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St James' Menangle
New South Wales
First Peal on the bells



ON THE COVERS

St James, Menangle, NSW

8 bells. Tenor: 7-1-27

For more details see the ANZAB Website.

St James' 1876 nave was designed by architect John Horbury Hunt with the John Sulman designed chancel, sanctuary and tower added in 1898. Sulman, also designed the general store.

Prior to the present installation, the tower contained one bell, acquired from St John's Camden in 1895. Four of the bells for the peal came from various churches; and another from Trinity House. All five were located by the Keltek Trust. One new Taylor's bell was cast in 2003. The octave was completed in 2011. The first peal was rung on 26 January 2025 - see the peal and read the story about the method, Trim (the cat), on page 6.

Back Cover -All Saints, Singleton, NSW

8 bells. Tenor: 9-3-26

Construction of the original church began in 1845 and was designed by noted architect Edmund Blacket. All Saints' was Blacket's first church design - he would go on to design Bathurst, Perth and St Andrew's, Sydney Cathedrals.

The bells are all from John Taylor's bellfoundry, but cast over almost 100 years - from 1908 (the 7th) to 2000 (the treble and 4th). The first peal was rung on 5 March 2025 - see page 16.

Draft Agenda for the 2025 ANZAB Ltd AGM

To be held at the St Saviour's Hall, Goulburn on Fri 25/4 11am AEST
Please note proxies must be submitted in writing to the Secretary before the AGM

1. Opening and welcome

2. Members present, apologies and proxies

3. Membership

- 3.1 Tribute to departed members
- 3.2 New life members
- 3.3 Current membership lists
- 3.4 Honour Roll
- 3.5 New members

4. Confirmation of 2024 minutes and Reports for 2024

- 4.1 Confirmation of minutes from the 2024 AGM
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- 4.3 Treasurer's Report
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- 4.8 Advisory Panel Coordinator's Report
- 4.9 Ringing Development Coordinators' Reports
- 4.10 CCCBR Representatives' Report

5. Matters arising

- 5.1 Future festivals
- 5.2 ANZAB library
- 5.3 Young ringers' association

6. Business under notice

- 6.1 Proposed Finance Charter changes
- 6.2 Membership fees
- 6.3 Peal fees

7. Election of Officers

- President, Treasurer
- Directors
- Motion to recommend appointment of Secretary
- Auditor
- Other officers

8. Any other business

9. Close and thanks

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WELCOME

From the President

I write this anticipating the ANZAB Festival and AGM. Thank you to all the ANZAB office bearers, Festival organisers and others for the preparation for this event. As President my focus is on the AGM. You can find the draft AGM Agenda on page 2 and on the ANZAB website. The draft Striking Competition rules are also on the website. Both will be finalised and posted on the website around 15 April. The only non-standard business on notice at this stage is an update to the Finance Charter to provide more detailed guidance regarding contributions to “hardware” projects and guidance around the amount of money spent on training and skills development events. The motion and background information is available on the ANZAB website (Members’ section) and will be included in the pre-AGM booklet. Those interested to speak to it at the AGM are strongly encouraged to read the material prior to the AGM and provide any feedback to me asap.



The ANZAB Festival is not just about the AGM or ringing. It is a good chance for ringers make and renew friendships. This can be especially useful to newer ringers who may extend their ringing circle from 1 or 2 towers to many by attending the festival. If you are already experienced, please encourage newer ringers to attend and attend yourself to welcome and support them.

The Directors are keen to hear from anyone who may be able to take on the role of ANZAB Treasurer in a couple of years, and from anyone willing to help us navigate the requirements and benefits of being a company registered as operating in NZ.

On more general matters, I have been prompted in a few useful ways by reading Ringing World recently. For example, I read of a society that set up a challenge to extend members as conductors, with individual and tower entries, and a special mention for all who called “stand” for rounds for their first time. It sounded fun and useful, and was a good reminder to give everyone a chance to take on conducting roles. I read of towers who have installed wirelessly interlinked smoke alarms (readily available at hardware stores) at the base of the tower and in their ringing room. Please consider whether a fire in your church, or the base of the tower, could take hold without any alarms being heard or seen in the ringing room and take action if necessary. I read about the energy around portable mini-rings being used to promote ringing at community events in the UK and wonder what similar activity we could support given ANZAB’s larger distances.

I am always happy to hear from people who can help ANZAB or be helped by ANZAB. Please come and say hello at the ANZAB festival or contact me by email.

Deryn Griffiths

From the Webmasters

We have had lots of news to report and events to promote in the last few months. Thank you to those who provided information. Most items continue to be available via the news archive, with obituaries in the Members’ section and upcoming events notices not usually archived. There’s a new page for Tower Maintenance, which can be found via Information > Useful Links. It brings together material previously elsewhere on the website and has a new item about replacing broken sliders.



We are currently working on a more focused page about donating to ANZAB, and another page aimed at non-ringers wishing to learn to ring. Please contact us if you would like to help design the learn-to-ring page. We are looking forward to catching up with each other and many other members at the ANZAB Festival this month.

Simon McMillan & Deryn Griffiths

From the Secretary

This year’s AGM is 11am AEST on ANZAC Day. If there are any items that Members wish to add to the Agenda then please email me by Friday 11 April when the Agenda is locked in and the final version published on the ANZAB website. Apologies for the meeting can be given to me at any time between now and Item 2 of the AGM. Proxies can be sent to me between now and the start of the AGM - forms can be found on the website in the “Information Page for Members”.



If you are unable to attend the AGM in person you can still attend by Zoom - you must register in advance and a link will be emailed to you. Details for this are on the home page of the ANZAB website. Finally, if anyone is planning to stand for a position under Item 7 of the Agenda then please send me your proposer and seconder in advance of the AGM - forms for are in the same section as the Proxy forms.

Peter Harrison

From the Membership Secretaries

We have finalised the 2024 subscription returns - our learning curve has revealed how we can improve things in 2025. Thank you to new and returning members who completed the application process, and to Treasurer, Murray-Luke Peard for his assistance. It’s never too early to nominate a member, and it helps us to have them apply before the annual renewal notices are sent out in July. New members may be entitled to a reduced membership fee if they join before then.



Simon McMillan and Andrew Cole

From the Editor

I’ve been asked “*What’s the editorial policy on printing peals & quarters in Ringing Towers?*”

So, here it is. Printed in full:

- All ANZAB peals and peals rung in ANZAB territory,
- All ANZAB (and A/NZ ringers’) quarter peals,
- Touring group quarters rung in ANZAB territory with ANZAB members / local ringers in most of the bands.
- Long footnotes may be abbreviated for space reasons.



Other touring band quarters in ANZAB territory are listed (tower/date/method) with a Bellboard link to the details.

Phil Goodyer



BELFRY GOSSIP

Northern Territory - Darwin, St Mary's Cathedral

There was great excitement in early March, with a dramatic improvement in ringing conditions! - newly installed air conditioning was flicked on for the first time with climate controlled comfort for Sunday service ringing.

Thank you to the Cathedral and ANZAB for funding and huge thanks also to our resident air conditioning expert and ringer, Claudio Rimondi for organising and installing the air conditioner (which involved a crane to lift the unit onto the Cathedral roof) (right). We hope the much improved ringing conditions will entice visitors to venture north.



Queensland

Maryborough, St Paul's

Ruth Andersen has provided some more details on the photo in the last RT and advises that St Paul's has a 3-octave set of handbells from about 1900 and are thinking about future options for the bells. Ruth also has a copy of *The Rules of the Maryborough Ringers Club for the Mutual Benefit of the Study of Handbell Ringing* (Membership Gentlemen: 5/-, Ladies 2/6).



Left: Jack Webber, Harold Gees, Dorothy Searle, Dudley Hurford at the Amateur Hour held at Marborough City Hall on Thursday 7 May 1953.

Brisbane, St John's and St Andrew's

It's AGM season and our office-bearers are unchanged except that Mike Toze has stepped down as steeplekeeper at St John's (replaced by Harold Bartlett). We currently have 2 learners, with hopes of one or two more recruits in the next month or so.

Recently we held a demonstration weekend at St John's using the Little Toze mini-ring - partly to ensure the mini-ring is ready for the ANZAB Festival, but also aimed at recruitment. The former objective was achieved but we didn't have a lot of success with the latter, but we were able to introduce one of our learners to the mini-ring, allowing call changes in a slightly easier setting.

Western Australia

Perth, St George's Cathedral

The ASCY visitors were an utterly delightful mob to work with and their generosity of spirit and openness was the best example of international ringing families working as one that one could ever hope to find. They are totally awesome - it was an honour to welcome them to St George's.

Vicki Greenhalgh

To have international ringers of the calibre of the ASCY members give compliments about the bells of St George's cathedral made my bosom swell with pride, for we are so used to being put down as that quaint rocking brick tower on the Terrace. I would like to give special mention to Vicki Greenhalgh who organised everything, including a spectacular dinner overlooking the Indian Ocean at Cottesloe, near the spot where the present King Charles surfed in his youth. It was the highlight of my 60+ years as a ringer in Australia and Scotland.

Ian MacLeod

York, Holy Trinity

Father Peter Mold, long-time rector, notably during the period of the bells being installed in the 1980s, passed away on 25 Feb. Ringers have fond memories of him and his support for the bells.

York Holy Trinity

1 Mar 1260 Grandsire Triples Charlotte Greenhalgh 1, Michael Collinson 2, Vicki Greenhalgh 3, Tony Murray Feist 4, Lloyd Cartwright 5, Andrew Reynolds 6, Ian Harris C 7, Rhys Greenhalgh 8. Rung for the requiem mass of Father Peter Mold, former Rector of York and instrumental in the installation of these bells, and a strong supporter of bells and ringing.

New South Wales

St James, Queen's Square

A recent accident while teaching a learner resulted in a fractured arm. At the time of going to print no further details were available.

Orange, Holy Trinity

In the interests of regional development, the Orange and Bathurst bands are collaborating with regular joint practices. Once a month (first Monday) ringers from Bathurst will travel to Orange to join our practice session and on the third Wednesday ringers from Orange will come to Bathurst, followed by dinner in a local eatery. We hope this will widen opportunities for each band for more advanced methods with experienced ringers.

Plans are underway for a band tour of Victorian towers in May. We'll be based in Beechworth and visit neighbouring towers.

I'm very sorry to advise that Ronnie, Orange tower's mascot, died this week. Ronnie suffered a mystery illness earlier this month, seemed to have made a good recovery but, sadly, he had a relapse. He was 15 years old and did have a good life. We will all miss him in the tower and give our condolences to Claire. He was one of a kind!

Jennifer Derrick



Burwood, St Paul's

We're fortunate to have some regular visitors. Maggie Nicholas (Hope Valley, UK) came to our practices during her stay with her daughter. Bill Perrins has been coming with learners Luka and his mother Lisa. It has been great to see the progress. Wing Kae Chi from Singapore enjoyed her time visiting us and many towers in Sydney and some country towers. We also had fleeting visits from Will Ryan and Helen Lansley (nee Campbell).

We had our annual tower AGM recently and there were no changes in the office bearers. Michael Lorber is improving but unable to manage the stairs into the ringing room at the moment but could manage the AGM where there were no stairs. We hope to see him ringing again in the near future. Pam Brock has improved and able to walk without a walking aid.

