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## Newsletter

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### **Dear members**

Dear Members

On Friday, the 7th May, we celebrated our 56th Gala Dinner in the prestigious rooms of the Athenaeum Club. With 122 guests on board it was a great success. Thanks again to Hans and Petra Henkell for their support and for their assistance in finding the right entertainment for the night. Dr David Kram, one of the directors of 'More than Opera' accompanied Stephanie Gooch, soprano, and Adrian Tamburini, bass, on the piano.

Some of you might know that "More than Opera" has every year a singer competition and the winner of this competition will then go to Germany for a year and perform at the Wiesbadener Staatstheater. Stephanie Gooch was last year's winner. This evening was also her farewell and soon she is leaving for Germany and Mr. Adrian Tamburini was also a finalist of the competition. During the evening we also enjoyed entertaining speeches by Mr Cheng Tan, our patron and Dr Walter Uhlenbruch, our honorary Life President. We greatly enjoyed the food, we had a raffle and a silent auction. Far too soon the time was over and we had to close the evening. Many guests went home with the prizes they had won or some great bargains in our silent auction. I am sure the evening helped to improve our financial situation. Thanks again to all those companies and private sponsors and to our staff of the AGWS who helped to make this evening possible. All the companies which assisted us will be mentioned on page 3.

In the month of May we had another beautiful celebration at German Club Tivoli – The Mother's Day Celebration, which was a joyful afternoon – not only for mothers. But the ladies got a special treat on the day and were welcomed with a little bunch of flowers and were entertained by some nice poems, songs and speeches. The absolute highlight was the contribution of around 15 kids from the German speaking school, "Spatzenschule" who

sang and performed some very cute poems. We would like to thank all the contributors, like the kids of Spatzenschule, Mrs. Licen, our piano player, Mr. Udvenja on the accordeon as well as Sister Elisabeth and Mr. Achilles, Mrs. Hughes who handpicked the flowers from her garden and, of course all the kind donators of the raffle prizes.

For the month of June we have planned an excursion to the beautiful Cuckoo Restaurant in Olinda. We start with the bus at the Arts Center and we will stop in Glen Waverly and Bayswater (TTHA) to pick up people from the area that do not want to travel into the city centre. Please book in our office Tel. 96960907 and tell us where you want to be picked up and dropped off. The excursion fee is 50.00 AUD and it includes the gourmet – buffet!.

Furthermore we would like you to write down the 13. and 14. July in your calender as we will have our famous German book market in our offices. If you would like to contribute some German books – highly appreciated!

Well, please enjoy those cool but beautiful autumn days,  
Yours truly, Linde Mohr

### **Did you know.....????**

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Did you know that...

In the 200 or so years since European settlement in Australia at least 76 plant species have become extinct and more than 300 others are currently at serious risk in the short term. Among bird species alone, a recent report on climate change has estimated that up to 74 per cent of north- eastern Australia's rainforest birds are now threatened.

It has now also been estimated that 90 per cent of Australia's native vegetation in the eastern temperate region of the country, and one-third of all Australia's forests and woodlands, have been removed by human habitation and activity. And it is not only Australia's birds, flowers and trees that are disappearing. Of the original 144 known species of native marsupials, ten are now gone, and of the original 53 native species of rodents, eight are now extinct. A total of 23 native Australian mammals have disappeared from the earth in the past 200 years and, according to the Red List of the Threatened Species of the World Conservation Union, more mammals and birds are threatened in Australia, one of the highest counts in the world.

Western Australia, which adopted the motto 'The Wildflower State', and where the famous painter Ellis Rowan painted some of her best pictures in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is now the hardest hit area, containing almost 46 per cent of all known rare or threatened wildflower species. It is closely followed by her other favourite painting spot, Queensland.

The question is what can be done to stop the disappearing of animals and plants?

Is it the change of climate or our life style – probably a bit of both?

Scientists are still working on finding a solution but it won't be easy.

Regards from Linde Mohr

**Mrs Thomas  
Mr. & Mrs Drobbe**

Welcome to the Society!

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### **Renewal of Membership 2010/2011**

As we are close to the end of the financial year we would like to remind you to renew your membership for 2010/2011. You can pay your membership fee by cash, cheque or with your credit card (Mastercard and Visa). Just give us a call and pay by phone with your credit-card.

