GAZETTEER OF TASMANIAN PIPE ORGANS

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LIST OF BUILDERS, REBUILDERS, RESTORERS, ETC.
OF TASMANIAN PIPE ORGANS

Australian

William Anderson, Melbourne, Victoria
Australian Pipe Organs Pty Ltd, Keysborough, Victoria
A.W. Biggs, Scottsdale, Tasmania
Brian A. Clark, Franklin, Tasmania
Davis & Laurie Pty Ltd, Moorabbin, Victoria
K.R. Davis & Son, Launceston, Tasmania
Charles Dirksen, Brisbane, Queensland
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George Fincham, Richmond, Victoria (1864-1900)
Fincham & Hobday, Richmond, Victoria (1889-1897)
Geo. Fincham & Son, Richmond, Victoria (1900-1920)
Geo. Fincham & Sons Pty Ltd, Richmond, Victoria (1920- )
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Overseas

Bevington & Sons, Soho, London
J.C. Bishop, London
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Bishop & Son, London & Ipswich
Charles Brindley, Sheffield
James Corps, Hampstead, London
Benjamin Dobson, Minories, London
James Eagles, Hackney, London
Thomas Elliot, London
HOBART CITY


CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, cnr Bathurst & Harrington Streets (church demolished)
see: Hobart. Hobart Baptist Church.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Davey Street
see: Sandy Bay. The Hutchins School chapel.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND ART, Queen's Domain
see: Hobart. St Mary's Catholic Cathedral.


RESIDENCE OF JOHN ELLIOT.
see: North Hobart. Uniting (formerly Methodist) Church, Swan Street.

RESIDENCE OF THE REV'D MICHAEL JOHNSON, Melville Street.
see: South Australia.

RESIDENCE OF CHRISTOPHER McNAMEE, 225 Bathurst Street. Barrel organ, B. unknown; res. 1901 V. Redaeli. 3sp.st. 8.4.8.

RESIDENCE OF A.J. REID, Frederick Street.
see: North Hobart. Uniting (formerly Methodist) Church, Swan Street.

RESIDENCE OF G.T. TRIFFETT
see: Swansea. Folk Museum.


ST JOHN-THE-BAPTIST ANGLICAN CHURCH, Goulburn Street (now in private ownership). First organ, see: North Hobart. Uniting (formerly Methodist) Church, Swan Street. Second organ, see NSW. St John-the-Baptist Catholic Church, Bonnyrigg.


STRAND THEATRE, Liverpool Street.


HOBART SUBURBS

DYNNYRNE


GLENORCHY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

see: South Australia.

NEW TOWN


PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Cross Street.

see: South Australia.

RESIDENCE OF BISHOP F.R. NIXON, 'RUNNYMEDE'.

see: Campbell Town.  St Andrew's Uniting (formerly Presbyterian) Church.

RESIDENCE OF K. WILSON, 9 Marsh Street.

see: Franklin.  Residence of Brian A. Clark.


NORTH HOBART


ROSNY

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.
see: Launceston. Residence of Robert Sutton. [to NSW?]

SANDY BAY


ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH. First organ, see: Franklin. Residence of Brian A. Clark. Present organ, B. 1958 Paul F. Hufner. 2m., 4 rks.ext., el.mag.

ST STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH. B. 1960 Geo. Fincham & Sons. 2m., 3 rks. + mixture ext., el.pn.


SOUTH HOBART


RESIDENCE OF JOAN DUNN, Petty Street.
see: Launceston. Residence of Robert Sutton [to NSW?].
TASMANIAN COUNTRY AREAS

BOTHWELL


BURNIE

BAPTIST CHURCH, Mount Street. First organ, see: Victoria. St Kilda. St James-the-Great Anglican Church. Present organ, B. 1980 Laurie Pipe Organs. 2m., 3 rks.ext., el.pn.