We recently rang quarters for two choral evensongs. *Pam Brock*

New South Wales STOP PRESS

Singleton reports progress "in leaps & bounds", also see pp9&11. A productive day was held in Maitland on 29 March. More in eRT.



Lismore, St Andrew's

Tropical Cyclone Alfred has not been kind to us. The tower took in a considerable amount of water. A new leak above the spiral staircase turned into a waterfall flooding the tower base and southern entrance. There is no significant damage to the bells and fittings, however until we can declare ringing to be safe, ringing is cancelled. This time our ringers are safe and are okay. (Lismore has advised that "we are no longer an ANZAB tower". ANZAB will continue support all towers in Australia and New Zealand and to provide a complimentary copy of *Ringling Towers*.)

Goulburn, St Saviour and Yass, St Clement

Things are going well at the moment in Goulburn. At our tower AGM in February 14 local ringers were present (below). We are



regularly ringing 8 bells on Sundays, 10 bells on practice nights, and occasionally all 12 with an all-local band. See more in *eRT*.

At Yass the local band is growing in confidence and competence. There are 5 locals ringing rounds and call changes - the aim is for the new local team to have their Sunday "debut" at Easter. On 30 March a joint Yass/Goulburn practice attracted 10 ringers. Visitors have included the College Youths, Richard & Marion Newman (East Hunstpill) and Rev James Mercer (Swanage).

We're looking forward to welcoming delegates to the ANZAB Festival, register at <https://anzab.org.au/anzab2025/index.php>.

Find lots more NSW/ACT news in *A Ringing Note* on the ANZAB website. In *eRT* you'll find some highlights.

Victoria

In January we held a youth-focussed practice at West Heidelberg with young ringers from Geelong and Wangaratta and some post-school Melbourne youth. Ringing included two QPs with firsts for



3 young ringers, including Xavier Lewis' (left) first quarter. Two Stedman Triples focused practices at Geelong attracted visiting ringers from Hobart and the UK, plus 2 Albury ringers who made the trip specially. Several people rang their first plain course of Stedman Triples, one a first successful touch and several "first for a while" conducting.

Luka Sostarko has stepped up as an organiser for an unsuccessful but satisfying QPA of Double Oxford Minor and Quarters of Plain Bob Minor (including 2 firsts) and Yorkshire Surprise Major (including 1 first). Melbourne and Wangaratta ringers made good use of ASCY visitors with 4 QPs and a QPA.

Ballarat ringers used the ASCY visit to prompt some positive publicity. Useful maintenance has been conducted at several towers, with Inga Griffiths-Hunt building a constructive relationship with the St Paul's Cathedral authorities allowing some maintenance and improving safety procedures. We have appointed an organising committee for ANZAB 2026, when we will welcome visitors for the ANZAB Festival and AGM.

South Australia

Charlotte Sorell celebrated her 20th birthday by conducting a Quarter Peal of Stedman Triples at St Peter's with a band including her parents, brother and uncle (pictured right).



Adelaide (St Peter's Cathedral)

9 Feb 1260 Stedman Triples David Bleby 1, Matthew Sorell 2, David Sorell 3, Patrick Meyer 4, Peter Harrison 5, Charlotte Sorell C 6, Michelle Harrison 7, Philip Goodyer 8. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

Later in February Adelaide was visited by the Ancient Society of College Youths. Whatever our level of expertise, it was a real boost to ring with so many experienced practitioners. On March 22, Charlotte Sorell again conducting, a Peal of Bristol Surprise Major was achieved at St Peter's. It was rung in memory of Audrey Ball, mother of Matthew Ball and former verger of the Cathedral.

Central Council Update

The Council's Recruitment and Development Work Group held Open Consultation in March discussing all aspects of recruitment. It will be interesting to see the consultation outcomes and what we can learn that will benefit ANZAB.



The CCCBR Business Plan for 2025 has also been finalised. Find it at <http://cccbr.info/ul8ms> if you want to read more in detail. It's best read on a desktop computer rather than a mobile phone.

Did you know about? the "Historical & Archive" workgroup website: <https://history.cccbr.org.uk/>. See many different Society badges: <https://history.cccbr.org.uk/badges.php> including ANZAB badges as well as those from St Paul's, Melbourne, Wellington Cathedral AND Old St Paul's. I've been doing some research for St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney and found many years ago the tower had a badge. That's now been passed on to the website contact. If your tower or branch had one, do pass a photograph on to the H&A workgroup.

Australia and New Zealand Associati		
Badge	Description	Detail
Version A		
Version B	As Version A but gold plated version for Life Members of ANZAB	

The H&A are also interested in peal boards in towers around the world. A number of ANZAB towers have bells from the UK, and the peal boards from those towers came with the bells - it would be great if you're able to take photos of them and send these to pealboards@cccbr.org.uk. If it's a local peal that has a board, you can attach it to the BellBoard performance and label your photo as the Peal Board (it's option when attaching photos). Time is NOT an issue here - if it's from the 1800s or whenever then they'll be interested. To give you an idea, you can browse some of the peal boards from Wellington: https://history.cccbr.org.uk/peal_board_search.php?boardqrytyp=4&boardsrchid=10533 There are other ANZAB towers listed there, but there are a lot that are missing and I know some have some very significant peal boards that should be recorded.

Peter Harrison

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*To the memory of Trim
Trim, the best and most illustrious of his Race,
The most affectionate of friends.
Faithful of servants,
And best of creatures. He made the Tour of the Globe, and a voyage to Australia,*

You can read the complete epitaph in *eRT*.
Clearly a strong bond existed between them. *Ron Shepherd*

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION
1555 MENANGLE, New South Wales, St James
Sunday, 26 January 2025 2h 52 (7–1–27)
5040 Trim Alliance Major
Comp. Richard Pullin
1 Ronald E J Shepherd 5 Christopher D O'Mahony
2 William T Perrins 6 Jennifer C N Davies
3 Andrew P J Davies 7 James W Perrins
4 Katherine M Downs 8 Thomas M Perrins (C)
First peal on the bells. First peal in the method. Trim Alliance
Major×38×14×58.12.36×14×58×16.78 lh B.
Rung for Australia Day, remembering Matthew Flinders and his
cat, Trim.

MATTHEW FLINDERS & TRIM

Matthew Flinders - the explorer

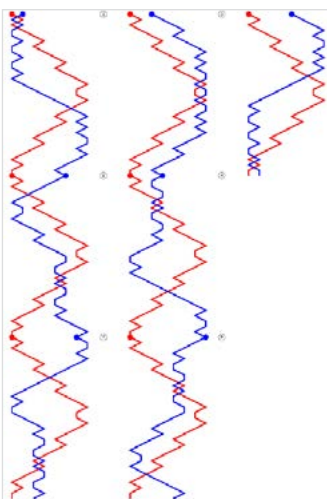
On the 13 July 2024 the bells were rung for a full peal at St Mary's and the Holy Rood Church, Donnington, Lincolnshire to proclaim the arrival of the body of Matthew Flinders and its reinternment in the church. Flinders was raised Donnington and christened at its church. Originally buried at St James burial ground Camden, London, the exact location of the grave was not known for certain for years until it was rediscovered in January 2019 and identified by archaeologists.

There would hardly be a town in Australia where some form of memorial does not exist to honour his memory and his discoveries and cartography around Australia: Flinders Streets, Roads, Avenues and Boulevards, The Flinders Ranges, Flinders University, Flinders Street Station, Flinders Medical Centre, an Electorate, Flinders Island, Flinders River and many more. See Matthew Flinders on the 10 Shilling note in *eRT*.

Flinders was only 40 when he died in July 1814 but in that short time he made a big impact on Australia, often quoted as "putting Australia on the map" - he used the name Terra Australis or Australia for the first time. He circumnavigated Tasmania, proving it to be an island and later circumnavigated Australia. On his way home to England in 1803 he was arrested by the French at Isle De France, Mauritius and kept captive for over six years. He never got to see the publication of his book, *A Voyage to Terra Australis*.

Trim - the Cat

Trim the cat was Matthew Flinders' faithful friend. Trim was born at sea on the Reliance on its way from Cape of Good Hope to Botany Bay in 1799. Matthew Flinders named the kitten Trim



after a cat his uncle owned, who exhibited the same qualities being humble, gentle and kind hearted. Matthew Flinders adored his cat, there are many statues of Flinders with Trim - left in Donnington, Lincs. From 1801-03 Trim travelled with Matthew Flinders while he circumnavigated Australia. Sadly, Trim did not survive Mauritius - going missing and later being presumed dead.

Matthew Flinders wrote a book about his wonderful cat and also the cat's epitaph.

Trim Alliance - the method

Ron's specification for a new method said nothing except that, since Trim was a cat, we should have some "cat's ears" in it. That pointed me to an Alliance method, few of which have been rung. Originally designed to complement Little methods (especially in Minor) they can come in various flavours, the main attribute being that the treble does not spend an equal amount of time in each place. The word "Alliance" is also fortunate as Trim's claim to fame was his alliance with Matthew Flinders.

Replacing the normal treble bob back work for the treble with "cat's ears" in 7-8 fitted the bill admirably. The lead would be two changes shorter than normal but we are all used to "cat's ears" in Stedman Doubles so these should not be a problem. Initially I thought that we could just cut out the middle two changes from a lead of Cambridge. This would provide a simple variation of Cambridge, bells below 7ths just omitting their half lead dodges and the 3rds place bell doing the usual "anti cat's ears". But this had been done in 1997 at Boston, Mass. and called Semiquincentenary Alliance.

Then Thomas came up with an idea which changed little but ensured that, as well as being new, everybody, not just the treble, did some "cat's ears". He suggested moving the 2nds place similarly but differently, to x38x14x58.12.36x... This had been done before in 1955 with a method called Bruntingthorpe. But whereas the "cat's ears alliance" trick had been done before with Cambridge, it hadn't been done with Bruntingthorpe. So Trim Alliance was born, with an extra bonus, the "dodge & lead" turned into "cat's ears".

Most (but not all) compositions of Cambridge run true but since we leave 2 changes out of every lead, it needs to be a bit longer. The peal at Menangle used a Cambridge composition by Richard Pullin which, though quite neat, runs to 5376 and was hence rarely rung. For Trim it reduced to a neat 5040. In the plain course there are 21 sets of cat's ears, the treble completes 7 and each of the working bells completes two sets each.

William Perrins



Ancient Society of College Youths - Australia Tour & Country Meeting

The Ancient Society of College Youths (ASCY) is a London based bellringing Society founded in 1637.

Each year it holds at least one "Country Meeting" outside London. This year Society members toured Australia for the third time (previous tours have been in 2003 & 2011) with the Country Meeting itself being held in Adelaide on 22 Feb. Peals and quarter peals were rung in all states of Australia plus in Canberra.

