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Dear Members

How quickly time passes! I know it is a platitude, but true nonetheless: the months seem to fly by faster and faster every year and just like that, another financial year has come to an end.

For the new year we want to see some changes at the welfare in that we would like to see our organisation move with the changing times. With that in mind we are revising the work processes in the office with the aim of making them easier and more effective.

One measure we are going to put into place from June onwards is a change in the office opening hours. In future the office will be open to the public from **Monday to Thursday from 9am to 1pm**. If you need to see us in the office in the afternoon you need to please make an appointment. Just call us on 9696 0907 and we can arrange for a time that suits. Of course, we continue to be there for you, but these new times are designed to make it easier for Tanja, our social worker, to schedule home visits and to be a bit more flexible with her time.

What we would also like to know from you is whether you like our newsletter the way it is. Would you like to see it changed? If yes, what would you change?

I have put together a few questions for you and would like to invite you to take a little bit of time to answer them. We would very much appreciate it if you did!

Survey:

1. Do you read the Newsletter every month?
Yes No Sometimes (6 times a year or less)

2. Do the contents interest you?
Yes No Sometimes

3. What do you like best about our newsletter?

4. What don't you like about it?

5. How often should the newsletter be published?
Monthly (as it is currently)?
Every 2 months Every 3 months every 6 monts

6. Which topics would you like to see more of?

To answer the survey, you could either detach this page and send it to AGWS 4th floor / 24 Albert Road / South Melbourne VIC 3205, or you could call us under 9696 0907 or email your answers to contact@germanwelfare.org.au

And finally, I would like to remind all our members to renew your membership for 2019 / 2020, if you haven't done so already.

You can pay cash, with cheque or with your credit card (Master card, Visa) or you can transfer the membership fee electronically into our account. Simply fill in the attached membership renewal form and send it back to us. If you have already taken care of it, kindly ignore the form.

If you would like a receipt, please indicate so on the form and we will send it to you enclosed with the next newsletter.

With your contribution you will help us to carry our work for the German community into the future!

Many thanks to all the many members who have already paid their membership! If you haven't done so yet, we would like to kindly ask for you to attend to it soon. It is your contribution that makes the work of the AGWS possible!

Yours sincerely,

Birgit Götz

The first child out of a test tube turns 40

Louise Brown is the first baby conceived through in vitro fertilization. Her birth 40 years ago was a sensation and socially very controversial.

For her parents, Louise was a small miracle - for the world of medicine a great one.

When she was born in 1978 via caesarean, newspapers round the world printed her photo on their front pages. The first human being created by in vitro fertilisation divided society and was highly criticised, especially by the churches.

She actually owes her life to the luck of her father, John. Mother Lesley could not get pregnant the natural way. A fertility treatment was unaffordable but just before leaving for a summer holiday John bought, as he often did, a betting slip for the (in Great Britain quite popular) "Football Pools". When the young couple returned home, they found a cheque for 800 pounds in their letter box. The Browns invested the money in artificial insemination, a method that had been developed only a short time before.

In 1969 the Cambridge physiologist Robert Edwards, together with the gynaecologist Patrick Steptoe, had successfully completed for the first time the in-vitro fertilisation of a human egg.

9 years later, the same two doctors harvested an egg cell from Lesley Brown, fertilised it in a test tube and replaced it in the mother through an operation. Only later Lesley learned that this method was completely new and had never worked before.

On the 25th of July Louise was born via caesarean. The newspapers called her super baby or test tube baby, and the Browns' house was soon surrounded by journalists. The family received numerous greeting cards, but also some shocking reactions. The Vatican commented, the birth would have severe consequences for human beings and was morally wrong.

In spite of all the criticism, Robert Edwards received the Nobel Prize in 2010. So far today an estimated 6 to 8 million people have been born with the help of IVF.

Louise's parents reacted defensively to all critics and toured with Louise to many talk shows and television studios. They wanted to show everybody that Louise is a normal child.

