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Dear Members

Welcome back to another year.

May 2019 be a happy and health year for you and your family!

The AGWS Committee held its consultant lead strategic planning workshop on 18th January.

The main focus was on change. We all know that the expectations on services that are provided by us are changing. The overall audience is much different to years gone by and so the questions are:

What do we do now; who are our future members, friends and stakeholders and what do they expect from us?

Committee members reviewed our purpose and mission and explored how this purpose responds to our context and considered how we can broaden our horizon and focus our activity.

We set key priority areas for the next three years and that all in the first half of the day. During the second half of the day, we explored specific 'pain points' and developed solutions. We also looked at brand identity and marketing.

The day was lots of fun and helped us to create a future vision.

I shall report more and on next steps in coming months.

The Committee has a lot of work to do but we are excited to ensure the AGWS has a healthy and viable future ahead of it.

Thanks to our staff and volunteers who have again planned the months ahead and we have many activities on offer for you and hope to welcome you the various events events.

For the 28th of February from 2pm to 4pm we have organised a **Bunter Faschings Nachmittag** with coffee and cake in the Club Tivoli.

It will be an afternoon of telling stories, readings of poems, song and fun. Come in costume if you feel like it!
Cost is \$15.00 and please let the office know if you are planning to attend.

**Yours,
Birgit**



*Don't believe all that you hear and don't say all that
you think*

Victorian Forest in danger!

Professor David Lindenmayer and Dr Chloe Sato, two of Australia's most respected ecologists, have been tracking the plants and animals of the forest since 1983

"It's been very distressing to watch", Professor Lindenmayer says. Many of these sites that should have animals no longer do. To see many of the big trees gone- that is quite difficult to witness. The ash

forest has lost the ability to sustain itself and will probably collapse at about 90% in the next fifty years.

About 80% of the whole forest is now designated for logging. On top of that, huge swaths of park have been consumed in bushfires.

The number of large, old trees in the forest almost halved between 1997 and 2011. The numbers of Leadbeater's possums and greater gliders have more than halved. There are fewer birds, including kookaburras, rosellas and honeyeaters.

Almost 90% of the forest is now young trees. Trees tend to reproduce mostly when they are very old without old trees, there are no new trees.

Young trees are also much more flammable than old trees. This means the whole forest is at much higher risk of a huge blaze. And if one struck, the trees would not grow back.

The trees would likely be replaced with wattle and acacia shrub land, which would be very bad for Melbourne's water supply.

Some of the city's reservoirs-the Upper Yarra Reservoir, the Maroondah Dam- are right in the middle of the forest. But young trees soak much more water than older ones.

Melbourne Water, the authority on the city's water supply did not accept these prognoses.

Very bad news indeed.

Linde Mohr

New Members

Mr. D. Gluer

Mrs. K. Miglic

Mrs. E. Zimmermann

Welcome at the AGWS

Farewell



Mrs. Ch. Trefz
Mr. W. Frank

We extend our sincere condolences to families and friends.

Donations

Many thanks for your kind consideration!

Mr. & Mrs. Oswald	15.00	Mrs. Miglic	15.00
Anonym	500.00	Mrs. Möller	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henkell	2000.00		

Socialwork

Social Work Statistics November / December 2018	
Aged Care	29
German Language	19
Friendly Visiting Service	17
Pension	14
Financial Aid	10
Computer Course	8
Immigration / Emmigration / Visa	7
TTHA / MLH	4
Information	4
Family Matters	4
Miscellaneous	4
Health	2
Legal / Tax	1
Isolation	1
Total	124
New	12
Client Visits Office	14
Client Visits Outside	14

Calendar of Events

Filmafternoon with Coffee and Cake

Thursday 7th of February and 7th of March

1.30 pm –~ 3.30 pm

AGWS office

Cost \$ 5.00

Please let the office know if you are coming!

Bunter Faschings Nachmittag with coffee and cake

Thursday 28th of February 2 pm - 4pm

Club Tivoli

Cost \$ 15.00

Come in costume or wear a fancy hat!

Please let the office know if you are coming!

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

rappelkisteparkdale@yahoo.com.au



Cost: \$ 10 for the first child; \$ 5 for every other child two years' and older; children under two years 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 February are:

Tuesday 12th and 26th of February from 10 am to 1 pm



The first meeting of the Be Connectes Every Australian online initiative took place on the 16th of October.

Future meetings will be held on Mondays from 1.30pm – 4pm in 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!

