

Residence of David Burchell, Mt Cargill

Telford & Telford organ



RESIDENCE OF DAVID BURCHELL – TELFORD & TELFORD ORGAN (JOHN MAIDMENT 2009)

The organ started life as the second pipe organ of St Paul's Church, Dunedin (see also under this location) and was purchased from St Paul's Cathedral in 1919, but not removed until after the Willis instrument was installed in the Cathedral. The sales contract had a withdrawal clause for the buyer - Cargill Road Methodist Church - if the organ was not available by 31 March 1920.¹ However it was not until 24 April 1921 that the Telford & Telford organ was installed and opened in the Wesley Church, Cargill Road (now Hillside Road), Dunedin. ²

The Methodist Trustees were in correspondence with H.A. Tustin in 1919 regarding buying a pipe organ, and he outlined three options, an organ from Wadsworth Brothers, Manchester, Norman & Beard of Norwich, and the St Paul's Cathedral organ.

To accommodate installation of the Telford & Telford in the building the choir vestry was dismantled. An electric blower was fitted at Hillside Road in 1930, and the organ still bears the plaque commemoration the deceased donor.³

On 27 September 1964 a centennial concert was held on the instrument featuring past and present organists who had played on the instrument.⁴ At some stage after the centennial concert, the original Gothic case decorations were removed and replaced with rails of a different style.

In 1977 limited work was done on the pipework adjusting the regulation and speech problems which were attended to on-site.⁵ In 1988 further work was done to the keyboards, pedalboards and mechanical action by the South Island Organ Company. In 1996 Thomas Rohlf repaired and overhauled the pedal chests and pipework. The pipework, being cone tuned, had been badly damaged over the decades and this was repaired and where required the damaged tops removed and new ends soldered to the pipes.

In 2005 the Hillside Road Methodist Church sold the instrument to the Dunedin City Organist David Burchell, who, with the New Zealand Organ Manufactory erected the instrument in a music room at his residence on Mount Cargill in 1998. The post-1964 case alterations disintegrated while the organ was being dismantled and have been replaced with temporary rails, pending the reconstruction of the original Gothic brackets. The combination action has not yet been reinstalled, as it requires significant repair, and the console doors have been left off. The mixture composition was returned to the original tierce mixture, as the mid range had been rearranged at some stage to eliminate the Tierce rank.³

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| GREAT | | | SWELL | | |
| Open Diapason | 8 | | Bourdon | 16 | A |
| Stopped Diapason | 8 | | Open Diapason | 8 | gvd.bass |
| Gamba | 8 | gvd.bass | Dulciana | 8 | gvd.bass |
| Salicional | 8 | gvd.bass | Harmonic Flute | 4 | |
| Octave | 4 | | Doublette 15.22 | II | |
| Suabe Flute | 4 | TC | Trumpet | 8 | |
| Twelfth | 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ | | Oboe | 8 | |
| Fifteenth | 2 | | Tremulant | | |
| Mixture 17.19.22 | III | | | | |
| Cor Anglais | 8 | | COUPLERS | | |
| PEDAL | | | Swell to Great | | |
| Violone | 16 | | Swell Sub Octave to Great | | |
| Echo Bourdon | 16 | A | Swell to Pedal | | |
| Violoncello | 8 | | Great to Pedal | | |
| Compass:56/30 | | | Four composition pedals to Great | | |
| Mechanical action to manuals, tubular-pneumatic to pedals | | | Two composition pedals to Swell | | |

At some stage the Pedal Violoncello pipes were stoppered and the rank altered to become a 16ft stop.

- 1 South Island Organ Company Archives - Hillside Road Methodist file - copy of Tustin correspondence
- 2 *Papers Past - Otago Daily Times*, 23 April 1921, p.12
- 3 Personal e-mail David Burchell, 22 July 2016
- 4 *The Evening Star*, 24 September 1964, p.3
- 5 South Island Organ Company Archives - Hillside Road Methodist file



RESIDENCE OF DAVID BURCHELL - TELFORD & TELFORD NAMEPLATE (JOHN MAIDMENT 2009)