



# wendish news

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## March tour 2005 – Bundoora Park’s Heritage Village



Our March 2005 excursion focussed on Wendish/German sites in Melbourne’s north. As always, there were a few new faces among those who gathered, on this occasion, at Bundoora Park Visitors’ Centre. Happily, some brought their children... *continued page 2*



## Our website is live!

Like expectant parents, the committee members of our society have anxiously awaited the launch of our website, <http://wendishheritage.org.au>

Thanks to Robyn Zwar, who designed the site, and to Justina Curtis and Andrew Garton who were responsible for the technical side of things, our dream has been realised. The Wendish Heritage Society now has a presence on the World Wide Web.

A number of members made contributions of time and effort, but it would be remiss not to single out John Noack and Robert Wuchatsch for special thanks for their major contributions to the content of the site. Acknowledgement should also be made of the various authors whose work has been reproduced or cited. Notable amongst these is Dr George Nielsen, a pioneer of research into Wendish heritage in Australia as well as his homeland, the U.S.A.

It is the intention of the Committee to make the website a channel for research into Wendish heritage

in Australia. To this end, we solicit contributions with a view to their possible on line publication. We also invite interested individuals or groups seeking to publicise family reunions or other appropriate events with a Wendish flavour to submit details for publication. Please visit the site and sign the guestbook!

JOEL BLACKBURN.

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# Past events



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By noon we had a nice gathering and settled down under the trees and sails just outside the Visitors' Centre. We lunched together and got to know each other. After, we moved to the Ibis Room near the Community Gardens and farm to enjoy a cuppa and hear two talks. Robert Wuchatsch spoke of the early German/Wendish settlers who played a prominent part in the development of the area stretching from Northcote and Preston up to Westgarthtown (Thomastown). One prominent settler, a Wend by the name of Henry Zwar, was also known as the 'King of Preston'. As a local business man and landowner, he took a leading role in the community, serving as Councillor and Mayor, promoting the arts and many forms of sport, and being an active church member.

Surnames of other early settlers of German or Wendish ancestry in the Northcote area were Arndt, Gursansky, Hellwig, Kupsch, Muller, Fritsch, Schosnick and Tillack.

Long time local resident, Merv Lia, an expert in local history, enlightened us on the history of Bundoora Park. He explained that Bundoora is an aboriginal name meaning Favourite Place of Kangaroos. Samuel Gardiner acquired the land in 1877 and established a cattle and race horse stud around what is known as Mt Cooper, the highest spot in metropolitan Melbourne. In those days, it was called Cooper's Settlement. The park now covers 180 hectares and features an urban farm, golf course, heritage village, wildlife park, picnic areas, a Visitors' Centre and Café, and the historic village known as Cooper's Settlement. To our delight, we were taken there in a trailer drawn by a tractor, after which Merv led us on a tour of the horse stud buildings, chapel, farrier's shop, the graves of champion racehorses, machinery shed, and manager's house. Some visited nearby beautiful, historic Bundoora Homestead. It was built in 1899 by John Matthew Vincent Smith and is now open to the public as an Arts Centre.

Our day concluded with a relaxing meal and chat at the Austrian Club in West Heidelberg.

Next day we gathered in Westgarthtown, founded by a group of Wendish families from Prussia who developed a farming community here. Meeting at the restored heritage Ziebell's Cottage, we took a walk through the cottage and marvelled at the lovingly restored garden. The nearby pioneer cemetery reminded us of the original settlers and their heritage. A short walk brought us to the historic blue-stone Lutheran Church for the Sunday service. After lunch we made our way to the historic Northcote Cemetery, where gravestones include those surnames listed above. This concluded an interesting weekend of history and of remembering what a rich heritage our forbears left for us to enjoy.

ED KOCH

## Pleasant Sunday Afternoon in April

**Our Pleasant Sunday Afternoon on Sunday 3 April 2005 began with a Community Lunch in the Ivanhoe Lutheran church.**

At 1.30 pm, our Annual General Meeting included reports and the election of office-bearers, as listed in our Directory. The Treasurer, Clay Kruger presented a financial statement for 2004. The balance as at 31 December 2004 was \$9,682.41, which will greatly assist to finance projects such as our new website, posters, Newsletters and library resources. We sincerely thank members who continue to support the expanding work of our Society and we look forward to meeting you at our future events.

