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## Dear Fellow Members

I am honored to have been nominated to be the current president of the PTTGV to lead such a great team. I really hope to be able to continue to bring people together. My first thoughts go back to committees of years past. And the good work that has led us to be in such a solid position to face the challenges which may come our way.

A special thanks to Bryce Clark for his excellent work on the committee over many years. We wish him and his young family well with their relocation.

On a sad note Mr Lin Xiang has passed away, flowers and our condolences from PTTGV have been received by his family.

Congratulations to our newest life member Brent Ottley, and our new provisional members Brend Bunte, David Chandler, Sonette Vermaak and Vincent Tarin.

The last workshop was hosted by John Borsje on the 2nd of December at 6pm. John gave a demonstration on soundboard shimming, while Graeme McGowan showed us how to navigate a piano as a blind person. The workshop was well attended, thank you to everyone involved.

**Pipe Organ Tour Visit:** our first informal meeting for 2020 will take place at the Melbourne Town Hall 3pm on Tuesday the 7th of January. A trip to the CBD to view the town hall organ has been in the “pipe lines” for some time. The proposed date and time of the 7th of January at 3pm has been requested and will most likely go ahead as planned. However due to hall bookings it is not 100%. For this reason, it might take place a day or two earlier or later. The organ has been setup so we can tour into the heart of the beast. Please refer to our website to keep up to date on this event: <https://pianotuners.asn.au>

I am proud to announce that the convention has been a great success.

**A Grand adventure** was a big success for the PTTGV and APTTA. Attendance was up on previous, and the feedback from sponsors and those who attended was mostly all positive. Financially we were slightly in the red however the aim was never to turn a profit so I believe the balance was right. Good data was collected from those who attended. This can be used for future ideas and improvements.

I must say that the committee and A M meetings worked magic to make this a great event. ***A big thank you to everyone who helped make PTTGV history.***

