

## From the Director:

Greetings to all! It's been a while since our last Bulletin but we have not been idle. It gives me great pleasure to give advance notice of two exciting events on our horizon.



## NextGeNZ

Firstly, there will be another series of NextGeNZ youth concerts this coming October. Some readers will recall that the 2015 NextGeNZ series ran from Whangarei down to Invercargill in August and September of that year, providing young organists with opportunities to test their mettle in a supportive public environment. Nine concerts were presented in the series (a full report with pictures may be found online in the recently-rebuilt ANZCO site [www.anzco.org](http://www.anzco.org) - select the 'NZ' tab and scroll down to Bulletin Volume 3, No.4.)



Pictured left are the Junior Organ Scholars of Wellington Cathedral (Brittany Whitfield and Heather Easting) who performed as part of the NextGeNZ series.

This year, the concerts will run from south to north in both islands simultaneously.

Final details of performers and venues will be announced in the next Bulletin.

Do go along and support these young performers if there is a NextGeNZ event in your area.

## International Organ Academy



We are also very pleased to announce our 4th International Organ Academy, to be held in Napier from 24th to the 28th January, 2018.

The programme will include master classes, explorations of technique and repertory, and an opportunity to accompany the morning service at Napier Cathedral on its outstanding recently built 4-manual organ. There will be private tuition and an opportunity to obtain help with performance issues which often challenge participants.

The photograph on the left shows some of the inner workings of the Napier instrument while below you see a more familiar view!

Details of registration, tutors and the programme will be announced in our next Bulletin.



## STTOPPERS

Our STTOPPERS programme is still active; Thomas Heywood welcomes NZ students to Haileybury School in Melbourne to join his wonderful organ programme for a long weekend from time to time. Likewise, our own generous church and cathedral organists extend a warm invitation to Australian student to visit New Zealand. If you know of a young student who would enjoy such an exciting experience (on either side of the Tasman!), any member of Council may be contacted for further information.



## Welcome!

In addition to these exciting plans, we extend a warm welcome to Mr James Thomas, recently appointed as Director of Music at Nelson Cathedral. James has joined our ANZCO Council and we are very glad indeed to have the benefit of his considerable wisdom and experience.



More details of both events will be given in the next Bulletin.

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