Our guest speaker from Greenock in South Australia Geoff Saegenschmitter, talked to us about his recent visit to the Wends in Texas. He illustrated this with video recordings of their church at Serbin and their celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Serbin in September 2004. The Texas Wends are a very active group. Geoff also presented video recordings of the Festival at Bautzen in 2002, including the street procession.

We were pleased to show Geoff the books in our library which he had written, including *Barossa: a vision realized, Greenock and district 1846-1986, Keyneton 1839-1980* and the *Roocke/Rooke family history*.

Geoff has been a keen family history researcher since the 1970s when he wrote the Biar family history. He was pleased to meet George Nielsen at the time and to share information with him about the Biar family who migrated both to Texas and to Australia.

JOHN NOACK.



# Calendar of upcoming events

## Annual Dinner: Saturday 8 October 2005

Our Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday 8 October 2005 at 6.30pm at the new Community Centre, Calvary Lutheran Church, 1 Oldstead Road, Greensborough. (Melway 11 C9)

Kevin Zwar will speak about prominent Wends in Victoria and their contribution to public life, for example Dr Bernard Zwar and MPs Albert and Henry Zwar (Website: [www.zwar-zwahr.com](http://www.zwar-zwahr.com) keeps members of this family informed about its heritage).

*Dinner cost is \$25.00 per person for pre-dinner sherries and a delicious german meal. Please BYO wine. Please send the names of all attending and payment to Wendish Heritage Society Aust. Inc. by 16 September.*

## Heritage Day at Westgarthtown: 13 November 2005

The Westgarthtown Precinct in Lalor continues to highlight the Wendish and Germanic heritage here in Victoria.



All are invited to this precinct on Sunday 13 Nov for a variety of events, as part of the City of Whittlesea Heritage Program. A church service will be held in the historic Lutheran church at 11.15 am. This will be followed by a BYO picnic lunch at Ziebell's farmhouse from 12.30 to 1.30 pm and an inspection of the historical displays. At 1.30 pm, a cemetery tour will be conducted and from 2.00 to 3.30 pm there will be an organ and instrumental recital and some community hymn singing in the church.

Afternoon tea will be provided from 3.40 to 4.30 pm. Participants are free to attend all or some of the events, as they wish.

## March Tour 2006

Please note that our annual March tour will not take place in 2006, because of other events in March, including the Commonwealth Games.

Instead, we are arranging with the Knox Historical Society in Melbourne for a one-day visit to the Knox area in May 2006. We plan to investigate the extensive German and Wendish background of the Bayswater / Scoresby / Knox area, which was first settled in the 1860s. More details will be presented in the March newsletter.

## Wendish Fest Tour to Texas: September 2006



Enis and Geoff Saegenschnitter (left) from Greenock S.A. will lead a twelve day tour to the U.S.A. primarily to attend the annual Wendish Fest in Serbin, Texas on Sunday 24 September 2006.

In 2004, the Saegenschnitters attended the Texas Wendish Heritage Society's annual picnic day, which attracted over 2,500 people and included international guests from Germany, a Wendish dance group from Cottbus, a German brass ensemble and a pastor from Germany. A demonstration of egg painting was a feature.

The 2006 proposed tour will include an inspection of the Wendish Heritage Museum, church and other Wendish heritage sites in Serbin and Texas, as well as other major tourist attractions in Texas and in California.

The tour aims to forge closer ties between the Wendish Heritage Societies in Serbin, Texas and in Melbourne and Adelaide, and to enable participants to share in a common heritage. There are many Wendish surnames which are common to both Texas and Australia.

Enis and Geoff have been to Serbin on four occasions and have led three previous overseas group tours. Geoff has been a member of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society since the 1970s.

At the end of this tour, an optional five day extension is being offered to go to tourist attractions such as Disneyland and other locations in Los Angeles, Tijuana in Mexico, Las Vegas, Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon. The tour will be limited to 40 people. *Detailed tour itineraries, costs and other travel details are available from Enis and Geoff Saegenschnitter, Branson Rd., Greenock, S.A. 5360. Telephone (after hours): (08) 8562 8148. Email: [saege@ozemail.com.au](mailto:saege@ozemail.com.au)*

GEOFF SAEGENSCHNITTER

*May you live to be  
a hundred, and may I live  
to sing at your wake.*

*from Voices from the past: Newsletter of the Inverell  
District Family History Group Inc., March 2005.*





# Research

## Malvina Vidal Descendants Unnamed.

Some photos taken at the 2004 Celebration Dinner were included on page 3 of our Wendish News No 34 March 2005. We would like to attach the correct names to these photos so any help which you can give in identifying yourself or others whom you know will be much appreciated. This information can be sent to the Secretary.