TTHA News



Happy New Year to everyone, we hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas celebration with your families and have begun the year happy and healthy. The New Year brings new beginnings and new opportunities and is an exciting time to start a fresh new project. The TTHA office is now fully staffed again, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and Tempting Treats Café is open 7 days a week 10am to 4pm. Our staff have had a lovely summer break with their families and everyone has returned refreshed and ready for another exciting year. Recently we have welcomed new staff and I would love to introduce these fresh new faces. Please come and say hello on your next visit to TTHA.

Kris Chau is our new General Manager for Community Care. Kris comes to TTHA with a wealth of knowledge on the Aged Care sector and we are excited to have her. Kris has worked in operations and funding in public hospitals for over 11 years in both Melbourne and Sydney. She also operated two supported residential services for the last 8 years before joining TTHA. Kris is passionate to develop a community based aged care model and is excited to meet everyone soon.

Gabriele Witte-Reisinger (Gabi) is the new Care Adviser for Community Care. Gabi has worked in the therapy sector and teaching for the last ten years. She has been based in Melbourne now for nearly 20 years, sometimes spending extended periods overseas in Germany. Gabi is enthusiastic and looking forward to the

challenges ahead at TTHA and is passionate to provide a positive impact to our clients. Gabi is looking forward to putting faces to names so please say hello to her on your next visit.

Jacinta Oplaat is the new Receptionist here at TTHA. Jacinta has worked in Administration and Office Management for a number of years and enjoys greatly the variety of tasks the job entails. Jacinta is very excited to grow into her new role and tackle the challenges it may bring. Please welcome Jacinta to her new role on your next visit to TTHA.

Maioha Rapata is the new Maintenance Assistant here at TTHA. Maioha is a qualified carpenter and have been working in the industry for a number of years. He is really looking forward to expanding his skills, learning new things and enjoying the challenges along the way. If you see Maioha around the facility please come and say hello on your next visit. We would like to welcome all new starters and we wish them all the very best in their new roles here at TTHA. Our Lifestyle team is also off to a great start for the year, with many exciting outings and groups planned for 2019. Our art classes are proving popular and are continuing every fortnight. Happy hour is always an exciting time of the week and all of our favourite performers will be returning this year to entertain our residents as they enjoy refreshments. Many a pub lunch is on the calendar again this year, with each outing to a different venue, providing an array of variety for residents. All our favourite activities roll on into 2019 including pet therapy, exercise classes, movie time, board games, bingo and many more to tantalise the tastebuds of all of our residents. Our Social Support Group (SSG) has also been taking advantage of this beautiful summer sunshine and have visited Frankston beach recently finishing the trip with a delicious and huge lunch at Sofia's. The SSG program is an exciting one, with recent visits to Alowyn Gardens, Dixons Creek, Garden World, Chelsea Heights, Hahndorf and Eastwood Golf Club just to name a few! The Social Support Group have some vacancies available now, so if you or a loved one would be interested in joining this group, please contact our Community Care office on 8720 1338, they will give you all the information you need.

We are excited to announce that our Community Care area will be launching a new name in 2019. 'TTHA at Home', will soon become 'Accent Home Care'. Our exceptional services and staff will remain the same, the only change will be the new name. We look forward to giving you more information on Accent Home Care in the coming weeks, so watch this space. If you or a loved one are thinking about home assistance, or need extra support, our Community care team can give you all of the information and assistance you need. So why not give us a call and see how we can help you. Our team is there to answer all of your questions and to guide you through the process, please call our office on 8720 1338.

Also remember we still have our 'Refer a friend' program. If you refer a friend to our Home Care team and they become a client, we reward you with a \$100 voucher. So please keep spreading the word about the wonderful work our Homecare team are doing for all of our clients from diverse languages and cultures.

As we begin the New Year with new hope and opportunities, 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

Eva Simo CEO

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Solution December

The Qu-Qu Club on the Radio

In January SBS Radion visited AGWS. Julia Kleis interviewed members of the Qu-Qu Club, short for Quatsch and Quassel Club, and the interview went on air on the 22nd of January. If you would like to listen to the interview, you can find it on the SBS Radio website as a podcast anytime.

The Qu-Qu Club would be happy to welcome new members. So if you are interested just drop in the AGWS office on every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month between 10am and 1pm.

SBS DEUTSCH

Die deutsche Sprache bewahren



Mitglieder der deutschen Plaudergruppe, der Qu-Qu-Klub. (Julia Kleis)

Im Qu-Qu-Club der Australian-German Welfare Society in Melbourne treffen sich Menschen, die ihre Muttersprache in der Wahlheimat Australien nicht verlernen wollen.