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### **Quote of the month**

An advantage of cleverness is the ability to pretend you are stupid.  
It is much more difficult the other way around.  
(Kurt Tucholsky)

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### **Galadinner**

We would like to thank the private donors and the companies that supported our function.

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## 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 been processed yet will appear in the next newsletter

Lafrenz Mrs.	25.00	Oechsle Mr. & Mrs.	*50.00
Westwood Mr. & Mrs. (Gala Dinner)	100.00	Nehring Mr.	500.00
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Ott Mr. & Mrs.	75.00	Martinow Mrs.	*40.00
Heymig Mrs.	75.00	Klaubert Mrs.	40.00
Anonym	5.00	Klaubert Mrs.	*20.00
Schueler Mrs.	*10.00	Kemper Mr. & Mrs.	60.00
Sigge Mr. & Mrs.	75.00	Misselhorn Mr. & Mrs.	100.00
Rabiger Mr. & Mrs.	*25	Kosik Mrs.	*15.00
Oechsle Mr. & Mrs.	50.00	Kosik Mrs.	10.00

## Bereavement



We express our sympathy to relatives and friends

**Mrs. Maimo Wegecsanyi**

## Social Worker's Report March 2010

Pension	8	New cases	10
Financial Aid	2	Known cases	91
TTHA & MLH	62	Visits made by social worker	5
Age Care in General	17	Visits from members/clients	20
Language Problems	0	Volunteers assistance	150
Information	109	RRM's	35
Family related problems	2		
Immigration	0		
Legal issues	0		
Health issues	0		
Isolation	0		
Other	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>		

## **German Stammtisch - for younsters and those young at heart**

**Saturday, 29. May 2010**

Where: „Milanos“ 4 The Esplanade, Brighton – bring your kids, they'll love it !!!  
 When: 7.00 pm

## **QU-QU-meet up group - come and chat!**

**Tuesday, 08. June 2010**

Where: AGWS Office  
 When: just come between 10.00am and 12.00pm

## **Excursion to Cuckoo-Restaurant in Olinda with a lovely German buffet**

**Thursday, 17. June 2010**

Meeting point: Arts Centre, St. Kilda Road – we also stop in Glen Waverly and in Bayswater, please let us know where you want to be picked up.  
 Time: 9.45am to 5.00pm  
 Cost: 50.00 \$  
 Booking is essential: Tel.: 96960907

## **German Bookbasar - please mark your diary for July...**

**Tuesday & Wednesday, 13. - 14. July**

where: AGWS Office, 24 Albert Road, South Melbourne  
 when: 10.00am – 3.00pm

### **Invitation**

to our **FREE HOME SAFE SEMINAR SERIES** and morning tea

Are you over 55 years and living independently in the community? Please join us for the second Home Safe Seminar for 2010

Safety in the community

Presented by Senior Constable Audrey Jones of the Victoria Police. Issues such as banking, door-to-door salespeople and collectors, email scams, neighbourhood watch and generally being aware of your safety in the community will be discussed.

**Date: Friday 11 June, 2010**

**Time: 9.45am for 10am start until 12 noon**

**Place: Temple Society Australia, Community Hall (next to the white building), 51 Elizabeth St, Bayswater, VIC, 3153 (parking available)**

RSVP (for catering purposes): Martina Eaton, Community Care Worker on 0433 335 815 or email [careworker@templesociety.org.au](mailto:careworker@templesociety.org.au)

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## **Deutsche Schule Melbourne – OPEN DAYS**

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### **Open days**

The vision for children at DSM is to live and learn two cultures. The school caters for any families interested in providing their children with the opportunity to learn a second language as one of their mother tongues. Children joining the school are not expected to speak German. The program is tailored to assist all children in the acquisition of both the German and English languages.

**Open Days: 10.00am – 12.00pm: on 24. July, 14. August and 15. September 2010**

### **Unveiling of PASCH-plaque**

Students, teachers and parents of Deutsche Schule Melbourne had good cause to celebrate last month. On April 29th the German General Consul Dr. Anne-Marie Schleich together with Florian Dehne (Chair of the School Board) unveiled the PASCH plaque which marks the partnership of the Deutsche Schule with the German Federal Government.

