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BRIDPORT MUSIC SOCIETY COLLECTION

Musical Events and Activities, Bridport

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INTRODUCTION

The Bridport Music Society was formed at a meeting held at Bridport on 7 January 1972. The aims of the Society were:

- to promote the performance of music in Bridport, especially during the summer holidays, with the aim of establishing an annual Tasmanian summer music festival in the town,
- to provide through the year a series of recorded music recitals, lectures and discussions on matters of musical interest,
- to undertake any other project of an artistic nature the committee may consider desirable,
- if considered desirable, to establish under the auspices of the Society, a branch of the Arts Council of Australia or to co-operate with neighbouring branches of this or similar bodies concerned with the financial support of artistic activities in Australia.

Membership was to be by invitation of the committee.

Shortly after the Society's formation an organ recital was held on 21 January 1972, followed by a recital by the Lyrian String Quartet on 29 January.

Monthly meetings with recorded music were held in members' homes, recitals and concerts by visiting musical groups were organised and where possible arrangements were made for members to attend live concerts in Scottsdale and Launceston.

The minutes of the 4 February 1972 meeting recorded that there were 50 financial members. At this meeting it was decided to apply for affiliation with the Scottsdale Branch of the Arts Council of Australia. By 1977 there were 34 members with an average attendance of 20 at meetings. The 100th meeting of the Society was held in October 1980. In 1986 membership stood at 15. The programs of recorded music played at meetings are a feature of the records.

Regular meetings were held at the homes of members until February 1998, when a discussion was held on the desirability of a less formal organisation and it was decided that the Bridport Music Society be wound up and reformed as the Bridport Music Group.

The collection was donated to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in October 2005.

1. Legal Records

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| 1/1 | Constitution, in minute book, 1972-1974 | 1972 |
| 1/2 | Alteration to Constitution made at extraordinary meeting, 7/4/1972, in minute book, 1972-1974 | 1972 |

2. Minutes of Meetings

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| 2/1 | Minute book of meetings, 7/1/1972-3/11/1974 (includes <i>Examiner</i> cuttings, 12/1/1972, 2/2/1972, <i>North East News</i> 3/2/1972) | 1972-1974 |
| 2/2 | Minute book of meetings, 6/12/1974-7/7/1978 | 1974-1978 |
| 2/3 | Minute book of meetings, 4/8/1978-7/5/1982 | 1978-1982 |
| 2/4 | Minute book of meetings, 6/8/1982-4/4/1996 | 1982-1996 |
| 2/5 | Minute book of meetings, 3/5/1996-6/2/1998 | 1996-1998 |

3. Correspondence

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| 3/1 | Correspondence | 1972-1997,
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4. Programs

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| 4/1 | Programs of music presented in members' homes, 1974-1984, 1986-1997 (some earlier programs are in the 1972-74 minute book) | 1974-1997 |
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5. Miscellaneous Items

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| 5/1 | The John Argyle Singers (concert at QVMAG) | 1977 |
| 5/2 | Launceston Male Choir (annual concert, Launceston Matriculation College) | 1977 |
| 5/3 | Kepler Ensemble (Bridport) | 1990 |
| 5/4 | Tasmanian Symphony Chamber Players (Scottsdale) | 1990 |
| 5/5 | Scottsdale Arts Council (Shang Quan in concert) | 1991 |
| 5/6 | Scottsdale Arts Council ('A musical delight') | 1994 |
| 5/7 | Scottsdale Arts Council ('Tunari: music of the Andes') | [1995] |
| 5/8 | The Devas Easter Tour (Bridport) | 1997 |
| 5/9 | Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Society ('An evening of fine music', Country Club Casino) | 1997 |