The Ancient Society of College Youths (unless shown otherwise)

MANDURAH, Western Australia Christ's Church

Saturday, 15 February 2025 2h 44 (7-0-21 in A)
5056 Cambridge Surprise Major Comp. Middleton, Johnson's var.
1 Toby Arkless 5 Kathyne R Arkless
2 Thirza R de Kok 6 David P Hilling
3 Ian D Harris 7 R Mark Esbester
4 Andrew P Digby 8 Harm Jan A de Kok (C)

MOSMAN PARK, Western Australia St Hilda's School Chapel

Sunday, 16 February 2025 2h 41 (4-0-22 in D)
5088 Bristol Surprise Major Comp. Alan G Reading
1 Gwen Rogers 5 David P Hilling
2 David F Perkins 6 Adam J Beer
3 Kathyne R Arkless 7 Ian D Harris
4 Paul R Wotton 8 Toby Arkless (C)

PERTH Western Australia Cathedral Church of St George

Sunday, 16 February 2025 2h 49 (11-0-18 in G)
5088 Bristol Surprise Major Comp. Alan G Reading
1 R Mark Esbester 5 David G Maynard
2 Helen M Maynard 6 Harm Jan A de Kok
3 Elizabeth A Orme 7 Philip Rogers
4 Susan L Apter (C) 8 Phillip M Orme

PERTH, Western Australia The Bell Tower (Swan Bells)

Monday, 17 February 2025 3h 29 (29-0-14 in C#)
5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus Comp. C J Poole
1 David P Hilling (C) 7 Christopher Ridley
2 Graham G Firman 8 Toby Arkless
3 Gwen Rogers 9 Philip Rogers
4 Helen M Maynard 10 David F Perkins
5 Christopher H Rogers 11 Simon S Meyer
6 Kathyne R Arkless 12 David G Maynard

The Society Of Lucky Shag Youths

YORK, Western Australia Holy Trinity

Monday, 17 February 2025 2h 33 (4-2-16 in D)
5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major Comp. Robert D S Brown
1 Andrew M Reynolds 5 Paul R Wotton
2 Ian D Harris 6 Andrew P Digby
3 Lloyd S Cartwright 7 Susan L Apter
4 Harm Jan A de Kok 8 R Mark Esbester (C)
52nd Wedding Anniversary compliment to Sally (local ringer) and Tony Boyle

PERTH, Western Australia The Bell Tower (Swan Bells)

Tuesday, 18 February 2025 3h 30 (29-0-14 in C#)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal Comp. Robert W Lee
1 Thirza R de Kok 6 David G Maynard (C)
2 David P Hilling 7 Adam J Beer
3 Elizabeth A Orme 8 Andrew P Digby
4 Harm Jan A de Kok 9 Philip Rogers
5 Ian D Harris 10 Phillip M Orme

PROSPECT, South Australia St Cuthbert

Thursday, 20 February 2025 2h 55 (11-1-2 in G)
5024 Spliced Surprise Major (4m)
1184 Bristol, 1280 Cambridge, London, Superlative, 110 com, atw
Comp. A J Pitman

1 Christopher H Rogers	5 Philip R Goodyer
2 David P Hilling	6 Graham G Firman
3 Gwen Rogers	7 Philip Rogers (C)
4 David G Maynard	8 Harm Jan A de Kok

WALKERVILLE, South Australia St Andrew

Thursday, 20 February 2025 2h 55 (12-1-26 in F#)
5040 Surprise Minor (7m)
London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge.

1 Christopher M J Stanley	4 Toby Arkless
2 Kathyne R Arkless	5 Stuart CW Hutchieson (C)
3 Elizabeth Hutchieson	6 R Mark Esbester

ADELAIDE, SA Cathedral Church of St Francis Xavier

Friday, 21 February 2025 3h 29 (28-2-1 in Db)
5053 Spliced Cinques and Maximus (2m/p)
2688 Bristol; 2365 Stedman. 3 com, atw Comp. Roderick W Pipe
1 Gwen Rogers 7 Harm Jan A de Kok
2 Graham G Firman 8 Roy LeMarechal
3 David G Maynard 9 Philip Rogers
4 Stephen J Hall (C) 10 Neil Buswell
5 Elizabeth A Orme 11 Stuart C W Hutchieson
6 David P Hilling 12 Phillip Orme

Not attributed to a Society

PROSPECT, South Australia St Cuthbert

Friday, 21 February 2025 2h 47 (11-1-2 in G)
5058 Yorkshire Surprise Major
Comp. WJ Couperthwaite arr. T Arkless
1 Paul R Wotton 5 Charlotte C Sorell
2 Katherine H V Fulcher 6 Adam J Beer
3 Andrew P Digby 7 Toby Arkless (C)
4 Kathyne R Arkless 8 Brian P Diserens

WALKERVILLE, South Australia St Andrew

Friday, 21 February 2025 2h 48 (12-1-26 in F#)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Minor Comp. Roger Bailey
1 Simon S Meyer (C) 4 Adam J Beer
2 Thirza R de Kok 5 Harm Jan A de Kok
3 Helen M Maynard 6 Stephen J Hall

ADELAIDE, South Australia Cathedral Church of St Peter

Saturday, 22 February 2025 3h 58 (41-1-0 in C)
5120 Cambridge Surprise Major Comp. R W Lee
1 David P Hilling 5 Brian P Diserens
2 Roy LeMarechal 6 Simon S Meyer
3 Stuart C W Hutchieson 7 Robert W Lee (C)
4 R Mark Esbester 8 Andrew P F Bradford
In eRT hear the end of the peal - use a desk/laptop with Adobe pdf reader, speakers on, Trust this Document on the yellow bar. Close & reopen eRT.

The Society Of Lucky Shag Youths

ADELAIDE, South Australia Cathedral Church of St Peter

Sunday, 23 February 2025 3h 43 (41-1-0 in C)
5120 Spliced Surprise Major (3m)
1760 each Cambridge, Superlative; 1600 Bristol. 85 com, atw
Comp. Donald F Morrison (No. 3881)
1 David P Sorell 5 Harm Jan A de Kok
2 Charlotte C Sorell 6 David F Perkins
3 Matthew A Ball 7 Stephen J Hall (C)
4 Christopher M J Stanley 8 David G Maynard

HOBART, Tasmania, Cathedral Church of St David

Monday, 24 February 2025 in 3h 18 (21–2–8 in E)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal Comp. R W Lee
1 Gwen Rogers 6 Ian P McCulloch
2 Stephanie J Warboys 7 Brian P Diserens
3 Christopher H Rogers 8 R Mark Esbester
4 David P Hilling 9 Philip Rogers (C)
5 Susan L Apter 10 John S Warboys

BALLARAT, Victoria St Peter

Tuesday, 25 February 2025 2h 57 (11½ in F#)
5040 Stedman Triples Comp. Arthur P Heywood (No.1)
1 Katharine J Firman 5 Paul R Wotton
2 Stephen J Hall (C) 6 Andrew P Digby
3 Stuart C W Hutchieson 7 Simon S Meyer
4 Helen M Maynard 8 Christopher M J Stanley

BALLARAT, Victoria Town Hall

Tuesday, 25 February 2025 3h 11 (22–0–10 in D#)
5088 Bristol Surprise Major Comp. Alan G Reading
1 David F Perkins 5 Neil Buswell
2 Graham G Firman 6 Katherine H V Fulcher
3 Elizabeth A Orme 7 Toby Arkless (C)
4 Kathryne R Arkless 8 Phillip M Orme

To celebrate the lives of Bill and Sally Bolitho, distant cousins of Kathryne. They were residents of Ballarat and learned to ring in this tower.

LINDFIELD, New South Wales Holy Family of Nazareth

Tuesday, 25 February 2025 2h 33 (2–3–1 in E)
5040 Stedman Doubles 11 different callings
1 William T Perrins 4 Ann P LeMarechal
2 Thomas M Perrins 5 Roy LeMarechal (C)
3 Esther M Perrins

The conductor's 1000th different tower for a peal

GEELONG, Victoria St Paul

Wednesday, 26 February 2025 2h 48 (13–0–6 in F)
5120 Geelong Surprise Major Comp. Ian Butters
1 Elizabeth Hutchieson 5 Andrew P Digby
2 Katherine H V Fulcher 6 Phillip M Orme
3 Elizabeth A Orme 7 Stuart C W Hutchieson
4 David F Perkins (C) 8 Stephen J Hall

SYDNEY New South Wales Cathedral Church of St Andrew

Friday, 28 February 2025 3h 29 (29–0–4 in C#)
5040 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus
Comp. John Cornock & Robert W Lee
1 Murray-Luke Peard 7 Graham G Firman
2 David P Hilling 8 R Mark Esbester
3 James W Perrins 9 Roy LeMarechal
4 Andrew P J Davies 10 Phillip M Orme
5 Elizabeth A Orme 11 David G Maynard
6 Ian P McCulloch 12 Thomas M Perrins (C)

GOULBURN, New South Wales Cathedral Church of St Saviour

Saturday, 1 March 2025 3h 17 (21–3–3 in D)
5042 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus Comp. John S Warboys
1 Stephanie J Warboys 7 Christopher D O'Mahony
2 David P Hilling 8 John S Warboys (C)
3 Christopher H Rogers 9 Roy LeMarechal
4 Elizabeth Hutchieson 10 Brian P Diserens
5 James D Heyes 11 Stuart C W Hutchieson
6 Dylan J Thomas 12 Stephen J Hall
250th peal together: 2, 3.

SYDNEY, New South Wales Christ Church St Laurence

Saturday, 1 March 2025 2h 47 (10–3–8 in G)
5040 Cambridge Surprise Royal Comp. John E Schreiner
1 Philip R Goodyer 6 Esther M Perrins
2 David F Perkins 7 Harm Jan A de Kok (C)
3 Susan L Apter 8 Murray-Luke Peard
4 Clare E F Dyer 9 Nigel J Bailey
5 Thirza R de Kok 10 Phillip M Orme

SYDNEY, New South Wales Cathedral Church of St Mary

Sunday, 2 March 2025 3h 29 (34–1–3 in C#)
5009 Stedman Cinques
Comp. Roderick W Pipe
1 Stephen J Hall (C) 7 Ian P McCulloch
2 Stephanie J Warboys 8 Nigel J Bailey
3 David P Hilling 9 Philip Rogers (*above*)
4 Christopher H Rogers 10 Harm Jan A de Kok
5 David G Maynard 11 Christopher D O'Mahony
6 Christopher M J Stanley 12 David F Perkins



1000th Peal with the society: 9, the second person to achieve this milestone.

DARLING POINT, New South Wales St Mark

Monday, 3 March 2025 2h 43 (8–1–26 in A)
5088 Bristol Surprise Major Comp. A G Reading
1 David P Hilling (C) 5 Thomas M Perrins
2 Gwen Rogers 6 Philip Rogers
3 Murray-Luke Peard 7 Stuart C W Hutchieson
4 Christopher H Rogers 8 R Mark Esbester

BATHURST, New South Wales Cathedral Church of All Saints

Tuesday, 4 March 2025 2h 53 (11–3–14 in Ab)
5024 Yorkshire Surprise Major Comp. John H Fielden
1 Dylan J Thomas 5 Christopher D O'Mahony
2 David P Hilling 6 Brian P Diserens
3 Gwen Rogers 7 Philip Rogers (C)
4 Christopher M J Stanley 8 Murray-Luke Peard

BRISBANE, Queensland Cathedral Church of St John

Thursday, 6 March 2025 3h 12 (16–1–17 in E)
5042 Cambridge Surprise Maximus Comp. C J Poole
1 David P Hilling (C) 7 Andrew P Digby
2 Stephanie J Warboys 8 Harm Jan A de Kok
3 Susan L Apter 9 R Mark Esbester
4 Thirza R de Kok 10 Brian P Diserens
5 Katherine H V Fulcher 11 Simon S Meyer
6 David F Perkins 12 David G Maynard

First of Cambridge S Maximus: 5. Rung at short notice, thank you Ian McCulloch for the arrangements, ahead of the arrival of tropical cyclone Alfred.

