



**German Australian Association of Tasmania**

# **NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE / JULY 2018**



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JUNE

Paul Kuchinke	2
Rosina Thors, Manfred Blaschke	9
Ilse Stenzel	11
Alan Thors, Marianne Munton	12
Graeme Cairns	19
Renate Gehlhaar	25
Adrienne Charles	30

## JULY

John Neumeyer	5
Harry Nermut	6
Heiderose Schroeder	16
Hans Kramer	17
Frank Stoss	20
Bernadette Harris	23
Michael Rowe	24
Rene Rime	27
Erika Kerstan	28

**WELCOME** to our new members:

*Maureen Blake, Anton (Tony) Cobanovich,  
Nola Dixon, Jenny Godfrey*

**Italian Club function:** Saturday 30 June - Cabaret Night from 8 - 11 pm. The band *Get Smart* will be playing their fantastic repertoire of dance music! Bring your own plate of food for supper and purchase your drinks at the bar! Make up a table with your friends. \$15.00 per person! Book at the Italian Club by ringing 6234 5654.

## RÜCKBLICK UND NEUIGKEITEN

**Choir News:** The Hobart German Choir toured in the north west of the State from 1 - 4 May, visiting nursing homes in Penguin, Smithton, Burnie, Ulverstone and Wynyard. All of the nursing homes enjoyed the Choir's visits so much that they are very keen to see them return. The Choir sang at the Edith Creek Primary School, whose Principal, Erika Lees, is the daughter of Anita who is a choir member, and Peter, their bus driver. They also visited Stanley and delighted in its special features and buildings as well as the Paper Makers Workshop in Burnie. Their tour of the north west was made possible partly by the donation of \$1,000 from the Premier, with thanks to the Hon. Elsie Archer for her assistance. You can see the Hobart German Choir performing with *The Brisbane Liedertafel/ Liederkrantz* for yourselves as part of the **Festival of Voices**. They will be performing at the Hobart Town Hall on Sunday 8 July at 1.30 pm. The concert will run for approximately 2 hours, with an interval. Tickets are \$30/\$25 available from the Theatre Royal, Centertainment or online at [festivalofvoices.com/2018-program](http://festivalofvoices.com/2018-program). The audience is encouraged to wear national costume.

**New German Consul:** The new office for *Mr David Shelley* and his Assistant, *Stefan Klose*, is located at 179 Murray St. (RACT House) Level 2 in Hobart. The office operates by appointment only with contact hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10.30 to 1.30pm. The office can be reached anytime via email : [germany@consulhobart.com](mailto:germany@consulhobart.com) or by phone during their office hours on 62355112. The website is [www.australien.diplo.de](http://www.australien.diplo.de) where you can find all details about the assistance that is offered by the Consulate.

**Paella and Sangria lunch on Sunday 1 July** at 12.00. \$25 per head Bookings and payment at the club by Thursday 29 June.

**Breakfast Sunday 5 August** from 9:00 until 11:00am prior to the AGM. \$12.50 per head. Please book and pay at the Club by 2 August.

**Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 5 August at 11.30am**. You need to be a financial member to nominate or vote.

## MOVIE AFTERNOONS



*Saturday 30th June 1.00pm*

**Barbara** (2012, colour, sound, 108 minutes), directed and co written by Christian Petzold, will be screening in the Club. After applying for an exit permit, an East German doctor is arrested and then transferred to a provincial hospital by the Baltic Sea. Constantly monitored by the Stasi, she nevertheless makes plans to escape. The film 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 28th Jul 1.00pm*

**Coconut Hero** (2015, colour, sound, 96 minutes), a German-Canadian comedy film directed by Florian Cossen, will be screening in the Club. 16-year-old Mike desperately wants out of his life in a backward lumberjack town. The film has dialogue in English and German and will be shown with subtitles. Coffee and cake will be served for \$5.00. The film has been hired from the National Film and Sound Archive.

**PRESIDENTS' REPORT** Two months is a long time at the club! Quite a bit has and is happening around the club and this is just some of it.

The **Honorary Consul for Germany** and France, *Dianne Bye* has retired and has handed over the job to *David Shelley* whose new contact details are elsewhere in this newsletter. We have invited both Dianne and David to the Kaffeeklatsch on the 24<sup>th</sup> June., to farewell Dianne and welcome David. I hope to see as many of you as possible for this afternoon tea from 2:00pm. I'll be making one of my giant Blackforest Cakes .

Last year, the committee, aided largely by *Bernie Siegemund*, put a submission to the then Government. for a grant We heard back from them as part of their election funding commitments and we were advised that we would be given a **\$15,000.00 grant** to assist with the refurbishment of the club if the Liberal Government was re-elected. I would like to thank the Tasmanian Government for providing us with this funding and the committee is prioritising the club's requirements. We are looking at such things as the toilets, the floor in the front bar, painting the timber around the outside of the building, replacement of chairs and replacement of some of the cutlery and crockery in the kitchen. Please contact me or a committee member if you have any other suggestions.