CAMPBELL TOWN

RESIDENCE OF DR WILLIAM VALENTINE, 'THE GRANGE', High Street. see: Launceston. St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

ST ANDREW'S UNITING (PRESBYTERIAN) CHURCH, High Street. B. 1847 J.C. Bishop, London for 'Runnymede', New Town, the residence of Bishop F.R. Nixon. Inst. present loc. 1863. 1m., 8 sp.st., pedal pulldowns, tr. Man: 8 divided.8 divided.8.8 divided.4.4 divided.2.8.


CARRICK

ST ANDREW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH. B. 1840s J.C. Bishop, London for unknown private loc. Inst. present loc. at unknown date. Res. 1987 S.J. Laurie. 1m., 5 sp.st., pedal pulldowns, tr. Man: 8 divided.8.8 divided.4.8.

CRESSY

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH. B. 1837 J.C. Bishop, London for residence of Joseph Archer, 'Panshanger', nr. Longford; inst. present loc. 1858. 1m., 5 sp.st., pedal pulldowns, tr. Man: 8 divided.8.8 divided.4.4 (orig.8.reed).

DELORAINE


DEVONPORT


UNITING (METHODIST) CHURCH.  B. 1939 Geo.Fincham & Sons (incorporating pipework from former choir organ division, St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne).  Reb. 1966 Laurie Pipe Organs.  2m., 17 sp.st., 8c., el.pn.  Gt: 8.8.8.4.4.2.III.  Sw: 8.8.4.4.2.  Ped: 16.8.8.5-1/3.4.

EAST DEVONPORT

ST PAUL’S ANGLICAN CHURCH, cnr Church & Thomas Streets.  B. unknown [English, c.1860?] for private use in Launceston; inst. present loc. 1884.  Res. 1974-75 Laurie Pipe Organs.  1m., 7 sp.st., 1c., tr.  Man: 8.8.8.4.4.2.  Ped: 16.

EVANDALE


FINGAL VALLEY


FRANKLIN


HAGLEY


KINGSTON

RESIDENCE OF MARK MONEY, Summerleas Road.  Fairground organ, B. c.1985 Page & Howard, London.  52 key organ.
LATROBE

ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, cnr Cotton & Hamilton Streets. First organ, see: Launceston. St Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Present organ, B. 1860s, probably Samuel Joscelyne, for unknown private loc. Inst. present loc. c.1922. Res. 1986 Australian Pipe Organs. 1m., 7 sp.st., 1c., tr. Man: 8.8 divided.8.4.4.2. Ped: 16.

LAUNCESTON


CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, Brisbane Street. B. c.1880 Albert C. Pease, Stoke Newington, London. 1m, 6spst, 1c, tr. Man: 8.8 divided.8.4.4.2; later altns. 1933, 1837, 1939 Hill, Norman & Beard (o/n T7, T64, T102). Rem. 1986 Hans Meijer; parts used in organ at Reformed Church, Launceston. 1m., 8 sp.st., 1c., tr. & tub.pn. pedals. Man: 8.8.8 divided.8.8.4.4. Ped: 16.

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, cnr Frederick & St John Streets see: Victoria. Reservoir. St Stephen's RC Church.


CHURCH OF CHRIST, Frederick Street. B. 1972 K.R. Davis & Son for previous church building in Margaret Street; inst. present loc. 1994 Hans Meijer. 2m., 3rks. + mixture ext., el.pn.


REFORMED CHURCH, Howick Street. B. 1985-1988 Hans Meijer (with assistance from congregation) incorporating pipework from Dutch sources and Albert C. Pease organ formerly in Central Baptist Church, Launceston. 2m., 15 sp.st., 3c., tr. Man I: 8.8.4.4.2-2/3.2.1-3/5.IV.8. Man II: 8.4.2-2/3.2.II. Ped: 16.