As the Society's tour concludes thanks go to all involved in its organisation, particularly Phil Goodyer and the Society's touring officers.

It has been splendid to be made so welcome at Australia towers and for the UK and Europe tourists to ring with members and non members based in Australia.

BRISBANE, Queensland, Royal on the Park Hotel

Friday, 7 March 2025 in 2h 21 (12 in F)
5088 Kent Treble Bob Major Comp. W Hudson
1–2 Harm Jan A de Kok 5–6 David G Maynard (C)
3–4 Andrew P Digby 7–8 Susan L Apter
Saturday, 8 March 2025 in 2h 26 (12 in F)
5152 Yorkshire Surprise Major Comp. C Middleton
1–2 Brian P Diserens 5–6 David G Maynard (C)
3–4 Andrew P Digby 7–8 Harm Jan A de Kok

The ASCY Tour and ANZAB ringers

Although based in the UK, there are currently over 65 members of the Ancient Society of College Youths resident in Australia and New Zealand. Many took part in the ringing and social events during the ASCY Tour. Local ringers rang in over 50% of the peals and 75% of the quarter peals on the tour. 56 of the 98 ringers in peals and quarters were Australian and New Zealand ringers (ASCY members and non-members).

The Master, Swaz Apter would particularly like to thank local ringers who took part in peals and quarter peals, and frequently volunteered to make up bands when there was a shortfall of "Tourists". With a special mention to young ANZAB ringers in Adelaide (4 peal ropes and 5 quarter peals)



Above, from front right: local ringers David Sorell, Charlotte Sorell and Matthew Ball with the rest of the band after a peal of *Spliced Surprise Major* at St Peter's, Adelaide.



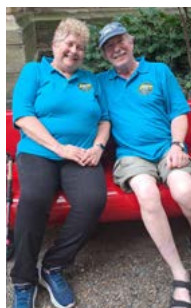
Above, Local ringers Inga Griffiths-Hunt, Brian Pettet, Luka Sostarko & Deryn Griffiths after a quarter at St Paul's, Melbourne.

In addition to peals and quarter peals the visitors attended practice nights in all cities. Thank you to the local ringers who made the visitors so welcome. And an apology for the occasion where visitors overwhelmed locals at a practice and for some "over-enthusiastic advice"

on at least one occasion - it was well-meant, but not very well delivered! Hopefully these were isolated incidents.

Members of the touring party also rang with local ringers for Sunday services in all centres they were visiting on a weekend - Perth, Adelaide and Sydney. But sadly not in Brisbane where Cyclone Alfred severely curtailed ringing and local events.

Two recently elected new members, Andrew Ling and Julie Taylor, rang with the ASCY in Perth. At the Country Meeting in Adelaide Angus Gilchrist and Hugh Cardwardine were elected, with their membership certificates being presented at the Dinner in Sydney. The Society welcomes new members - if you are interested in joining do contact a current member. While there may seem to be a focus on peal ringing, the ASCY also highly values ringers who show local leadership, train new ringers, help maintain towers, welcome visitors, strike well and are keen to advance their, and others, ringing.



Above, the Master, Swaz Apter, outside St Andrew's, Sydney with Rampaging Roo Roy LeMarechal.

The Society is not just about ringing, as shown by the many social events involving local ringers during the Tour - a restaurant meal at Cottesloe Beach, in Adelaide a pizza night after St Cuthbert's practice, a pub meal at Coopers Ale House and a BBQ at Aldinga Beach (*see a picture in eRT if you dare!*) and many pub meals from Hobart to Brisbane and in between.

The formal Country Meeting took place in Adelaide, with local members and non-members welcome to attend and the Tour Dinner at L'Aqua restaurant overlooking Darling Harbour in Sydney was attended by 80 ringers and friends. The ASCY welcomed as its guest the President of ANZAB, Deryn Griffiths, and was also pleased to provide subsidised tickets to three young Australian ringers to attend.

Perhaps the largest event of the tour to involve local ringers was *The Sydney Challenge* - a "light-hearted" ringing competition held at 4 Sydney city centre towers. Four teams of up to 13 ringers took part in the 3 "challenges" at each tower - 2 ringing and one non-ringing, with the non-ringing Scrabble challenge (with a 50% bonus for words associated with ringing) leading to some particularly strong competition. Well done to the winning team Esther's Angry Emus who also achieved the highest Scrabble score (by over 500 points!). Runners up were Roy's Rampaging Roos.



Thank you to all the local tower contacts for liaising with clergy, notifying neighbours, letting the ringers in and everything else that goes with welcoming visiting bands. The tour has contributed over \$4,000 to towers in rope fees. Special thanks to Singleton where the first peal on the bells was rung (page 16), and to Bundaberg where it might have been but for Alfred ...

Philip Goodyer

ASCY Oz25 Quarter Peals

Western Australia

Bunbury (St Patrick)

15 Feb **1250 Cambridge Surprise Major** Andrew Reynolds 1, Caroline Prescott 2, Christopher Ridley 3, Paul Wotton 4, Elizabeth Orme (C) 5, Christopher Rogers 6, Adam Beer 7, Phillip Orme 8.

Claremont (Christ Church)

16 Feb **1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor** Katharine Firman 1, Susan Meyer 2, Caroline Prescott 3, Christopher Ridley 4, Simon Meyer 5, Graham Firman (C) 6.

Perth The Bell Tower (Swan Bells)

16 Feb **1320 Little Bob Sixteen** David Hilling, 1 Katharine Firman, 2 Graham Firman 3, Christopher Rogers 4, Vicki Greenhalgh 5, Elizabeth Orme 6, Adam Beer 7, Kathryn Arkless 8, Ian Harris 9, Toby Arkless 10, Andrew Digby 11, Mark Esbester 12, David Maynard 13, Simon Meyer (C) 14, Harm Jan de Kok 15, Phillip Orme 16.

Balga (The Cygnet Ring)

17 Feb **1440 ASCY Delight Minor** Mary Townsend 1, Corinne Rule 2, Paul Wotton 3, Toby Arkless 4, Andrew Ling 5, Adam Beer (C) 6. First quarter peal in the method. ASCY Delight: -36-14-12-16-34.12.36.12. Believed to be the first quarter on a mini-ring in the Southern Hemisphere by a College Youths band. First quarter as a member of the Society: 5. First on a mini-ring: 3. Compliments to Andrew Ling and Julie Taylor on their election to the Society.

Mosman Park (St Hilda's School Chapel)

18 Feb **1344 Plain Bob Major** Gwen Rogers 1, Tony Murray-Feist 2, Mary Townsend 3, Helen M Maynard 4, Paul Wotton 5, Vicki Greenhalgh 6, Andrew Ling 7, Christopher Ridley (C) 8.

18 Feb **1260 Stedman Triples** Christopher Rogers (C) 1, Caroline Prescott 2, Katharine Firman 3, David Perkins 4, Susan Meyer 5, Graham Firman 6, Simon Meyer 7, Christopher Ridley 8.

Perth (St George)

18 Feb **1250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major** Paul Wotton 1, Caroline Prescott 2, David Perkins 3, Katharine Firman 4, Christopher Ridley 5, Christopher Rogers 6, Graham Firman (C) 7, Andrew Digby 8.

South Australia

Adelaide (St Francis Xavier)

20 Feb **1294 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus** David Sorell 1, Elizabeth Hutchieson 2, Susan Apter 3, Thirza de Kok 4, Toby Arkless 5, Katherine Fulcher 6, Kathryn Arkless 7, Brian Diserens 8, Andrew Digby 9, Roy LeMarechal (C) 10, Simon Meyer 11, Stuart Hutchieson 12.

With thanks to David for standing in at no notice when we met short.



21 Feb **1346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus** Stephanie Warboys 1, Michelle Harrison 2, Katharine Firman 3, Susan Apter 4, Chris Rogers 5, Chris Stanley 6, David Maynard (C) 7, David Sorell 8, Neil Buswell 9, Philip Goodyer 10, David Perkins 11, Mark Esbester 12.

22 Feb **1311 Stedman Cinqes** Katharine Firman 1, Elizabeth Orme 2, David Hilling 3, Caroline Prescott 4, Chris Rogers (C) 5, Paul Wotton 6, Adam Beer 7, Chris Ridley 8, Stephen Hall 9, Phillip Orme 10, Mark Esbester 11, Roy LeMarechal 12.

23 Feb **1331 Grandsire Caters** Gwen Rogers 1, Hannah Tayler 2, Elizabeth Hutchieson 3, Stuart Hutchieson 4, Susan Meyer 5, Paul Farmer 6, Simon Meyer (C) 7, Michelle Harrison 8, Philip Rogers 9, Neil Buswell 10. For Sunday evening Mass..

Adelaide (St Peter)

23 Feb **1250 Bristol Surprise Major** David Bleby 1, Katharine Firman 2, Patrick Meyer 3, Paul Wotton 4, Graham Firman 5, Christopher Ridley 6, Roy LeMarechal (C) 7, Matthew J Sorell 8. For Evensong.

Prospect (St Cuthbert)

19 Feb **1280 Cornwall Surprise Major** Stuart Hutchieson 1, Liz Hutchieson 2, Toby Arkless 3, Kathy Arkless 4, Brian Diserens 5, Patrick Meyer 6, David Sorell 7, Mark Esbester (C) 8. 1st of Cornwall - 6&7.

21 Feb **1280 Spliced Surprise Major (8m)** Elizabeth Orme (C) 1, Caroline Prescott 2, Katharine Firman 3, Christopher Ridley 4, Phillip Orme 5, Philip Goodyer 6, Mark Esbester 7, Stephen Hall 8. 2 - First 8-spliced

22 Feb **1344 Spliced Major (3m)** 672 Double Norwich Bob, 448 Bristol, 224 Superlative. Helen Maynard 1, Elizabeth Hutchieson 2, Gwen Rogers 3, Kathryne Arkless 4, Toby Arkless 5, Stuart Hutchieson (C) 6, Philip Rogers 7, Philip Goodyer 8.

Walkerville (St Andrew)

20 Feb **1296 Surprise Minor (2m)** 720 Norwich, 576 Cambridge Ann LeMarechal 1, Caroline Prescott 2, Katharine Firman 3, Graham Firman 4, Christopher Ridley 5, Roy LeMarechal (C) 6. Rung prior to the service for the commissioning of the Reverend Tracey Gracey as rector of St Andrew's, Walkerville.

Victoria

Beechworth (Christ Church)

27 Feb **1320 Surprise Minor (2m)** 720 London, 600 Cambridge. Stuart Hutchieson (C) 1, Susan Meyer 2, Christopher O'Mahoney 3, Elizabeth Hutchieson 4, Paul Wotton, 5 Stephen Hall 6.

