



German Australian Association of Tasmania

NEWSLETTER

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RÜCKBLICK UND NEUIGKEITEN

CHOIR NEWS:

The choir will resume rehearsal on Monday 18 February and they *will be travelling to Flinders Island* from 18 to 22 March.

NEW EVENT for your calendar:

Paella Lunch on Sunday 24 March at midday. \$25.00 per person. Please book and pay at the Club by Thursday 21 March.

REMINDER:

Schnitzelessen will now be held on the FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH from 2019.

The Handcraft Afternoon Tea will continue as usual, on the 4th Sunday of each month.

What does your German last name mean?

In German, a surname is called the Nachname or Familienname. The family name gradually started being used during the Middle Ages. Prior to that, people generally used only a given name. As the population increased they needed a way to differentiate between all those new people. The first Germans to use surnames were the nobility and wealthy land owners. After that, merchants and general townspeople started using surnames, with rural people adopting the practice last. It was two or three hundred years before it was commonplace to use last names.

German surnames generally started out as one of four different types.

1. Occupational - This most common form of German family name and can often be identified by its ending, such as 'er' as in Geiger (one who played the violin), hauer (hewer or cutter), Baumhauer (a tree cutter), macher (one who makes) eg. Fenstermacher (one who makes windows), and man/mann as in Kaufman (one who sells), Bauer (farmer), Becker (baker), Mueller (miller), Meier (farm administrator), Schmidt (smith), Schneider (tailor), Schulze (constable) and many more.

2. Patronymic - Often, a person was distinguished by a reference to his or her father, which eventually turned into a last name. A man named Simon whose father was named Ahrend might have become Simon Ahrends (Simon, son of Ahrend). Johann Petersohn was Johann, son of Peter. Patronymics most often come from the northern areas of Germany.

3. Descriptive - Many German surnames are descriptive names based on a physical characteristic, such as Brun/Braun (brown hair or a swarthy complexion), Krause (curly-haired), Klein (small), Gross (big), Schwarzkopf (black headed), and Hertz (big-hearted). Older, non-Christian names are often of this type.

4. Geographical - These names derive from where a person lived. It may be from the location of someone's home, such as Kissinger from Kissingen and Schwarzenegger from Schwarzen. Someone named Berger may have lived on a mountain.

Since about 1600, only aristocratic families were allowed to use the "von" prefix in Germany. So if someone was baron of a village, his family name would be "von" and the village name. German immigrants to North America who used the "von" prefix almost never had used it previously in their native country.

A geographical name could also be one that derives from a landmark (Busch was named after a certain bush, or Springborn after a spring or well), or a family might have been named after an inn or farm.

Karina Ceron

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here we are at the beginning of February....where did January go? It seems like only yesterday that we celebrated Christmas and the New Year. I hope that you all had a good and happy festive season.

It was great to see about 60 members and friends celebrate Australia Day at the club. Thank you to those of you who helped make the day a great success. Our volunteers did a great job, as always, preparing, cooking and cleaning up.

If you've been to the club recently, you may have noticed a "small" fence between the parking area and the car park. This has been erected by the Glenorchy Council as the creek banks have been severely eroded and we have been told unofficially that we are not allowed to park within 3 meters of the creek. Knowing the speed at which councils work, the fence may be there for a while, especially if they want the club to pay for repairs caused by their uncontrolled storm water coming from the mountain. If you have any ideas of how we could decorate the new fence, please let me or one of the committee members know. All suggestions, no matter how silly will be considered!!

You may also have noticed that we have installed a number of video cameras in the club. These are not there to spy on members and volunteers. We, the committee and the club, have a duty of care for anyone working at the club or visiting our premises. We have had a few incidents recently where groups of young people came to the club at times when only a female volunteer was on the premises. These young people asked to be served drinks and left when they were told that they could buy soft drinks only. We, the committee, hope that the video cameras will discourage inappropriate behaviour or worse by individuals or groups. We have also fitted panic alarms which will summon the police if activated. It's sad that we have to resort to these measures but the safety of our volunteers and members has to take priority. If you should visit the club and find the doors locked, please ring the bell situated at both doors and you will be admitted. This is only likely to happen if the bar staff are there on their own.

A reminder to all members: you can use the function room and kitchen for your private functions for no hire fee. We will only charge for the provision of bar staff and ask that a cleaning deposit is paid. The deposit is refundable if the premises are left clean and tidy. Why not celebrate your next birthday or special day at the club?

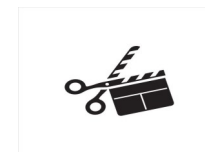
Best wishes,
Alles Gute, Thorsten Ph: 03 6229 755 (after hours)

The Executive and Committee would like to welcome

JILL CLARK to the committee. Many thanks to Jill for stepping up.

And, as the saying goes: "many hands make light work".

MOVIE AFTERNOONS



Saturday Feb 23 1:00pm

Jenseits der Stille (1996, colour, sound, 109 minutes), directed by Caroline Link, will be screening in the Club. Growing up, Lara often has to help her deaf parents interact with the outside world. After receiving a clarinet for Christmas, she decides to move to Berlin to study music. The film is in German and will be shown with English subtitles. Coffee and cake will be served for \$5.00. The film has been hired from the National Film and Sound Archive.

Saturday Mar 30 1:00pm

Zwischen Welten (2014, colour, sound, 103 minutes), produced, written and directed by Feo Aladag, will be screening in the Club. Jesper, a soldier in the German army, is tasked with protecting a remote outpost in Afghanistan from the Taliban. The film includes dialogue in Pushto and Dari as well as German and English, and will be shown with English subtitles. Coffee and cake will be served for \$5.00. The film has been hired from the National Film and Sound Archive.

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

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.

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	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>Gaby Seely</i>
TREASURER	<i>Gaby 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

Do you think someone at the club deserves **Life Membership**?

Pick up a nomination form from the club, explain (on the form) why they should receive Life Membership and forward the form to the Committee.

The Committee will shortlist the nominations and present them at the AGM in August. Life Members get free membership for the rest of their lives and will have their names placed on the Honour Board in the Foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHNITZELESSEN - 12.00 start

(every 1st Sunday of the month)

Sunday 3 February, 3 March. Price: \$18.00

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

HAND CRAFT GROUP AFTERNOON TEA - 14.00

(every 4th Sunday of the month)

Sunday 24 February, 31 March

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)

Saturday February on 23, Saturday 30 March

\$5.00 includes coffee and cake.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1st Monday of the month at 18:00

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.

PAELLA LUNCH

Sunday 24 March 12 Noon

\$25.00 per person.

Please book and pay by Thursday 21 March.