

**Making a Tax-Deductible Donation**  
**to**  
**St Peter's Eastern Hill**  
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## **INFORMATION ABOUT DONATING TO ST PETER'S**

Donations to churches such as St Peter's Eastern Hill are always welcome since we rely on the generosity of our parishioners and supporters for our survival. For many people, the possibility of tax deductibility is a significant factor in any decision they make about where they will donate, and how much they might give, particularly for larger donations. This brochure has been prepared to explain the ways in which a person can choose to make a tax-deductible donation to St Peter's.

The government recognizes that some charitable functions are worthy of tax-payer support via tax deductibility. For example, programs to help the needy, programs designed to maintain the nation's cultural and historical heritage, and programs in the arts, can be eligible for such support. At St Peter's, we have access to three such programs:

- The St Peter's Charitable Foundation;
- The National Trust of Victoria; and
- The Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organization, Inc.

### **St Peter's Eastern Hill Melbourne Charitable Foundation**

This Foundation was established in 1999 to support the activities of St Peter's Church of the City of Melbourne, in so far as they relate to the benefit and support of people in necessitous circumstances and the restoration and maintenance of the buildings used for the benefit of persons in such circumstances.

The Foundation therefore helps further the charitable work of St Peter's among those in need in the district. In particular, as an inner city parish, St Peter's recognizes a particular ministry among the homeless and unemployed of the inner suburbs of Melbourne. In partnership with Anglicare Victoria, the Foundation runs a breakfast program for the homeless and other people in need, and funds a part-time chaplain who ministers to those who attend this program. The Foundation is also involved in other initiatives which support people in need, and can assist St Peter's directly by contributing to the maintenance and upkeep of those parts of the church precinct that are regularly used by clients of the breakfast program.

Tax-deductible donations to the Foundation can be made at any time by contacting the St Peter's Parish Office at 15 Gisborne Street, or by speaking to the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens. Direct payment by EFT can be made to the Foundation bank account at Westpac: BSB: 033 009, A/c No: 505 321. Please write your

name in the payer's instructions, and contact the parish office to give your details for the provision of a donation receipt for taxation purposes. The Foundation has established a website so that credit card donations can be made on-line.

See <http://spehcf.com.au/donations>

## **The National Trust of Victoria**

The National Trust recognizes that the church and other buildings of the St Peter's precinct have national heritage value so the National Trust runs a tax-deductible building fund for the church. St Peter's is the oldest parish church in Melbourne that is still on its original site. Work to construct the church began in 1846 when the colony of Melbourne on the banks of the Yarra river was in its infancy. The buildings on the site have great historical and architectural significance but, given their age, these heritage buildings are expensive to maintain.

The building fund run through the National Trust has a specific charter to provide for expenditure “on the interior or exterior of the buildings within the St Peter's precinct, on such musical instruments or art statues paintings memorials bells and other things as constitute fixtures fittings or appurtenances of such buildings and on the gardens fences and other surroundings of such buildings when and where and so often as need shall be.” What this rather legalistic wording amounts to is that tax-deductible donations to the building fund can be used to pay for much of the maintenance work required by the parish.

Donations to this building fund can be made through the parish office, or by sending a cheque directly to:

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)  
Tasma Terrace, 4 Parliament Place,  
East Melbourne, Victoria 3002

Cheques should be made payable to 'The National Trust (Vic) – External Appeals Account', with additional notation on the back of the cheque stipulating the *St Peter's Eastern Hill Building Fund*. Make sure you also provide your contact details for the sending of a receipt. Donations can also be made by EFT using the following details of the Trust's Westpac bank account: BSB: 033 000, A/c No: 937 419. The National Trust deducts a 4% administration fee from all donations to this building fund.

## **The Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation**

At St Peter's, music has long been a central element of our Anglo-Catholic tradition of worship. Canon Handfield introduced a surpliced choir in 1862, even though this was contrary to the preferred tradition of the then Bishop, The Rt Rev'd Charles Perry. However, in 1865 Bishop Perry eventually reached a compromise with Handfield when he declared a limited number of churches – including St Peter's – to be, in the words of the rubric, 'places where they sing'. A paid organist, paid choristers and a music director have been a feature of the liturgical tradition at St Peter's ever since.

The maintenance of this tradition of fine musical performance in worship is, however, expensive, and donations from those who wish to help in maintaining the highest standard of music at St Peter's are always welcome.

The Diocese of Melbourne has become more liberal in its attitude to music and choirs in churches since Bishop Perry's time. The Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organization was established in 2005 with tax exempt status in order to accept tax-deductible donations for music programs in churches of the Melbourne diocese. The choir and music at St Peter's are an approved cultural project under the terms of this organisation.

Donations to this music fund can be made through the parish office, or by sending a cheque directly to:

The Secretary, The Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Inc.,  
The Anglican Centre, 209 Flinders Lane  
Melbourne, Victoria 3000

Cheques should be made payable to 'The Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation Gift Fund', with additional notation on the back of the cheque stipulating that the donation is for *St Peter's Eastern Hill Choir and Music*. Make sure you also provide your contact details for the sending of a receipt. The Anglican Centre may deduct a small administration fee from such donations.