



# wendish news

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## Our New Postal Address

Please note the Wendish Heritage Society's new postal address is PO Box 307, Heidelberg, Vic, 3084. However, any mail addressed to our former address (PO Box 297) will still reach the Society, as it will be transferred to the new box number. The updating of your address files will be greatly appreciated.



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Images from our trip to Leongatha: Top left: Leongatha's Mechanics Hall, Top right: Tom Luke's Cornish lecture, Middle: Audience at Seminar in Uniting Church, Bottom left: Strzelecki memorial, Bottom right: Local Post Office.



# Calendar of upcoming events

## German Festival, Immigration Museum, Sunday 9 September 2007

Our Society will take part in the German Festival at Melbourne's Immigration Museum in Flinders Street and will share an information table with the *Friends of Westgarthtown*. Robert Wuchatsch will present a talk on Germanic and Wendish settlement in Victoria and we will display maps, illustrations and books, as well as wood from the ship *Pribislav*, which brought Robert's ancestors to Australia.

## Annual Dinner: The 1857 Ships, Saturday 6 October 2007

We extend a warm invitation to you to attend our Society's Annual Dinner, at 6pm for 7pm, on Saturday 6 October 2007 at the Ringwood Lutheran Hall, corner Wantirna and City Roads, Ringwood (Melway Map 49 G10). It will be an opportunity for the descendants of passengers of the 1857 ships to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival in Melbourne of about ten ships, carrying immigrants from Hamburg. These 1857 ships include the *La Rochelle* (arrived 27 Jan), *Neumuhlen* (24 Feb), *Cesar Godeffroy* (31 Mar), *Carl* (30 June), *Dorothea* (2 Sep), *Gottingen* (10 Oct), *Manila* (2 Nov), *Hermann* (20 Dec) and *Sverge* (24 Dec).

The lists of passengers from Hamburg were transcribed from hand-written originals during the 1980s and 1990s by volunteers under the supervision of the Public Record Office Victoria.

The PROV's transcriptions of passengers are available on (1) the CD ROM "Immigration and Shipping Lists: Unassisted Shipping Index 1851-1923" and (2) on the internet under the heading "Unassisted Immigration to Victoria: Index of inward Passenger Lists for British, Foreign and New Zealand Ports, 1852-1923", on the website [http://proarchives.imaging.com.au/index\\_search\\_results.asp](http://proarchives.imaging.com.au/index_search_results.asp)

Our second source is the CD "Emigrants from Hamburg to Australia 1850-1879" compiled by Eric and Rosemary Kopitke, available in our Library. These are based on departure lists and include the 1857 ships *Carl*, *Dorothea*, *Gottingen*, *Sverge* and *Hermann*.

Surnames of known passengers were published in our Newsletter *Wendish News* No. 38 March 2007 pp. 4-5 and are also available for inspection on our Society's website [www.wendishheritage.org.au](http://www.wendishheritage.org.au) If any of these pioneers are your ancestors, we look forward to hearing from you.

## Open Day – Genealogical Society of Victoria, Saturday 13 October 2007

A free Open Day at the Genealogical Society of Victoria will be held during Seniors' Week on Saturday 13 October, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The GSV is on Level B1, 257 Collins St, Melbourne.

## John Borrack's "Drawings of Westgarthtown", Sunday 28 October 2007

Visit a special exhibition of early drawings of buildings in the Thomastown Pioneer Precinct by John Borrack on Sunday 28 October 2007, 1pm – 4pm at Ziebell's Farmhouse, 100 Gardenia Rd, Thomastown (Melway Map 8 H5). Afternoon tea will be served at 2.00pm. Contact Tel (03) 9464 1805.

## Goulburn & Murray (Mulwala) Family History Expo, Saturday 17 November 2007

This regular Expo promoting genealogical research has proved to be very successful. Bob and Betty Proposch will again represent our Society at this year's Expo at Mulwala on Saturday 17 November from 10am – 4pm. All welcome.

For further information, contact Jan Parker Tel (03) 5744 1460 or Email [rekrapj@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rekrapj@bigpond.net.au)

## Labour Day Weekend Tour to Shepparton, March 2008

Our proposed tour destination on the Labour Day weekend in March 2008 is Shepparton. Further details will be provided in our February issue of *Wendish News*.

