



**German Australian Association of Tasmania**

# **NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE 2019 - JULY 2019**



**German Australian Association of Tasmania Inc.**

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## JUNE

PAUL KUCHINKE	2
CLAIRE EATON	16
GRAEME CAIRNS	19
THEA LATHAM-HELDERMAN	22
RENATE GEHLHAAR	25
ADRIENNE CHARLES	30

## JULY

JOHN NEUMEYER	5
HARRY NEUMUT	6
MARGRET ANUTHA	9
KERRY NICHOLAS	13
HEIDEROSE SCHROEDER	16
HANS KRAMER	17
FRANK STOSS	20
BERNADETTE HARRIS	23
MICHAEL ROWE	24
RENE RIME	27
ERIKA KERSTAN, JUSTIN YOUNG	28

### **Nominations due by end June!!!**

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.



## Reginald Francis Linton

23.11.1925 – 1.5.2019

Born in Scottsdale Tasmania and spending most of his working life with the Hydro as a mechanical foreman and supervisor at Poatina, Gowrie Park, Strathgordon, Tolosa Street Workshop and Tullah. His work crews and colleagues coming from Australia, Germany, Poland, Italy, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia. He enjoyed his visits to the German Club, catching up with old work colleagues, eating, drinking and conversing. Father to Richard and Father-in-Law to Gabriele. He will be greatly missed.

## Volunteer Awards



On Wednesday 22nd May, our three radio presenters were recognised for their valuable contribution. Karina and Lilo received the award for Special Contribution to Voluntary Service (over 10,00 hours of voluntary service) and Karl Heinz was given an award for over 2,000 hrs of voluntary service. Jenny Alford, one of our members was also recognised for her various voluntary contributions to many other associations.

Congratulations to our volunteers! Also, thank you to Thorsten and the committee for putting together their bios and submitting them to the GCC Volunteer Awards.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I can't believe that I need to write this article! Many of you will not like what I have to say and those of you to whom this applies know who you are!

I attended the Kaffeeklatsch at the club on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. I try to bring something for the shared table but on this occasion, I ran out of time and paid my \$5.00 into the kitty. I obviously wasn't the only one to do this as the table looked a little bare but I thank those of you who took the time and covered the expense to prepare some delicious looking fare.

What followed made me feel ill and disgusted as a horde of greedy, selfish and obviously starving members of the German Club pushed to get to the food and then proceeded to overload their plates with food that was to be shared by everyone. One of you even took two plates of food at one time and got upset when something was said about it.

This obviously didn't apply to everyone but certainly the majority and when someone offered to share the last piece of cake, one of our members refused and said that she wouldn't eat anything and walked back to her seat in a huff.

I wanted to get up and say something there and then but bit my tongue as I don't run the Kaffeeklatsch. I simply sat and watched and couldn't believe that the guests were taking something from just about every plate there was. Two pieces of cake when there were only two cakes on the table! Several pieces of savoury items when there weren't many on the table! Plates filled to overflowing! I watched and didn't get up to have anything at all as some of you were obviously starving and needed the food more than I did!

None of our members are young children anymore and yet quite a few of you behave worse than children!

This doesn't only apply to the behaviour at the Kaffeeklatsch but also the Schnitzeessen and functions. We have a very small group of very hardworking volunteers who setup and decorate the room, who do the shopping, cooking and cleaning up for events at the club. Sometimes, we set tables and place names on those tables which may mean that you are not seated at your usual table or in your usual corner. You might be the first one to arrive at 11:15 for a 12:00 o'clock lunch and not be the first to be served. I can assure you that there are reasons why we do these things and I assure you that you will be served and not sent home without being fed at these events.

I ask that you all act like adults and show some consideration for your fellow club members and the volunteers who make all of this possible or I can assure you that it will come to an end.

I sincerely hope that my next newsletter blurb will be on a much brighter note.

Thorsten

03 6229 7555 a/h

## CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

The club memberships run from 1 July to 30 June so it's that time of year again. Membership fees for 2019/2020 remain at \$25 for renewal, \$30 for new members. Please pay at the club at your earliest convenience.

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## MOVIE AFTERNOONS

**Saturday 29th June 1:00** *Vier Minuten* (2006, colour, sound, 111 minutes), directed by Chris Kraus, will be screening in the Club. 20-year-old Jenny, serving a sentence for murder, has an extraordinary talent for music. When the prison authorities deny her permission to participate in a piano competition, her teacher plans to help her escape.

**Saturday July 27th 1:00** *Bornholmer Straße* (2014, colour, sound, 89 minutes), directed by Christian Schwochow, will be screening in the Club. Early in the evening of 9th November 1989, East German border guards in Berlin are confronted by a "Grenzverletzer": a dog. As the evening draws on, their difficulties only increase.

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



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

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## GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES

**The German Choir** will perform on the 3rd of June at Mary Ogilvy, 51 Pirie St. New Town and the 1st of July at Barrington Lodge, 120 Swanston St. New Town. 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 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.*

**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.*

# GERMAN AUSTRALIAN CLUB

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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

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## 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>
PUBLIC OFFICER	<i>Margaret Hewett</i>

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## RÜCKBLICK UND NEUIGKEITEN

### NEW EVENTS

► **WINTERFEST** Sunday 14 July at midday; Chicken and beef rouladen with veg. Pears in red wine for dessert. \$25 per person. Gluhwein can also be purchased.  
**Meals must be booked and pre-purchased by 11 July.**



**SAVE THE DATE** : Details in the next newsletter and on the website

► **The Club AGM** will be held on Sunday, 18 August.

► **Oktoberfest** is coming to our club on Saturday 21 September.



## REGULAR EVENTS

**Schnitzessen** - 12 noon start  
(first Sunday of the month)

Sunday 2 June, 7 July. Price: \$18.00

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

**Hand Craft Group Afternoon Tea** - 14.00

(last Sunday of the month)

Sunday 30 June, 28 July.

\$5 entry includes cake & coffee

Entry is only \$2 if you bring a cake or sandwiches to share

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 the month)

Saturday 29 June, Saturday 27 July

\$5.00 includes coffee and cake

**Committee Meetings**

First 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

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## NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

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