



German Australian Association of Tasmania

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019 - NOVEMBER 2019



German Australian Association of Tasmania Inc.

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NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

Please address all newsletter issues, suggestions & requests by email to germanclubtas@outlook.com or by ringing Laura on 0448 007 751.

If someone you know didn't get their newsletter, they are probably not financial. They still have the opportunity to pay their membership and receive the next newsletter in December.

THANK YOU

The committee and members would like to thank the Hand Craft Group for their recent generous \$300 donation.

It is the donations of time, money, expertise and support that keep this club running. Without the generosity of our members, we'd be a much less vibrant club.

MOVIE AFTERNOONS



Saturday 26th October 1:00pm

Lili Marleen (1980, color, sound, 120 minutes), directed by Rainer Werner Fassbinder, will be screening in the Club. Singer Willie Bunterberg becomes famous when her song is played to German soldiers on Radio Belgrade.

Saturday 30th November 1:00pm

Geboren in Absurdistan (1999, color, sound, 89 minutes), an Austrian film starring Karl Markovics, will be screening in the Club. Beamte Stefan Strohmayer accidentally takes home the wrong baby from a Viennese maternity ward.

Both films are in German with English subtitles. They have been hired from the National Film and Sound Archive.

Cost is \$5 and includes the movie followed by coffee and cake.

President's Report

To start with, I would like to thank everyone who voted for me at the AGM. I'm honoured by the confidence you have in me as president of our club for another year. I would also like to welcome our two new committee members Sandra and Karina, both of whom have served on the committee in the past. It's great to have both of you to help us run the club again.

I write this report on Sunday morning after our very successful Oktoberfest. We had some 120 members and their friends attend this function and everyone had a great time. We did have a bit of a challenge when quite a few guests appeared who had not booked but thanks to some quick thinking and re-arranging of tables and seats we managed to squeeze everyone in. A great big thank you to all of the hardworking volunteers who gave up their time on Friday afternoon and all day on Saturday to decorate the rooms, prepare and serve the food and drinks and then clean up afterwards!

Recently we were given the opportunity from Andrew Wilkie's, the federal member for Clark, office to apply for a grant from the Commonwealth Government's Stronger Communities Programme. We lodged our expression of interest with his office and I have had a phone call to advise us that we will be contacted by the responsible department to lodge our formal application. If we are successful, we will have to match the grant on a dollar for dollar basis. The purpose of the grant will be to replace the chairs in the club and if there is any money left, to purchase some new tables. We will know later this year if we have been successful. We would like to thank Mr Wilkie for giving our club this opportunity.

I look forward to seeing you in the club in the near future!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Thorsten

GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES



The German Choir will perform on the following dates: 7th of October at Rosary Gardens, 85 Creek Rd. Lenah Valley and 4th of November at Queen Victoria, 13 Milford St. Clarence.

If any of the German Club Members have family or a friend at the nursing homes, they are more than welcome to come and listen to the concerts.

The Choir would welcome more people who love singing German and Australian songs. Practice is the last Monday of each month at 15:30 at the Club.

Contact Renate Gehlhaar on 6272 2757 for further details.

Skat Players: The Skat Players meet every Friday at 18:00 and Sundays at 13:30. There are experienced and more serious players as well as those who simply enjoy the card game. The games cater for all players.

If you are interested, please contact the Club during opening hours.

Canasta Players: The Canasta Players have recently started playing at on Friday nights at 4:00.

If you are interested, please contact Gaby Seely on 0407 495 593 or just show up at 4:00 on any Friday.

Austrian Community: Our Austrian Club Members have a table especially booked for them on Thursdays.

Contact Horst Meister at the German Club on Thursday afternoons if you would like to join.

Lithuanian and Latvian Community members meet at the Club.
Phone the Club to find out when they will next join us.

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OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	3.00 - 7.00pm
Friday	4.00 - 6.00pm
Saturday	2.00 - 6.00pm
Sunday	1.00 - 6.00pm

2019 - 2020 CLUB EXECUTIVE

President	Thorsten Sell
Vice-President	Tristan Sell,
Secretary	Gaby Seely
Treasurer	Gaby Seely
Licensee	Martin Palecek
Public Officer	Margaret Hewett



SKAT COMPETITION

On Saturday, 30 November (date subject to change), our club will once again host a Tasmanian skat competition. Players will be coming from across the state with possibly a few mainlanders as well. There will be a full day of play with lunch provided. If you are interested in attending you can contact Hans Lenz on 6267 2645.



