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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.

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that the first month of 2010 has slipped by already. It seems as if it was only yesterday that I erected and adorned our lovely Christmas Tree. Although trimming the tree and decorating the Main Hall are one of the more enjoyable aspects of the pre-Christmas activities, from which one always derives pleasure, this year time very nearly ran out and I almost didn't make it. I'd be most grateful if somebody would relieve me of this task and look forward to speaking with a volunteer about this...

On Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December we were due to celebrate our annual Krampus & St. Nicholas weekend in the Austrian Club. The prospect of St. Nicholas & Krampus' impending arrival filled the room with an air of electrical suspense and the Main Hall literally sparked with anticipation, dread and expectation. For whether child, parent, grandparent or many another visitor, everybody looked forward to reverently greeting St. Nicholas and, after some initial reservation, perhaps even being allowed to really rollick with the Krampuses. When the Krampuses then did erupt into the room with a great din, and ran wild, there really was the biggest excitement in the room. Children literally poured apart, in every direction under the sun, for this year we had four Krampuses who ensured for chaos. That was rightly so, for good St. Nicholas actually knew in advance that we would delight in a very good number of guests on both these days and that there would be over thirty children to tame on Saturday whilst on Sunday we even had over seventy. And with that the big children weren't yet calculated for either! Rather unique were the two children who waited

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Liebe Klub Mitglieder und Freunde des Österreichischen Klubs Melbourne.

Alles Gute fürs Neue Jahr! Es ist kaum zu glauben, daß der erste Monat in 2010 so schnell verfliegen konnte. Es scheint mir als ob es erst gestern war, daß ich unseren schönen Weihnachtsbaum dekorierte und aufstellte. Zwar ist das Schmücken des Weihnachtsbaums und die Dekoration des Saals eine der erfreulichen Seiten der Vorweihnachtszeit, daß immer Vergnügen bereitet, aber dieses Jahr ist mir die Zeit fast zu kurz geworden und ich hätte es beinahe nicht rechtzeitig geschafft. Ich wäre sehr dankbar wenn mir jemand diese Betätigung abnehmen würde und freue mich mit einem Helfer darüber zu sprechen...

Am Samstag den 5. und Sonntag den 6. December war es wieder an der Zeit unser jährliches Krampus & St. Nikolaus Wochenende im Österreichischen Klub zu feiern. St. Nikolaus & Krampus wurden mit elektrischer Spannung erwartet und im Saal knisterte es buchstäblich mit Vorfreude, Bange und Erwartung. Denn, ob Kind, Eltern, Großeltern oder manch anderer Besucher, jeder freute sich den St. Nikolaus erfurchtsvoll zu begrüßen und, nach anfänglicher Reserviertheit, vielleicht auch richtig mit dem Krampus toben zu dürfen. Als dann die Krampuse mit viel Getöse durch den Saal rannten, herrschte wirklich größte Aufregung im Saal. Kinder strömten regelrecht in jeder Himmelsrichtung auseinander, denn dieses Jahr hatten wir vier Krampuse die für Rabautz sorgten. So war es auch richtig, denn der gute St Nikolaus wußte nämlich schon im voraus daß wir uns an diesen beiden Tagen einer sehr guten Besucherzahl erfreuen würden, und daß es am Samstag über dreißig Kinder zu bändigen gäbe und am Sonntag sogar über siebzig. Und damit waren die großen Kinder

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out the racket seated on their father's lap, covered with a blanket for security's sake. That is until St. Nicholas, with his quiet, friendly manner, provided for Christmas spirit. As the Krampuses then returned, markedly quieter, for photographs and happy snaps, the laughter of the children (but also of the adults who simply love the traditional childhood customs and the fun) filled the rooms and everybody enthusiastically participated in this happy celebration. We thank our St. Nicholas as well as the four "red-hot" Krampuses for their successful orchestration of this lovely tradition.

From thence the series of end of year Break-up parties and Christmas celebrations to be held in our Club, started. On Friday, 11th December the Accordion Society Victoria held their Christmas Break-up Party in our Club. The very high standard of performances ensured super entertainment. The highlight of the celebration was once again the presentation by John Kalbrenner, who let his fingers dance with magical skill. The following morning the Saturday Morning German School, which teaches German each Saturday morning, held their annual Christmas Concert. This Concert has been held in our Club for many years and the students knowledge of German seems to improve every year. All the students, their parents, grandparents and teachers always enjoy a busy, delightful morning and have a lot of fun at the same time. In the evening we had our usual Dinner Dance in the Club - on this occasion with the Continental Trio playing for our guests. This of course meant a quick clean up and re-arrangement of the furniture after the concert, from theatre style to our usual setting. Rene closed the weekend with a lively Sunday program choc-a-block full of his cheerful melodies.

The Rotary Club of Rosanna celebrated their end of year breakup on the 16th December with a Christmas Party here at the Club. Guests were superbly entertained by young musicians from Macleod College. Later that week Melissa Bauer played chauffeur, bringing Dr. Wolfgang Siegel (a friend of our Club who generously loans us his Morning Star each year) to the Club and then home again. Thus the Star literally came to grace our Main Hall for the Christmas Celebrations, held on Sunday, 20th December, at the very last moment. Many thanks Melissa.

