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Dear Members

Spring has started in Melbourne, the days get longer and sunnier and that improves our happiness and health.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on the 12th October as planned. It was well planned and organized by our office and the committee members, so it went well. All members of the committee were reelected.

Now we can concentrate on our new tasks.

On Thursday, 1st December, our Christkindl Market will take place in the Lower Town Hall in Swanston St Melbourne.

Christmas cookies have been ordered in Germany, you will be able to buy Christmas decoration and Christmas gifts, and we offer a light lunch or coffee and cake.

As in other years, we hope, the event will become a get-together of the German community and our Australian friends who are interested in our Christmas customs.

So, please, put the date into your diary.

The Christmas get-together of our members and friends is planned for Thursday, the 15th December, in Club Tivoli. You are all cordially invited. We are working on an entertaining program, coffee and cake will be served and we will try to create a nice Christmas atmosphere.

Please, let the office know that you are coming; further details about the event can be found in our enclosed events calendar.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the different functions.

Best regards from

Linde Mohr

Rent or own? Modern energy-efficient house or stylish old building? Insight into housing and dream homes in Germany

A three-piece suite with a corner sofa and armchairs, preferred colours terracotta or eggshell white. A wall unit made of light coloured wood, a coffee table, a television set and a computer with internet access. Woodchip wallpaper on the walls, a dark blue velvet carpet on the floor, primroses, ivy or orchids on the window sill. According to a German advertising company that is what you will find in Germany's most typical living room.

In the English language the verb "to live" can mean both "to dwell" and "to be alive". German, on the other hand, makes a clear distinction between "wohnen" (dwell or reside) and "leben" (be alive or exist). The word "wohnen" has Old High German roots that originally meant "to stay" and "to be content", which is not totally wrong today in our context. "Wohnen" is understandably considered important in Germany. Germans spend the largest proportion of their monthly income on somewhere to live – a total of roughly 700 Euros on rent, maintenance and electricity and energy costs. However that is just the

average. Depending on the town, residential area and apartment or house size, the rent alone can be significantly higher or lower than that. In generally terms it can be said that you pay more for a place to live in southern Germany than in the north or east. Munich is one of the most expensive German cities. On the other hand living in the German capital is surprisingly cheap, especially when compared to other metro poles in Europe. On average, Berliners pay less than 5.50 Euros per square meter a month.

Many people consider renting the second best option. The desire to own property comes second in the ranking of material aspirations. It immediately follows owning a car. Yet the level of property ownership is rather low compared with other European countries. Less than half of all German households live in their own apartments or houses. The majority rent – but only rarely a complete house: 76% of tenants live in a building with more than three apartments.

On the other hand, the size of apartments has been steadily increasing since the 1960s.

Today's property seekers are increasingly interested in the energy consumption of houses and apartments – not only as a result of increased environmental awareness, but also for cost reasons. Since 2009 anyone who wants to buy or rent a property in Germany has a statutory right to see the Energy Performance Certificate, which documents the energy efficiency of an apartment or a building. However the trend is already clearly moving on-towards ecological housing. Young families in particular are drawn to these environmentally friendly settlements with low energy or plus- energy houses. Yet when it comes to Germans' dream homes, they tend to be much more adventurous. Due to a survey 25% dream of living on a cozy houseboat 21% would like to live in a secluded farmhouse.

That certainly does not sound very much like plush eggshell-white sofas and primroses

Linde Mohr

Broadband Kiosk for Seniors



Internet? Email? Broadband? Online? Please help!!!!
 Don't be afraid of computers! They can be so much fun with a little help of our tutors. Just try it out and come to the office on
Wednesdays at 1pm - in our office in 24 Albert Road
 For questions and alternative arrangements contact 96960907.
 Feel free to bring your own laptop. This service is free of charge and computers are available any time during office hours.

Statistic Social Work – September 2011

Pension	
Financial Aid	
TTHA / MLH -	8
Age care in General	12
Language Problems	4
Friendly Visiting Service	24
Information	4
Isolation	-
Legal Issues	2
Health Issues	-
Family Issues	2
Others	-
Total	56
New cases	12
Clients visiting the office	6
Visits made by social worker	6
Presentations	-
Participants at Residents Meetings and Presentations	11

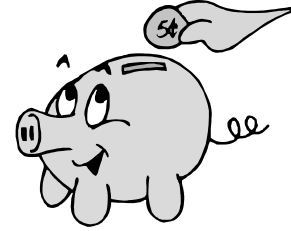
Our office was contacted 103 times and we had 36 visitors.

New Members:

We welcome cordially:

Mr F. Zimmermann

Donations



Thank you very much for your donations! Donations for the Tabulam and Templer Homes are marked with *. Please note that donations which have not yet been processed will appear in the next newsletter

Anonymous	75.00
Baitis Mr	20.00
Drohn, Mr R.	145.81
Eckberg Mr & Mrs	200.00
Eckberg Mr & Mrs	*200.00
Garsa Mr & Mrs	*5.00
Goetz Mr & Mrs	25.00
Hofmann Mr & Mrs H.&R.	*200.00
Lack Mrs	10.00
Michaelsen Mr & Mrs	15.00
Mix Mrs	15.00
Mix Mrs	*20.00
Schwall Mr & Mrs	15.00
Sicking Mrs	10.00
Sicking Mrs	*15.00
Stanojevic Mrs	*25.00
Taryan Mrs	20.00
Theile Mr	*35.00
Tormey Mrs	50.00
Waluga Mr & Mrs	20.00

Bereavement



Mr G. Niehuss
 Mrs C. Lumpreiks
 Mrs M. Wansky
 Mrs U. Marquardt
 Mrs A. Dimitriou

Calendar of Events

German Stammtisch - for youngsters and those young at heart

Please refer to our website
www.germanwelfare.org.au



QU-QU-meet up group - please come and chat!