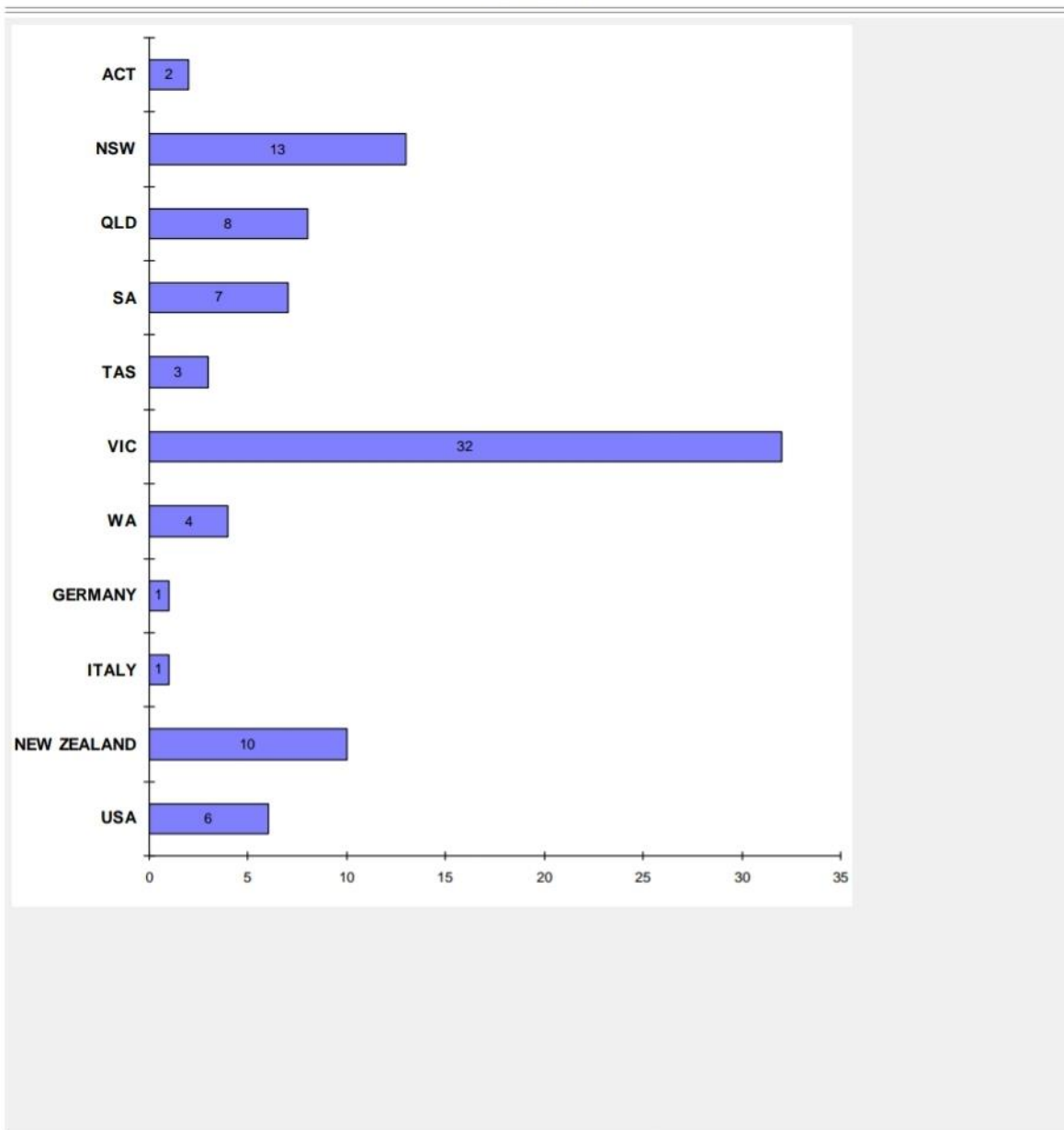


## A Grand Adventure 2019

*APTTA Convention & Piano Expo, 17-20 October 2019*

### Confirmed Delegates by State (or Country if not AUSTRALIA)

25-Nov-19





## Registrations

- 9 Complimentary Registrations
- 49 Early Bird Guild members
- 13 Early Bird non-members
- 6 Regular Guild member registrations
- 1 Regular non-member registrations
- 7 Speaker Registrations
- 1 Trainee Registration
- 1 Friday only speaker registration
- 1 Cancelled Registration
- 88 Total Registrations
- 3. Sponsors and Exhibitors
  - 5 Sponsors
  - 6 Exhibitors
- 11 Total Sponsors & Exhibitors
- 4. Social Functions
  - 84 Welcome Reception
  - 72 Copacabana dinner
  - 91 Goonawarra Winery dinner

## PTTGVic 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Next year will be our *40th anniversary* and we will have a party to celebrate.

### I am reaching out to all members with ideas on how we should celebrate.

Benefits of the 'October Revolution' live on and so it would be great to hear a few stories from foundation members. We cannot forget this difficult time in our industry's history. So, we must celebrate the PTTGV's conception!

### What was the October Revolution?

If there are any members out there who can fill in the gaps, let us know!

## New Committee

Our new committee was voted in at our AGM this October. The current committee is as follows:



### Ben Briggs

#### Kew VIC Australia

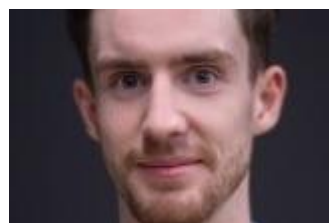
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*ARPT, President*



### Bradley Saul

#### Maryborough VIC Australia

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### Julian Morgan Smith

#### Coburg VIC Australia

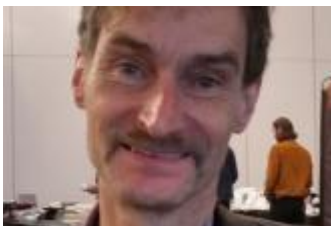
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**Jonathan Parise**  
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*ARPT, Treasurer*



**Christine McCrae**  
**Kew VIC Australia**  
Best contact:  
0467 553 088  
*ARPT, General Committee*



**Gavin Gray**  
**Reservoir VIC Australia**  
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0414 491 543  
*ARPT, General Committee*



## **Chris Lawson**

**Corio VIC Australia**

Best contact:

0476 428 052

*Provisional Member, Provisional Member  
Representative*

## **And my Christmas message to all members:**

The time for fun and cheer,  
Family and friends come together,  
Celebrate the date and get merry.  
This Christmas, I wish you all the best gifts  
in life –  
The tuned piano!  
The gift of happiness,  
The gift of love,  
The gift of peace!  
Turn Happy Tuning & Christmas into a safe  
Happy New Year!

**Yours Sincerely,  
Ben Briggs – PTTGV President**

## **From the Editor**

We are putting member profiles on our new website and have example profiles to see. The web page address (the URL) is <https://pianotuners.asn.au/Ben-Briggs> and you will see a guideline for how it's organised. Please also have a look at <https://pianotuners.asn.au/members> - find yourself and let me know ASAP if your details are incorrect or you would like something changed. I highly recommend that you send me a profile of yourself, say something nice so I can load it up!