Geelong (St Paul)

26 Feb **1260 Stedman Triples** Deryn Griffiths (C) 1, Simon Meyer 2, Caroline Prescott 3, Inga Griffiths-Hunt 4, Christopher Ridley 5, Graham Firman 6, Luka Sostarko 7, Paul Wotton 8. First of Stedman: 4

Melbourne (St Paul)

26 Feb **1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major** Deryn Griffiths 1, Caroline Prescott 2, Luka Sostarko 3, Elizabeth A Orme (C) 4, Inga Griffiths-Hunt 5, Brian Pettet 6, Christopher Ridley 7, Neil Buswell 8. 5 - first Yorkshire

Wangaratta (Holy Trinity)

27 Feb **1260 Plain Bob Minor** Tracey Gunningham 1, Jim Jefferies 2, Sue Meyer 3, Simon Meyer 4, Christopher O'Mahony (C) 5, Stuart Hutchieson 6. First QP of Minor - 1.

West Heidelberg (St Pius X)

26 Feb **1280 Cambridge Surprise Major** Helen Maynard 1, Luka Sostarko 2, Paul Wotton 3, Inga Griffiths-Hunt 4, Katherine Firman 5, Neil Buswell 6, Caroline Prescott 7, Christopher Ridley (C) 8.

Tasmania

Hobart (St David)

25 Feb **1299 Stedman Caters** Stephanie Warboys 1, Thirza de Kok 2, Mark Esbester 3, Brian Diserens 4, Ian McCulloch 5, Doug Nichols 6, John Warboys (C) 7, David Hilling 8, Harm Jan de Kok 9, Phil Rogers 10.

Hobart (Holy Trinity)

25 Feb **1280 Bristol Surprise Major** Chris Rogers 1, Gwen Rogers 2, Thirza de Kok 3, Brian Diserens 4, Ian McCulloch 5, Harm Jan de Kok 6, Mark Esbester (C) 7, Phil Rogers 8.

New South Wales

Albury (St Matthew)

27 Feb **1260 Stedman Triples** Stephen Hall (C) 1, Susan Meyer 2, Elizabeth Hutchieson 3, Paul Wotton 4, Christopher O'Mahony 5, Simon Meyer 6, Stuart Hutchieson 7, Alan Champion 8.

Bathurst (All Saints)

4 Mar **1280 Turramurra Surprise Major** Caroline Prescott 1, Christopher Rogers 2, Paul Wotton 3, Helen Maynard 4, Susan Meyer 5, David Maynard (C) 6, Graham Firman 7, Simon Meyer 8.

Burwood (St Paul)

28 Feb **1260 Grandsire Triples** Mark Esbester 1, Ian McCulloch 2, Helen Maynard 3, Ann LeMarechal 4, David Maynard 5, Christopher Stanley 6, Roy LeMarechal (C) 7, Murray-Luke Peard 8,

Camden (St Paul)

3 Mar **1260 Minor (2m)** 540 St Clements, 720 Plain Bob. Caroline Prescott 1, Esther Perrins 2, Paul Wotton 3, Christopher Ridley 4, Graham Firman 5, Roy LeMarechal (C) 6.

Castlereagh (Wesleyan Chapel)

4 Mar **1260 Plain Bob Minor** Paul Wotton 1, Graham Firman 2, Susan Meyer 3, Helen Maynard 4, Christopher Rogers 5, David Maynard (C) 6.

Ingleburn (The Holy Family)

3 Mar **1272 Cambridge Surprise Minor** Christopher Ridley 1, Roy LeMarechal (C) 2, Dylan Thomas 3, Ann LeMarechal 4, Christopher O'Mahony 5, Christopher Stanley 6.

Lithgow (Hoskins Memorial Church)

4 Mar **1250 Superlative Surprise Major** Helen Maynard 1, Katharine Firman 2, Susan Meyer 3, Caroline Prescott 4, Paul Wotton 5, Christopher Ridley 6, Simon Meyer (C) 7, David Maynard 8.

Parramatta (All Saints)

28 Feb **1260 Spliced Triples & Major (2m/p)** 672 Double Norwich; 588 Stedman Triples. David Maynard (C) 1, Esther Perrins 2, Katharine Firman 3, Helen Maynard 4, Christopher Stanley 5, Philip Goodyer 6, Mark Esbester 7, James Perrins 8.

Parramatta (St Patrick)

28 Feb **1280 Spliced Surprise Major (6m)** 320 Rutland, Yorkshire, 160 Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Bristol. Robert Bennett 1, Rachel Perrins 2, Katharine Firman 3, Esther Perrins 4, William Perrins 5, Neil Buswell 6, Hadden Arrowsmith 7, Christopher Stanley (C) 8.

Rosemeadow (Our Lady Help of Christians)

3 Mar **1250 Superlative Surprise Major** Inga Griffiths-Hunt 1, Katherine Firman 2, Esther Perrins 3, Graham Firman 4, Dylan Thomas 5, Paul Wotton 6, Mark Esbester (C) 7, Hadden Arrowsmith 8.

Sydney (St Andrew)

2 Mar **1344 Bristol Surprise Maximus** James Perrins 1, Caroline Prescott 2, Elizabeth Orme 3, Elizabeth Hutchieson 4, Katherine Firman 5, Graham Firman 6, Kate Fulcher 7, Christopher Ridley 8, Andrew Digby 9, Stuart Hutchieson (C) 10, Mark Esbester 11, Phillip Orme 12.

Sydney (St Mary)

3 Mar **1346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus** Ian McCulloch 1, Katherine Fulcher 2, Elizabeth Hutchieson 3, Helen Maynard 4, Hadden Arrowsmith 5, Elizabeth Orme (C) 6, Harm Jan de Kok 7, Angus Gilchrist 8, Dylan Thomas 9, Andrew Digby 10, Peter Harrison 11, Phillip Orme 12.

Turramurra (St James)

2 Mar **1250 Turramurra Surprise Major** Elaine Lee 1, Helen Maynard 2, Susan Meyer 3, Dylan Thomas 4, Hadden Arrowsmith 5, Colin Sweet 6, Simon Meyer (C) 7, Jeffrey Price 8.

Wahroonga (St John)

1 Mar **1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor** Thirza de Kok 1, Harm Jan de Kok 2, Simon Meyer (C) 3, Susan Meyer 4, Katharine Firman 5, Graham Firman 6.

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra (St Paul, Manuka)

28 Feb **1440 Lessness Surprise Major** Simon Meyer (C) 1, Elizabeth Hutchieson 2, Stephen Hall 3, Christopher Rogers 4, Susan Meyer 5, Paul Wotton 6, Stuart Hutchieson 7, Dylan Thomas 8.

Queensland

Brisbane (St John)

9 Mar **1331 Grandsire Caters** Caroline Prescott 1, Simon Meyer (C) 2, Susan Meyer 3, Christopher Ridley 4, Patrick Johns 5, Kellie Hajek 6, Rachel Aland 7, Ian McCulloch 8, Brian Diserens 9, David Smith 10.

9 Mar **1344 Bristol Surprise Maximus** Caroline Prescott 1, Susan Apter 2, Stephanie Warboys 3, David Hilling 4, Thirza de Kok 5, Mark Esbester 6, Simon Meyer (C) 7, Ian McCulloch 8, Brian Diserens 9, David Perkins 10, Harm Jan de Kok 11, John Warboys 12.

Handbells

New South Wales

Eastwood, 4 Spencer Street

3 Mar **1299 Stedman Caters** Bill Perrins (C) 1-2, David Maynard 3-4, James Perrins 5-6, Katharine Firman 7-8, Graham Firman 9-10.



RINGING DEVELOPMENT

ART

ART Module 1 will be run on Thurs 24 Apr, at St Clement's Yass. Registrations close very soon. More details on the ANZAB website: <https://anzab.org.au/anzab2025/registration.php>. Kathi Downs

Singleton Training Day

We had an excellent training day with Armidale and Sydney ringers. Thank you Enid, Kathi, Peter, Simon, Allison and Steve for joining us and catering so well for all levels of ringing. Kathi introduced us to a few exercises to strengthen bell control. Wendy rang in rounds for the first time. Jon consolidated call changes and Marea rang plain hunt for the first time. Janelle Cox

Intermediate Ringing Development

St Hilda's Place Doubles was recommended in the last RT as one of three excellent methods for introducing newcomers to method ringing. Adam Beer tells me that it was composed following the creation of St Hilda's Bob Minor, named at a QP rung at St Hilda's, Mosman Park in 2014. The doubles method was a natural development. To ring more than a plain course Adam's advice is ring Bobs that are a plain lead-end of Plain Bob Doubles; an extent is then any rotation of (PBBB)x3, a QP 10 extents plus a 60 which could be (BP)x3 or (PB)x3. David Smith

Intermediate Weekend 22-23 March 2025

The first Intermediate Course for 2025 was held over 3 days in Bundaberg with 13 attendees, including 2 from Maryborough.



Topics covered included some new methods (St Hilda and Penultimate Doubles), advanced call changes, and a lot of exercises aimed at improving listening & striking. Left: Dinner after a long day's work.

There was some impressive progress! Intermediate courses

can cover anything from call changes and plain hunting through to surprise minor. If you are interested in having ANZAB arrange a course in your area, do contact me. David Smith

APPLY FOR AN ANZAB SUBSIDY

Subsidies are available for these Ringing Development events:

ART Courses - contact Kathi Downs to arrange one.

Intermediate Ringing Weekends - contact David Smith for details.

Advanced Ringing Weekends - subsidised travel for 4 experienced ringers to come to you! Contact Phil Goodyer to arrange a weekend.

12-Bell Weekends - subsidised accommodation and group travel.

Apply early before each weekend to Phil Goodyer

Ideas for Ringing Development? - Contact the Directors

Advanced Ringing Development Hobart Weekend - February 2025

The weekend was a great success. After general ringing Friday evening we spent Saturday focusing on minor methods, aiming to push our newer members beyond Plain Bob into St. Clement's, Double Oxford; perhaps 1 or 2 leads of Cambridge. In the end we exceeded our own expectations - by ringing plain courses of Cambridge. On Sunday we turned our attention to 8 & 10 bells, with some confidently-struck plain hunt caters for Service. In the afternoon some minor for Molly (not able to come Saturday), more triples and major and a quarter of Plain Bob Triples to finish.

Hobart St David

2 Feb 1260 Plain Bob Triples Richard Offen 1, Marion Brown 2, Kate Webb 3, Caroline Pawley 4, Callum Crofton 5, Cassandra Olive 6, James Perrins C 7, Molly Taplin 8. First of Triples: 2, 6, 8. Rung for Evensong.

10 Feb 1260 Plain Bob Minor Caroline Pawley 1, Kate Webb 2, Douglas Nichols 3, Cassandra Olive 4, Marion Brown 5, James Perrins C 6. First Minor: 4, 5.

We made full use of the skills of Richard & Callum and James

& Caroline. Right: Monday's augmented practice. Above: a quarter the following week.

