



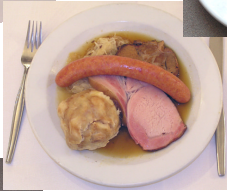
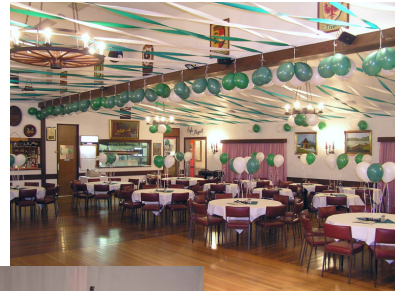
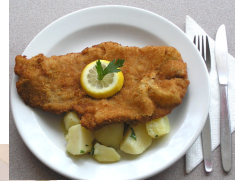
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A.C.M. Objectives

A very brief & selective summary:

- To make known and promote Austrian culture in Australia with particular emphasis on Austrian fine arts, music and literature.
- To arrange performances of Austrian music in Australia.
- To maintain and develop the Austrian Cultural Centre as a place for providing cultural, social, recreational and sporting facilities from the joint funds of the Club
- To help enable children to participate in social, cultural and artistic activities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

English & German

Dear Members & Friends of the Austrian Club Melbourne.

The September Newsletter went to print early this year, as one of the Newsletter Team departed for a holiday in Hong Kong. As a result, news of the last weekend in August had not yet been covered. On Saturday 29th August, the Austrian Club once again hosted the annual Poetry Competition conducted by the Association of German Teachers Victoria. This event covers all regions of Victoria. Precision, clarity of pronunciation and expression are all deciding factors in the search for a winner in each age group. Our Club building was well and truly alive from 8:00am. Teachers, judges and students, together with their family members, started to file in for the State Final. As Austrian Club Members we were thrilled to have present one of our own - Eduard Schellander - who is a teacher at Overnewton Anglican Community College, and who brought with him his three students. Two of his students won awards, but unfortunately did not quite manage to grasp the ultimate award. Nevertheless, Eddie was delighted with his student's great achievements. Many Chicken Schnitzels, Frankfurters and Chips were consumed. Congratulations to Chef Hans and the staff who kept the orders rolling. When the event finally came to a conclusion at approx. 4:00pm, necessary preparations were quickly put in place for the Saturday night function. Thanks

Liebe Klub Mitglieder und Freunde des Österreichischen Klubs Melbourne.

Der September Rundbrief wurde dieses Jahr früher gedruckt, da eine Person des Newsletter Teams nach Hong Kong reiste. Aus diesem Grund wurde über das letzte Augustwochenende noch nicht berichtet. Am 29. August war der Österreichische Klub wieder Gastgeber des jährlichen Poesiewettbewerbs, der vom Verband der Deutschlehrer in Victoria geleitet wird. Alle Gebiete Victorias sind in dieser Veranstaltung eingeschlossen. Die entscheidenden Faktoren in der Wahl des Gewinners, in den verschiedenen Altersgruppen, sind Exaktheit, Klarheit der Aussprache und Ausdrucksweise. Von 8 Uhr früh kam unser Klub wirklich und wahrhaftig zum Leben. Lehrer, Schiedsrichter und Studenten mit ihren Familienangehörigen, strömten in den Klub, um an der staatlichen Endentscheidung teilzunehmen. Als Mitglieder des Österreichischen Klubs Melbourne, freuten wir uns natürlich riesig, daß einer aus unserer Mitte zugegen war. Eduard Schellander brachte drei seiner Studenten aus dem Overnewton Anglican Community College zum Wettbewerb. Preise wurden zwei seiner Studenten zuerkannt, doch leider konnten sie nicht den Höchstpreis erwerben. Dennoch war Eddie hoch erfreut über die gute Leistung seiner Studenten. Viele Schnitzel, Frankfurter und Kartoffelchips wurden verspeist. Gratulation dem Chef Hans und seinen Angestellten, die die Wünsche

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to the efforts of tireless Voluntary Helpers the transformation occurred rather quickly and smoothly. Thus we were promptly ready to greet Kaz and Halena Mach at 6:30pm. Kaz and Halena were celebrating their 40th (Ruby) Wedding Anniversary in the Club, with family and friends. Chef Hans and the kitchen staff had reorganised the Bistro for our normal dinner trade and were ready to plate up for the party - Bauernschmaus (Farmers Platter), Barramundi, Schnitzel and Beef Goulash... Marianne & Mimmo did their piece to entertain our guests, many of whom said they "had not danced so much for a very long time. Super!"

The following day Silver Echoes were on stage as the Club hosted a party for Family Gigl. The birthday boy was celebrating 70 years of age and his wife, who had turned 70 a few days before, joined in the celebrations to make it a double birthday. Would you believe it - the Gigs had come all the way down from Queensland, just to celebrate in our Club. That really is pleasing! The couple's special pre-ordered Menu request was Salzburger Nockerln and was served promptly at mid-afternoon. This request was not a surprise for Chef Hans, for last year, around the same time of the year, he had fulfilled this very same wish for their combined birthday celebrations.

The Rotary Club of Rosanna held a special Dinner Meeting on Wednesday 2nd September. The guest speaker was from "Blaze Aid" - a group which was created after the terrible bushfires raging in Victoria earlier this year. The Austrian Club Main Hall had to be specially re-organised into tables of eight persons for this function, and so it was possible for us to accommodate the 150 persons comfortably. Chef Hans and his staff did a wonderful job with a 2-course meal. Thank you to all those Committee Members who diligently helped, to ensure this event ran so smoothly and successfully.