The Club Christmas celebration was a little different this year. Ingrid Heyn and Marilyn Pearce musically entertained our guests and Poldy Klepp once again enthralled us with her poetry. Singing favourite Christmas carols together is a large part of the season's festivities and this year, as on previous occasions, was very popular. Caroling together is likely one of the nicest traditions of the Christmas season. On this occasion guests were invited to come up at will and stand at the front of the stage to lead the singing and thus to musically support the rest of the guests in the Main Hall. We were delighted to see a few members of the former Austrian Choir, as well as a singer from the Swiss Companionsingers, our own Eva Verpeleti, Marie Ryan and others take the lead and begin singing with the whole congregation in the Main Hall joyfully joining in. Eva McAlister accompanied the German carols on piano and when the English carols were being sung she quickly ran up and joined the group. The magnificent finale was the usual singing of the beautiful song "Silent Night, Holy Night" with the first verse in German, the second verse in English and then in several languages simultaneously... An amazing song that speaks right to the heart. A surprise visit from St. Nicholas was a treat for the children in word and deed and, with the presentation of a small gift, was a suitable closing for our beautiful Christmas celebration.

In the following week we held a few Christmas functions for some local companies. In no time New Year's Eve was looming up and that meant that, apart from the Christmas Tree and the Morning Star, all

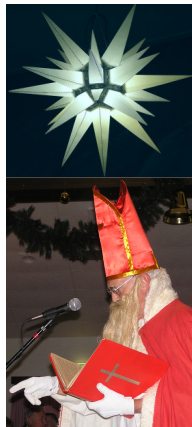
noch nicht einkalkuliert! Einzigartig waren zwei Kinder die, sicherheitshalber mit einer Decke zugedeckt, auf den Knien ihres Vaters den Rummel überstanden. Das heißt, bis St. Nikolaus mit seiner ruhigen, freundlichen Art für Weihnachtsstimmung sorgte. Als die Krampusse dann, bedeutend ruhiger, für Fotos zurückkamen, erfüllte das Lachen der Kinder (aber auch der Erwachsenen die das heimatische Brauchtum der Kindheit und den Spaß ganz einfach lieben) die Klubräume und jeder nahm mit Begeisterung Teil an dieser frohen Feier. Wir danken unserem St. Nikolaus aber auch den vier "glühend-heißen" Krampusse für das Gelingen dieses schönen Brauches.

Von nun fing auch eine ganze Serie der Jahresabschluß und Weihnachtsfeiern im Klub an. Am Freitag den 11. Dezember schloß die Accordion Society of Victoria ihr Jahr mit einer Weihnachtsfeier in unserem Klub ab. Der sehr hohe Standard der Darbietungen versicherte eine prima Unterhaltung. Der Höhepunkt des Festes war wiederum die Aufführung des John Kalkbrenners, der seine Finger mit magischem Talent tanzen ließ. Am folgenden Morgen hielt die Deutsche Schule, die jeden Samstag Morgen Deutsch lehrt, ihr jährliches Weihnachtskonzert ab. Dieses Konzert wird schon für viele Jahre in unserem Klub abgehalten und von Jahr zu Jahr scheint sich die Wertskala der Deutschkenntnisse die die Studenten vorzeigen zu steigern. Alle Studenten, einschließlich Eltern, Großeltern und Lehrer genießen immer einen ausgefüllten, schönen Morgen und haben zugleich recht viel Spaß. Nach dem Konzert mußten wir eiligst sauber machen und Tische für den Abend arrangieren, denn wie gewöhnlich gab es am Abend Musik und Tanz - an diesem Abend mit Continental Trio, die für unsere Gäste aufspielten. Rene schloß das Wochenende dann am Sonntag mit seinen heiteren Melodien flott ab.

Der Rotary Club of Rosanna feierte am Mittwoch den 16. Dezember ebenfalls ihren Jahresabschluß mit einer Weihnachtsparty hier im Klub. Gäste wurden von jungen Musikanten des Macleod College vortrefflich unterhalten. Noch in dieser Woche leistete Melissa Bauer Chauffeur-dienste, indem sie den Herrn Dr Wolfgang Siegel (der uns jedes Jahr freundlicherweise den Morgenstern leiht) zum Klub und dann wieder nach Hause brachte. Der Stern schmückte unseren Festsaal buchstäblich in letzter Minute für unsere Weihnachtsfeier am Sonntag den 20. Dezember. Herzlichen Dank Melissa.

Die Weihnachtsfeier unseres Klubs weichte dieses Jahr ein wenig von der Norm ab. Ingrid Heyn und Marilyn Pearce unterhielten unsere Gäste musikalisch und Poldy Klepp entzückte uns wieder einmal mit einem selbstverfasstem Gedicht. Das gemeinsame singen beliebter Weihnachtslieder gehört immer zum festlichen Abschluß und war heuer, wie sonst auch, sehr beliebt - denn gemeinschaftliches Weihnachtssingen zählt wohl zu den schönsten Bräuchen der Weihnachtszeit. Diesmal wurden Gäste gebeten zur Bühne zu kommen, um vorzusingen und damit die restlichen Gäste im Saal musikalisch zu unterstützen. Wir waren alle hocherfreut daß einige Mitglieder des früheren Österreichischen Chors, sowie ein Sänger der Swiss Companionsingers, unsere Eva Verpeleti, Marie Ryan und andere den Gesang der Weihnachtslieder anstimmten während der ganze Saal recht feierlich mit einstimmte. Eva McAlister unterstützte auf dem Klavier die deutschen Weihnachtslieder und als Englische gesungen wurden gesellte sich Eva schnell der Gruppe an. Der magnifizente Höhepunkt des Singens war, wie immer, das wunderschöne Lied "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht". Der erste Vers in Deutsch, der folgende in Englisch und schließlich, in jeder beliebigen Sprache gleichzeitig... Ein großartiges Lied, daß regelrecht ins Herz geht. Den Abschluß unserer schönen Weihnachtsfeier bildete der überraschende Besuch des St Nikolaus, der die Kinder mit Wort, Tat und einer Überraschung verwöhnte.