Even today Louise accepts interviews from New York to Tokyo. Nevertheless, she leads an absolutely normal life. She works as a clerk in a transport company and lives with her family in Bristol. Her two sons were conceived naturally

Linde Mohr

New Members

Mr. G. Ptok
Dr. Ch. Hauser

Welcome at the AGWS!

Thank you for your kind donations!

Mr.	Sigge	\$65.00	Mr.	Ptok	\$ 25.00
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Mr. & Mrs.	Bohrmann	\$ 115.00	Mrs.	Rehberg	\$ 15.00
Mrs.	Reviglio	\$ 15.00			

Calendar of Events

German Filmafternoon with coffee and cake

Thursday 4th of July & 1st of August

1.30 – 3.30 pm

AGWS office

Cost \$ 5.00

Please let us know if you are planning to attend!

Annual AGWS Book Bazar

Thursday 15th August

10am – 3pm

AGWS office

Please put in your diary!

We know, there is still some time until these events, but perhaps make a note of them so that you'll remember when the time comes.

Excursion to the Anakie Fairy Park

We are organising a family day at the Anakie Fairy Park together with our playgroups "Rappelkiste". This beautiful park was founded by a German family in 1959 and was Australia's first theme park.

When: Sunday, 10 November 2019 - from 10.30 am onwards

Where: Anakie Fairy Park www.fairypark.com

What: Entertainment, Games, quiz trail through the park, picnic

BYO picnic, or order a picnic pack.

Of course, there will also be Bratwurst and an AGWS cake stall. Normal admission price applies upon arrival at the park: \$ 10 for children, \$ 18 for adults, children under 3 free.



AGWS Christmas Market

Melbourne Lower Town Hall

28th of November 2019

9.30 am - 3.30 pm

Rappelkiste

The 'Rappelkiste' is the AGWS's German language playgroup for children aged 2 - 5.

The group takes place on Thursday mornings from 10 - 12 pm during school terms at Parkdale Church of Christ, Parkdale

Enquiries and bookings: Gine at rappelkisteparkdale@yahoo.com.au



Rappelkiste Frankston will take place every Wednesday from 10 - 12am during school term.

Enquiries and bookings: Gine at rappelkistefrankston@yahoo.com

Cost: \$ 10 for the first child; \$ 5 for every other child two years and older; children under 18 months of age are free.

The AGWS family membership for one year is \$60 (this includes insurance with Playgroup Australia).

A Project of the Australian-German Welfare Society: 'Deutsche Sprache und Traditionen spielend beibehalten'.

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QU-QU-Meeting-

Meet with likeminded people for a chat in German

On every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month a group of likeminded people meet at our office for an informal chat.

If you feel like conversing in German about books, films, memories, health, travels or whatever else you might think of and are interested in good company just come along! We look forward to meeting you!

Our meeting dates for July are:

Tuesday 9th and 23rd of July from 10 am to 1 pm



Mondays from 2pm- 4pm at the AGWS office.

Participation is free and everyone over 60 years of age is welcome to attend.

Please let the office know if you are planning to come!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Computer Clinic at the Martin Luther Homes

On the 16th of May, my colleague from the AGWS committee, Gabi Krstic, and I were at the Martin Luther Homes as part of our Computer Programme **Be Connected Every Australian Online**, for the first time.

The plan is to conduct a computer clinic at the Homes on every 3rd Thursday of the month from **2pm- 3.30pm**, where residents can ask question concerning their devices.

Residents of the Homes and the Village can could book 30 minutes one-on-one time with one of us 'computer experts' and ask questions about their devices or computer programs.

Over coffee and biscuits we answered questions regarding smart phones, the Kindle and specific computer applications.

A 91-year-old participant taught me something I didn't know!

Our next clinic, on the 20th of June, is already booked out. If there is enough interest, we will continue the programme until the end of the year.