Having enough ringers for people to stand behind others and for the students to take turns is a rare treat for an isolated band. That



and the extra "rope hours" that the weekend provided created the perfect conditions for a successful event. Doug Nicholls

Future Advanced Ringing Weekends

30 May - 1 June Victoria.

Contact: Deryn Griffiths

30 May - 1 June Perth

Contact: Richard Offen

12-Bell Weekend Scholarships



Congratulations to Luka Sostarko of Melbourne and Christian Westrip of Christchurch who have been awarded this year's Young Ringers Scholarships to attend the 12-Bell Weekend in Sydney in October. Four excellent applications

were received and those who did not receive a scholarship this year are encouraged to apply again for next year. They have also been sent detailed information on how to apply for an ANZAB travel subsidy to attend this and other ANZAB training sessions.

Future 12-Bell Weekends

Adelaide, 6-9 June 2025 (King's Birthday weekend)

The first 12-Bell Weekend in 2025 will be in Adelaide 6-9 June,

Sydney, 10-12 October 2025

The weekend after the Sydney Ringing School. Volunteer for both!

Register for Adelaide and Sydney NOW

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANZAB12Bell2025>

Wellington, 6-8 February 2026 (Waitangi Day weekend)

Combine the weekend with some tramping in New Zealand.

Sydney, 9-11 October 2026

The weekend after the Sydney Ringing School once again.

Brisbane, Autumn 2027 (some long-term planning there!)



PEALS & QUARTER PEALS

All performances rung for ANZAB unless noted otherwise.

Peal congratulations: First peal: Emily Perrins. First on the bells: Menangle and Singleton, NSW.

1553 PARRAMATTA, New South Wales, All Saints

Friday, 3 January 2025 2h 44 (10-0-4 in G)

5040 Surprise Minor (7m) 720 each Primrose, Eastwood, Redcar, Rhyl, Ipswich, Norwich, Surfleet.

- 1 Emily R Perrins
- 2 Rachel T Perrins
- 3 Esther M Perrins
- 4 William T Perrins
- 5 James W Perrins
- 6 Thomas M Perrins (C)



R-L, the band 1-6, with Luke and Anna.

Rung by immediate family, to welcome Luke James Perrins (born 26/12/2024), son of the conductor. First peal: 1.

1554 ADELAIDE, South Australia, St Cuthbert, Prospect

Sunday, 19 January 2025 2h 44 (11-1-2 in G)

5040 Minor (4m) 4 extents; Plain Bob, 1 extent each; Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise.

- 1 Matthew J Sorell
- 2 David P Sorell
- 3 Inga J Griffiths-Hunt
- 4 Patrick T Meyer
- 5 Matthew A Ball
- 6 Charlotte C Sorell (C)

The conductor would like to thank Matthew Ball for his support.

1556 SYDNEY, New South Wales Cathedral Church of St Mary

Sunday, 26 January 2025 3h 13 (14-3-8 in F#)

5088 Lessness Surprise Major Comp. Scott Wheaver

- 1 Hugh A Carwardine
- 2 Charlotte C Sorell
- 3 Jonathan R Pawley
- 4 David P Sorell
- 5 Mary C Symes
- 6 Rachel T Perrins
- 7 Philip R Goodyer
- 8 Peter I Harrison (C)

For all Australians. First peal in Australia: 3. First changes in method: 2, 4, 6.

1558 SYDNEY, New South Wales, Cathedral Church of St Mary

Saturday, 15 March 2025 3h 43 (34-1-3 in C#)

5152 Lancashire Surprise Major Comp. Roger Baldwin

- 1 Emily J Mills
- 2 James W Perrins
- 3 William T Perrins
- 4 Esther M Perrins
- 5 Andrew P J Davies
- 6 Thomas M Perrins
- 7 Peter I Harrison (C)
- 8 Andrew B Mills

1559 PARRAMATTA, NSW, Cathedral Church of St Patrick

Sunday, 16 March 2025 2h 53 (7-3-24 in A)

5184 St Clement's College Bob Major Comp. Henry W Wilde

- 1 Katherine E Thomson
- 2 Mary C Symes
- 3 Katherine M Downs
- 4 Thomas M Perrins
- 5 Andrew P J Davies
- 6 James D Heyes
- 7 Samuel P E Rorke
- 8 Christopher D O'Mahony (C)

Rung for the Feast of St Patrick. 100th peal together - 4 and 5.

1560 ADELAIDE, South Australia, Cathedral Church of St Peter

Saturday, 22 March 2025 3h 53 (41-1-0 in C)

5088 Bristol Surprise Major Comp. D F Morrison (no. 8584)

- 1 Philip R Goodyer
- 2 Peter I Harrison
- 3 Patrick T Meyer
- 4 Charlotte C Sorell C
- 5 Andrew P J Davies
- 6 Michelle C Harrison
- 7 Matthew A Ball
- 8 James W Perrins

In memory of Audrey Ball 16-06-1943 - 12-11-2024, mother of the ringer of the seven and verger of this cathedral.

1561 BATHURST, NSW, Cathedral Church of All Saints

Saturday, 29 March 2025 in 2h 58 (11-3-14 in Ab)

5184 Bathurst Surprise Major Comp. by Robert D S Brown

- 1 Claire E O'Mahony
- 2 William T Perrins
- 3 Emily J Mills
- 4 Andrew P J Davies
- 5 James W Perrins (C)
- 6 Esther M Perrins
- 7 Murray-Luke Peard
- 8 Andrew B Mills

Quarter Peals

First QP congratulations: Gabriel Moss, James Farrow, Nicolas Brown, Xavier Lewis.

Australian Capital Territory

Manuka (St Paul)

10 Mar 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor Julie Doyle 1, Scott Jones 2, Jim Waddell 3, James Heyes 4, Emily Mills 5, Andrew Mills (C) 6. Rung for today's Commemoration of Commonwealth Day and Canberra Day

New South Wales

Bathurst All Saints

11 Jan 1260 Grandsire Triples Oriana Zanon 1, Jonathan Pawley 2, Claire O'Mahony 3, Murray-Luke Peard 4, Jim Woolford 5, Tim Denham 6, James Perrins (C) 7, Rob McAlary 8. Birthday compliments to Oriana

Burwood St Paul

23 Feb 1320 Plain Bob Doubles Zac Palmer 1, Linda Wong 2, Pam Brock 3, Colin Sweet 4, Rob Weatherby Jnr ((C) 5. Before Choral Evensong for the "Eve of St Mathias". Celebrating the baptism of Matilda Anne Brock & 38th anniversary of Father James' (Rector) ordination.

23 Mar 1272 Plain Bob Minor Linda Wong 1, Pam Brock 2, Colin Sweet 3, Mary Symes 4, Ron Shepherd 5, Rob Weatherby Jnr (C) 6. Before the Choral Evensong. 29 Mar 1260 Stedman Triples James Perrins 1, Pam Brock 2, Jenny Davies 3, Robert J Carr 4, Jeff Price 5, Colin Sweet 6, Andrew Davies (C) 7, Rob Weatherby Jnr 8. Rung in memory of Derek Sibson and bon voyage to Robert Carr

Darling Point St Mark

15 Feb 1280 Bristol Surprise Major Caroline Pawley 1, Esther Perrins 2, William Ryan 3, Luka Sostarko 4, Angus Gilchrist 5, Chris Stanley 6, James Perrins (C) 7, Peter Harrison 8. First of Bristol: 4. First in Southern Hemisphere, also 1900th QP: 6

Naremburn St Leonard

16 Jan 1260 Doubles (3m) 300 Stedman, 480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob Doubles. Mary Symes 1, Stephen Fox 2, Colin Sweet 3, Andrew Davies 4, Christopher O'Mahony (C) 5, Gabriel Moss 6. First quarter peal, and birthday compliment - 6.

Orange Holy Trinity

10 Jan 1260 Minor (2m) Cambridge Surprise Minor (720 changes), Plain Bob Minor (540 changes) Jonathan Pawley 1, Caroline Pawley 2, Claire O'Mahony 3, Ann Pawley 4, Tim Denham 5, Jim Woolford (C) 6. 1st QP in Australia, 1. & 4. 1st of Surprise Minor, 4. & 5.

Parramatta All Saints

5 Feb 1260 Grandsire Triples Esther Perrins 1, Bill Perrins (C) 2, Emily Perrins 3, Colin Sweet 4, Stephen Fox 5, Ron Shepherd 6, Jeffrey Price 7, Martin Anderson 8. Rung in memory of Heather Hayllar (nee Ferris), 24/1/57 - 4/2/25, a former ringer at All Saints.

Randwick St Jude

9 Mar 1269 Plain Bob Doubles Angus Gilchrist 1, Bernie Sharp 2, Kevin Webster 3, Ron Shepherd 4, Richard Webster (C) 5, Ross Langford-Brown 6. Rung in joyful celebration to mark the naming day of Edward Francis Webster yesterday. Edward is the son of the 5th, Grandson of the 3rd and Great Grandson of the 2nd.

Sydney St Andrew

11 Jan 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major Kate Thomson 1, Bill Perrins (C) 2, Esther Perrins 3, Mary Symes 4, Andrew Davies 5, Colin Sweet 6, Jeffrey Price 7, Peter Harrison 8. Another welcome to Luke Perrins, rung between weddings.

16 Feb 1344 London Surprise Major James Perrins 1, William Perrins 2, William Ryan 3, Luka Sostarko 4, Caroline Pawley 5, Esther Perrins 6, Andrew Davies 7, Thomas Perrins (C) 8. First in method: 4.

22 Mar 1260 Grandsire Triples Esther Perrins 1, Emily Perrins 2, Kate Thomson 3, Sam Rorke 4, Colin Sweet 5, Bill Perrins (C) 6, Thomas Perrins 7, Murray-Luke Peard 8. Rung to celebrate Kate's 50th birthday.



Sydney Christ Church St Laurence

2 Mar **1274 Grandsire Triples** Lindsay Small 1, Sam Rorke 2, Murray-Luke Peard 3, Natalie Shea 4, Peter Harrison 5, Jenny Davies 6, Andrew Davies (C) 7, Elliott Murphy 8. First on eight: 8. Dedicated to the life and work of Imam Muhsin Hendricks who spread a message of love and tolerance among people of all faiths.

Sydney St James, Queen's Square

18 Jan **1260 Grandsire Triples** Lindsay Small 1, Mary Symes 2, Andrew Waddell 3, Colin Sweet 4, Stephen Fox 5, Peter Harrison 6, Christopher O'Mahony (C) 7, Gabriel Moss 8. First QP on 8 bells - 8.

8 Mar **1260 Plain Bob Doubles** Kin Mun Kan 1, Marylon Coates 2, James Farrow 3, Lindsay Small (C) 4, Adrian Carter 5, Marcus Maerker 6. First quarter: 3

Sydney St Philip, Church Hill

16 Feb **1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major** William Perrins (C) 1, Rachel Perrins 2, Luka Sostarko 3, Jenny Davies 4, Andrew Davies 5, Esther Perrins 6, James Perrins 7, Peter Harrison 8.

Turrumurra St James

5 Jan **1260 Buxton Bob Minor** Elaine Lee 1, Judy Farrimond 2, Mary Symes 3, Colin Sweet 4, Martin Farrimond 5, Jeffrey Price (C) 6. Rung on the Sweet Simulator
19 Jan **1280 Kent Treble Bob Major** Elaine Lee 1, Pam Brock 2, Mary Symes 3, Stephen Fox 4, Brian Dodd 5, Colin Sweet 6, Peter McEvoy 7, Jeffrey Price (C) 8. First QP of Major as Conductor. Rung on the Sweet Simulator.

