



**German Australian Association of Tasmania**

# **NEWSLETTER**

**DECEMBER 2018 - JANUARY 2019**



**German Australian Association of Tasmania Inc.**

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## DECEMBER

Dinie Harrison	4
Brigitte Potter	8
Antonia Di Santo	10
Brigitte Siedler, John Stecko	12
Ernie Barnes, Gertrude Koch, Renate Kieselbach	17
Harald Preuss	19
John Spencer	27
Helen Burnett	28
Maria Fritz	30

## JANUARY

Karl Baier	6
Willi Hirte, Linley Plester	7
Robyn Proks	15
Bernie Siegemund	26
Ingrid Fenger	27
Heinz Fürst	31

## WELCOME

to our new members:

*Mark Boyce, Antonia Di Santo, Regan Love,  
Meaghan Roberts-Atkinson, Maggie Toth and Ken Wilkinson*

## RÜCKBLICK UND NEUIGKEITEN

**Choir News:** The Choir entertained members and friends who attended the very successful German Breakfast that was held on Saturday 1 December. Over seventy+ people who attended, thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas themed songs and Carols. The Choir was conducted by Erika Plaschke who also entertained the audience with a beautiful solo. The Choir's next performance will be on 5 December for the Senior Citizens of Glenorchy. We wish the Choir all the very best.

**Committee News:** Our Secretary has reported to the Department of Premier and Cabinet Grant Fund on completed maintenance to date around the club. They include: internal painting, bistro blinds for the deck area, new hand basin for the handicapped toilet and updated the kitchen waste pipes.

The external painting is completed. However we don't expect the bar floor to be completed before the New Year.

Planned maintenance includes: refurbish the parquetry floor in the bar area, refurbish the dance floor surface in the dining room and update up to 80 dining room chairs.

The Committee has confirmed that there will be an **Australia Day BBQ**; it will be a simple menu of sausages and hamburgers, with onion, on bread. This will cost \$5 and will start at midday on Saturday 26 January, 2019. There is no need to pay prior to the BBQ but could our members please book at the club so that we have an idea of numbers for the day. This is necessary for catering purposes. . Please come and celebrate the day with family, friends, and other members.

### THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON

*Christmas Eve - Monday 24 December*

*Christmas Day - Tuesday 25 December*

*Boxing Day - Tuesday 26 December*

*OPEN Thursday 27 - 30 December*

*New Year's Eve Sunday 31st December*

*New Years Day 1st January, 2019.*

**The Club will reopen on Wednesday 3 January, 2019.**

### MOVIE AFTERNOONS

Movie screenings will resume on the last Saturday in February at 13:00 on 24 February. The price of \$5.00 includes coffee and cake.

## PRESIDENTS' REPORT

It's December and Christmas 2018 is only a few weeks away! For those of us with German backgrounds the Advent season started on the Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This is a time for the Adventskranz and its four red candles to appear on the dining room table. An additional candle is lit on every one of the four Sundays before Christmas. A time to eat Stollen or Kluben for breakfast. A visit from Saint Nikolaus on the 6 December to the younger ones. Who remembers being worried whether there would be a small present or a piece of coal on the plate under the bed? I've never been a religious person but I remember Christmas Eve, cold and dark with snow outside being the norm. The surprise of the lounge room door being opened and the huge real Christmas tree with real candles and all the trimmings. The smell of mandarins, Lebkuchen (gingerbread) and pine trees. This was a very special time for us children and as much as I like Tasmania, I have never become used to a warm and light Christmas Eve. This year, Christmas will be particularly difficult as my father passed away on my birthday in August while Gabi and I were in Germany. My very special thank you to all who have spoken to me about dad!

We've had two very successful functions since Gabi and I returned from Germany. The Oktoberfest was attended by 122 members and friends and our Christmas breakfast by 76 guests. Thank you all very much for attending and making these events such a great success. None of our functions and events would be possible without our small number of very dedicated volunteers! These members of our club give up their weekends to setup, decorate and prepare the rooms. Others organise and run the bar. They prepare the food, cook, serve and then clean up the kitchen and the rooms. At the top of this list are Martin and Gabi, our chefs for the Schnitzeessen and other functions. Veronica, Jill, Shirley, Graeme, Frank and Laura, Maree, Peter and Steven are the regular hard workers that make the functions possible. Then there are those of you who get up and help to clear tables and tidy up after our events. Our Choir has also sung at some of our functions and represents the club in the community. Some of the Skat players have recently represented our Club and state at the world championships in Berlin. On behalf of all our members I thank all volunteers who keep this club running and I apologise to anyone whom I have not mentioned. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Thank you also to the dedicated members of the committee and the executive committee. I think that we have a very good committee with the best interests of the club and its members as their prime focus. We have been able to get a lot of things done around the club and there is still more to come.