Tanja Gawin



Photos Oliver Heuthe

AGWS German Bookclubs

The AGWS book clubs meet every third Tuesday of the month. If you like to read and enjoy sharing your opinion with others, join us!

The “**AGWS Buchclub**” meets in the morning at 11am in the rooms of the AGWS in South Melbourne and the “**Bookworms**” at 7.30pm in the evening. The “**Buchwürmer**” in the Railway Hotel in South Melbourne.

Call the AGWS office under 9696 0907 for more info.

TTHA News



Winter is here and it certainly has been cold, we have seen snow in Queensland which demonstrates how unusual the temperature has been. This bitterly cold weather has seen us spending more time indoors and warming ourselves with some of the deliciously hearty meals prepared by our kitchen. More indoor activities have been seen of late with scrumptious pub lunches, morning melodies and our art and craft classes.

Our Lifestyle program is filled with such variety for all abilities and interests and gives the residents so much joy. Every Saturday and Sunday in Tabulam we have our sunflower club, a fantastic activity group which includes singing, active games, painting and flower arranging. This wonderful group brings the home to life on the weekends for residents and we thank the staff who run it. Our Friday Happy hour is always a favourite on the calendar which sees residents sharing a beer or wine with delicious nibbles from our kitchen while being entertained by one of our regular guests. A recent visit from the Evergreen German Choir was such a delight and saw residents signing along with their favourite German classics. Our bus outings which occur three times a week are exciting for residents and with the cooler weather we have been preferring visits indoors and scenic drives while enjoying the heating of the bus. Recent visits to Mont de Lancey, Knox Woodwork Shop and Tree of Delights in Belgrave not only satisfy our adventurous nature but also keep us nice and warm. Our pub lunches paired with morning melodies are also favored while enjoying the beautiful music we are warming our bellies with some delightfully hearty meals.

Our education and information sessions are continuing at regular intervals throughout the year, giving you and your loved ones to hear about changes and what's new in aged care and independent living. Recent sessions 'Aged Care - An Overview' and the Family, friends, resident and staff Education and Information sessions were very informative and interactive. The Education and Information session was presented by Dementia Australia who guided

participants through the upcoming changes to the aged care standards and gave participants an opportunity to give their suggestions for improvements and changes.

Our Social Support Groups have been enjoying some fantastic outings of late, including a bus outing to the beautiful village of Emerald with a delicious lunch at the Elevation restaurant, a visit to the Monash Gallery and a delectable lunch at the Wheelers Hill hotel. Morning melodies has also been enjoyed followed by lunch at the Mountain View Hotel and a visit to the Wyreena café, including a walk-through Croydon main street and lunch at the Dorset Gardens Hotel. We currently have two vacancies in our Thursday group, which would be great for a couple so if you or a loved one are interested in joining this social group, please call our Home Care office on 8720 1338 and talk to the team on how you can get involved.

If you or a loved one are thinking about home assistance, or need extra support, our Accent Home Care team can give you all of the information and assistance you need. Our team is there to answer all of your questions and to guide you through the process, please call our office on 8720 1338 or homecare@accenthomecare.org.au.

As we enjoy our warming comfort foods, we invite you to come in and talk to us about your own aged care needs and how we can assist you. If you would like to make an enquiry for any of our services, please contact us on (03) 8720 1333 or visit our website: www.ttha.org.au, or Accent Home Care on (03) 8720 1338 www.accenthomecare.org.au

Positions Vacant

We are currently looking for young German speaking staff aged between 18-25 that would like to visit and work in Australia for 6 months in our lifestyle program.

Work up to 30 hours per week

Accommodation provided for a fee

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Eva Simo - CEO

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Solution June



Our book shelves are bursting with novels, childrens books, cook books and a lot more!

Our annual Book Bazar is scheduled for **the 15th of August from 10 am to 3 pm**

But you don't have to wait until then!

Drop in anytime during office hours and have a browse.

We love it if our books find a new home and only ask for a small contribution of \$ 1.00 per book.