Now twice a month!!

Tuesday, 8 & 22 November 2011

Where: AGWS Office
 When: 10.00am and 1.00pm

AGWS

Christmas Market

1 December 2011

9.30am - 3.00pm

Melbourne Lower Town

AGWS Christmas Party

Where: Club Tivoli
 When: 15 December, 2pm

For bookings please call 9696 0907

Contribution \$5.00

CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN AGED CARE EXPO

Melbourne Town Hall on Saturday 12 November from 12:00noon to 4:00pm

Learn about Aged Care Assessment, Residential Aged Care, Cost of Aged Care, Disability Services, Multiple Sclerosis Support, Palliative Care, Respite Services, Depression Support, Community Aged Care, Advocacy Services, Dementia Care, Independent & Retirement Living Carer Support, Continence Services from service providers and a range of exhibitors.

To book your FREE ticket visit www.culturaldiversity.com.au or telephone (03) 8823 7979.

TTHA Annual Weihnachtsmarkt

This year bigger and with more to do and see. TTHA is holding their annual Weihnachtsmarkt on a Sunday so everyone can join in.

**Sunday 20th November, 2011 from 10am
31 – 41 Elizabeth Street, Bayswater 3153**

There will be a lovely range of hand embroidered tablecloths, truly amazing handmade Christmas decorations and handicrafts, especially made by the **Templer Handcraft Group**. These lovingly prepared items are always very popular, beautiful to keep or make great presents. There will also be other stall holders offering gift ideas, such as chocolates, traditional German food, toys, make-up, cosmetics, Christmas cards and much more.

Karin Schwarz

Activities Coordinator TTHA, Tel. 8720 1303

Temple Society Australia Bentleigh Advent Celebration

Community members of the Temple Society Australia invite you to attend our traditional 'German Advent Celebration'. This will be held in the Temple Society Hall, 152 Tucker Road Bentleigh on **Sunday 4th December** commencing at 2.30pm. The afternoon includes singing Christmas Carols, performances by our Ladies' Choir, stories and poems in both German and English. Coffee and cake will be served and gifts will be available for purchase from the bazaar at the conclusion of formalities.

Admission is free but we do ask that attendees please bring a cake, biscuits or similar to share on the day. For more information ring Marianne Herrmann 9557 6713 (BH) or 0407 271 764.

It is never too late....

to let yourself be happy

Be sad when you must.

Grieve when you must.

But don't be sad just because others expect it of you.

Take charge of your own happiness.

We are all entitled to be happy.

seek light instead of shadow.

Treasure your happiness.

Share it.

Dear Friends,

We returned from our caravanning holiday to blustery rainy Melbourne weather but hopefully the sunny spring will show through soon. I thank Mr. Hubert Kirchmann (Vice President) for deputizing during my absence. Our Home is as always a hive of activity and the new signage with our TTHA emblem over the entrance looks good.

We presently have full occupancy with 33% -38 TSA and 67% - 80 AGWS, however we have no waiting list at the moment and anyone interested in coming to our Home should contact either the TSA or AGWS care worker or our CEO at the Home. The Home had another unannounced routine audit visit from the government department on 14th October and we passed all the points which were examined. Our consultants, Como Parade are continuing with the review into all areas of our Homes operation and improvements to our ACFI (Aged care funding instrument) are already evident in the budget.

The three new units being built at 38 Elizabeth Street are progressing well. We have two independent living units being renovated and available soon. Any interested parties should contact our CEO.

The Home is working on a huge "Weihnachtsfest" to take place in the Homes carpark on November 20. It will feature 15 stalls ranging from arts and crafts to cakes and German sausages. We will cater for all ages with entertainment for children which will include an animal farm, face painting and a children's "Bastel gruppe". Cakes donated for sale will be very welcome but please remember that each cake must have an ingredients label. We have four resignations from our COM. being Mr. Hubert Kirchmann, Mr. Mat Kirchmann and Mrs. Susan Wood from the AGWS and Dr Irene Bouzo from the TSA. I sincerely thank them for their valuable contribution and since I will be stepping down from the COM Presidency this month I want to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the Board for their support over the years. Best wishes, Hardy Weller



A German-speaking volunteer is needed for visiting an elderly lady in Nursing Home located in Noble Park for providing her companionship/friendship. For further information please contact Nadiya, Lifestyle Program Manager, on 90117295 or email nstorojenko@freemasons.net.au

BBQ Baby Webber with lid, collapsable stand, full gas bottle, extra plate, only used twice, all tools included. Price negotiable.

Personalised numberplate M.Benz for sale. Price negotiable. Bayswater
Ph: 9738 135

Quist`s Danish Coffee Shops: 318 Little Collins St (Hub Arcade), phone 9650 2607, and 166 Little Collins St, Melbourne, phone 9650 1530.

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Short Rentals: Homestay Rooms for \$50 a day including breakfast with separate bathroom and toilet. Permanent Rentals: Small holiday flats from \$150 per week including furniture, overheads, power etc. - Contact Hans & Hortense Schoen under 0402 991 301 or 07 38895100 to discuss your particular needs and further options in regard to German-speaking accommodation. Email: hobartbeachfront@gmail.com

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Newsletter

Would you like to publish something in the next newsletter? If so, we would be delighted. The copy deadline for our December Newsletter is Wednesday , **16th November 2011.**