In der folgenden Woche wählten noch einige lokale Firmen unseren Klub für ihre Weihnachtsfeier. In Kürze stand dann auch schon das Neujahr Festgeschehen vor uns. Und daß bedeutete, daß außer dem Weihnachtsbaum und dem Morgenstern, alle Weihnachtsdekorationen



other Christmas decorations had to be removed, packed and stored away. In addition, the Main Hall now needed to be re-decorated for the upcoming New Year's Eve. Thanks to the assistance of Stephen Hatton and Beverly we, as a team, managed to deck the Main Hall and tables in a festive manner that suited New Years Eve. The result was really worthwhile to look at. New Year's Eve was celebrated in a matching, worthwhile fashion - what a great night it was! The Main Hall was totally full, as was the Strauss Stüberl, and even the Kellerstube was a happening affair. The atmosphere was absolutely great, with music by the Continental Trio setting the scene for the cheery New Years Eve partying. A great New Year function held in our beautiful Austrian Club Melbourne! As Pedro departed on 23rd December, having held his post with us only for a short time, our friend Rena spoiled all the guests with her exceptional gastronomic skills. Waseem, Muhtu and Sudha worked extremely well under Rena's guidance. Thank you Rena and the Bistro Team!

Time, as always, does not stand still. And so it was that Beverly and I were back at the Club around lunch time on New Year's Day to take down the streamers. The next day the Christmas Tree was disassembled, packed up and stored away and the Morning Star made its journey back east, where it would be stored until next year. Carol, our Cleaner, was in at the same time to wash the floor, vacuum etc. etc.

We allowed ourselves a couple of days off and then Carol and I got back to work, having set ourselves the task of thoroughly cleaning the kitchen. Carol deserves a round of applause for her great efforts and help.

On 11th January, the Committee Members indulged in a two-course lunch at the Austrian Club. With Beverly & Elfriede's help everything went smoothly and I was able to spoil the Committee Members with something yummy. Many thanks. The contributions to our afternoon coffee were the result of Elfriede's and Wilfried's baking skills and we thank them both for their delicacies. It is not often that we can sit together, laugh, and simply have fun.

On the following day, the 12th January, the annual Voluntary Helper's Party was held in the Main Hall. Unfortunately the glowing sun beat down and it was extremely hot that day. We did not have as many attendees this year. However 55 Voluntary Helpers and friends made their way to the Club where it was nice and cool. The food, prepared with Stephen Hatton and Elfriede Reiterer's assistance, was served in a timely manner and everybody enjoyed it immensely. Thank you Stephen and Elfriede. Thank you also to Fritz Reiterer, who looked after all the drinks. A similarly hearty thanks, again to Elfriede, who donated the delicious cakes. A thank-you goes to Wilfried and Christa as well, for looking after the coffee and cakes, to Resi Schiesser for helping with the clean up and to Stephen Hatton, who took a change from his Paparazzi duties to continue to help out in the kitchen. It was a delightful, cheerful, very relaxed afternoon, where the motto of the Voluntary Helpers really was shown off to advantage: "Stand together, stay together".

entfernt, verpackt und gelagert werden mußten. Zudem mußte unser Festsaal nun für den bevorstehenden Neujahrsabend neu dekoriert werden. Dank Stephen Hatton und Beverly's Hilfe schafften wir es, gemeinsam als Team, den Saal und die Tische festlich für Silvester zu schmücken. Das Ergebnis war ein wirklich schöner Anblick. Silvester wurde dann auch dementsprechend schön gefeiert. Der Saal sowie das Straussstüberl war mit Besuchern ausgefüllt, und selbst in der Kellerstube gings hoch her. Die Atmosphäre war großartig und das Continental Trio umrahmte mit ihrer Musik das fröhliche Silvestertreiben. Eine herrliche Neujahrsfeier in unserem wunderschönen Österreichischen Klub Melbourne! Da Pedro am 23. Dezember seine Arbeit als Chef, nach kurzer Zeit bei uns beendete, kochte und verwöhnte unsere Freundin Rena alle Gäste mit ihrer ausgezeichneten Kochkunst. Waseem, Muhtu und Sudha arbeiteten extrem gut unter Rena's Leitung. Herzlichen Dank Rena und das Bistro Team.

Zeit steht nicht still, und so waren Beverly und ich zur Mittagszeit am Neujahrstag schon wieder im Klub um die Girlanden zu entfernen. Am folgenden Tag wurde der Weihnachtsbaum zerlegt, verpackt und gelagert und der Morgenstern wanderte zurück nach Osten, wo er bis nächstes Jahr aufbewahrt wird. Carol, unsere Raumpflegerin, war zur gleichen Zeit anwesend, reinigte den Fußboden, saugte Staub usw. Anschließend erlaubten wir uns einige Tage Urlaub, aber dann machten Carol und ich uns gleich wieder an die Arbeit, mit der Aufgabe die Küche gründlich zu säubern. Carol verdient einen Applaus für ihre gutgeleitete Arbeit und Hilfe.