It was strange not to have a party booked at the Club on Saturday 5th September. A function without any private celebrations is a rarity and we found it quite unusual not to be preparing cakes and champagne. However quite a few members and friends came along and enjoyed the music of Silver Beat immensely.

Father's Day took place the next day and brought many families into the Club. Rene entertained the children with the chicken dance; "Curly Blue" skillfully painted the childrens' faces and craftily twisted balloons into

reibungslos erfüllt. Als um 4 Uhr nachmittag die Veranstaltung endete, mußten für den Samstagabend kurzerhand alle notwendigen Vorbereitungen getroffen werden. Dank dem unermüdlichen Einsatz unserer Freiwilligen Helfer verlief die Umwandlung schnell und reibungslos, und somit konnten wir Kaz und Halena Mach um 6 Uhr 30 herzlich begrüßen. Kaz und Halena feierten hier im Klub ihr 40 jähriges Hochzeitsjubiläum, mit Familie und Freunden. Chef Hans und seine Küchenhilfen hatten das Bistro auf Abendessen umgestellt und waren nun bereit Bauernschmaus, Barramundi, Schnitzel und Gulasch für die Party aufzutischen... Marianne und Mimmo taten ihr Übriges die Gäste gut zu unterhalten und der Kommentar manch eines Gastes war, "wir haben schon für eine sehr lange Zeit nicht mehr so ausgiebig getanzt wie heute. Prima!"

Am folgenden Tag spielten die Silver Echoes auf und der Klub war Gastgeber für die Familie Gigl. Herr Gigl feierte seinen 70. Geburtstag und seine Frau feierte ihren Ehrentag gleich mit, denn auch sie wurde einige Tage zuvor 70. Stellen sie sich vor - die Gigs kamen den ganzen langen Weg aus Queensland, nur um in unserem Klub zu feiern! Daß ist wirklich erfreulich. Das Ehepaar bestellte schon vorher ihren besonderen Menu Wunsch für Salzburger Nockerln, die dann auch prompt am Nachmittag serviert wurden. Chef Hans war nicht überrascht, denn letztes Jahr erfüllte er dieser Familie genau den selben Wunsch für ihre Geburtstagsfeier.

Am Mittwoch den 2. September arrangierte der Rotary Club of Rosanna ein Treffen, einschließlich Abendessen. Der Gastsprecher war von der "Blaze Aid" Gruppe die nach den schrecklichen Buschfeuern, die im letzten Sommer in Victoria wüteten, gegründet wurde. Die Halle unseres Klubs wurde für diesen Anlaß neu umgestaltet. Jeder Tisch wurde jeweils für 8 Personen eingeteilt und so gelang es uns 150 Gäste gut unterzubringen. Chef Hans und sein Küchenpersonal leistete einen hervorragenden Beitrag mit seiner zweigängigen Mahlzeit. Herzlichen Dank an all jene Komiteemitglieder die fleißig mithalfen, damit diese Veranstaltung so erfolgreich verlief.

Am 5 September fand keine persönliche Feier in unserem Klub statt. Eine Veranstaltung ohne irgendeine Party ist selten und wir fanden es äußerst ungewöhnlich keinen Kuchen oder Sekt bereit zu haben. Jedoch waren eine gute Gruppe Mitglieder und deren Freunde vorhanden, die die Klänge der Silber Beat ausgiebig genossen.

Der Vatertag fand am nächsten Tag statt und brachte viele Familien in den Klub. Rene lud die Kinder zum erfolgreichen Chickendance ein, während "Curly Blue" geschickt die Gesichter der Kinder bemalte und raffiniert Balloons zu allen möglichen Tierfiguren twistete. Dann

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multifarious animal shapes. Then there was the Austrian Trail questionnaire, which focussed on Austrian culture and the history of our Club, and kept the children occupied for a while - walking around the building looking for answers to put on their sheet.

Fortunately it was not raining so the playground was well attended. The adults relaxed, enjoyed dancing and laughter and thus it was a pleasant afternoon overall at the Club.

The following Saturday night was somewhat quieter than normal and thus enabled the Voluntary Helpers to get away a little earlier for some refreshing rest. The AGM went smoothly on Sunday. The Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet for 2008 - 2009 had been published in the Newsletter prior to the meeting. Consequently we were able to work through the Agenda quickly and efficiently. Naturally there were questions asked and we hope that the answers given were deemed appropriate, satisfactorily meeting the members' expectations. I thank the Members present for having faith in me, and for their vote of confidence in my leading the Club soundly during the next twelve months.

The Steirer Abend, which took place on the 19th September, was a total success. A combination of great music, wonderful decoration and a fabulous floorshow by the Oberbayern Schuhplattler created a fantastic atmosphere. The Miners' Dance was performed again, for the first time in many years, and everybody was entranced. Superb effort!

Only days later we were devastated and shocked to hear of the passing of our Security Person, Fred Tschepek, on Tuesday 22nd September. Fred has been around so long, he seemed to be there forever. We will miss Fred immensely, for he helped and did so much for the Club in the past - naturally and with pleasure - and we will always remember him with thanks and gratitude. He was not just a Security Person. He loved the Club and we, in the Club, all loved him.



Grand Final Football affected attendance on Saturday 26th September, however on Sunday, with Melodia playing, the Club was once again very well attended.

Finally I need to bring your attention to the fact that our Chef, Hans Hartkopf, ceased his employment with us on Sunday 4th October. I wish Hans well for the future. The Kitchen will still operate, albeit with a reduced Menu until we obtain a new Chef.