We recently received information and nomination forms from the Glenorchy City Council for the **annual volunteering awards**. We have never nominated anyone of the many deserving volunteers at our club and we weren't sure of the process and requirements. As well as this we only had a few days to return any nominations so Gabi and I made the decision to nominate *Martin Palecek*, our licensee, chef, barman, cleaner and general good bloke for an award. The category we chose was the highest, special award for long service above and beyond. I'm pleased to announce that Martin received his award from Mayor Kristie Johnston at a presentation at the DEC recently. Congratulations and thank you Martin.

Our club has many other long time **volunteers** who also deserve recognition for their years of service. I will be discussing the nomination of a number of our members for next year's awards. I'll make sure that we allow sufficient time to get the paperwork done and look forward to attending another presentation at which our club will be represented by our dedicated volunteers.

I have been corresponding with **Tas Water** regarding the new charges that they have hit us with. Our annual bill has gone from some \$1,200.00 to \$6,000.00. We have made arrangements to disconnect one of the three water pipes coming into the property, saving some \$2,000.00 a year after we pay for the disconnection. They will however not budge on the sewage charge which is for 2.5 times more sewage than the amount of water they supply to us. I will be escalating this to the ombudsman to try and get some common sense into the situation.

A reminder to everyone that your **annual memberships** of just **\$25.00** are due now. You can pay them in person at the club or you can call the club and pay by credit card over the phone. You will need to be a financial member to vote or nominate at the AGM.

Best wishes, Alles Gute,

*Thorsten*

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Phone 6229 7555 after hours

## *Roland Heese 'Opie'*

*15.05. 1940 ~ 27.04.2018*



Roland passed away peacefully on Friday 27 April, surrounded by love. Roland will be remembered as a keen Skat player at the Club and committee member of late. He suffered a long term illness which finally claimed his life but this condition did not prevent his attendance and participation at Club events. His oxygen bottle made this possible.

We offer his wife, Linda, and family  
our deepest sympathies.  
Roland will be sadly missed by all at the Club.

## **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.*

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

**Christmas in July BBQ at the German Club. 15 July at 12.30pm.** Tickets are \$15 per person. BBQ meat and salads will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share. RSVP is required by 8 July to Nick Nermet, 0407 879 878, [mnermet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mnermet@bigpond.net.au)

**More Italian Club functions on 6 July, 27 and 28 July.** For more information and reservations on all functions, please phone the Australian Italian Club on 6234 5654

## GERMAN AUSTRALIAN CLUB

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

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

### OPENING TIMES

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

### 2017 - 2018 CLUB EXECUTIVE

President	<i>Thorsten Sell</i>
Vice-Presidents	<i>Veronica Dalton</i> <i>Tristan Sell</i>
Secretary & Public Officer	<i>Gabi Seely</i>
Treasurer	<i>Gabi Seely</i>
Licensee	<i>Martin Palecek</i>
Newsletter	<i>Margaret Hewett</i>

### *Erna Simon*

*24.04.1931~ 08.05.2018*

Erna passed away on 8 May, aged 87. She was the widow of Wolfgang (Jack) Simon, a past president, who between them, were instrumental in building up the Club in its earlier years. They were a very productive pair in the Club's operation during that time. Some members will remember the big parties for the Oktoberfest at the Casino and other large functions at the Club with which they were involved. Erna remained an active member of the Club for a number of years until she moved to Barrington Lodge that prevented her from further attendance.

Our sympathies to her daughters Vivienne and Karen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SCHNITZELESSEN - 12.00 start

(every 2nd Sunday of the month)

Sunday 10 June, 8 July, Price: \$18.00

**It is essential to pre-book** by phoning the Club by the Thursday prior. You can pre-order chicken or vegetarian Schnitzel.

### FESTIVAL OF VOICES CONCERT

Sunday July 8, 1.30 pm. See pg. 7 for details

### HAND CRAFT GROUP AFTERNOON TEA - 14.00

(last Sunday of each month)

Sunday 24 June, 29 July

Contact Edith or Lilo

Visitors are always welcome.

### GERMAN DAY CENTRE

Wednesdays

To book, please contact the Migrant Resource Centre on 6221 0999.

### GERMAN RADIO PROGRAM

FM 96.1 and 92.1

(Every Sunday 8am - 10am)

### MOVIE SCREENINGS - 13:00

Saturday 30 June, Saturday 28 July

\$5.00 includes coffee and cake - see pg. 7 for details

**NB** There will be *no movies for August and September* as Tim is away, unless another person/s is willing to organise. Tim is happy to order the DVDs. Please call the Club for details.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1st Monday of the month at 18:00

### PAELLA & SANGRIA

Sunday 1 July at 12 midday - see pg. 7 for details

### BREAKFAST AT THE CLUB

Sunday 5 August from 9:00 until 11:00am - see pg. 7 for details

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 5 August 11.30. Membership subscriptions NOW DUE.