2 Feb **1272 Cambridge S. Minor** Mary Symes 1, Bill Perrins 2, Brian Dodd 3, Colin Sweet 4, Stephen Fox 5, Jeffrey Price (C) 6. To celebrate the return of open ringing.

30 Mar **1260 Grandsire Triples** Elaine Lee 1, Peter McEvoy 2, Bill Perrins 3, Malcolm Quimby 4, Rob Weatherby Jnr 5, Colin Sweet 6, Jeffrey Price (C) 7, David Krebs 8.

New Zealand

Auckland St Matthews in the City

23 Feb **1260 Plain Bob Doubles** Robbie H Bennet 1, Julian Stone 2, Tony Binstead 3, Adrian Grant 4, Michael Stone (C) 5, Nicolas Brown 6. 1st Quarter: 6. In memory of Valerie Stone who passed away 12 months ago. Remembering Quarters we rang to get someone through their first.

Oamaru The Kowhai Mini-Ring

27 Feb **1260 Plain Bob Doubles** Derek Williams 1 Colin Saxelby 2 Michael Stone 3 Christopher Jarman 4 Mary Sluter (C) 5 Susan Allen 6

28 Feb **1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles** Derek Williams 1, Janet Grocott 2, Frank Sluter 3, Christopher Jarman 4, Mary Sluter (C) 5, Daniel Watson 6.

28 Feb **1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor** Janet Grocott 1, Mary Sluter 2, Christopher Jarman 3, Lindsay Trott 4, Michael Stone 5, Frank Sluter (C) 6.

28 Feb **1260 Plain Bob Doubles** Mary Sluter 1, Colin Saxelby 2, Christopher Jarman 3, Frank Sluter 4, Michael Stone (C) 5, Daniel Watson 6.

28 Feb **1260 Mixed Doubles (5m)** Colin Saxelby 1, Michael Stone 2, Janet Grocott 3, Mary Sluter (C) 4, Christopher Jarman 5, Susan Allen 6. To congratulate Rachael Allen and Tim Shaw on their forthcoming wedding.



Above, The band, Left-Right, 4, 1, 2, 6, 3, 5

1 Mar **1260 Grandsire Doubles** Derek Williams 1, David Sluter 2, Karen Layton 3, Mary Sluter 4, Frank Sluter (C) 5, Richard Layton 6. Rung in memory of Pam Taylor, ringer at St John the Baptist, Halesowen.

1 Mar **1260 St David Doubles** Janet Grocott 1, Mary Sluter 2, Christopher Jarman 3, Michael Stone 4, Frank Sluter (C) 5, Susan Allen 6. For St David's Day

2 Mar **1260 Mixed Doubles (5m)** David Sluter 1, Mary Sluter 2, Christopher Jarman 3, Michael Stone 4, Frank Sluter (C) 5, Susan Allen 6.

2 Mar **1296 Netherseale Surprise Minor** Michael Stone 1, Colin Saxelby 2, Mary Sluter 3, Frank Sluter 4, Derek Williams 5, Christopher Jarman (C) 6.

Papanui St Paul

2 Feb **1260 Plain Bob Triples** Colin Jaquiere 1, Robert Richards 2, Mary Sluter 3, Christian Westrip 4, Frank Sluter 5, Jacqui Grafton 6, Ronald Stevens (C) 7, Lindsay Trott 8. 1st triples on treble. 100th quarter: 4. For the 50th wedding anniversary of St Paul's ringer Rod Shaw.

Wellington St Paul

5 Jan **1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor** Steve Dean 1, Ruth Lightbourne 2, Christopher Jarman 3, Philippa Bowron 4, Derek Williams 5, Dylan Thomas (C) 6. A birthday compliment to Gerald and Gill McIlhone, and Mary Williams.

Wellington The John David Ring

25 Jan **1320 Spliced Surprise Minor (2m)** Philippa Bowron 1, Christopher Jarman 2, Janet Grocott 3, Andrew Dicks 4, Derek Williams 5, Dylan Thomas (C) 6. Birthday compliment to Janet.

South Australia

Prospect St Cuthbert

28 Feb **1344 Plain Bob Major** Paul Farmer 1, Stephanie Harrington 2, Elbe Alexander 3, Hannah Tayler 4, Peter Norman 5, David Sorell 6, Patrick Meyer 7, Matthew Ball (C) 8. First major: 1, 3. A Birthday Compliment to Eddie Harrington, husband of the 2 and friend of the band.

Adelaide St Francis Xavier

5 Jan **1344 London Surprise Major** Philip Goodyer 1, Hannah Tayler 2, Michelle Harrison 3, Matthew Sorell 4, David Sorell 5, Peter Norman 6, Patrick Meyer 7, Matthew Ball (C) 8. First in method: 6,7. First in method by an entirely local band since 1990.

16 Feb **1320 London Surprise Minor** David Bleby 1, Hannah Tayler 2, Michelle Harrison 3, Patrick Meyer 4, Matthew Ball (C) 5, Peter Norman 6.

19 Mar **1320 Stedman Doubles** Hannah Tayler 1, Elbe Alexander 2, Kevin Stracey 3, Matthew Ball 4, Peter Norman (C) 5, Stephanie Harrington 6. 1st in method: 2

Adelaide The Adelaide Ringing Centre

18 Jan **1260 Plain Bob Minor** Inga Griffiths-Hunt 1, Matthew Ball 2, Laurence Williams 3, David Sorell 4, Patrick Meyer 5, Charlotte Sorell (C) 6. First in method: 3

26 Feb **1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor** Laurence Williams 1, Elbe Alexander 2, Kevin Stracey 3, Hannah Tayler 4, Matthew Ball 5, Peter Norman (C) 6. First treble bob: 1. First conducting surprise.

Queensland

Brisbane St John

8 Jan **1260 Plain Bob Minor** Harold Bartlett 1, Rosemarie Harris 2, Kellie Hajek 3, Rachel Aland 4, Matthew Farthing 5, Patrick Johns (C) 6. 1st of minor: 5
Right: The band, Left-Right, 1-6.



South Brisbane St Andrew

23 Feb **1260 Doubles (2m)** Mike Toze 1, Rachel Aland 2, Patrick Johns 3, John Pusey 4, David Smith (C) 5. On 5 bells, the treble temporarily out of action, marking John Pusey's visit.

Victoria

Geelong St Paul

16 Feb **1320 Plain Bob Doubles** Sarah Stancombe 1, Le-Vene Horne 2, Mariane Merati 3, John G Pusey 4, Alan Champion (C) 5, Deryn Griffiths 6. Belated birthday compliment to 4 and congratulations to him on navigating the labyrinth of Australia's visa system.

Melbourne St Patrick

17 Mar **1260 Plain Bob Minor** Sarah Stancombe 1, Calvin Chai 2, Thomas Read 3, Luka Sostarko 4, Mariane Merati 5, Inga Griffiths-Hunt (C) 6. Rung for St Patrick's day and the dedication of the new icon of St Patricks. First of minor: 1. First of minor as conductor.

Melbourne St Paul

23 Mar **1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major** Paige Kranz 1, Calvin Chai 2, Inga Griffiths-Hunt 3 Emily Mills 4 Deryn Griffiths 5 Andrew Mills (C) 6, Luka Sostarko 7, Brian Pettit 8. First Quarter of Surprise Major: 1.

West Heidelberg St Pius X

4 Jan **1260 Plain Bob Doubles** Zachary Lewis 1, Deryn Griffiths (C) 2, Paige Kranz 3, David Pacey 4, Andrew Cole 5, Xavier Lewis 6. First QP: 6

4 Jan **1260 Plain Bob Doubles** Deryn Griffiths (C) 1, Zachary Chiu 2, Paige Kranz 3, Andrew Cole 4, Luka Sostarko 5, Sarah Stancombe 6. 1st inside: 2. 1st as cover: 6.

Western Australia

Balga The Cygnet Ring

17 Jan **1280 Doubles (2m)** 640 each Offen Slow Bob, Frequently Slow Bob. Mary Townsend 1, Corinne Rule 2, Callum Crofton 3, Richard Offen 4, Adam Beer (C) 5, Cathy Waldon 6. 1st quarter in the methods. Frequently Slow Bob: 5.1.5.123.5.3.5.1.5.125. Offen Slow Bob: 5.1.5.3.5.123.5.1.5.125. Birthday compliment to Corinne Rule (for tomorrow); also sending love and hugs to Corrie Darling, who was first custodian of the Cygnet Ring in WA. Right: the band celebrating.



Bunbury St Patrick

19 Mar **1260 Grandsire Triples** Pat Lubbock 1, Tony Murray-Feist 2, Michael Collinson 3, Lloyd Cartwright 4, Richard Offen 5, Andrew Reynolds 6, Adam Beer (C) 7, Roger Lubbock 8. To celebrate the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop George Kolodziej SDS as the 5th Bishop of the Bunbury Catholic Diocese

Claremont Christ Church

20 Jan **1260 5 P/m/V Doubles** Sue Gillett 1, Callum Crofton 2, Mary Townsend 3, Ken Hodgkin 4, Richard Offen (C) 5, Peter McKerracher 6. By a Sunday service band, in celebration of the life of Kim Laurence, a faithful member of the congregation and dear friend of the band.

22 Mar **1260 Stedman Doubles** Richard Offen (C) 1, Roger Lubbock 2, Ian Harris 3, Lloyd Cartwright 4, Adam Beer 5, Vicki Greenhalgh 6. To show we can still do it!

Perth The Bell Tower (Swan Bells)

18 Jan **1260 Plain Bob Royal** Richard Offen 1, Jonathan Pawley 2, Ann Pawley 3, Andrew Reynolds 4, Caroline Pawley 5, Michael Collinson 6, Callum Crofton 7, Vicki Greenhalgh 8, Ian Harris (C) 9, Lloyd Cartwright 10. In memory of Cliff Izzard. First on 10 inside: 3.

22 Feb **1260 Plain Bob Royal** Richard Offen 1, Julie Taylor 2, Callum Crofton 3, Tony Murray Feist 4, Michael Collinson 5, Andrew Reynolds 6, Roger Lubbock 7, Vicki Greenhalgh 8, Ian Harris (C) 9, Lloyd Cartwright 10.



OBITUARIES

Alex Herrmann

3 July 1926 - 22 January 2025

Alex was born in Dimboola, and attended school both there, and in Horsham.

He learned to ring in the early 1950s when he was living in a boarding house in Bendigo. It was there he met and became friends with Warne Wilson who was a keen ringer at St Paul's, Bendigo. Alex regularly visited Ballarat with Warne and rang at both St Peter's and the Town Hall. In 1952 he moved to Ballarat to care for his widowed mother and sister. He became tower captain at both towers and was responsible for maintaining the bells and teaching many young ringers.

Bellboard records that Alex rang 12 quarter peals. His first in 1952 was Bob Minimus in hand at "Mrs Whally's Boarding House, Bendigo". Kenneth Minchinton acted as "door guard, to stop there being interruption". His last recorded quarter (and first on an "inside bell"), was at St George's, Perth, in 1984.