Congratulations to everyone celebrating birthdays; and to those Members who are not feeling all that great, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Other comments with respect to our entertainment program have been covered by the Entertainment Co-ordinators in a separate article.

A very hearty thank you to our small band of loyal Voluntary Helpers and Committee Members who always help, where and when required, to get the tasks completed.

With friendly greetings,
Otto Griesmayr

*New Volunteers would be
very much appreciated.*

gab's außerdem noch den Vatertagsfragebogen, der die Kinder auf die Spur der Österreichischen Kultur und der Geschichte unseres Klubs schickte. Damit waren die Kinder für eine Weile vollauf beschäftigt, um ihre Antworten irgendwo im Klub zu finden. Glücklicherweise regnete es an diesem Nachmittag nicht und der Spielplatz wurde gut genutzt. Die Erwachsenen waren entspannt, tanzten und lachten, und somit hatte jeder einen angenehmen Nachmittag im Klub.

Der folgende Samstagabend war etwas ruhiger als sonst und ermöglichte somit den Freiwilligen Helfern einen etwas längeren, erfrischenden Schlaf. Am Sonntag hielten wir dann unsere Jahreshauptversammlung ab, die sehr glatt verlief. Profit und Verlust, sowie der Kontobestand, wurden schon vorher im September Nachrichtenblatt veröffentlicht, und wir arbeiteten uns schnell und effizient durch die Tagesordnung. Natürlich gab es Fragen, und wir hoffen daß die Antworten entsprechend passend und zufriedenstellend waren. Ich danke allen Mitgliedern für ihr Vertrauen in mich, und für die Zuversicht daß ich den Klub weitere 12 Monate gut für sie leite.

Der Steirer Abend, der am 19. September statt fand, war ein voller Erfolg. Die Kombination guter Musik, Dekoration und einer prima Vorführung der Oberbayrischen Schuhplattler schuf eine fantastische Atmosphäre. Der Bergknappentanz wurde zum erstenmal in vielen Jahren wieder vorgeführt und jeder war davon fasziniert. Tolle Leistung!

Nur Tage später hörten wir mit großer Bestürzung und Schock, vom Ableben unseres Sicherheitswächters Fred Tschepek am 22. September. Fred war so lange für uns da, daß es uns erscheint als wäre er für immer bei uns gewesen. Wir vermissen Fred riesig und unermesslich, denn er half und tat in der Vergangenheit so vieles für den Klub - ganz selbstverständlich und gerne - und wir werden ihn immer mit Dank in Erinnerung behalten. Fred war nicht nur ein Sicherheitswächter, sondern er liebte den Klub und wir alle liebten ihn.

Grand Final Football beeinträchtigte die Besucherzahl am Samstag den 26. September. Jedoch am Sonntag, als Melodia aufspielte, war der Klub wieder sehr gut besucht.

Zum Schluß muß ich sie darauf aufmerksam machen, daß unser Chef Hans Hartkopf seine Arbeit am 4 Oktober bei uns beendete. Ich wünsche Hans alles Gute für die Zukunft. Die Küche bleibt weiterhin in Betrieb, jedoch mit einem reduzierten Menu bis wir wieder einen neuen Chef bekommen.

Herzliche Glückwünsche an alle die Geburtstag feiern. Und an denjenigen Mitgliedern, die sich nicht sehr wohl fühlen, wünschen wir eine baldige Genesung.

Weitere Kommentare die unser Unterhaltungs Ko-ordinierende person zusammengestellt hat, finden sie in einem separaten Bericht.

Ein sehr herzliches Danke an unsere kleine Gruppe treuer Freiwilliger Helfer und Komiteemitglieder die immer helfen, wo und wann sie benötigt werden, um die nötigen Aufgaben zu bewältigen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,
Otto Griesmayr

*Neue Freiwillige Helfer sehen wir
mit Dank entgegen*


A TRIBUTE - FRED TSCHPEK

It is with a heavy heart that we sit here today and write a tribute to our much-loved security guard Fred. Our original paparazzi intent was to allocate, at some unknown point in the near future, a special page of "In the Spotlight" to Fred, to show our appreciation and to thank him for a job always well done. We wanted to honour the way Fred contributed in ways that were over-and-above the call of duty, and to highlight his strong involvement with the Austrian Club Melbourne.



A treasure to all who knew him, this larger-than-life "big kid" was full of fun and consistently brightened day or night with his unique humour. A little dose of cheek, a huge hug here and there, a friendly word of understanding and care, a hearty laugh to get you in the right mood - these were the typical attributes of this gentle giant that we all came to know and love. Fred took immense pleasure in all that he did - his job, his friendship with the people around him and, last but not least, the pure joy of loving great Austrian food.

Sadly this is was not to be. And so, as we all learn to come to terms with Fred's sudden passing away, we'd like to share with you a Tribute to Fred, in place of the Spotlight article we would have dearly loved to be writing about him. Fred, we pay our respects to you as our much-loved security guard, but more than that, you were just like a best friend to everyone.

*There is a saying that goes something like this:
"best friends are like a four leaf clover
- hard to find and lucky to have"* 



We were indeed lucky to have found Fred and to have had him in our circle of friendship for the time that we did.