We've had a number of suggestions from members regarding the funding we received from the Government. These have been considered by the committee and some have been adopted while others have been rejected. Thank you for your

suggestions and please let us know if you have any other ideas or suggestions. To everyone who organises events, meetings or functions that are held at the club or are held by club members a reminder!! Please use the organiser in the foyer to register your events. If your function involves the use of the club's rooms or kitchen please record this in the diary located in the bar. This will allow others to see what's happening and avoid double booking of our facilities.

I hope to see all of you in the club very soon.

***Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year!  
Frohe Weihnachten und einen guten Rutsch!***

*Thorsten*

## GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES

**The German Choir** is very well known in the South-East corner of Tasmania where they do public performances. The Choir would welcome more people who love singing German and Australian songs. Practice is every Monday 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.*

**Card Games & Social Interaction:** At the Club every day from 4pm. Check our website for further details : [germanclubtas.com.au](http://germanclubtas.com.au)  
*Please contact the Club if you would like to participate.*

**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.*



*The Executive and Committee  
take this opportunity to wish  
all members, their families and friends  
a safe and Happy Christmas  
and a prosperous New Year.*



# GERMAN AUSTRALIAN CLUB

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<https://www.facebook.com/germanclubtas>

## OPENING TIMES

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

## 2018 - 2019 CLUB EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT	<i>Thorsten Sell</i>
VICE-PRESIDENTS	<i>Veronica Dalton</i>
	<i>Tristan Sell</i>
SECRETARY	<i>Gabi Seely</i>
TREASURER	<i>Gabi Seely</i>
LICENSEE	<i>Martin Palecek</i>
NEWSLETTER & PUBLIC OFFICER	<i>Margaret Hewett</i>

## Anything for the newsletter?

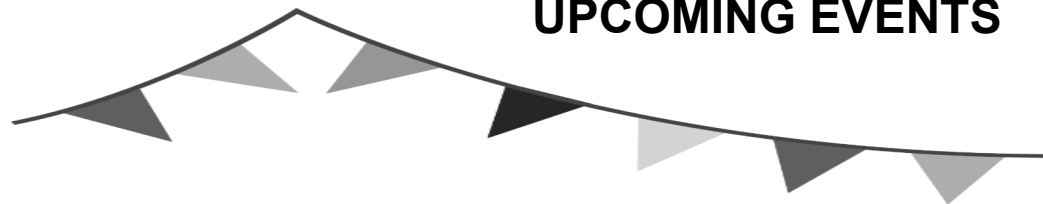
If you have anything for the Newsletter, please contact Margaret Hewett

P: 62 441532 or preferably E: [margaret.hewett3@bigpond.com](mailto:margaret.hewett3@bigpond.com)



*Edith Bauermeister* is having a clean up of unwanted items and wondered if any members or their family and friends, are interested in records, music cassette tapes, videos etc. Edith also has some Lederhosen for the lads, some of which may need mending. Offers? Please contact **Edith on 62 437243**

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**SCHNITZELESSEN - 12.00 start**  
(every 2nd Sunday of the month)

Sunday 9 December, 6 January. Price: \$18.00

**It is essential to pre-book** by phoning the Club by the Thursday prior.

**HAND CRAFT GROUP AFTERNOON TEA - 14.00**  
**Christmas Afternoon Tea: Sunday 16 December**

Contact Edith or Lilo

Visitors are always welcome.

**GERMAN RADIO PROGRAM**  
FM 96.1 and 92.1  
(Every Sunday 8am - 10am)

**MOVIE SCREENINGS - 13:00**  
(last Saturday of each month)

Will resume in February on 24th, 2019  
\$5.00 includes coffee and cake.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
1st Monday of the month at 18:00

**AUSTRALIA DAY BARBEQUE**  
**Saturday 26 January 2019**

From midday onwards

See page 7 for full details.

**MERTON ART GROUP**  
Mondays from 11.30am

Members meet for painting and art activities

**LINE DANCING**

Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00

Members free; non-members \$3.00

Call Laura Rittenhouse on 0448 007 751 for more information.