



**German Australian Association of Tasmania**

# **NEWSLETTER**

**APRIL - MAY 2022**



**German Australian Association of Tasmania Inc.**

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## GROUP & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**KAFFEEKLATSCH:** Kaffeeklatsch is cancelled until further notice.

**SKAT:** The Skat Players meet Fridays at 5pm There are experienced & more serious players as well as those who simply enjoy the card game. All players catered for. *If you are interested, please contact the Club.*

**AUSTRIAN COMMUNITY:** Our Austrian Club Members play cards at the club every Thursday at 3pm. *Contact the Club for more information.*

**MERTON ART GROUP:** The artists meet Mondays at 11.30am.

**THE FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS:** The quilters meet on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10-4. Anyone interested is welcome to come along to see what type of wonderful quilting is being produced.

**CHOIR:** Currently there are no Choir practices or performances due to Covid. Watch your newsletter for announcements about when they will return.

**U3A:** U3A Term 1 is ongoing. Term 2 dates 3 May - 23 June 22 - check the board in the foyer for their newsletter that has further information on courses and presentations for Term 2

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 5.30pm at the Club.

**BAR SNACKS:** Every Thursday from 3.00, stop by the club to catch up with fellow members, enjoy a drink and partake of the bar snacks.

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## COVID WHEN VISITING THE CLUB

As the government's requirements for masks when visiting the Club have gone (at least for now), please remain conscious of the risks and do your part to keep your fellow club members safe.

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**NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK:** Send any newsletter issues or suggestions by email to [germanclubtas@outlook.com](mailto:germanclubtas@outlook.com).

## Happy Birthday!



### APRIL

MICHAEL GRACE	4
ANNETTE LEVIS	6
ROBERT TOLEDO, PAULINE CALDER	12
STEVEN SAMSON	14
EDITH BAUERMEISTER	19
EVA BARNES	22
STEFAN KLOSE	24
ANNEKE MUSCH	26

### MAY

DAVID SHELLEY	2
HANS LENZ, VERONICA DALTON, GEORGINE FRASER	3
ANITA FLUCKINGER	22
ERIC LENZ	26
WALLY NEWMAN, RUTH SHORTER	29
RENATE ROWE, ANGIE HOFFMAN	31

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

You have until 1 July to renew your club membership for the 2022/2023 year. You can pay the \$25 fee any time at the club when attending functions, with credit card over the phone on Thursdays between 3 and 6, or by deposit in the club's bank account BSB 017209 A/c 448910838. Membership brings with it some benefits including copies of every newsletter to keep you up-to-date with everything happening in your club, the ability to vote at the AGM, access to special events and deals at club functions (for example, the Anniversary BBQ in March). But mainly it shows support for your club and helps keep it thriving. Thank you for joining us.

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## GERMAN RADIO PROGRAM

Listen to Lilo, Karina, and Karl Heinz every Sunday 9-10am on FM 96.1 and 92.1 or online at [www.hobartfm.org.au](http://www.hobartfm.org.au) by clicking "listen now".

# Handcraft Group Kaffeeklatsch (Afternoon Tea)

Hello everybody!

The HCG has been in existence since the day the German-Australian Association was officially established as the “German Club” on 19. March 1962.

During this time, there have been many changes over the years, our membership has been greatly reduced. Many of our friends have passed away and most people are now at an age, where mobility and declining health seem to present major problems.

Attendance at our monthly afternoon tea has been declining for some time now, and since we are providing a nice selection of cakes and savouries, as well as cleaning, our volunteers have to be reimbursed for catering expenses. We don't need to make a lot of profit, but it is impossible to do this, if people don't support this function. The Kaffeeklatsch on Sunday, 27 Feb. 2022 was attended by 18 guests, normally we can expect up to 30 bookings, as it turned out, this was the worst attendance ever. It is with much sadness and disappointment, that we have made the decision, to cancel the Kaffeeklatsch until further notice. It is up to the individual members of the HCG, if we can continue with the afternoon tea in the future. We apologise to our regular guests, who really enjoy this function and who always turn up on the last Sunday of the month to share an afternoon with good friends. We would like to know, if you're still interested in the HCG, or will we just close it down? Your opinions would be much appreciated, thank you. Perhaps you would like more cakes and less savouries? We really need to know your preferences, because it would be sad just to cancel the Kaffeeklatsch altogether. We are quite happy, to continue with the afternoon tea, but our guests must book early and actually turn up on the day. Food for thought?