Indeed, Fred did a terrific job of looking after our valued Club. Not just in the excellent care and wise judgement he displayed with regards to the physical assets, but moreso the personal touch he brought to his job. Cheerfully he helped the Voluntary Helpers, after long and weary nights, to lift down the crests that had hung proudly on the stage, collected the provincial flags that decorated the hall, sorted out tablecloths and linen, put chairs up onto tables ready for the cleaner, helped clear things away and generally assisted



with the tidying up. Fred brought those that were tied to their work-stations a steaming hot cup of coffee, or sat to share a friendly chat and some company. He looked after the diligent accounting staff, who often work into the early morning hours, with attentive vigilance and care - brought their car right to the door, set the alarm and escorted them, laughing and joking, out to their vehicles, then sent them, smiling happily, safely on their way. Fred was here to make the place safe and, in addition, did a wealth of good for his community.



Although born in Wodonga Australia, Fred's roots came from Leoben in the beautiful Steiermark where he ended up spending his childhood and youth. Returning to Australia, his love of Austria remained. And so the two cultures infused - the Austrian charm with the rugged Aussie bushman.

Living in the outskirts of Melbourne, with plenty of bush around him, Fred's security job aligned beautifully with the hobby that he shared with his partner Vicki. And what a beautiful hobby they had. They cared for, trained and bred working German Shepherds (and lately Schnauzers). Holding a soft spot for "man's best friend", Fred and Vicki freely gave unwanted guard dogs and those which were too old to work, a place to stay and a chance to enjoy the rest of their days, happy and free.



Fred was often told that he was very much loved and he took this compliment with a happy laugh. So typical. Fred was always happy - looking for the bright side of everything - and taught us to live life to the fullest. He will be remembered as the Aussie



lad / Steirer bua, who combined safety with caring, cheek with understanding, laughter with love.

Fred you secured a place in our hearts and your memory will live on forever.

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"Song Without Music"
Poem of Austria by Tracy Marks

The world is not ours
nor will it ever be.
Around me is a song without music,
a poem without words.

Silver clouds float in a paling sky
as mountain slopes show their varied greens,
Forever reaching, forever stretching,
forever sculpturing
an earth of magnificence yet grace

God is here in Austria.
Everywhere I look I see His face.



"Lied ohne Musik"
Gedicht über Österreich von Tracy Marks

Die Welt ist nicht unser eigen
und wird es auch nie sein.
Es umfasst mich ein Lied ohne Musik,
ein Gedicht ohne Worte.

Silberne Wolken schweben in einem erblassenden Himmel
als Berghänge ihr uneinheitliches Grün zur Geltung bringen,
Unablässig reckend, unablässig dehnend,
unablässig formend
eine Erde der Pracht und doch der Anmut.

Gott ist hier in Österreich.
Wohin ich auch blicke, überall seh ich sein Gesicht.



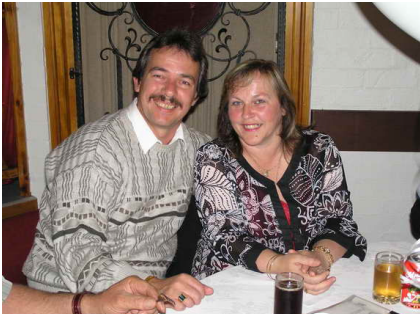
To a great friend.
Fred.

Thank you for everything and goodbye.

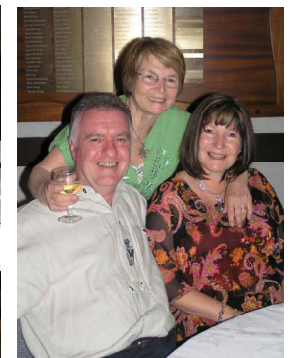
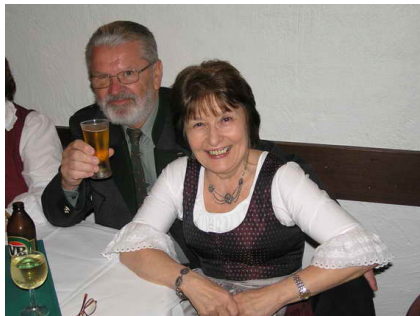
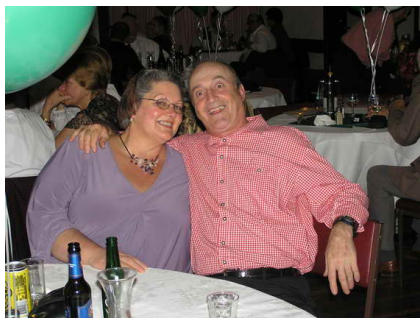
Rest in peace.

Mira Schellander





Steirer Abend 2009





Oberbayern
Schuhplattler
Tanz Gruppe



Zwei Steirer
feiern Geburtstag



Lausbuben!!!



Bergknappen Tanz



KLEINE REISE DURCH ÖSTERREICH

"SCHWAMMERLTURM" - DAS WAHRZEICHEN VON LEOBEN

Steiermark - Der ehemalige Mautturm ("Schwammerlturm"): Eines der ersten Bauwerke, das nach der Verlegung der Stadt in die Murschleife errichtet wurde, war der Mautturm (1280), der den Zugang zur Stadt von Westen her überwachte.

Der Mauttorturm stellt heute das einzig erhalten gebliebene Stadttor Leobens dar. Die mittelalterliche Anlage wurde 1512 renoviert, 1616 von Peter Carlone von Grund auf neu errichtet und nach schwerer Beschädigung durch ein Erdbeben 1794 mit der pilzförmigen Haube versehen, auf die sein volkstümlicher Name "Schwammerlturm" zurückgeht. Seine Geschichte ist durch den folgenden launigen, nicht ganz korrekten Spruch, von Johann Max Tandler in 1845 zusammengefasst:

Versinschrift auf dem Schwammerlturm:

1280 bin ich erstanden da,

1794 war ich dem Sturze nah.

