

St Anne's Bindoon



The Hufner organ in Geraldton Presentation Convent
Photo: Bruce Duncan

Following service at the Presentation Convent, Geraldton, for more than 30 years the 3 rank extension organ built by Paul Hufner in 1976 was moved into storage in 2008 to Lower Chittering awaiting a new home.

Finally, after more than 10 years in a forlorn state, the organ has been cleaned up and returned to its former glory, installed in the rear gallery of St. Anne's Roman Catholic church, Bindoon. This church, consecrated in 2005, is of local stone and sits comfortably in its surrounds 3kms north of Bindoon where a congregation of worshippers now

enjoy the organ's confident and forthright voice to accompany hymns and provide meaningful music before, during and after regular masses.

Sadly, the organ was not stored so carefully as to avoid damage to the soft metal pipes (see before pictures below and restored pipes on the next page).

The wood pipes fared better, and all pipes were resurrected from the dust and dirt. (A legacy of more than 10 years in storage in a large shed.)

Pipe Organs W.A. was asked to carry out the installation earlier this year and its new home is as felicitous as one could hope for, with all components blending in to the architectural décor of the church. POWA built a new rear wall,



side wall and roof to the chamber as it originally nestled into the bricked corner in the Presentation Convent chapel in Geraldton. The organ now is in pride of place, freestanding and centrally located in the gallery with the console at 90 degrees to the left as the viewer looks to the gallery.



All original switching arrangements were retained, with all open contacts cleaned, all chest magnets cleaned and electrically verified. Original cabling was reused as during the dismantling in Geraldton, the wiring was



carefully unsoldered from the bus-bars which (mercifully) allowed fairly easy re-installation in the correct order.

Following installation, the pipes were voiced by G Devenish and T Nowak to suit its new home and each rank speaks with clarity and definition.

The organ built in 1976 is fairly typical of Paul Hufner's small extension organs with 3 ranks of pipes controlled by 14 rocker tabs above the single 61 note keyboard. The whole chamber (except 13 wood pipes) is enclosed with a central balanced swell pedal above the 30-note concave radiating pedalboard.

It is expected that this organ will continue to give reliable musical service for decades to come and meanwhile, visitors to the church will find it open every day from 6.30am. It provides a pleasant stop on a sojourn up the Great Northern Highway.

Graham Devenish

Disposition: of the organ in St Anne's Church

Pedal

Bourdon	16'	A
Bass Flute	8'	A
Choral Bass	4'	C
Fifteenth	2' (sic)	B

Manual

Diapason	8'	B
	(Bass 8ve from A)	
Lieblich Gedacht	8'	A
Octave	4'	B
Lieblich Flute	4'	A
Gamba	4'	C
Gamba	2'	C
Piccolo	2'	A
Nazard Flute	2 2/3'	A
Larigot	1 3/5'	A
Octavin	1'	C

3 Ranks, 231 pipes,
14 speaking tabs
Electric action,
No coupler,
Balanced Swell pedal,
61 note single manual,
30 note pedals

Jarrah cabinet work to chamber and separate console, lockable roll top to console.