REGULAR EVENTS

Schnitzeessen - 12 noon start
(first Sunday of the month)

Sunday 6 October, 3 November, 1 December

Price: \$18.00 includes meal and coffee/tea

It's essential to pre-book - call the Club by the Thursday prior

Hand Craft Group Afternoon Tea - 14.00

(last Sunday of the month)

Sunday 27 October, 24 November

\$7 entry includes cake & coffee

Entry is free if you bring a cake or sandwiches to share

Contact Edith or Lilo

Visitors are always welcome

Note: there will be no session in December

German Radio Program

FM 96.1 and 92.1

(Every Sunday 8am - 10am)

Movie Screenings - 13:00

(normally last Saturday of the month)

Saturday 26 October, Saturday 30 November

\$5.00 includes coffee and cake

Committee Meetings

First Monday of the month at 18:00

October 7th, November 4th

Merton Art Group

Mondays from 11.30am

Members meet for painting

Over the past few months nominations for Life Membership of our club were sought with some deserving candidates being named. At the recent AGM seven of our members were acknowledged for their ongoing and incredible support of the club by being granted Life Memberships. When you're next in the club check out the Lifetime Membership board and congratulate the newest editions: Hans Lenz, Margaret Hewett, Karina Ceron, Lilo Kuhn, Sandra Laird, Martin Palecek and Gaby Seely.



Hans Lenz with Thorsten Sell



Liselotte Kuhn with Thorsten Sell



Sandra Laird with Thorsten Sell



Werner Spitzer on behalf of Margaret Hewett



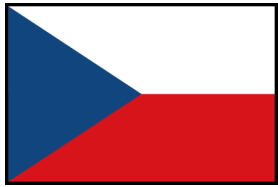
Karina Ceron with Thorsten Sell



Martin Palecek with Thorsten Sell



Gabriela Seely with Thorsten Sell



Anniversary of
Czechoslovakian
Independence



On the 28th October 1918 Czechoslovakia was founded and we are celebrating with a dinner on:

Sunday 20th October 2019 at 12.30pm

At the: German Australian Club
30 Bowden Street, Glenorchy

Tickets are: \$30 per person
\$25 per person for members
\$15 children under 12
Free toddlers

Tickets are limited and are now available, early booking is recommended.

Enquiries to: Michael Holobradek
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German Birth Certificates: Wieso, weshalb, warum?

A German birth certificate shows the birth of a person has been entered with a German Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Standesamt) into an official register in Germany. Based on this entry a new birth certificate can be issued anytime. For German passport applications, an original birth certificate always needs to be shown – be it an Australian or German one. The advantage of a German one is that it is fully recognized by German law as proof of descent, it shows the legal parents since descent of a person is verified at time of entry. The proof does not have to be produced again later in life if a German certificate can be shown. This can be very useful if a person moves to Germany or needs to prove their descent for a new passport, and in cases involving multiple countries or nationalities or where the parents were not married at time of birth.

If lost, a new German birth certificate can be issued based on the register. This process is quite simple: Write to the Standesamt of your birth (or the birth of a close relative) in Germany and request a new International Birth Certificate, attaching a copy of the German passport of the person concerned (and possibly yourself if not for you). This can be done by email or mail. The new birth certificate is issued once a payment of 10 EUR has been received, it is in several languages (including English) and will be mailed to your Tasmanian address. Registers in Germany are usually kept for 110 years until archived, so there is time to even complete the family documents with new birth certificates for past generations if desired. The Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt) does not have birth records, those are only kept with the Standesamt. If you or your parents were not born in Germany, it is usually the Standesamt I in Berlin which will hold your records – if you are registered. All new registrations of persons born abroad now go to the last place of residence of parents in Germany.

Registration of a birth is possible anytime through the Honorary Consulate in Hobart and costs A\$ 200-250. Applications will be certified and sent it to the appropriate Register in Germany. For more information, visit <https://australien.diplo.de/au-de/service/04-Familienangelegenheiten/geburt/2070390> or contact germany@consulhobart.com.