



A majestic revival

Standing over 10 metres tall you can't help but be in awe of the majestic structure that is the Hill & Son Grand Organ. Now restored to its original 1877 glory, after an intense restoration period spanning 14 years, the pipe organ takes pride of place in the Barossa Regional Gallery, Tanunda.

Featuring 2,260 pipes, some in splendid restored colours and gold leaf, there really is more than meets the eye to this grand organ that called the Adelaide Town Hall its home from 1877 to 1989.

Steve Kaesler, a Director of the Organ Historical Trust of Australia, said the completion of this authentic restoration project has restored a sense of integrity to an instrument that was pivotal to music making in the Adelaide Town Hall, and indeed South Australia, for over 110 years.

The restoration has returned this grand pipe organ to its rightful place as a living, breathing, sounding instrument once again, in a community where it is being used.

"The restoration certainly took a long time and was quite

difficult ... but it was well worth the energy and the wait," he said.

"The organ is an artefact in its own right, built by Hill & Son, one of the world's finest 19th century English organ builders. The fact it is located in the Barossa, a community that understands music and history, means that it will be used. That's a perfect fit!

"Nowhere else in Australia is the culture of pipe organs understood more than perhaps in the Barossa. The community has taken a real sense of ownership over this project and become involved in it."

Mr Kaesler said the wider Barossa community has embraced the project from the very beginning and recognises that the organ is a true community asset. The entire restoration project was valued at \$1 million with \$420,000 raised through the Organ Historical Trust of Australia Appeal via private and corporate donations as well as sponsorship by way of in-kind contributions to the value of about \$600,000.

"Over the years there has been an ongoing

sense of community and belonging that gives the community affordable access to a magical form of entertainment," Mr Kaesler said. "The organ itself not only needs to be seen, but heard ... the opulent sound is very grand with gravity and glisten all together in the one sound - it is mesmerising."

The official unveiling of the completed organ will culminate in a grand opening concert series at the end of August. The three stage concert series will feature eminent Australian organists Dominic Perissinotto of Fremantle and Christopher Wrench of Brisbane.

'Grand Opening Gala Concert' - **Saturday, August 30** at 7.30pm - featuring Dominic Perissinotto and other noted brass and vocal artists. Tickets \$35.
'Grand Concert in Town Hall Style' - **Sunday, August 31** at 2.30pm - featuring Dominic Perissinotto. Tickets \$25.
'Back to the Future' - **Sunday, September 7** at 2.30pm - featuring Christopher Wrench. Tickets \$25. All tickets are available from the Barossa Regional Gallery. Phone 8563 3199.



Steve Kaesler with the fully restored Hill & Son Organ

At your fingertips



Did you know Council's new website is more interactive and enables you to do your business directly with Council online? You can make payments, log enquiries, provide feedback and even search for lost dogs/cats. Barossa Council Mayor Brian Hurn says he likes the ease of the new website and finds it easy to navigate and access information. Log on to www.barossa.sa.gov.au and check it out for yourself!



Are you a local band, solo vocalist or duo aged between 12-25 just waiting to be discovered? Then this might be your big break!

RESONATE is a Barossa YAC program set to uncover amazing young talent by offering music mentoring opportunities along with the chance to gain new skills and techniques, all while broadening audience and performance exposure.

The successful applicant, as judged by the RESONATE Steering Committee will

receive band, performance and production mentoring sessions with Christian Teusner, culminating in a concert showcase event.

Christian has over 20 years international experience working alongside award winning producers for bands such as Nirvana and Snow Patrol.

Applications close on October 10 at 5pm. For more information on the application process visit www.barossa.sa.gov.au/events.

'Ordinary to ExtraOrdinary'

Everyday 'rescued' objects have been transformed into works of art as part of the Barossa Leisure Options 'Arts For Us' SALA exhibition.

The exhibition features a range of exciting installations including prints, 3D creations and sculptures - just think of fun, expressive and soulful displays.

The exhibition can be viewed in the foyer of Council's Nuriootpa office. Some artworks are available for purchase, please enquire at customer service.



<p>Every Saturday: Mount Pleasant Farmers Market</p> <p><i>Diary dates</i></p>	<p>August 24 & 31</p> <p>CFS FIREY WOMEN WORKSHOP</p> <p>@ Barossa Council Chamber, Nuriootpa from 8.30am - 3.30pm each day. Phone 8563 8440 to enrol.</p>	<p>August 30</p> <p>HILL & SON ORGAN GRAND OPENING GALA CONCERT</p> <p>@ 7.30pm at Barossa Regional Gallery. Organist Dominic Perissinotto plus brass and vocal artists. Tickets \$35 from the Gallery or call 8563 3199</p>	<p>Aug 20 - Sep 1</p> <p>'BACK COUNTRY' by India Flint</p> <p>On display @ Barossa Regional Gallery until September 1. Open 11am - 4pm daily. Contact the Gallery on 8563 0849.</p>	<p>September 2</p> <p>COUNCIL ELECTION INFO SESSIONS</p> <p>Thursday 28 August @ 10.00am - 12 noon and 6.00pm - 8.00pm at the Nuriootpa Council office. Phone 8563 8344 for info.</p>	<p>September 10</p> <p>"OUT OF THE SHADOW INTO THE LIGHT" SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK</p> <p>@ 6.30pm behind the Nuriootpa Vine Inn. For more information call Kirsty Hage on 0409 355 835.</p>	<p>September 25</p> <p>FOOD SAFETY TRAINING with TAFESA REGIONAL</p> <p>4pm-7pm @ Nuriootpa Council Office. Enquiries and registration to Nigel Plaskett 0457 884 332.</p>
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