## Friends of Lutheran Archives (FoLA)

The Lutheran Archives in Adelaide provide a wealth of material for family history researchers. Would you like to join FoLA and help support the collection and preservation of important Australian and New Zealand Lutheran archival material?

For further information, contact Lutheran Archives, 27 Fourth Street, Bowden, SA 5007. Tel (08) 8340 4009. Email: [lutheran.archives@lca.org.au](mailto:lutheran.archives@lca.org.au)



# Past events

## Pleasant Sunday Afternoon and A.G.M. Sunday 1 April 2007

Our Pleasant Sunday Afternoon began with a community lunch of finger food at Ivanhoe Lutheran Church at 12.30 pm followed by our Society's Annual General Meeting at 1.30pm. The Directory on page 8 indicates that the new President is John Noack, the new Secretary is Glenys Wollermann and Kevin Zwar is now a Committee Member and Website Manager. We thank Kevin for his term as President and welcome him to his new roles.

Treasurer Clay Kruger presented a financial statement for the 2006 calendar year. The credit balance as at 31 December 2006 was \$9,292.70.

The annual reports reflected the hard work being carried out by our office bearers and committee members in the areas of computer and website management, perusal of exchange journals, Newsletter production, financial management, library cataloguing and general research in relation to family history inquiries which arrive in emails and letters. The Directory indicates which committee members have assumed these various responsibilities.

Our guest speaker Colin Huf then presented information about German farmers who emigrated from Nekielka, formerly Nekla Hauland, in present-day western Poland to Australia in the mid-1800s. Before the Second World War, this area was in Germany. Land records give the details of over forty family names, including Benz, Hausler, Herrmann, Huf, Jeske, Krieg, Leske, Lindner, Menzel, Mibus, Muhlneckel, Neumann, Nuske, Pfeiffer, Richter, Seifert, Semmler and Zadow.

In June 2005, twelve Australians, including Colin and Betty Huf, visited the Nekielka cemetery and were impressed to find that this Lutheran cemetery is today being cared for by Polish Catholics. Colin and Betty were able to locate head-



Betty and Colin Huf

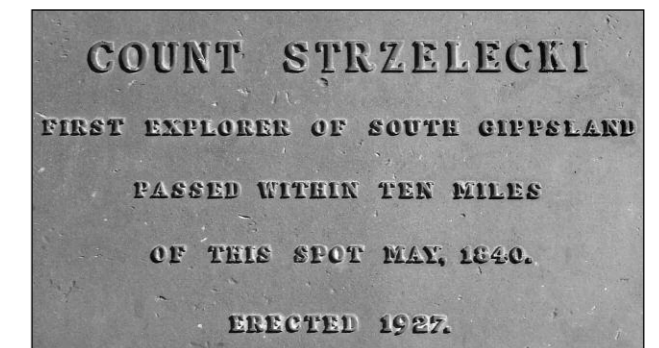
stones belonging to some of the above families, including Mibus and Noske/Nuske headstones. Further information and photos can be obtained from the following Polish-language website <http://nekla.pl/cm/portrety.php>

We thank Colin Huf for his excellent presentation.

## Visit to Leongatha: 2-3 June 2007

The South Gippsland Genealogical Society held its June Family History Seminar from 9.30am–3.30pm on Saturday 2 June 2006 at the Leongatha Uniting Church. The seminar speakers covered the following:

- (1) Liz Rushen described the Irish female migration to Australia;
- (2) Tom and Libby Luke presented Cornish research, and their film "Burra to Bendigo" showing that about 80% of the miners at Bendigo were Cornish;
- (3) John Noack and Kevin Zwar presented German and Wendish research. John covered the geography, history, language and traditions of the Wends in Lusatia (based on information on our website [www.wendishheritage.org.au](http://www.wendishheritage.org.au)) and Kevin spoke of the settlement of the Wends in Australia.
- (4) The seminar concluded with a talk by Bob Flavel on Child Welfare records in Victoria. He spoke of the problems researchers faced locating details of ancestors who lived in orphanages and other child welfare organisations, with the destruction of records by fire and "clean-ups" and the loss of records when an organisation was taken over.