The visit by General Consul Dr. Schleich was in the context of gaining accreditation as a German International School by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany in the framework of the partner school initiative (Partnerschulinitiative (PASCH)) of the German Foreign Office. Through this accreditation, DSM has not only the ability to establish stronger links to similar German International Schools in the region and participate in joint training initiatives, but also receive support in the form of advice, personnel and financial resources. This is an important step in the development of our young school and we are deeply grateful to the German Government for its support.

After speeches by our Chair Florian Dehne and Dr. Schleich, the students performed some welcoming songs and dance which was followed by 'Kaffee und Kuchen'.

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## **Tabulam and Templer Homes for the Aged**

Dear Friends,

Once again we are almost half way through the year, winter has arrived and its time to bring the warmer clothing out of the cupboard. Last month I reported on an internal survey of residents regarding numerous aspects on living in our Home which was conducted by our own quality manager and resulted in a very satisfactory outcome. On May 4th the Home received an unannounced support visit of two assessors of the standards and accreditation agency limited to conduct an audit with particular focus on resident satisfaction and staff performance. The assessors carried out an extensive tour of the facility and interviewed twenty-five residents. The result of the interviews was generally good about the care and services they received at TTHA. Overall the assessors were very positive about TTHA with only a minor detail raised. No non conformance issues were found. Our full re-accreditation is due this year. The desk audit will be done in the next few months and we expect the site audit in late August or early September. The Home aims for compliance in all 44 outcomes on the 4 standards. Fee for this accreditation is \$14,764.

Many of you may know that from time to time the Home has hosted young physiotherapy interns who have completed their study overseas. One of our interns Teresa Spix did her BA in physiotherapy at the University in Heerlen/Netherlands. Her professor/tutor visited TTHA in February 2010 and our CEO has made an agreement with him that TTHA will be one of the overseas training facilities for Uni Heerlen and take two physiotherapists on a regular basis each year. These interns are fully trained and are functional from their first day. They will add valuable support for our physiotherapy team at TTHA and can also carry out special projects. The condition for the young interns at TTHA is the same as our Zivis. This scheme will be another milestone for TTHA as one of the leading aged care facilities in Australia.

I must make a correction to last months report re "The Haven" land. Council has advised that the proposed sale has to go through their budget process before a change to the rezoning can begin.

On Tuesday June 1st Moores Shoes will be in our foyer again and this would be a good opportunity to update the footwear. On 18th June we will showcase our budding performers on "TTHA has Talent".

On Saturday 19th June the childrens lantern parade from the "Sonnwendfeier" in the TSA hall will make a short visit to TTHA.

The Home is also in the process of transforming a current storage room and revamping it into a "mens shed, the time honoured blokes sanctuary. Further details of this endeavour can be found elsewhere in the Templer Record.

Our next residents/relatives meeting will be held on 21st June, 2010.

Kind Regards, H. Weller

## **Temple Society Sonnwendfeier**

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This years Winter Solstice celebration - Sonnwendfeier - will be held on Saturday 19th June in the Temple Society Hall 51 Elizabeth Street Bayswater.

A delicious selection of barbequed meat and salads, hot dogs, Glühwein, fruit juice and soft drinks - please BYO any other drinks - will be available for a reasonable price. Tea and coffee will be available free of charge, and we are asking families to bring a cake or slice to share for later in the evening, while we listen to our wonderful Brass Ensemble play some lively music!

There will be a bonfire, the traditional lantern parade, glow stick products for sale and damper making. We only have a limited number of lanterns for hire, so everyone is encouraged to BYO, but you can hire a lantern for a \$2 donation, the proceeds of which will go towards replenishing the supply of lanterns.

### Important Times:

- 5:00 pm - meals available for purchase
- 5.30 pm - TTHA lantern parade
- 5:45 pm - lighting of bonfire, assemble for parade
- 6.00 pm - lantern parade
- 7:00 pm - coffee and cake available

Everyone is welcome. So rug up, bring your lantern and good humor, and join us for a fun family evening - no matter what the weather is like! For further information please ring Susi on 9764 2575(ah) or Karin Schwarz at TTHA (8720 1333) for more information about the TTHA lantern parade.