Ich bin somit in jedem Falle,

sehr alt und älter als ihr alle.

Sah viele Feind durch mich gehen,

und blieb doch immer aufrecht stehen.

Sah viermal auch die Franken schon,
doch immer fest den Kaiserthron.

Sah Krieger jüerst aus Ost und West,

blieb auch in diesen Stürmen fest.



Die beiden letzten Zeilen wurden nach Ende des Zweiten Weltkrieges von Josef Freudenthaler verfasst, und 1954 hinzugefügt. Heute ist unser "Schwammerlturm" wieder begehbar und beherbergt ein kleines Cafehaus mit einem wunderbaren Blick auf die Stadt und ihre Umgebung.

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"Herr ich teile mit dir alles - was oben bleibt gehört dir". ☺

Fritz Reiterer

Ein katholischer Priester ist zum ersten mal in Rom, als das Konzil beginnt. Mitten in der Menge der Gläubigen beobachtet er die Auffahrt der Würdenträger und bestaunt deren Karossen, mit denen sie ankommen - ein Rolls Royce, einen Cadillac, einen Mercedes ... Fassungslos grübelt er vor sich hin:
"Erstaunlich, und mit einem Esel haben sie alle angefangen."



Eine Frau geht in den Wald um Schwammerl zu suchen. Nach einiger Zeit findet sie ein riesengroßes Schwammerl, das sagt: "Wenn du mich nicht ausreißt, erfülle ich dir einen Wunsch!" Die Frau willigt ein: "Ich wünsche mir Frieden in Afghanistan!" Das Schwammerl meint: "Afghanistan? Wo ist denn das? Hast du nicht einen anderen Wunsch?" Die Frau: "Weiß ich auch nicht genau, aber im Fernsehen wird immer davon berichtet! Also gut, ein anderer Wunsch: Ich wünsche mir, daß du meinen Mann zum Schönsten auf der Welt machst!" Das Schwammerl sagt: "OK, hast du ein Foto dabei?" Als die Frau ihm das Foto gezeigt hat, meint das Schwammerl: "Weißt du was, du gehst jetzt nach Hause, holst einen Atlas, und wir schauen nach, wo Afghanistan liegt!"

FACT SHEET: NEW ROAD SAFETY RULES:

Using mobile phones and visual display units

Effective 9 November 2009

From November 2009, there will be some changes to Victoria's road safety rules. The changes include amendments to the rules for using mobile phones and visual display units. Road safety reason Using a mobile phone or a visual display unit as you drive is distracting and creates dangerous situations that could be fatal. The risk of being involved in a crash increases by as much as four times, when using a mobile phone as you drive, and if you are texting the risk of crashing increases to 23 times.

Mobile phones

Using a mobile phone to make or receive a phone call while driving is prohibited except if the phone:

- is secured in a commercially designed holder fixed to the vehicle

OR

- can be operated by the driver without touching any part of the phone.

All other functions (including video calls, texting and emailing) are prohibited. Holding the phone (whether or not engaged in a phone call) is also prohibited. Holding includes resting the mobile on the driver's lap. Learner and P1 drivers, are not permitted to use a mobile phone at all while driving.

Visual display units

A driver must not drive a vehicle that has a television receiver or a visual display unit operating if any part of the screen is visible to the driver or is likely to distract another driver. A driver can use a driver's aid (such as a navigation device) but it must be an integrated part of the vehicle design, or secured in a commercially designed holder, which is fixed to the vehicle.

Exemptions

The rule relating to securing visual display units does not apply to motorcycles. What you have to do Don't use your mobile phone or your drivers aid when you are driving, unless it is within a commercially designed holder fixed to your vehicle.

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Look carefully at the B-17 in the picture below and note how shot up it is - one engine dead, tail, horizontal stabiliser and nose shot up. It was ready to fall out of the sky. Then realise that there is a German ME-109 fighter flying next to it. Now read the story below.



(This is a painting done by an artist from the description of both pilots many years later.)

Charles Brown was a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot with the 379th Bomber Group at Kimbolton, England. His B-17 was called "Ye Old Pub" and was in a terrible state, having been hit by flak and fighters. The compass was damaged and they were flying deeper over enemy territory instead of heading home to Kimbolton.

After flying the B-17 over an enemy airfield, a German pilot named Franz Steigler was ordered to take off and shoot down the B-17. When he got near the B-17, he could not believe his eyes. In his words, he "had never seen a plane in such a bad state". The tail and rear section was severely damaged, and the tail gunner wounded. The top gunner was all over the top of the fuselage. The nose was smashed and there were holes everywhere.

Despite having ammunition, Franz flew to the side of the B-17 and looked at Charles Brown, the pilot. Brown was scared and struggling to control his damaged and blood-stained plane.



*BF-109 pilot
Franz Steigler*



*B-17 pilot
Charles Brown*

Aware that they had no idea where they were going, Franz waved at Charles to turn 180 degrees. Franz escorted and guided the stricken plane to, and slightly over, the North Sea towards England. He then saluted Brown and turned away, back to Europe. When Franz landed he told the CO that the plane had been shot down over the sea, and never told the truth to anybody. Brown and the remains of his crew told all at their briefing, but were ordered never to talk about it.

More than 40 years later, Brown wanted to find the Luftwaffe pilot who saved the crew. After years of research, Franz was found. He had never talked about the incident, not even at post-war reunions. They met in the USA at a 379th Bomber Group reunion, together

with 25 people who are alive now - all because Franz never fired his guns that day.