On Sunday 3 June, members of the society showed us their Historical Display and Genealogical Library in the Mechanics Hall. They presented local history, including the exploration of the area in 1841 by Polish explorer Paul Strzelecki (1797-1873), who named Gippsland after Sir George Gipps, Governor of NSW; the division of the land into 320 acre blocks under the 1860 *Selection Act* and the death of some early settlers by falling trees during land-clearing. We visited various heritage sites in the Leongatha district, including one of the widely-dispersed Bills' horse-troughs, the Murray-Goulburn butter factory, the experimental farms, early houses and Horn Street, named after Johannes Horn from Schleswig-Holstein, who established a local distillery.

We thank Joan Lehmann for her help in organising this visit and Lyn Skillern for leading the guided tour.



# Research

**Wends Online and Website Additions**  
The new email contact address on our Wendish Heritage website is:  
[wendsonline@optusnet.com.au](mailto:wendsonline@optusnet.com.au)

Later in the year, we are planning to launch an emailing list called 'Wends Online'. We hope to start with about 100 people, mainly from our membership list. The idea is for anyone to be able to email us for information on their ancestors and their email will go to everyone on the list. Anyone can then help with information. Please email us if you would like to be on the *Wends Online* emailing list. This also means people from overseas can join in and will receive emails. We are already receiving emails from overseas through our Wendish website.



The homepage of our website [www.wendishheritage.org.au](http://www.wendishheritage.org.au)

Recent additions to our website include:  
Under Wends: "The Wends Appeal to the King of Saxony for better treatment of the Wends".  
Under Articles under publications: "The *Helene* Ship 1851"; "*Helene* Passenger List 1851"; "Wend Newspaper Items in Saxony about Australia"; "*The Pribislav* 1849/50" and "*Pribislav* 1849/50 Passenger List".

Any contributions to our website from our members will be warmly received.

KEVIN P. ZWAR

## Andriske Family

Kerrie Lavery is a descendant of Samuel Andriske (1825-1898) and his wife Anna Rosina nee Bieske (1827-1873), both born at Schmollen, Prussia. They arrived on the ship *Emmy* in 1849 and settled at Germantown, later called Grovedale, where they established a market garden and vineyard. Samuel's principle varieties were burgundy and tokay, but the disease Phylloxera led to their destruction in the 1870s.

Samuel's parents arrived on the ship *Wilhelmsburg* in 1853 and may have lived with him.

A brief and incomplete family history and tree of Samuel's descendants have been included on pages 132-145 in the book *The Andriske Family in Australia 1850-1992*. This book, which is in our library, deals mainly with the descendants of Johann Friedrich Andriske (1825-1887) and Johanna Maria Christina nee Parbs (1823-1895) who arrived at Adelaide in 1850, possibly on the ship *San Francisco* and who settled at Siegersdorf north of Tanunda in SA.

The information about Samuel, whose relationship to Johann Friederich has not been established, was compiled by Alma Schulz of Murray Bridge and in 1992, June Day of Coonamble NSW, was collating additional information about Samuel's descendants (see page 132).

Kerrie is keen to establish contact with other descendants of Samuel Andriske and her email address is [klavery@iinet.net.au](mailto:klavery@iinet.net.au).

## Babow in Lusatia

Steffen Koalick is interested in families whose ancestors came from Babow in Lower Lusatia. He has directed our attention to the website [www.babow.de](http://www.babow.de) for information about wendish traditions.

He is also interested in hearing from descendants of wendish families and he includes Martin and Christiane (nee Kshivan) POESCH, Georg and Anna PROPOSCH, and Christian and Liese (nee Russchen) MARSCHA, later written as Marschall. They arrived in Australia in 1854 on the ship *Malvina Vidal*.

Steffen is particularly keen to find and get in touch with descendants of George Proposch, who, according to Nielsen's Notes, was born on 8 April 1799 at Dissen, was married to Anna Russchen, then to Anna Koal, both from Babow and he had nine children. These included Christian born in 1833, who married Elizabeth Borack; Anna b.1834, who married Samuel Lindner; George b.1836, who married Anna Gormann; Liese and Maria who died as toddlers; Matthes b.1841, who married Johanna Gormann; Elisabeth b. 1844 who married Friedrich Huppatz and Johann Frederick, born in 1846.

The Proposch family has been able to trace its ancestry back to 1602.