Details and records of people who held various positions at the PTTGVic over the



last 40 years are incomplete and conflicting. If any of the members out there have details of the earlier days of the guild, or if you spot any errors or omissions on the guild website, please let us know! Especially for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary we would really like to acknowledge and thank people who have contributed enormously to the guild over the last 40 years. Maybe you just have some great stories to tell!

Also, one of the core points in the Guild's code of ethics is this: "Promote, in any way that I can, good will towards my profession and towards the music industry". Maybe you have something great you want to say about one or more of our members. I would really appreciate it if you start sending me stuff about yourselves or each other. You might have a comment, a short story or just a great photo about yourself or someone else. Maybe you would just like to acknowledge someone and give them a pat on the back. Send them in to editor@pianotuners.asn.au

And I had a ball at the convention. Great to catch up and see so many good people there.

**Cliff Meakin ARPT**

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## From the APTTA Vice President: Mr M. Ryan

Tuners who want their services promoted on the APTTA website or to indicate what areas they service, are invited to submit their details or bio with the following guidelines:

Up to 500 words max. Submitted by Word Doc. to [m.ryan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:m.ryan@bigpond.net.au) Suburbs you service can be listed separately if necessary - up to a maximum of 30, but it's more advisable to focus on your skills, things you specialise in and the general areas you wish to work in. EG. 'All of Western Sydney and surrounds' or 'All of Adelaide and regional travel by arrangement'. etc. etc.

Up to four images can be submitted and should be 300 x 200px (w x h). Web editor can edit and re-size the images if you're unable.

Images should be attached separately and not embedded in Word doc.

The details you submit will be formatted into the 'Members & Branches' part of the website so potential clients can view your details more easily.

If you have a website already, you can just submit the URL for inclusion if preferred.



## Diary Dates

### 2020

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan @ Melbourne Town Hall

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## Conventions

### PARKE PIANO STRINGS & MATERIALS

For new-comers to the industry, and for anyone not familiar with our business, we'd like to take this opportunity to highlight the services we offer to the tuners and technicians throughout Australia and the region.

We are specialist piano bass string manufacturers, and suppliers of a large range of piano materials, parts and accessories, with 36 years' experience.

**BASS STRINGS:** We offer a complete bass string making service - full and partial sets, odd strings and "hexacore" replacement strings. We have a vast library of scales and can in many cases make sets with just the specification of make and model, without the need for samples or paper rubbings. All strings are manufactured on our premises using Roslau music wire and Degen copper.

**HAMMERS:** We keep a comprehensive range of both German Abel and Japanese Imadegawa hammers, both pre-bored (in most common sizes) and un-bored. Abel hammers are available in both their regular

## Piano Congress 2021

Europiano Congress & IAPBT Convention  
Warsaw, 20-23 May 2021



The Polish Piano Tuners' Association and Europiano are please to invite you to participate in the upcoming Piano Congress 2021 on: The art of piano making: "Past, Present & Future" to be held in Warsaw, Poland on May 20-23 2021. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us: [contact@pianocongress.org](mailto:contact@pianocongress.org) or 00 48 729 670 305

and Natural felts. The Natural felt hammers are enzyme-washed to preserve the lanolin content, and are very popular for both the rich quality of their sound and the minimal voicing required. Where pre-bored hammers are not suitable, we offer a complete custom hammer-boring, cutting and shaping service on the provision of samples. This work is done by Emanuel Rey, a Swiss-trained piano builder and one of Australia's most experienced and trusted technicians.

**PARTS, MATERIALS & ACCESSORIES:** We carry a full range of products, including **Tuning Pins, Piano wire, Felts and Leathers, Tools, Action Parts, Castors and Dollies, Pianola Materials (including rubberised cloths), Lubricants and Glues, Polishes, Books, Accessories and much more.**

Our Catalogue and Price List are downloadable from our Web-site [www.parkepianostrings.com.au](http://www.parkepianostrings.com.au). You will need the password 'pps01' to access the price List. You can ring us on (02) 9451 3500 or e-mail us at any time at [sales@parkepianostrings.com.au](mailto:sales@parkepianostrings.com.au).



Our factory is in Frenchs Forest in Sydney. Please feel free to drop in any time if you are in Sydney. Alisa and I are always happy to help in any way we can. Alisa and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our existing customers for their continued support, and look

forward to doing business with any new customers we have not yet had the opportunity to serve.

Lou & Alisa Parke

## NEW LIFE MEMBER....

On behalf of the Piano Tuners and Technicians Guild Committee and Membership we wish to congratulate Mr Brent Ottley on becoming a life member.