Am 11. Januar konnte ich dann meine Komiteemitglieder mit einer zweigängigen Mahlzeit verwöhnen. Beverly und Elfriede's Hilfeleistung ermöglichte einen glatten Ablauf. Besten Dank. Den Beitrag für unser anschließendes Tässchen Kaffee verdanken wir den Backkünsten von Elfriede und Wilfried. Nicht oft haben wir das Vergnügen gemütlich zusammen zu sitzen, ein wenig zu plaudern oder zu lachen, und ganz einfach gemeinsam Spaß zu haben.

Am nächsten Tag, den 12. Januar, veranstalteten wir unsere jährliche Dankfeier für unsere Freiwilligen Helfer. Leider wütete die glühende Sonne, die einen extrem heißen Tag verursachte. Heuer waren darum weniger Teilnehmer dabei. Jedoch machten sich 55 Helfer und Freunde auf den Weg in den Klub. Im Klub war es angenehm kühl. Das Essen, daß ich mit Stephen Hatton und Elfriede Reiterer's Unterstützung bereitete, kam rechtzeitig auf die Tische und schmeckte allen ausgezeichnet. Danke Stephen und Elfriede. Besten Dank auch an Fritz Reiterer, der für die Getränke sorgte. Ebenso herzlichen Dank wiederum an Elfriede, die die köstliche Kuchen spendierte. Ein Dankeschön auch an Wilfried und Christa, die sich um Kaffee und Kuchen kümmerten, und herzlichen Dank an Resi Schiesser, die mit dem Aufräumen half und an Stephen Hatton der seinen Paparazzi Job wechselte um weiterhin in der Küche auszuhelfen. Es war ein wunderschöner, fröhlicher, entspannter Nachmittag, indem der Sinnspruch der Freiwilligen Helfer voll zu Geltung kam: "Zusammenstehen, beinander bleiben".

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Looking into our Club diary on Friday, the opening weekend in 2010 looked very grim, as we only had a few bookings. Yet on the night itself things worked out quite different and were rather positive. To our pleasure Sunday was similarly well patronized, with Silver Echoes on stage, keeping everyone in a well-attended house on their toes. One lady visiting from Hungary, celebrated her birthday, whilst people at another table were saying farewell to family members who were returning to Vienna after a five week holiday in Australia.

I would like to sincerely thank our Committee Members and all our very helpful Voluntary Helpers for the time and effort they give to the Club. Thank you.

Just a little footnote: The Austrian Club is still seeking a Chef or a very good Cook. Ideally the applicant would be Austrian, or with a Middle European background. Please pass this information along to potential candidates.

With friendly greetings,  
Otto Griesmayr

*New Volunteers would be very much appreciated.*

**HELLO!**

Hello! from the Paparazzi Team. Wow, just the other day it seemed to be the start of a whole New Year and now it's February already - can you believe we're already a month into the year?

What's new this year? Firstly we'd like to welcome you all to our new column "Hello!" in which we pass on any exciting news from the paparazzi desk, as well as introducing our theme for the month. Yep, that's right, each of our issues has a theme that binds the Newsletter together and makes it special. "What are some of the themes we have had?" you might wonder. ? Answers will be provided next issue, but you might like to see if you can work it out in the meantime.

This month we are pleased to introduce "Irene Bengough & Ernie Von Einem" for our "In the Spotlight" focus and, for the general theme, we "Remember the Good Times & Join In". We chose these themes for this month's issue because a New Year is the perfect time to remember and reflect on the past and, as the song Auld Lang Syne prompts, to then greet and toast each other and join in, looking forward to the future together. Certainly

Irene and Ernie have spent a great deal of time volunteering at the Club over time and can undoubtedly "remember many good times". We are pleased to see that they still "join in" wherever they can and visit us at the Club, to continue to make those memorable moments with friends. As many of you do also. This is what our Club is all about.

We hope you enjoy looking back at the themes of the past two years, delight with us in this month's theme and look forward to those themes to come in this brand New Year. Happy New Year to all of you and may it be a good one - of Remembering the Good Times and of Joining In...

*Paparazzi Team*

Als wir am Freitag in unseren Terminkalender schauten schien unser erstes Wochenende in 2010 sehr ruhig zu werden, da wir nur wenig Buchungen hatten. Doch am Samstag Abend änderte sich die Situation und war recht positiv. Auch am Sonntag war es im Klub erfreulicherweise ziemlich belebt als die Silver Echoes aufspielten und ein gutbesuchtes Haus im Schwung hielten. Eine Dame aus Ungarn, zu Besuch hier, feierte ihren Geburtstag und an einem anderen Tisch gab es eine Abschiedsfeier für Familienangehörige aus Wien, die nach fünf Wochen Australienurlaub in die Heimat zurückkehrten.

Recht herzlichen Dank an alle Komiteemitglieder und an all unsere sehr hilfreichen Freiwilligen Helfer. Für eure Zeit und eure Bemühungen zu Gunsten unseres Klubs danke ich herzlich.