When asked why he didn't shoot them down, Stigler later said, "I didn't have the heart to finish those brave men. I flew beside them for a long time. They were trying desperately to get home and I was going to let them do that. I could not have shot at them. It would have been the same as shooting at a man in a parachute."



(L-R) German Ace Franz Steigler, artist Ernie Boyett, and B-17 pilot Charles Brown

Both men died in 2008.

Conclusion

"This is a true story" are the catch-cry words beginning the above tale, that has been widely circulated by email. Often we are wary (and rightly so) of things that seem just too fantastical to believe. As this story of compassion and humanity, in the midst of wartime, is. And yet, by virtue of the fact that there are real names and real faces to the story, it appears this heart-warming tale definitely has a strong element of truth about it.

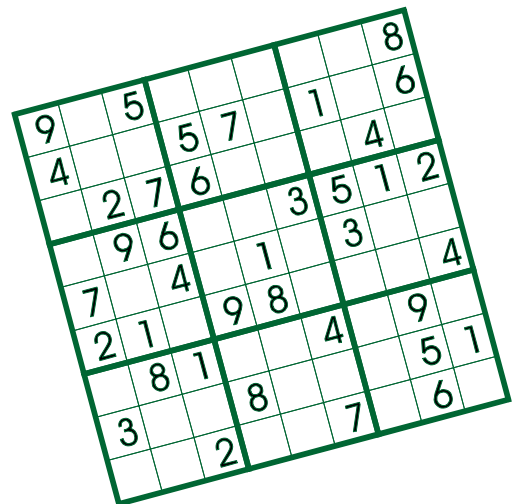
The website www.snopes.com specialises in investigating the myths and urban legends that society pass on, and loves to give answers to questions or stories that begin with the words "rumour has it..." Snooping out the truth where possible and exposing the weaknesses and possible exaggerations in others. According to this website, the majority of the above tale is true to word.

And what if it were not? The moral of the story would be no less for being a story, than what it is for a tale of reality. What are the most important things we should treasure here on this earth? Surely it is our ability and our right to exercise the higher judgement that comes with being a sentient being. Surely it is the compassion and humanity we can extend to other living things. The ability to value life and to treat other life forms with the respect, honour and love we ourselves would like to be recipients of. Life is short. Let us care for one another as best we can, live each day to the fullest and appreciate all that is and who are good, for we never know when our tomorrows may end.

Wishing you all health, and a wealth of good times (appreciated and lived to the fullest) for many years to come,

Melissa Bauer

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WORDS OF WISDOM

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog."

George Graham Vest

"We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made."

M.Facklam

KALEIDOSCOPE

Don't forget to drink!!

Older Australians who have up to 28 drinks a week stand a better chance of warding off dementia than those who abstain, according to a new study. Data from 15 international studies involving more than 10,000 people found drinkers, not teetotallers, are better off when it comes to diseases affecting cognitive function. Those aged 60 and older who drank 1 - 28 alcoholic drinks a week were almost 30% less likely to develop Alzheimers disease. Light and moderate drinkers were also 25% less likely to contract vascular

dementia, and 26% were less likely to develop any form of dementia. The report, Alcohol Consumption as a Risk Factor for Dementia and Cognitive Decline, was published in the July edition of the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry.

But Professor Kaarin Anstey, from the Australian National University, warned this was not encouragement for people to start drinking 28 glasses of alcohol a week. Professor Anstey said although it was unclear exactly why light drinking had a benefit, but suggested it might have something to do with alcohol's "protective effect" on reducing inflammation. The impact also appeared to be the same for both sexes.

So drink to your health.

Consume a couple of glasses of Schiller wine a day!

Thank you Josef Verpeleti for passing this article on.



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COCONUT BISCUITS

Yields approximately 36 yummy coconut biscuits

Ingredients:

- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup sugar
- 120 g butter
- 1 egg beaten
- 6 drops vanilla essence

Prepare a moderate oven 350°F or 180°C.

- Grease two oven trays.
- Sift flour, add coconut and sugar and stir together.

- Heat butter gently to melt.
- Pour butter onto dry ingredients, add egg and vanilla and stir to thoroughly mix.
- Put out on trays in small spoonfuls, allowing room for biscuits to spread during cooking.
- Bake in oven for 10-15 minutes or until pale golden.
- Cool on tray one minute and then lift onto cake cooler.

The Paparazzi Team fully approve - these biscuits taste delicious with a strong black coffee and are perfect for that midnight snack...
(...or anytime really!)

RADIO 1278 ANNOUNCES "SPECIAL FRUITCAKE" - SIMPLE RECIPE

Breaking news? This is hot on the airwaves and in kitchens around town at the moment: Special Fruitcake - Simple Recipe

Ingredients:

- 500g Mixed Dried Fruit
- 2 cups (350g) Self Raising Flour
- 600 ml Big M Chocolate Milk (or 600 ml Orange Juice)

- Mix all dry ingredients together, add liquid and stir thoroughly.
- Line a baking dish with baking paper and fill the tin with fruitcake mixture.
- Bake in a moderate oven at 180° C for approx. 1½ hours.

Enjoy.

SPEZIELLER FRUCHTKUCHEN - SUPEREINFACHES REZEPT

Zutaten:

- 500g gemischte Trockenfrucht
- 350g selbsttreibendes Mehl
- 600g Schokoladen Milch (oder 600 ml Orangensaft)

- Sorgfältig mischt man die Trockenfrucht mit den selbsttreibenden Mehl.
- Danach rührt man die Flüssigkeit liebevoll und vollkommen unter. Zunächst wird eine
- Backform mit Backpapier innen ausgelegt und dann füllt man sie mit dem Fruchtkuchenteig.
- Der Ofen wird auf 180° C eingestellt und der Kuchen wird dann für ungefähr 1½ Stunden gebacken.