RESIDENCE OF ANGELA MEIJER, 36 Granville Street. (1) B. 1978- Hans Meijer (house organ). 1m., 5sp.st., no pedals, tr. (all wooden pipework). Man: 8.4.2-3 treble.2.1-3/5 treble. (2) Chest organ, B. 1992 Hans Meijer. 1m., 5sp.st., no pedals, tr. Man: 8.4.2-2/3 treble.2.I-II.


RESIDENCE OF ROBERT SUTTON, 238 Invermay Road. B. 1960s Charles Dirksen, Brisbane for Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Hobart. Inst. 1970 residence of Joan Dunn, Petty Street, West Hobart. Inst. present loc. 1979. 2m., 2rks.ext., el.mag. [removed to NSW?]

RESIDENCE OF B. WINSPEAR. B. James Yates, Woolwich. 2sp.st., 8.4. + triangle. 3 barrels, each with 10 tunes.


ST MARK'S ON THE HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH, cnr Normanstone Road & Wellington Street. B. 1965 J.W. Walker & Sons, Ruislip, Middlesex. 2m., 3rks. + mixture ext., el.mag.

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH see: Low Head. St Paul's Chapel.

Hans Meijer (new case and compass extension to several ranks). 1m., 8 sp.st., 1c., tr. Man: 8.8 divided.8.8.4.4.II. Ped: 16 perm.on.


LEFROY

METHODIST CHURCH
see: Scottsdale. St Barnabas’ Anglican Church.

LONGFORD


RESIDENCE OF JOSEPH ARCHER, ’PANSHANGER’.
see: Cressy. Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

LOW HEAD


NEW NORFOLK


PONTVILLE


PORT ARTHUR

CONVICT SETTLEMENT
see: Launceston. Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery

RANELAGH

ST JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH. B. 1932 Geo. Fincham & Sons. 1m., 7 sp.st., 2c., tub.pn. Man: 16 melodic.8.8 divided.8 divided.8 divided.8 divided.4. Ped: 16. Tonal work 199- Brian A. Clark. 1m., 5rks.ext., tub.pn.

RICHMOND

ROKEBY

ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, cnr King Street & North Parade. B. 1824 John Gray, London, for St David's Church, Hobart. Inst. present loc. 1858. Res. 1968 Arthur Jones. 1m., 7 sp.st. no pedals, tr. Man: 8.8.4.2-2/3.2.III divided.II.

ST MARY'S

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

see: Launceston. Residence of Hans Meijer.

SCOTSDALE

RESIDENCE OF A.W. BIGGS. B. Samuel Joscelyne for unknown loc.; reb. & enl. 1920s A.W. Biggs using Walker pipework for 2nd manual. 2m., ... Later broken up.


SMITHTON


SWANSEA

FOLK MUSEUM, Franklin Street (Lee P. Glover). Georgian barrel organ B. c.1800-1820 Benjamin Dobson, Minories, London. Inst. c.1970 from residence of G.T. Triffett, Hobart. 4 sp.st., 8.4.2-2/3.2. + 1 rk. of free reeds + drum. 3 barrels each containing 10 secular tunes.

WESTBURY

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH. B. c.1880 William Anderson; opened February 1881. 2m., 17 sp.st., 3c., tr. Gt: 8.8 divided.8.8.4.4.2-2/3.2.8. Sw: 16.8.8.4.2.8. Ped: 16.


WYNYARD

ST STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, cnr Dodgin & Moore Streets. B. 1980 Laurie Pipe Organs. 2m., 3 rks.ext., el.pn.

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HOBART SUBURBS

DYNNYRNE


NEW TOWN

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SANDY BAY


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WEST HOBART


TASMANIAN COUNTRY AREAS

BOTHWELL


BURNIE

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CAMPBELL TOWN


CARRICK


CRESSY

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NEW NORFOLK

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PONTVILLE

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RICHMOND

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ROKEBY


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SMITHTON


SWANSEA


WESTBURY

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WYNYARD

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