## J.C.A. Kruger Pipe Organs

Johann Carl August Kruger was born at Cottbus, Brandenburg, Prussia, on 11 January 1802. He was known as Carl, hereafter referred to as JCA. In 1840, at Cottbus, he was married to Maria Duch who was born at Leuthen on 6 April 1805.

Kruger is a German word meaning "Inn keeper". Duch, which is also Wendish, means "Spirit". JCA and Maria were blessed with four children, all born at Cottbus. The family moved to Przewoz (Priebus), now in Poland, where JCA was employed as an organ builder and organist. For religious and economic reasons, they, together with many other Wendish families, decided to emigrate to Australia. They sailed from Hamburg on the ship *Victoria* and arrived in Port Adelaide on 6 November 1848.

The family settled in the Lyndoch Valley at Hoffnungsthal, where JCA was in the company of other skilled tradesmen such as carpenters, joiners, masons, boot makers and tailors.

In 1850, while at Hoffnungsthal, JCA built a pipe organ for St. Jacobi Lutheran Church. The construction of the organ is unique. The casework is the frame and all mortises, cornices and dovetailing are impeccable. After 130 years of service, the windchest is still in "as new" condition. Its wooden pipes are yellow pine, the blocks are jarrah and the stoppers are Australian red cedar. Its metal pipes, of Continental style, are possibly the first manufactured in the colony of South Australia. In 1928 it was moved from the Bethany Lutheran Church to St. Thomas Lutheran Church Stockwell, where it is still in use.

After 154 years, the organ is in immaculate condition and is in demand for recitals by local and international organists. It was used for recital at the Centenary of the church building on 7-8 August 2004.

After heavy floods at Hoffnungsthal in 1853, JCA moved to Tarrington (then Hochkirch), Vic. where he was naturalised in 1857 and took up farming. In 1863 St. Michael's Lutheran Church engaged him to build a pipe organ and this was in use until 1928. It is now in the Tanunda Museum. A third organ may have been

built and further information about this is welcome.

JCA Kruger died on 24 October 1871 and his wife Maria died on 23 July 1877. Both were buried in the Tabor Lutheran Cemetery.

CLAY KRUGER

## The Moravian Brethren at Bethel in South Australia

The article on the Moravian Brethren on pg 6 of our Newsletter No. 33 indicated this group traced back to John Hus, an early Protestant Reformer who was burned to death in 1415. Lutherans, named after Dr Martin Luther (1483-1546) and these Brethren therefore have had much in common.

The Bethel settlement near Kapunda is a good example of Brethren who developed a Herrnhut-style commune but who in the early 1900s joined the Lutheran Church.

A detailed and interesting ten-page account of the rise and decline of the Bethel Commune is under the heading "Bethel Australia Mission", and can be located through a search on the Google search-engine.

The author is unknown but, it seems most of the information was supplied by Frieda Schmidt, daughter of Rudolph Schmidt, a participant in the Commune.

Some Moravian Brethren who came to South Australia in 1848 settled at Light's Pass but when Pastor Christoph S. D. Schondorf (1814-1898) arrived in 1854 from Germany and served Light's Pass, he sought and chose land near Kapunda for the settlement which he called "Bethel".

The settlers cleared their land and built their homes, church and Band Hall. They continued their clothing customs such as unmarried girls wearing some pink and married women wearing some rich red.

Some Wendish families also involved themselves in the community when in 1856 Peter and George Doecke took up land at Bethel and established the "Steinthal" church. Naturally, there was intermarriage between the two groups.

By the 1870s Pastor Schondorf was becoming old so Pastor Anton Jacobi (1841-91) came to serve them from 1876. When he died in 1891, Pastor Paul Buck was sent from Germany in 1892. However rifts occurred between members and in 1906, he was recalled to Germany. The members then sought a Lutheran Pastor, Pastor Bemman (1866-1934).

*This article will continue in the next edition of the newsletter.*

JOHN NOACK.



## South Australian Headstones now on our Society's Computer.

Robert Phillis who lives at 30 Ward Street Eudunda SA has carefully photographed and indexed over 4,500 headstones located in 46 cemeteries in South Australia. He has made these available to our Society and they are now on our Society's computer. Such headstones naturally indicate where early germanic and wendish settlers established themselves and were buried.