Lassen sie es euch schmecken.



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ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

September Retrospective:

September was a month of highlights, with Fathers' Day, the AGM and the Steirer Abend gracing our Club's calendar.

Forward Review:

Here are some important dates to pencil into your diaries:

- J.W. Swing Night - Saturday 10th October ?
Oktoberfest Dance - Saturday 24th October
- With "Rene & David" and the "Oberbayern Schuhplattler"
- National Day Celebration - Sunday 1st November

Note: The actual date for Austria's National Day is 26th October. Our Club has traditionally celebrated this event the Sunday after the actual date, hence a November celebration this year.

- Spring Festival - Sunday 8th November
- Please refer to our Program on the back page for other functions in October and November
- NEW YEAR 2009 - 2010 will be celebrated with the band "Continental Trio" Charges have increased this year. Members - \$30, Guests - \$50. Payment will be required first weekend in December 2009.

Book early to ensure you don't miss out.

General Information

Office Hours

10:00am – 3:00pm	Wednesday to Friday
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Saturday
11:00am – 6:00pm	Sunday

Bistro Open Lunch / Dinner

11:30am – 2:00pm	Thursday & Friday (Lunch)
6:30pm – 9:30pm	Saturday (Dinner)
11:30am – 5:00pm	Sunday (Lunch & early Dinner)

Saturdays at the Club:

Saturdays at the Club are our most flexible function nights and offer everything from a party atmosphere to a gala ball, or that quiet night out for a lovely dinner.

In fact, Saturday is the only day of the week that the Club offers a full Evening Dinner session, served from 6:30pm – 9:30pm.

For entertainment CD background music is played from

6:30pm, with the live band kicking off at 7:30pm and playing through until midnight or, for special occasions, occasionally till 1:00am.

Due to the large variety of functions held on Saturday nights, it is advisable to make enquiries beforehand and secure a reservation.

Table reservations made for the Main Hall for Saturday night will under no circumstances remain reserved after 7:30pm.

If for some reason you are delayed, please telephone the Club on 9459-8686.

Sundays at the Club:

Sundays at the Club offer a great afternoon for the whole family, with live musicians providing entertainment for your enjoyment.

The Club and its facilities are open from 11:30am, with entertainment commencing at 1:00pm.

Members are admitted free upon showing their valid Membership Card, for Guests there is a \$5 cover charge. Children 16 years and under will be admitted free of charge.

Please refer to the Entertainment Program on the back page of this Newsletter, and to our website, for specific details. On Sunday afternoon table reservations will only be acknowledged until 1:00pm.

Planning a party?

Admission fee discounts may apply for Non-member guests when planning a party with more than 10 persons and where the persons in this party will all enjoy meals, coffee and cake etc.

For more information speak with Beverly Griesmayr, or the Committee Member on Duty.

Enquiries & Bookings

Why not visit the Club and experience Austrian "Gemütlichkeit".

For all Enquiries & Bookings:
Telephone 9459-8686 during the above office hours

Or find out more information and details about future entertainment on our web site:

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NEWS & NOTICES

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S ON IN YOUR CLUB?

Alive with a whole host of regular Club Activities, the Austrian Club's always buzzing. Want to be part of it? It's easy. Just turn up and say "Hello". We're always keen for our members to join in with the numerous things to see, do and be part of. So why not join the ranks and have some fun...

Day / Activity	Time	Location
Monday		
Table Tennis	7.00pm - weekly	Sports Pavilion
Wednesday		
Ladies Group - hand craft & folk art work	10.00am - meet fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month	Mozart Stube
Ice Stock Sport (Group 1) - also known as "Eisstock"	2.30pm - weekly	Stock Bahn - Bitumen lanes in front of the Sports Pavilion
Rotary Club of Rosanna - Dinner & Meeting	6.00pm - weekly	Strauss Stube
Ice Stock Sport (Group 2) - also known as "Eisstock"	7.30pm - weekly	Stock Bahn - Bitumen lanes in front of the Sports Pavilion
Thursday		
Deer Hunters	7.00pm (Dinner from 5.30pm)	Main Hall - Dinner & Meeting - meet every two months on the 2nd Thursday of the month
Friday		
Canasta (Contact Ellen: 9471-4617)	10.00am - fortnightly	Strauss Stube
Sunday		
Ice Stock practice - also known as "Eisstock"	1.30pm - weekly	Stock Bahn - Bitumen lanes in front of the Sports Pavilion

KLUB REGELN - CLUB RULES

Please note:

Food and drinks are not allowed to be brought onto the premises.

Bitte beachten Sie:

Speisen und Getränke können nicht mit in den Klub gebracht werden.

CREDIT CARD SURCHARGE

Purchases made with credit cards attract a surcharge of 3%, with the exception of Diners Cards which attract a surcharge of 4.5%. This information is displayed in several places within the Club. It is also displayed on the menu.

AUSTRIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF AUSTRALASIA - EMIRATES RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are being sold in the Club, now and through to 31st October 2009. Tickets are \$2 and purchasing tickets helps our own Club, as our Club receives a percentage of sales. The prizes are excellent. Please buy tickets and support your/our Club.

Beverly Griesmayr,
Hon. Secretary

LATEST FROM THE LADIES GROUP...

The Ladies Group gave \$325 to the Austrian Club, this being their takings from the Fathers Day stall in September. On a more personal note the Ladies would like to wish their fellow member Marie Van Cuylenberg, who will have a birthday this month, all the very best for the upcoming year.