Noch ein kleines Nachwort: Der Österreichische Klub sucht noch immer einen Chef oder einen sehr guten Koch. Wünschenswert wäre ein Österreicher, aber auch Leute aus Mitteleuropa sind für diese Position im Idealfall erwünscht. Bitte leiten sie diese Information an mögliche Interessanten weiter.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,  
Otto Griesmayr

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

### IRENE BENGOUGH UND ERNST VON EINEM

2009. Yet another year has come to a close. A year that was richly filled out with the best festivals, harmonious evenings and comfortable Sunday afternoons. Due thanks for the great success goes to all those who supported and maintained our lovely Austrian Club with their heart, soul and creativity. It is a Team effort, requiring the personal input of many, to ensure that our Club is preserved for everyone and, in particular, for the future and the next generation. The idea to help out doesn't always come automatically and, due to various circumstances, may not always be possible. Yet the more a person helps out, irrespective of what role they play, the easier it becomes for all involved. For everybody brings their own particular skills to play, skills which are so important and essential for the good of the whole. It is never too early or too late to volunteer one's help. Irene and Ernst realised there was a need for their help and, although they had been Members of the Austrian Club for a very long time, simply decided one day that they would join in and be involved.

Irene came to Australia in 1957. Her husband dreamed of getting rich quick in this praised land and of never again having to eat only potatoes. Irene, a true Viennese, her husband and three children chose the quick option to reach their destination Australia. They boarded a plane in Linz and flew for six whole days, with stops in Naples, Cypress, Bahrain, Bombay, Columbo and Singapore, finally landing in Wagga Wagga, from where they were bussed to the final destination - Bonegilla. The trip was pretty exhausting, particularly when one was emigrating with all one's mere mortal possessions and three kids in tow in the hope of starting a new life in a new land. Irene chose Melbourne as their new home city and stayed true to this lovely town until her separation in '69.

Irene decided to move to Sydney, to build up a new life for herself there. The vagaries of chance and luck followed in short succession. Irene met Ernst. Ernst, who comes from the vicinity of Hannover (no relation to Prince Ernst August von Hannover, who met and married Caroline from Monaco) fell in love with his Viennese girl. "Vienna, where the sweetest girls are". Ernst should know, for he was a pastrycook back home and dealt with sugar and spice and all things nice on a daily basis. Arriving in Australia in 1955 aboard the ship Skaubryn, Ernst went on to become the master cook in the Immigrant Camp he was delegated to in the vicinity of Newcastle. Later he chose Sydney as his home and here Fate determined that Ernst

2009. Ein Jahr ging wieder einmal zur Neige. Ein Jahr, da mit schönen Festen, harmonischen Abenden und gemütlichen Sonntagen reichlich ausgefüllt war. Dank für das gute Gelingen gebührt all denen, die mit Herz, Seele und Schaffenskraft unseren schönen Österreichischen Klub unterstützen und erhalten. Es ist ein gemeinsames Werk daß den persönlichen Beitrag vieler erfordert, um zu versichern daß unser Klub für alle, und insbesondere für die Zukunft und nächste Generation erhalten bleibt. Die Idee mitzuhelfen kommt nicht immer automatisch und ist durch verschiedene Umstände auch nicht immer möglich. Doch je mehr eine Person mithilft (egal in welcher Rolle) desto leichter wird es für alle. Denn jeder bringt seine eigenen Fähigkeiten mit, die zum Wohl der Allgemeinheit so wichtig und unentbehrlich sind. Es ist nie zu früh oder zu spät seine Hilfe anzubieten. Irene und Ernst erkannten die Notwendigkeit ihrer Mithilfe und obwohl sie schon sehr lange Mitglieder des Österreichischen Klubs waren, entschloßen sie sich eines Tages ganz einfach mitzumachen.



Irene kam 1957 nach Australien. Ihr Mann träumte davon recht schnell in diesem gelobten Land reich zu werden und um nie wieder, bloß Kartoffel essen zu müssen. Irene, eine echte Wienerin, Mann und drei Kinder wählten den schnellen Weg um ihr Ziel Australien zu erreichen. Sie stiegen in Linz ins Flugzeug ein und flogen ganze sechs Tage, mit Aufenthalt in Napoli, Zypern, Bahrain, Bombay, Columbo und Singapore, und landeten endlich in Wagga Wagga, um von da aus mit dem Bus ihr Endziel Bonegilla - zu erreichen. Die Reise war ganz schön anstrengend, besonders wenn man mit Gepäck und drei Kindern auswandert, um im neuen Land einen neuen Anfang zu machen. Sie wählten Melbourne als die neue Heimatstadt und blieben bis zur Trennung in '69 dieser schönen Stadt treu.

Irene entschloß sich nach Sydney umzuziehen um dort ihr Leben wieder aufzubauen. Der Zufall und das Glück ließ nicht lange auf sich warten. Irene traf Ernst. Ernst, der aus der Nähe von Hannover stammt (nicht verwandt mit Prinz Ernst August von Hannover, der Caroline von Monaco heiratete) verliebte sich in seine Wienerin. "Wien, wo die schönsten Madeln sind". Ernst sollte es wissen, denn er war daheim Zuckerbäcker. Mit dem Schiff Skaubryn kam er 1955 nach Australien und wurde Chefkoch des Immigranten Lagers in der Nähe Newcastle. Später wählte er Sydney als seinen Wohnsitz und hier bestimmte das Schicksal daß Ernst seine Irene traf. Beide gestehen glücklich "Wir konnten uns nicht mehr trennen". Der Entschluß zurück nach

*IN THE SPOTLIGHT continued on page 7*

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should meet his Irene. Both confess happily "we couldn't bear to be apart". The decision to return to Melbourne comes from Irene, as Melbourne simply appealed to her. This decision was, for Irene and for Ernst as well as for our Club, ideal and exactly right.