We cannot list these 4,500 names here but the following list of 46 cemeteries photographed and some surnames may be of use to researchers:

1. Allendale North; 2. Allens Creek Lutheran; 3. Apoinga Lutheran; 4. Australia Plains; 5. Baldina Lutheran; 6. Blacksprings; 7. Bower-Immanuel; 8. Bower St Peters Lutheran; 9. Brownlow Lutheran; 10. Bundey Lutheran; 11. Karlsruhe Lutheran (e.g. Behn, Blucher, Busch, Eckermann, Ey, Friebel, Giersch, Gregor, Gyer, Homan, Kahl, Mathias, Milde, Moll. Moller, Muller, Richter, Schmaal, Schroeder, Schumacher, Stempel, Zucker) 12. Dutton Lutheran; 13. Emmaus Lutheran; 14. Emu Downs Lutheran; 15.

Eudunda; 16. Geranium Plains Lutheran; 17. Hamilton Anglican and 18. Methodist; 19. Julia Lutheran; 20. Lindley Lutheran; 21. Manoora; 22. Belvidere; 23. Marabel; 24. Springfield Bible Christian; 25. Neales Flat St Stephens; 26. Neales Flat Trinity Lutheran; 27. North Anlaby Lutheran; 28. Peep Hill Lutheran (e.g. Bartsch, Doecke, Dohnt, Materne, Noack, Otto, Sander, Schiller, Schubert, Thiele, Tschärke, Waechter, Zerna); 29. Peters Hill Ettrick; 30. Peters Hill St Petri Lutheran (e.g. Behn, Dreckow, Duldig, Eckermann, Hondow, Kruger, Noack, Reichelt, Schmidtke, Schober, Zerner); 31. Peters Hill Huppertz; 32. Peters Hill Old Lutheran; 33. Point Pass Immanuel; 34. Point Pass St Peters; 35. Robertstown St Johns Lutheran; 36. Robertstown Zion Lutheran; 37. St Kitts St Paul Lutheran; 38. Stonefield Lutheran; 39. Sutherlands Lutheran; 40. Tablelands Lutheran; 41. Tarlee General; 42. Tarnma Lutheran (e.g. Girke, Geister, Grosser, Klante, Marschall, Pfitzner, Rohde, Siegert, Winter, Zerna); 43. Tothills Anglican; 44. Truro General; 45. Upper Bright Lutheran; 46. Waterloo Methodist.

JOHN NOACK.

# General News

## From your Treasurer

To all financial members: Please find enclosed your Membership Renewal Invoice for the 2006 calendar year. By majority vote at the A.G.M. on 3 April 2005, it was resolved to increase the membership fee to \$20.00 per calendar year, commencing 1st Jan. 2006.

In light of increasing costs, starting on 1 January 2006, any member who is in arrears with membership fees for two calendar years or more, will be automatically deleted from the Newsletter mailing list. Thank you for your support.

CLAY KRUGER (TREASURER)

## Special meeting

A special resolution required to change our financial year to the calendar year will be put to members at a special meeting at the Annual Dinner on 8 Oct 2005.

JOHN NOACK (SECRETARY)

## News from Germany:

### Crows explode toads

Readers of German and Wendish folk-lore are used to such characters as black crows and ugly toads. There are even toads who turn into handsome princes.

However, readers of the Age dated Sat 30 April 2005 were informed about hundreds of exploding toads in Germany, including some no doubt in Lusatia. Veterinary surgeon Frank Mutschmann has concluded that when crows peck at a toad in order to get at its liver, the toad swells up in self-defence, has its stomach punctured and its blood vessels explode. He concludes that "crows are intelligent animals". Perhaps we are only now finding out what our ancestors already knew about these clever creatures of nature!

### Sorbian schools facing closure

Robert Brytan has informed us by email on 27 June 2005 that following the closure of the Sorbian primary school at Crostwitz in Lusatia, there are now plans to close the schools in Panschwitz Kuchau and Radibor. The organization "The Youth of European Nationalities" recently participated in the recent demonstration against these closures. Judith Walde, a board member of YEN, stated that "for us Sorbs, our schools are also our lifeblood." Their press release stresses that the preservation of the Sorbian people, their language, culture and identity in Lusatia need an intact network of schools.

*For information and press releases, Robert Brytan can be contacted at [rbsorb@hotmail.com](mailto:rbsorb@hotmail.com)*



# Other societies

The following are summaries of items of interest from other societies' journals:

## German settlers in Queensland

The May 2004 edition of *Die Zeitung* (newsletter of the German Research Group, Genealogical Society of Qld.) gives these tips on seeking the origins of German settlers in Qld.:

- German ships came to Qld. from 1855 to 1879.
- German migration to Qld. was suspended between 1866 and 1870.
- Passenger lists for the *Diana* (1858) and the *Solon* (1859) have been lost.
- At other times Germans came to Qld. from other Australian colonies or states, by land or coastal vessels, or from overseas from non-German ports, eg. the U.K.

