, halls and instruments.

Judy Houston OAM

FESTIVAL BOOKINGS

Early bookings are really appreciated and can be made in a number of ways:-

- on the festival brochure
- online via the website
- online via Trybooking

Again reduced price 'whole of Festival Passes' are offered to hopefully encourage many patrons to book for a Festival Pass prior to 1 December 2018.

FESTIVAL MEALS:

Early bookings for the Festival meals – particularly the **Festival Dinner** and **Luncheon** are essential. Please book for these as soon as possible. The casual **Festival Breakfast** can cope with late entries!

Please note that the **All Meal ticket** does **not** include the meal at the Swiss Mountain Hotel.

SOUVENIR PROGRAMMES:

Prior to Christmas programs will be available in the **Art Gallery of Ballarat** for the exchange of a pre-paid ticket. We acknowledge the support of the Gallery in facilitating this helpful service.

SUPPORTING THE FESTIVAL:

We acknowledge the support of all our Sponsors and Donors and a full list will be published in the Festival Souvenir Programme.

Sovereign Hill is again a **Silver Sponsor** and our grateful thanks go to CEO Associate Professor Terry Lloyd, the Chair and Board of Sovereign Hill for their long and outstanding sponsorship of the Festival. All our loyal sponsors will be acknowledged in the Souvenir Programme.

An important group of supporters are the **Friends of the Festival** who are those who make a tax deductible donation to the Festival. We gratefully value all who contribute in this way and again urge patrons to consider making a donation. The supporters who also purchase a **Festival Pass** are issued with a Friend of the Festival name badge. Other Donors will receive a **Festival Donor** name tag with their recital tickets.

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on the 23 August in the Black Hill Hotel, Ballarat where the following were re-elected to the board.

President	Mr Graham Dent
Vice President	Mr David Berry
Honorary Secretary	Mrs Joyce Currie
Honorary Treasurer	Mrs Voi Williams OAM
Director	Mr Sergio de Pieri OAM
Assistant Director	Mrs Judith Houston OAM

Fr Ryan Bennett	Ms Tracie Currie
Mrs Robyn Hanson	Rev Jane Monro
Mrs Anne Smail	Dr John Williams
Mr Mark Witham	

ANNOUNCEMENT

On 17 November three special recitals will be held in the Cathedral Church of Christ the King, to launch the Cathedral's Music Foundation.

The soloist will be Sylvie Paladino and further information about the concert can be found at ballaratanglican.org.au or phone 5331 1183

RELAX ON A TRAIN IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

In 2019 a relaxed day is planned when the Festival moves to **Beaufort** for two repeated concerts. Details of the train services from Ballarat and Wendouree to Beaufort can be found on the V/Line website at ptv.vic.gov.au or at the regional stations.

Patrons can choose either Recital 10 or 11 in the morning then attend the other one at 3 pm. Unfortunately Recital 11 a & b were not included on the booking form but appears online.

WEB SITE:

The Festival has a new web address which is www.ballaratorgans.com.au. If there are any last minute messages regarding changes to the programme, musical content or musicians, then these will be shown on the opening page. There is also a map highlighting locations of venues, features and routes into and out of Ballarat.

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As always Newsletter No 2 will be available on Opening Night and will contain up to the minute details of the busy week ahead. Best wishes for a wonderful Festival 2019

Voi Williams OAM (Editor)

BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION NOW!

Early January is becoming a very busy time in Ballarat so we suggest you book your accommodation needs early to avoid any disappointment.

ACCOMMODATION OFFERS *from valued sponsors of the Festival*

Craig's Royal Hotel

Festival Sponsor

This recently restored historic hotel was established in 1853, has long been host to poets, princes and prime ministers!

The HERITAGE BAR and the BISTRO
are open for an enjoyable drink or meal

Hosts: John and Mary Finning

are offering a 10% discount on accommodation to festival patrons

Patrons staying in Craig's Royal Hotel are also being offered a 10% discount on recital tickets.

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RACV Goldfields Resort

Festival Sponsor

As proud sponsors of the *Organs of Ballarat Festival* the **RACV Goldfields Resort** are offering two incredible festival specials

- Stay 2 nights and save 15%
- Stay 3 nights or more and save 20%

These offers are valid from 10th to 25th January 2019 and RACV members can also receive a 25% discount on accommodation at the resort and some great deals at local attractions.

The **RACV Goldfields Resort** is nestled within the stunning Goldfields woodland and the perfect base when exploring the Macedon Ranges and the historical towns of Ballarat and Daylesford. With an extensive range of accommodation options, restaurant, bar and lounge, heated pool, and a Tony Cashmore designed 18 hole golf course the resort has everything on offer for the perfect country getaway.

To make your booking call us on 03 5345 9600 or

email: reservations_goldfields@racv.com.au

1500 Midland Highway, Creswick. Vic. 3363

Lake Inn Motel – Ballarat

Festival Sponsor

Situated near Lake Wendouree, the **Lake Inn Motel** offers Festival patrons accommodation at the corporate rate of \$165 per night and has to be booked directly with the property on 5338 8344.

Patrons must identify themselves as Festival ticket holders when booking.

1317 Mair Street, Ballarat 3350

WHEN BOOKING PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A FESTIVAL PATRON IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A DISCOUNT.