Irene found a job as an accountant at Siemens (for the German company knew, in contrast to the Australian companies, to value her education and her papers). Interestingly Ernst also found a job at Siemens. Both were quite happy in their professional lives. Spare time was spent taking Sunday drives and naturally taking a diversion to the Austrian Club, where one could meet friends and enjoy a coffee and a cake with them. Soon the occasional visits turned into regular ones and a "love to the Club" was born, for Irene and Ernst loved the music, the dancing, delicious fare and many friends.

Bruno Rabensteiner was glad about the regular visits and bade Irene and Ernst for help. They enjoyed being part of the fun and so it was easy for them to become part of the Voluntary Helper Team, working Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Bruno also, quite cleverly, discerned the right niche for each of them, where the task they were delegated to was perfectly matched to their own particular skillset. Irene was best placed at the kitchen till, for as an accountant she loved working with numbers and money. Quiet, thoughtful and exact to the last detail, Irene made sure the till balanced. Ernst however, always jovial, chatty and ready for fun or a joke at any time, was ideally suited to his position as a helper on the Floor, for his merry, easy-going way helped guests feel right at home.

Irene and Ernst loved the work, the friendliness and the ambience between fellow countrymen, the different functions, the culture and the fun, whether in a comfortable social gathering or working as a voluntary team member and stress:

"We hope that the Club will be preserved for the future, even if one has to help out a little oneself. Our lovely Austrian Club cannot be replaced - only the homeland itself is better."



**T**ogether  
**E**verybody  
**A**chieves  
**M**ore

Melbourne zu ziehen kommt von Irene, die ganz einfach Sehnsucht nach Melbourne hatte. Diese Entscheidung war für Irene und Ernst, sowie für unseren Klub, ideal und genau richtig.

Irene fand bei Siemens eine Anstellung als Buchhalterin (denn die deutsche Firma kannte in Gegensatz zu den Australischen Firmen, ihre Ausbildung und ihre Papiere an). Interessanterweise fand auch Ernst eine Stellung bei Siemens. Beide waren recht zufrieden in ihrem Berufsleben. Die Freizeit gestalteten Irene und Ernst mit Spazierfahrten und selbstverständlich einen Abstecher in den Österreichischen Klub, wo man mit Freunden aus der Heimat Kaffee und Kuchen genießen konnte. Bald entstand aus den gelegentlichen Besuchen die "Liebe zum Klub", denn Irene und Ernst liebten die Auswahl der Musik, das Tanzen, Feste, schmackhafte Kost, regelmäßigen Besuch und viele Freunde.

Bruno Rabensteiner erfreute sich über die regelmäßigen Besuche und bat Irene und Ernst auszuhelfen. Es machte ihnen Spaß und so fiel es ihnen leicht am Freitag, Samstag und Sonntag Teil des Freiwilligen Helfer Teams zu sein. Bruno fand auch, recht klug, die richtige Nische für beide, den sie halfen in einem Gebiet aus, daß perfekt auf ihre Fähigkeiten abgestimmt war. Irene war bei der Küchenkasse bestens plaziert, denn als Buchführerin liebte sie es mit Nummern und Geld zu arbeiten. Ruhig, bedacht und genau bis ins letzte Detail, sorgte Irene für gute Kasse. Ernst jedoch, immer lustig und gesprächig, jederzeit für

Spaß und Witz bereit, stand die Position als Helfer im Saal ausgezeichnet, denn seine lustige, leichte Art half mit daß Gäste sich wohl fühlten.

Irene und Ernst lieben die Arbeit, Freundlichkeit und Gemütlichkeit zwischen Landsleuten, die verschiedenen Veranstaltungen, die Kultur und den Spaß, egal ob es in gemütlicher Runde oder bei der Arbeit ist und sagen betont:

"Wir hoffen daß der Klub für die Zukunft erhalten bleibt, wenn man auch selbst ein wenig zupacken muß. Unseren schönen Österreichischen Klub kann man nicht ersetzen - nur die Heimat selbst ist besser."

Look forward to next month's SPOTLIGHT

Without Prejudice

Freut Euch auf das SPOTLIGHT im nächsten Monat

Most of us will never do great things...  
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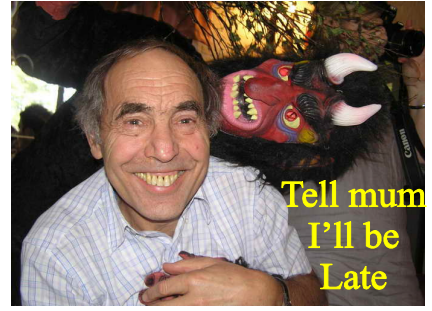




# Love your Krampus Page

The drinks mine!

Signed Krampus



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My kinda girl



GOT YA!



I remember you in 1909



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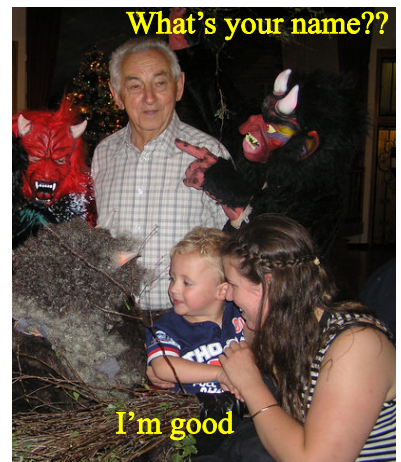
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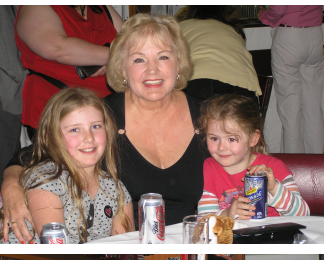