The March 2005 edition of *Die Zeitung* has an article on Germans in Qld. originating from the first free settlers at Zion Hill, Nundah.

## “Inducements and agents: German, Northern European and Scandinavian recruitment to Tasmania, 1855-1887” by Marita Hargraves.

The October 2004 edition of the *International Settlers Group Newsletter* features a review of this book. The reviewer, Margaret Brughera, describes the book as a thorough, well organized and readable account of Tasmanian immigration. Of particular interest is Chapter 1, “Willkommen in Tasmanien” of 75 pages, including document facsimiles such as an emigrant handbook in English and a recruitment pamphlet in German, both written by the agent Frederick Buck. This chapter also gives interesting details about the artist Ludwig Becker, and the botanist Ferdinand Mueller (later Baron Von Mueller) and others.

## Herrnhut and the archaeological dig

Herrnhut Commune was established by Germans near Penshurst in 1853 under the leadership of Johann Friedrich Krumnow. *The Hamilton History Centre Inc. Newsletter* of Feb. 2005 gives details of an archaeological dig that took place at the site in January 2005.

## Migration of the Lieschke family

The February 2005 edition of *Murrumbidgee Ancestor* features an article by Lois Lieschke describing ship-

board condition for passengers on the *Helene*. This ship left Hamburg bound for S.A. on 5th Sept. 1851. On board were a group of migrants from Lusatia, including members of the Lieschke family.

## Darragh Index to the Melbourne German Sick and Relief Society Membership 1861-1924: Melbournner Deutscher Krankenverein.

This Society was founded in 1861 with the aim to provide sickness and death benefits to members and to support members who were needy or out of work. The Society also had a welfare fund from which payments were made to needy Germans who were not members.

Dr Tom Darragh has translated the Society's documents and compiled an alphabetical index of members. Biographical data is also given. Of particular value in the records are the dates and places of birth in Germany of the members, making the Index of great value to genealogists.

To request an order form, contact Microfilm Sales, State Library of Victoria, 328 Swanston St., Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Tel.: (03) 8664 7332.

(from *The Genealogist: your family history magazine*; A.I.G.S. Inc., Dec., 2004)

## August Gottlieb Lehmann (1861-1947)

The 1947 obituary and tribute to A. G. Lehmann are reprinted in *The Dimboola & District Historical Society Inc. Newsletter*, March 2005. He was born at Tarrington, Vic., and lived most of his life in the Dimboola district where he was a school teacher, store manager and bookseller. In 1884 he married Ernestine Milich of Jeparit, and they had a family of twelve children.

## Land settlement in South Australia

A brief overview of land settlement in S.A. appeared in *South East Family History Group's Newsletter* (Millicent S.A. Vol. 25 No. 1, Feb 2005, p 13). Lucy Thompson surveys land development for agricultural use over the period 1836 – 1890 and shows that it was rapid and was a very significant proportion of land was used for agriculture Australia wide. By 1860, it was 31% and by 1880, it was 46%. We have a copy of this in our library.

GLENYS WOLLERMANN

“The law of heredity is that all undesirable traits come from the other parent.”

(from *Spreading branches: Newsletter of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.*, February 2005.)



# Reunions, Celebrations, Family histories

## J.C.W. Keller Family Reunion

A commemorative celebration of the 150th anniversary of the arrival in Australia of Johann Carl Wilhelm Keller and his wife Maria Rosine nee Reimann will be held at the Faith Centre, Faith Lutheran Secondary School, Magnolia Rd, Tanunda, S.A. on Sunday 4 September 2005.

Contact: Chairman: Ian Keller Tel. (08) 8663 5064 or Secretary: Lyn McKenzie Tel. (08) 8565 6219, P.O. Box 670, Nuriootpa, S.A. 5355

## Lange Family Reunion

A Lange family reunion will be held on 1-2 October 2005, a long weekend in the A.C.T., N.S.W., and S.A., to celebrate 150 years in S.A. of Gottlob Lange and his children, Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Lange and Johanne Caroline Muller (nee Lange). Other surnames include Jericho, Roocke and Rosenzweig.

