

**Divine Mercy Catholic Shrine, Lower Chittering
Roberts Ltd Organ Relocation, Rebuilding and
Adaptive Re-Use Appeal**

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I/We would like to make this donation to assist with the relocation and rebuilding of the 1924 Roberts organ to Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Chittering, WA.

Amount donated \$.....

Payment by Cheque (payable to Organ Historical Trust of Australia Chittering appeal) / Visa / Mastercard

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Or via the OHTA Trust Account*:

ANZ - 013-035

Account - 2940 70724

*Please ensure that in the description/reference section of your payment that you type your Name and "Chittering Appeal" so we can clearly identify you.

To ensure tax deductibility please return this form so that receipts can be issued to:

Pipe Organ Appeal

PO Box 8, Bullsbrook, Western Australia 6084

Proposed Work

Parts of the organ will be transported to the builder's Brisbane workshop where they will be fully refurbished. The work will include:

- Careful restoration of the original pipework to preserve its original tonal qualities.
- Judicious additions to the original specification in keeping with the other work of the Roberts firm.
- Restoration of the two slider windchests
- Overhaul of the 1986 Larner console
- Adaptation of the internal framing and casework
- Installation of a new electric swell engine
- Installation of new electric stop actions
- Installation of a new solid-state control system
- Installation of a humidifier

The organ will then be returned to Lower Chittering and reassembled in the rear gallery. The action and pipework will be regulated and fine-tuned to achieve optimum results.

Enquiries:

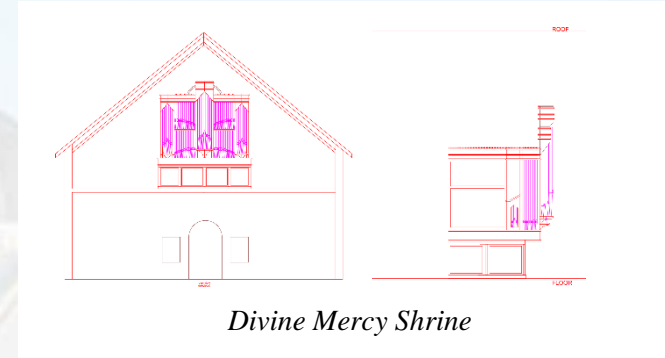
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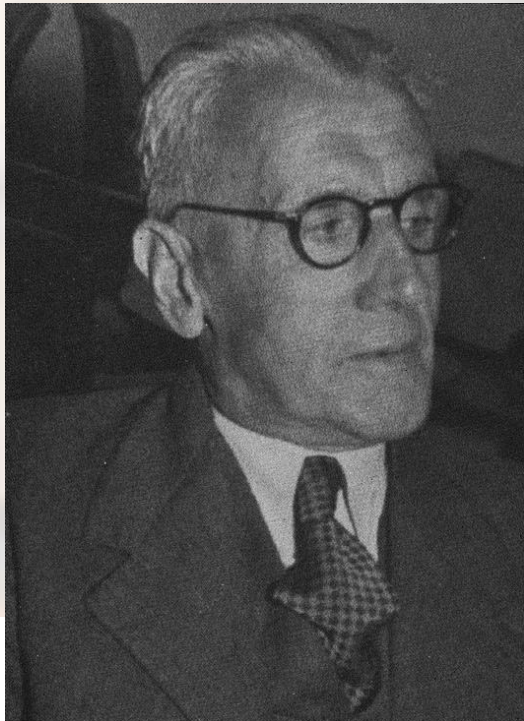
**Roberts Organ
Relocation and
Adaptive Re-Use through
Rebuilding Appeal**



St Andrews, Perth

Organ background

The Lower Chittering organ was built for St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in central Perth by Roberts Ltd of Adelaide, at a cost of £1,641. It was opened in December 1924. Job number 73, it was one of five organs contracted to the firm for clients in Western Australia.



William Leopold Roberts was born in Bramley, Leeds in 1882 and was apprenticed to Leeds organ builder J.J. Binns. He emigrated to Australia in 1909 and started his own business around 1915. He completed in excess of 170 contracts in four Australian states and died in 1971.

The Chittering organ is a substantial example of Roberts's work with a very fine organ case. The action was electrified in 1953 by J.E. Dodd & Sons and the instrument was further rebuilt and enlarged in 1986 by Perth organ builder F.J. Larnar.

The organ is to be relocated to Lower Chittering Church and placed in the rear gallery. Although the organ is not in its original condition, this adaptive re-use project will ensure the final result closely reflects the tonal ideals of W. L. Roberts. Many of the 1986 alterations will therefore be reversed.

Statement of Significance

The Lower Chittering organ was the largest new organ constructed by Roberts Ltd for a client in Western Australia and was an important civic instrument, located directly across the road from Government House. Although the organ's original actions and console are no longer extant, it retains its original pipework, windchests and elaborate casework, incorporating multiple towers and flats on two storeys and is a rare example of the firm's work that retains its original character.

The Organ Builder

The work is to be carried out by Pierce Pipe Organs Pty Ltd, Hemmant, Qld which has completed a number of successful organ projects in Australia and in New Zealand, including St John's Cathedral and the City Hall in Brisbane, and St Mary's in Auckland.

www.piercepipeorgans.com.au

THE APPEAL

The Patrons

Mr Shane Love MP Leader of the Nationals (Moore)
Ms Melissa Price MP (Durack)

Organ Consultant

Dr Andrew Cichy

The Appeal

The Appeal is being coordinated by the Organ Historical Trust of Australia (OHTA) which through its listing on the Australian Tax Office Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission (ACNC) is able to offer tax-deductibility for donations above \$2.00. The OHTA was established in 1977 with the aims of preserving and documenting pipe organs. Information on the Trust can be found at www.ohata.org.au

The Appeal Committee

Patron - Most Rev Barry James Hickey, Emeritus Archbishop of Perth
Chairperson – Fr Paul Fox, Parish Priest
Secretary – Michael Tranter
Treasurer – Phillip Jeffries

The Appeal Target

The appeal aims to raise a total of \$600,000 to rebuild the Roberts Ltd organ very carefully. It will offer an outstanding resource not only for the needs of the church but also the wider community. It can also be used for events including concerts and with local schools and as a teaching resource.