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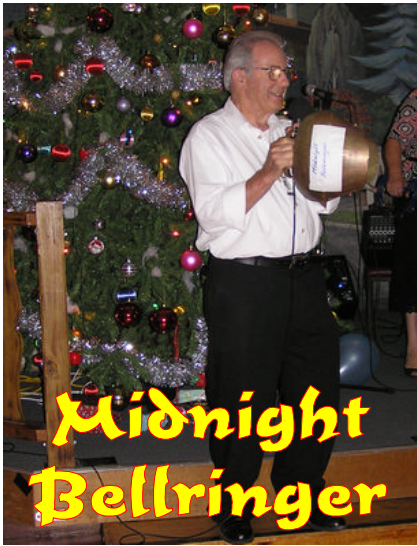
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# CHRISTMAS CONCERT



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Birthday  
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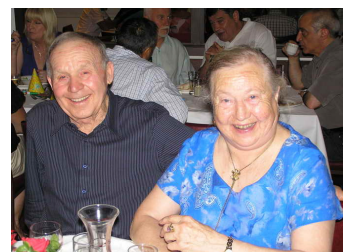




*Wet and wild  
New Years Eve  
2010*



*<<< New Year Birthday Girl!!!*





*Let the music play*



*Rock Around The Clock*



*Can you hear the trumpets?*



*Elegant and Debonair*



*Make a wish*



*Auld Langs Syne*



*Be my Prince*



*Stunning*



*Greetings*



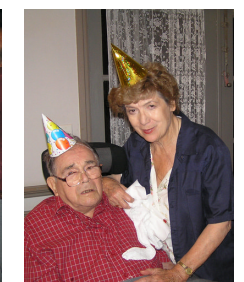
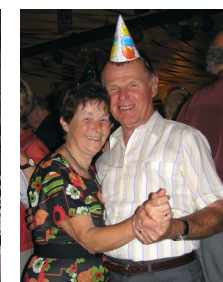
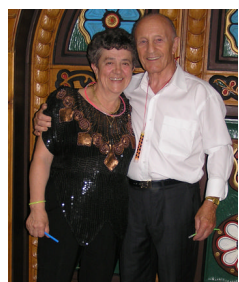
*Who wants to have the next dance*



*O Solo Mio!!!*



*You have got to be joking!!*



# COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEER CELEBRATIONS



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to love and be loved  
in return



# ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

## December Retrospective:

How does one pick a highlight in December when there were so many great functions on? Every week was a highlight! Events like the Krampus Celebrations on the 5th and 6th of December, the Accordion Society Xmas Break-Up on the 11th of December, our much-loved Carols and Christmas Celebration on 20th December and of course New Year's Eve, which made for the perfect close to our exciting year 2009.

## Forward Review:

Here are some important dates to pencil into your diaries:

- I.C. Rock, a NEW BAND - Saturday, 6th February.
- Radio 3ZZZ Ball - Saturday, 27th February. Do not miss out on this function - book early.
- Please refer to our Program on the back page for other functions in February and March 2010

## More about I.C. Rock:

Yes, on Saturday, 6th February a new band will perform. Their name is I.C. Rock and their game is great music, stunning harmonies and a fun attitude. The members of this band are five professional musicians, who individually have played and performed all over the world. Whilst they specialise in 50's to 80's rock, they do include in their repertoire waltzes and polkas, and even a few German vocals. Here's a little taste of the legend of the men that are the band "I. C. Rock"...

Colin McFarlane: Lead singer, harmonies and occasional keyboard. Colin is the voice of I.C. Rock, his distinctive vocals move easily from Elvis to Roy Orbison, from Tom Jones to Cliff Richards.

Ron Nolte: Lead guitar, vocals and harmonies. He has played all over the world, both as a solo performer and as part of a band. When Ron plays his guitar the range is from screaming lead riffs to gentle soft fills.

John Mort: Rhythm guitar and harmonies (Mandolin if required). John has played professionally since the early 60's, with the likes of "Martino Brothers", before "Ritchie and the Royals" and now "I.C. Rock".

Theo Bouloukos: Drums, percussion, vocals and harmonies. If Colin is the voice of I.C. Rock, then Theo is the band's heartbeat. Theo's drumming can be characterised as power and precision, and provides a solid foundation for the I.C. Rock sound.

Allan Scott: Bass guitar, vocals and

harmonies. Over the last 23 years Allan has performed all over Australia and also overseas. Allan brings to I.C. Rock his quirky one-liners, pithy sayings, jokes and most of all thundering bass lines and tight harmonies, which blend with Colin, Ron, John and Theo to make the unique sound of I.C. Rock.

Come along to witness I.C. Rock for yourself and be the critic. Your feedback is important.

Book early to ensure you don't miss out.



*Der Heimat näher kommen  
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Donnerstag	12 - 13 Uhr
Freitag	19 - 20 Uhr

## General Information

**Office Hours** 10:00am – 3:00pm  
5:00pm – 8:00pm  
11:00am – 6:00pm

**Bistro Open** 11:30am – 2:00pm  
(Lunch / Dinner) 6:30pm – 9:00pm  
11:30am – 5:00pm

## 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, with Main meals served from 6:30pm 9:00pm. Frankfurts may be ordered right up until 9:00pm, and will be served before the Bistro fully closes for the evening at

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. On regular Saturdays Members are admitted free upon showing their valid Membership Card, for Guests there is a \$5 cover charge. Children 12 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.