All descendants are invited to contact Janette Lange for further information about the family history book and reunion. Tel (08) 8337 5163. Email: [langebaum@hotmail.com](mailto:langebaum@hotmail.com) Website: [users.chariot.net.au/~jkl/langeweb04](http://users.chariot.net.au/~jkl/langeweb04)

## Noacks from Schoenhoehoe Reunion, 14-15 Oct 2005

Elisabeth Noack who married Johann Gottfried Purmann in 1853, and Gottlieb Noack who married

Anna Noack in 1853, arrived in Adelaide on the *San Francisco* in 1850. Details of the first several generations were in Newsletter 32, March 2004, including the recently discovered Hennig and Schwartz descendants.

The Noack Family History Book *Noacks from Schoenhoehoe* is being compiled and the Committee is contacting all known descendants for personal details, photos and profiles. The Reunion and Book Launch is planned for 14-15 Oct 2005 in the Sports Pavilion at Riverton. A tour to Peters Hill will be included.

Information can be sent to the Noacks from Schoenhoehoe Research Coordinator, PO Box 387, Willaston, SA, 5118. Tel: (08) 8562 8465; Email [bitmor@ozemail.com.au](mailto:bitmor@ozemail.com.au)

## Pumpa Reunion

The 150th anniversary of Pumpa families in Australia will be celebrated at the Show Hall, Tanunda, S.A., on 25th and 26th March 2006. Researcher: Quentin Nuske, P.O. Box 228, Tanunda, S.A. 5352. Tel (08) 8563 0674. Secretary: Catherine Pumpa, P.O. Box 416, Edwardstown, S.A. 5039 Tel (08) 83710254

## Zilm Reunion

A celebration will be held on 16th October 2005 at Greenock Oval at 11.00 am. Accommodation and Saturday dinner information from Mrs K.B. Zilm, 38 Lagonda Drive, Windsor Gardens, S.A. 5087.

## Books, library, computer

### Recent library acquisitions

- *From Wendish ancestors to fifth generation Australian: the Sallmann family history* (donated by Tony Sallmann).
- *A rock against alien waves: a history of the Wends*, by Charles Wukasch.
- *Heirloom and original cookbook*, and "Our favorite" *cookbook*, compiled by the Texas Wendish Heritage Society.
- *Venture of faith: an epic in Australian missionary history*, by P.A. Scherer.

### The following were donated by the family of the late Eric Heinrich:

- *Meet the Minges 1850-1995*.
- *Johann Samuel Schultz and his descendants in Australia 1847-1981*.
- *Dahlenburg Australia 1849-1981*.
- *Family tree of Traugott Noske and his wife Johanne Auguste Lehmann 1834-1982*.
- *Family tree of Johann Gottlieb Kranz and Johanne Caroline Kranz 1813-1979*.
- *Johann Friedrich Miller: an historical and genealogical record*.

### Computer News



Thank you to Clarrie and Helen Handreck for your hard work!

It is pleasing to report that major progress has been made with the computerisation of the Society's catalogue. The Society possesses an especially fine library of resources in Wendish and Germanic history and culture. Thanks to years of work by Clarrie and Helen Handreck, we have a comprehensive card catalogue of the collection. To make it more accessible, a computerisation of the catalogue is progressing well, with a view to making it available on the internet.

The Society welcomes the submission of hard copies of photographs and/or family history articles for inclusion in the library, and is more than happy to receive the same in digital form.

JOEL BLACKBURN





# Directory

## Aims

The Wendish Heritage Society Australia Inc researches and promotes the Wendish/Sorbian and Germanic heritage and family history in Australia.

Postal Address: PO Box 297, Heidelberg, Vic, 3084.

## Meeting Room and Research Centre

Ivanhoe Lutheran Church Meeting Room, 27 Livingstone Street, Ivanhoe, Victoria. (Melways 31 E7)

Hours: Open on the first Sunday of each month from February to November, 1.00pm-5.30pm for research, working bees and for socialising.

## Our Society Logo

The logo, an Australian gum leaf and a Lusatian linden leaf, represent the connection between the Wendish descendants in Australia and the Sorbs in Lusatia.

## Membership & Newsletter Subscription

Membership for the 2005 calendar year is \$18. Membership for the 2006 calendar year is \$20. Membership forms are included in this issue of the Newsletter. Additional donations can also be made for the expanding work of the Society and we thank most sincerely those of you who have made such generous donations.

## Publicity

We welcome any publicity which you can give about our Society and its planned events.

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Robyn Zwar Design

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