Thank you all for your understanding and support for so many years.

Kindest regards and best wishes from your Handcraft Group Team.

## INTERVIEW WITH THE CONSUL

On Sunday 6 March 2022 the Honorary Consul of Germany in Tasmania, David Shelley, was interviewed by Karina Ceron on her German language radio program.



Of particular interest to our community were the topics of regaining German citizenship, passports and German inheritance.

The Consulate of Germany offers the following services to citizens and tourists: Issuing a police certificate / criminal record; Issuing of a birth certificate for those born outside the country; Processing Passport Applications; Marriage Registration Process; Military Service Procedures; Citizenship Procedures; Birth Registration; Civil Registration; Death Registration; Notary Procedures.

Thanks to the latest technology, German passports can now be processed in Hobart instead of having to send them interstate.

The office of the Honorary Consul is located at RACT House, Level 2, 179 Murray Street, Hobart, TAS 7000 (Corners of Patrick & Murray Streets).

Telephone: - 6235 5112 Email: - [germany@consulhobart.com](mailto:germany@consulhobart.com)  
Opening hours to the public are by prior arrangement only, so please call or email to make an appointment.

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## WELFARE OFFICER

Did you know the Club has a Welfare Officer? We like to reach out to those who might be struggling to let them know we care. Please contact Gudrun Gnesel on 62725107 if you know of any club member who is unwell or who has passed.

## NEXT FUNCTIONS AT THE CLUB

### Sunday 27 March, midday, Club Anniversary BBQ

\*\*\* FREE to club members \*\*\*\*

Come and celebrate your club's 60th anniversary with us



### Sunday 3 April 22 – Schnitzel \$20

### Sunday 17 April 22 – Easter Sunday Roast \$20

Lamb & Beef & dessert

Bring your family – let's make it a family affair



### Sunday 1 May 22 – Schnitzel \$20

### Sunday 15 May 22 – Rouladen, rotkohl & klöse \$20

Thin slices of beef slathered with mustard and filled with bacon, onions and gherkins, roasted and served with delicious gravy, red cabbage and potato dumplings.



### All meals at midday

Book by the Thursday prior to the function by leaving a message at the club or ring Gaby 407 495 593

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the risk of sounding like a broken record... what an amazing couple of months we've had at the Club. Thank you everyone for coming back week-in-week-out to enjoy your various groups and the fantastic regular meals provided by our indefatigable volunteers. You will have seen me around the Club more as my health improves and I plan to keep showing up and saying hi to all of you.

As if our normal schntizelessen lunches weren't enough (over 70 of you at the last one—fantastic) we've realized that in March, the Club turned 60. We're having a free BBQ for all members on the 27th to celebrate. I hope to see you there.

All the best,

Veronica Dalton

Phone: 0409 233 051

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## Ein bisschen Freude bringen mit "Herz"

### Bringing a little Joy from the Heart

Many members of our elderly German community are lonely and isolated, either because of personal reasons or illness.

The *German Australian Club* has received phone calls for assistance in this area from various sectors of the community

Karina Ceron is in the process of setting up a new visiting group to visit these elderly members of the German community on a regular basis, either in their home, in a nursing home or hospital.

The group will be called "Herz" which means "Heart" – as especially this kind of volunteering comes from the heart.

If you are able to volunteer for approximately one hour per week, please ring Karina on 0414 341 704.

Whilst it is not necessary to speak German, it would be an added bonus. *Dankeschoen.*