## 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. On regular Sundays Members are admitted free upon showing their valid Membership Card, for Guests there is a \$5 cover charge. Children 12 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:

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*Hon. Entertainment Co-ordinators  
Otto & Beverly Griesmayr*

## NEWS & NOTICES

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

We warmly welcome our five new members to the Austrian Club:

- Mr. Branko Drapac
- Mr. Mark Pammer
- Mrs. Maureen Moerth
- Mr. Andreas de Beer
- Mrs. Ernestiene Van Polanen Petel

### BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND GET WELL WISHES

Congratulations to Club Members celebrating Birthdays or Anniversaries. Our best wishes also, to all persons who are recovering from operations or who are struggling with health problems.

### HAPPY RETIREMENT

A great big thank you to Arthur Loughridge for your years of service with us. May the future be restful but fulfilling for you.

### 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.

### BISTRO CHANGE OF HOURS

On Saturdays Main Meals are served from 6:30 9:00pm. Frankfurts may be ordered until 9:00pm. This enables Bistro staff to accommodate your requests before they leave at 9:30pm, when everything is turned off and Bistro staff leave for the evening. Please communicate this information to your fellow members and guests.

### 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.

### ADMISSION CHARGE CHANGES

Commencing January 2010, an entry charge of \$5 applies for non-members attending regular Saturday Night Functions marked as "Standard Entry". There will be no charge for Members (remember to bring your Membership Cards) or for children 12 years and under, who will also be admitted free of charge. This is the same as for Sunday Functions marked as "Standard Entry", which has been applicable since 1st July 2009. Please note that "Special Function" prices apply as usual.

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## February 2010

Saturday 6th	I.C. Rock	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
	<i>Five professional musicians who individually have played and performed all over the world. They play a tightly knit band of 50's to 70's rock. With stunning harmonies and a fun attitude.</i>	
Sunday 7th	Rene	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
	<i>Bua vom Ottakring</i>	
Saturday 13th	Silverbeat	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
	<i>A Little Bit Of Spice</i>	
Sunday 14th	Silver Echoes	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
	<i>Musical Love is in the Air</i>	
Saturday 20th	Marianne & Mimmo	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
	<i>Our favourite M&amp;M</i>	
Sunday 21st	Silver Echoes	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
Saturday 27th	<b>Radio ZZZ Ball</b>	Music
	21st Anniversary Celebration with Alpine Cocktail Admission Cost: Members \$15 Guests \$20	
Sunday 28th	Heinz	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
	<i>Popular and Precise</i>	

## March 2010

Saturday 6th	Rene	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
Sunday 7th	Scorpio Duo	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
	<i>Italian Surprise</i>	
Saturday 13rd	Marianne & Mimmo	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
Sunday 14th	<b>Autumn Festival</b>	
	with Silver Echoes & Rene & David Entertainment: Oberbayern Dance Group Huge Entertainment program for the whole family. Hot food stalls, cold drinks, coffee & cake, craft stalls and entertainment for the children in the garden. Admission: \$3 - Children under 12 are free	
Saturday 20th	Silver Echoes	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
Sunday 21st	Silver Echoes	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
Saturday 27th	John Wanner Swing Orchestra	Music & Dance
	<i>Fabulous and powerful 18 piece orchestra and vocalists. Big Band Swing Orchestra</i> Admission Cost: Members \$12 Guests \$17 <b>Bookings are strongly encouraged</b>	
Sunday 28th	Continental Trio	*** Standard Entry *** Music & Dance
	<i>Slovenia, Germany and Austria together</i>	

## Februar 2010

Samstag 6.	I.C. Rock	** Standard Eintritt** Musik & Tanz
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Samstag 27.	<b>Radio ZZZ Ball</b>	Musik
	21. Jubiläums Feier mit Alpine Cocktail Eintritt: Mitglieder \$15 Gäste \$20	
Sonntag 28.	Heinz	** Standard Eintritt** Musik & Tanz
	<i>Popular and Precise</i>	

## März 2010

Samstag 6.	Rene	** Standard Eintritt** Musik & Tanz
Sonntag 7.	Scorpio Duo	** Standard Eintritt** Musik & Tanz
	<i>Italian Surprise</i>	
Samstag 13.	Marianne & Mimmo	** Standard Eintritt** Musik & Tanz
Sonntag 14.	<b>Herbstfest</b>	
	mit Silver Echoes & Rene & David Unterhaltung: Oberbayern Schuhplattler Großes Unterhaltungsprogramm für die ganze Familie. Markt & Imbißstände, Bar, Kaffee & Kuchen im Garten. Besondere Unterhaltung für Kinder im Garten. Eintritt: \$3 - Kinder unter 12 sind frei	
Samstag 20.	Silver Echoes	** Standard Eintritt** Musik & Tanz
Sonntag 21.	Silver Echoes	** Standard Eintritt** Musik & Tanz
Samstag 27.	John Wanner Swing Orchestra	Musik & Tanz
	<i>Das schwingende fabelhafte und leistungsfähige Orchester mit 18 Musikanten und Sängern.</i> Eintritt: Mitglieder \$12 Gäste \$17 <b>Anmeldungen sind sehr empfehlenswert</b>	
Sonntag 28.	Continental Trio	** Standard Eintritt** Musik & Tanz
	<i>Slovenia, Germany and Austria together</i>	

From JANUARY 2010, an entry charge of \$5 applies for non-members on Saturday and Sundays. There will be no charge for members (remember to bring membership cards). Special function prices apply

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