Margaret Hirschauer

PING PONG

IT'S TABLE TENNIS TIME

Just a quick reminder to all interested players that the Table Tennis group meets every Monday from 7pm to 9pm. Come and join us.

Margaret Hirschauer

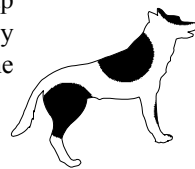
"DER TREUE HUND"

Folgendes altes Deutsches Spruchwort stimmt eigentlich von Franz von Assisi, aber die Lehre selbst passt heute noch...

Das mir der Hund das liebste sei, sagst Du, o Mensch, sei Sünde.

Der Hund bleibt mir im Sturme treu, der Mensch nicht mal im Winde.

Mitgeteilt von Karl Mitterlehner



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October 2009

Saturday 10th **J.W. Swing Orchestra**
Music & Dance
Fabulous and powerful 18 piece orchestra and vocalists.
Big Band Swing Orchestra
Admission Cost: Members \$12
Guests \$17
Early bookings essential!!!

Sunday 11th **Heinz** *** *Standard Entry* ***
Music & Dance

Saturday 17th **Silver Echoes** *** *Free Admission* ***
Music & Dance

Sunday 18th **Continental Trio** *** *Standard Entry* ***
Music & Dance

Saturday 24th **Octoberfest Dance with Rene & David**
Music & Dance
Floorshow: 'Oberbayern' Schuhplattlers Dance Group
Admission Cost: Members \$8
Guests \$12
Early bookings essential!!!

Sunday 25th **Silver Echoes** *** *Standard Entry* ***
Music & Dance

Saturday 31st **Michael's Melodies** *** *Free Admission* ***
Music & Dance

November 2009

Sunday 1st **National Day** *** *Free Admission* ***
with Silver Echoes
Music 12-2:00 p.m. & 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Celebration: 2:00 p.m. til. 3:00 p.m.
Entertainment by: Ingrid Heyn; Jochen Schubert;
Poldi Klepp, Stacey Clarke

Saturday 7th **Marianne & Mimmo** *** *Free Admission* ***
Music & Dance

Sunday 8th **Spring Festival**
with Silver Echoes & Rene & David
Details TBA
Entry Cost: \$2
Children under 12: Free

Saturday 14th **Continental Trio** *** *Free Admission* ***
Music & Dance

Sunday 15th **Melodia** *** *Standard Entry* ***
Music & Dance

Saturday 21st **Silver Echoes** *** *Free Admission* ***
Music & Dance

Sunday 22nd **Christmas Market with Heinz** *** *Free Admission* ***
Music & Dance

Saturday 28th **Michael's Melodies** *** *Free Admission* ***
Music & Dance

Sunday 29th **Concert of Robert Stolz Society**
Lunch available from 11:30am
Concert starts at 2pm
Book through R.S Society - Tel: 9457 6449

Oktober 2009

Samstag 10. **J.W. Swing Orchestra**
Musik & Tanz
Das schwingende fabelhafte und leistungsfähige
Orchester mit 18 Musikanten und Sängern.
Eintritt: Mitglieder \$12
Gäste \$17
Anmeldungen sind sehr empfehlenswert

Sonntag 11. **Heinz** *** *Standard Eintritt* ***
Musik & Tanz

Samstag 17. **Silver Echoes** *** *Eintritt frei* ***
Musik & Tanz

Sonntag 18. **Continental Trio** *** *Standard Eintritt* ***
Musik & Tanz

Samstag 24. **Oktoberfest Tanz with Rene & David**
Musik & Tanz
und 'Oberbayern' Schuhplattler
Eintritt: Mitglieder \$8
Gäste \$12
Anmeldungen sind sehr empfehlenswert

Sonntag 25. **Silver Echoes** ** *Standard Eintritt* **
Musik & Tanz

Samstag 31. **Michael's Melodies** *** *Eintritt frei* ***
Musik & Tanz

November 2009

Samstag 1. **National Day** *** *Eintritt frei* ***
mit Silver Echoes
Musik 12-14:00 Uhr. & 15:00-17:00 Uhr.
Feier: 14:00 bis 15:00 Uhr.
Unterhaltung mit: Ingrid Heyn; Jochen Schubert;
Poldi Klepp, Stacey Clarke

Samstag 7. **Marianne & Mimmo** *** *Eintritt frei* ***
Musik & Tanz

Sonntag 8. **Frühlingsfest**
mit Silver Echoes & Rene & David
Details: TBA
Eintritt: \$2
Kinder unter 12: Frei

Samstag 14. **Continental Trio** *** *Eintritt frei* ***
Musik & Tanz

Sonntag 15. **Melodia** ** *Standard Eintritt* **
Musik & Tanz

Samstag 21. **Silver Echoes** *** *Eintritt frei* ***
Musik & Tanz

Sonntag 22. **Christkindl Markt mit Heinz** *** *Eintritt frei* ***
Musik & Tanz

Samstag 28. **Michael's Melodies** *** *Eintritt frei* ***
Musik & Tanz

Sonntag 29. **Konzert der Robert Stolz Society**
Mittagessen ab 11:30 Uhr.
Konzert beginnt um 14:00 Uhr.
Buchungen R.S Society - Tel: 9457 6449

*** *Standard Entry* ***

From 1st July 2009, an entry charge of \$5 applies for non-members on those Sundays marked as "Standard Entry".
There will be no charge for members (remember to bring membership cards). Special function prices apply as usual.

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