Marianne Herrmann, TSA Office

**Second Generation Germans  
in Melbourne**

I am looking for people to be interviewed

I am seeking volunteers to participate in a thesis project about people who come from a second generation German background and who can tell me how they think about their identity. I am looking for men and women who are second generation German (one or both parent/s is/are born in Germany) and are between the ages of 18 and 60, who were born in or came before the age of five years to Australia and are currently living in Melbourne. People's anonymity will be protected.

Volunteers will be interviewed on one or two occasions, for approximately 1-2 hours each. The interview location will be determined according to the interviewee's preference.

If you are interested and would like more information on this project, please contact Cathrin Vesna Bernhardt by Email:

cvbernhardt@students.latrobe.edu.au , or by phone +61 3 9479 3358 (work) or 04 1959 4105 (mobile). If I am not at my phone, please leave your name and a contact number and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Investigators: Dr Alberto Gomes, Anthropology Program, School of Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Bundoora; Cathrin Vesna Bernhardt, PhD candidate, Anthropology Program , School of Social Sciences, La Trobe University, Bundoora.

## **Announcements / Advertisements**

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### **ADEX CONSULTING PTY LTD**

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**German speaking volunteer** for the Chelsea area to befriend a German lady in an Aged Care Facility. The resident wishes to have the chance to speak in her own language and to reminisce about her homeland. The volunteer would have to be willing to have a police check done and to commit to at least an hour a week or fortnight to visit the facility. Those interested please phone 0420 982 816 or 0420 973 956 to arrange an appointment".

German Sausages & delicatessen at **WAGNERS FINE FOODS**. Direct Factory Sale on Fridays between 11.00am - 4.00pm; Saturdays 9.00am - 1.00pm, 12 Elm Park Drive,

Hoppers Crossing 3029. Visit our website and order online: [www.wagnersfinefoods.com.au](http://www.wagnersfinefoods.com.au) or call Tel. (03) 87421119.

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

### **HENKELL VINEYARDS**

Please try the red and white wines from our complete range. Enjoy a full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon, a Pinot Noir or a Shiraz. Among the white wines you have the choice between a fruity Chardonnay and a fresh Sauvignon Blanc.

On Request, we will deliver our wines to your home. We look forward to your order.

An order form is available from our website

[www.henkellvineyards.com.au](http://www.henkellvineyards.com.au)

You can also contact us by phone, fax or via email. Our office hours are Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 5.00 pm, PO Box 2160, Fitzroy, VIC 3065, Phone: (03) 9417 4144 Fax: (03) 9419 8873, email: [sales@henkellvineyards.com.au](mailto:sales@henkellvineyards.com.au)

### **TTHA Café now open on Sundays**

The TTHA café will now be open every Sunday from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. This is a great opportunity for friends and relatives to come and visit our residents and enjoy a beautiful café surrounding whilst sampling yummy home-made German cakes, Pretzels and enjoying a cuppa. If you would like to make a reservation- please do so via reception during business hours Monday - Friday 8720 1333 or [ttha@ttha.org.au](mailto:ttha@ttha.org.au)

Otherwise just turn up on the day!

TTHA (Tabulam and Templer Homes for the Aged) in Elizabeth St Bayswater is currently looking to fill 2 part-time "**Food and Domestic Service Assistant**" positions in the kitchen. The shifts are 6:30am - 2:30pm and 2:30pm - 7:00pm.

The ideal candidate should already have a Food Handlers Certificate and a current police check.

Conditions are excellent and family friendly.

Please forward resumes to Krista Koumas via email: [krista.koumas@ttha.org.au](mailto:krista.koumas@ttha.org.au)

Beautiful, elegant fur-porc-velours jacket, size 38/40 with real fur-collar, in excellent condition, for sale. Call 95556563

### **Live on the beach?**

Tasmania, right on the beach, surrounded by nature, in Roches Beach near Acton Park, 15km from Hobart, Bus Stop.

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](mailto:hobartbeachfront@gmail.com)

### **Newsletter**

Would you like to publish something in the next newsletter? If so, we would be delighted. The copy deadline for our June Newsletter is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