In the early 1960s Alex moved away to Warnambool, but maintained his connection with ringing with frequent visits to Melbourne and Ballarat. He was very proud to claim the record of 42 years, for the longest consecutive attendance at New Year's Eve ringing at the Ballarat Town Hall. His presence was always valued although in the latter years his frailty became a safety hazard the current ringers dealt with gracefully.

I remember Alex as a flamboyant character with great enthusiasm for life & living. He was a long term active St John's Ambulance member and among his other interests were leather carving, needlework, singing, theatrical design and lighting. He was always concerned to maintain tradition and to tread lightly on the earth. For example he abhorred waste and requested that there be no flowers at his funeral. He was a man of deep Christian faith, attracted to the high church Anglican tradition but equally at home in more informal church environments.

Alex was farewelled at St Peter's Ballarat with a Funeral Eucharist preceded by ringing. I was proud to be included in the ringing and to be a part of a service that reflected his life and values so clearly. We extend our sympathy to his extended family. *Mary Heyes (One of the young ringers Alex taught in the 1960s)*



Peter John Perry

22 December 1937 – 4 February 2025

Peter Perry was a long-time member of the band at Christchurch Cathedral. He was born in Sherborne, Dorset, within the sound of the Minster bells (the world's heaviest 8). In 1956 he learned to ring at Lillington, just outside Sherborne and soon also became a member of the Minster band. Peter went up to Clare College, Cambridge and following graduation took up a position as a lecturer at Newcastle University, continuing to be involved in ringing in a limited way over this time.

In 1966, Peter made the momentous decision to leave England and accepted a post as lecturer in the Geography Department at Canterbury University where he spent the rest of his working life. He immediately joined the Christchurch cathedral band. His ringing repertoire was Plain Bob, Grandsire & Stedman and he'd rung just one quarter peal; the next year he rang his first peal, Cambridge Surprise Minor on the front 6. Peter was an integral part of a golden period for ringing in Christchurch. By an amazing co-incidence Ron Johnston arrived in the city the year after Peter. Ron was also a Geographer, working in the same department at Canterbury University. With the writer also arriving in Christchurch in 1968, and some quality ringers in the existing band, the 1970s saw ringing reach advanced levels, with Surprise Royal being regularly rung on practice nights.

Peter was the kindest of people, always cheerful and friendly. He had a wicked sense of humour and liked nothing better than some gentle banter with the other ringers, all in good spirits of course. The leg-pulling was just about constant, but the classic one was when he took a six-month sabbatical and travelled to Corsica to study the demise of the horse chestnut industry in the 19th century – imagine what could be made of that!

Peter married Rachel-Mary, the daughter of George Armitage, another Christchurch ringer. The marriage took place in the cathedral, a privilege reserved for members of the cathedral community. They set up home in Lyttelton, Christchurch. Peter and Rachel-Mary have three children and six grandchildren.

Ringers came and went in Christchurch but Peter Perry was to be found steadfastly turning up for practice and service ringing right up to his retirement in 2001. Rachel-Mary relates that no alternative social arrangements would be entertained on practice nights. He was Ringing Master of the Christchurch Cathedral Society 1967-69 and again 1988-90 and was made a life member of the Society in 1992. He was a proud member of the College Youths. Peter rang 14 peals, 12 of them rung in Christchurch and one with the cathedral band in Dunedin.

After retirement Peter and Rachel-Mary moved back to Sherborne to take care of Peter's aging father and remained in England 7 years, returning to Wellington rather than back to Christchurch, to be closer to family. Peter joined the Wellington band and they also joined the Wellington cathedral congregation. Ill health meant he finally gave up ringing in 2021 after a ringing career spanning 67 years. Rest in peace Peter. *Peter Whitehead*



New Zealand

Oamaru (The Kowhai Mini-Ring)

28 Feb 1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor Michael Stone 1, Janet Grocott 2, Mary Sluter 3, Lindsay Trott 4, Derek Williams 5, Christopher Jarman (C) 6.
To celebrate the life of Peter Perry, a former ringer at Christchurch and Wellington New Zealand.

Eyrewell Forest, Rangiora (Karearea Bells)

8 Mar 1300 Doubles (2m/1v) Mike Clayton 1, Chris Oldham 2, Terry Spearing 3, Mandy Spearing 4, Mark Harris (C) 5, Karen Robinson 6. On the back 6. In memory of Peter Perry (1937-2025), long-time ringer at Christchurch Cathedral & May Harris (1932-2025), aunt of 5.

Wellington (Cathedral Church of St Paul)

8 Mar 1272 Norwich Surprise Minor Ruth Lightbourne 1, Isabella Scott 2, Gerald Mellhone 3, Christopher Jarman 4, Andrew Dicks 5, Dylan Thomas (C) 6.
Rung in memory of Peter Perry, ringer here from 2008 to 2021. First of surprise on tower bells - 2.

Papanui (St Paul)

9 Mar 1264 Plain Bob Major Nicky K Richards 1, Robert N Richards 2, Mary Sluter 3, Lindsay E Trott 4, A Peter Whitehead 5, Frank Sluter 6, Christian P Westrip 7, Ronald J Stevens (C) 8. Rung by a mixed Papanui-Christchurch Cathedral band to mark the death on 4 February of Peter Perry, a member of the Cathedral Society since 1966.



LOOKING BACK

With Elizabeth Bleby

75 years ago

From *THE RINGING TOWERS* (Vol.4 No 2 & 3)

March & April 1950 Editor: Bill Rowe

The Editorial looks back at the 1940s, which were heavily overshadowed by the War. The arrival of occasional ringers in the English Navy started some rejuvenation in change ringing in NSW. However now although there was high employment and good wages there was a severe shortage of housing. Papanui tower rang its first quarter peal and then the first peal of Minor rung in New Zealand. In South Australia there were hopes of getting the Town Hall bells in order again.



50 years ago

From *RINGING TOWERS* (Vol 29 No 2) May 1975

Editor: Jennifer Murphy

Rules were published for a Striking Competition: the ANZAB Interstate Shield to be competed for annually, preferably at the annual Festival. (To be held in Melbourne that year). The 100th quarter peal was rung at Turramurra. Adelaide City Council banned the use of the Town Hall bells, possibly because of the sway in the tower.

Burwood ringers made a weekend trip to Yass, and Tasmania reported that ringing there was at a low ebb, but that they were working to improve it. The bells had arrived for Dunedin but some girders had been lost in transit. The bells would be installed when the missing girders were found.

25 years ago

From *RINGING TOWERS* (Vol 54 No 2) April 2000

Editor: Diana Bleby-Williams

The Queen had been to visit and had seen the site of the new Swan Tower “which has taken 12 long years to come to fruition after a never-ending nightmare of frustration, political indecision and even today a sceptical public.”

At Papanui they rang “a special mini-peal” of 2000 changes at 11.00 a.m. on 1st January 2000. They believed it might be the first date peal rung in the new millennium anywhere in the world. The first peal rung at Wagga Wagga was dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the city.



10 years ago

From *RINGING TOWERS* (Vol 69 No 2)

Autumn 2015 Editor: Mike Toze

The bells at St Bartholomew’s, Burnley were being installed in time for ANZAC Day ringing. Major capital donations for these and the bells at Christchurch had been made from the generous bequest of Jennifer Murphy, which had also increased the possibilities of what ANZAB might be able to do.

The Secretary of ANZAB had been in the United Kingdom and reported that he felt the state of ringing in Australia was healthier than there. Bathurst ringers visited Orange and inspected the Peelers’ virtual belfry. In Hamilton the first peal on 8 by an all-local band was rung to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in New Zealand.



Elizabeth Bleby

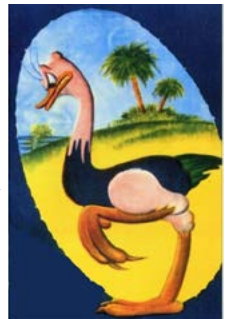
THAT’S ALL FOLKS

The four teams for the Sydney Challenge (see p9) all had a mascot: Esther’s Angry Emu, Roys’ Rampaging Roos, Thirza’s Tasmanian



Tigers and Brian’s Brawny Bandicoots. Watch Disney’s 1946 animation *Mikey Goes Downunder* at 3m30s to see Esther the Emu:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GbedOpX2SVg>



We were very aware of the controversy in WA about the St Martin’s bells and the construction of the Swan Tower - it almost became an election issue and we knew there was a lot of negative public feeling. The first time we visited Perth after the Tower was finished it was therefore very pleasing to have an excited taxi driver say proudly: “Have you seen our new bell tower?”

After service ringing: *I wondered who was clashing because I could only hear 5 bells, then I realised we were only ringing 5 bells!*

At St Paul’s: *The security guard got angry because we left the door unlocked, but then I went down to get Andrew Mills - and we got locked out! Brian had to throw the key out the window!*



With the treble ringer missing for the team photo after a recent Adelaide peal, he’s been Photoshopped in - just for this column (left). Did the 7 Surprise Minor methods for the family peal at All Saints, Parramatta seem an odd choice to you?

Primrose, Eastwood, Redcar, Rhyl, Ipswich, Norwich, Surfleet. Geddit?

ALL SAINTS, SINGLETON, NSW - FIRST PEAL IN THE TOWER



**Ancient Society of College Youths and
Australian and New Zealand Association
of Bellringers**

1557 SINGLETON, New South Wales All Saints

Wednesday, 5 March 2025 2h 59 (9–3–26 in G)

5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major

Comp. Simon Humphrey

1 Ronald E J Shepherd

2 Katharine J Firman

3 Esther M Perrins

4 Graham G Firman (C)

First peal in the tower.

5 Paul R Wotton

6 Hugh A Carwardine

7 William T Perrins

8 James W Perrins

Above: The peal band, 1-8, clockwise from front right.

Agenda for the 2025 ANZAB Ltd AGM

To be held at the St Saviour's Hall, Goulburn, on Friday 25 April at 11am AEST

Please note that proxies must be submitted in writing to the Secretary before the start of the AGM.

- 1. Opening and welcome**
- 2. Members present, apologies and proxies**
- 3. Membership**
 - 3.1 Tribute to departed members
 - 3.2 New life members
 - 3.3 Current membership lists
 - 3.4 Honour Roll
 - 3.5 New members
- 4. Confirmation of 2024 minutes and Reports for 2024**
 - 4.1 Confirmation of minutes from the 2024 AGM
 - 4.2 Board of Directors and Funds Committee Report
 - 4.3 Treasurer's Report
 - 4.4 Webmasters' Report
 - 4.5 Librarian's Report
 - 4.6 Peal Secretary's Report
 - 4.7 Ringing Towers Editor's Report
 - 4.8 Advisory Panel Coordinator's Report
 - 4.9 Ringing Development Coordinators' Report
 - 4.10 CCCBR Representatives' Report
- 5. Matters arising**
 - 5.1 Future festivals
 - 5.2 ANZAB library
 - 5.3 Young ringers' association
- 6. Business under notice**
 - 6.1 Proposed Finance Charter changes
 - 6.2 Membership fees
 - 6.3 Peal fees
- 7. Election of Officers**
 - President, Treasurer
 - Directors
 - Motion to recommend appointment of Secretary
 - Auditor
 - Other officers
- 8. Any other business**
- 9. Close and thanks**