Steffen would welcome information and can be contacted by email: [bohnebabow@compuserve.de](mailto:bohnebabow@compuserve.de)



## Preusker Family

Samantha Thomas is researching her Preusker ancestors. George Nielsen has included in his Notes that Traugott Preusker was born on 26 Jan 1823 at Blesau. His wife was Anna Rosina nee Wende. He arrived on the ship *Alfred* in December 1848, was naturalised in 1853 at Angaston and died at Robertstown, where he was a farmer. Traugott's sisters were Johanna who married Peter Mickan, Maria who married Carl Fiedler, Agnes who married Gotthilf Hentschel and Maria who married Johann Kluske. His brothers were Peter, who was killed by a falling tree, and Andreas.

Some Preusker letters have been located. If you have Preusker information, contact Samantha Thomas on: [Samantha\\_Thomas@capital-finance.com.au](mailto:Samantha_Thomas@capital-finance.com.au)



This diorama at a Wendish museum depicts women in their traditional costume. They are spinning yarn (a traditional woman's job) and singing folk songs.

## Tillack Family

Jonathan Breach is researching his Tillack ancestors, who came from Raednitz in Prussia (now Radnice in Poland). He has located his maternal Tillack line through Monty Tillack, his father Johan Charles Tillack (b.1864), his father Johann Carl Tillack (b.1835) and his father Johann George Tillack (b.1793). Johann Carl was a brother of Johann William, Johann Gottfried, Gotthilt and Johanne Louisa, who lived in Victoria and were buried at the Northcote Cemetery.

Contact Jonathan at 41 Catherine Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040; Tel (02) 9569 7228;  
Email: [hermetica@ozemail.com.au](mailto:hermetica@ozemail.com.au)

## South Australian Goldseekers, 1851-1853

Gold fever in the 1850s caused about 20,000 South Australians to cross the border to Victoria's gold-diggings. Di Cummings has produced a CD which contains lists of people involved, including ships' passenger lists from Adelaide to Melbourne and back to Adelaide, gold-escort receipt holders and lists of

unclaimed letters. The overland trek was over dreadful tracks, sand dunes and swamps. Di made use of Charles Sandry Rule's diary of his trek from Burra in SA to the Mount Alexander Goldfields in Victoria in early 1852.

When the miners' gold was escorted back to their families in SA, they were issued with a receipt. Some germanic names appear on these receipts and it can be reported that the Koch family from Hahndorf did not find much gold. By the end of 1852, 14,000 miners had returned to Adelaide by boat. Our Society has added this CD to our Library. It can be ordered at [www.gould.com.au](http://www.gould.com.au).

Diane is happy to help with any enquiries: [dicummings-shipping@melbournemail.com](mailto:dicummings-shipping@melbournemail.com)

Our society also has access to the names of a large group of Germans who left Burra in early 1852 and headed for the Victorian goldfields at Castlemaine. Their leader was probably Johannes Menge, who died there in October 1852 and was buried at Forest Creek.

JOHN NOACK.

## Valuable websites

For information from Leipzig University on the Wendish [Sorbian] language:  
[www.uni-leipzig.de/~sorb/seiten/eng/03/language.html](http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~sorb/seiten/eng/03/language.html)

Excellent shipping records for Sydney and New South Wales:  
<http://mariners.records.nsw.gov.au/shipdate.htm>



# General News

## Fritz Kruger, an early Victorian photographer

Johan Friedrich Carl Kruger was born in Berlin in 1831, and came to Victoria in the early 1860s. He opened a photographic studio in 1866 at 133 Cardigan Street, Carlton, Melbourne. From this base he travelled all over Victoria taking excellent photos of aborigines, townships, mansions and shipwrecks.

His achievements, and some of his photographs are presented in *The Dictionary of Australian Artists* edited by Joan Kerr (Oxford University Press) pp. 437-239 [available in the Yarra Valley Regional Library, 709.94/Dic] and in the book *Eye Contact: Photographing Indigenous Australians* by Jane Lydon (Duke University Press, London, 2005) pp.122-175 [YPRL 779.9/Lyn].

Some immigrant Kruger families were Wendish. Whatever his background, Fritz or Fred Kruger produced a huge number of photographs of Victoria in the 1800s before his early death in 1888. In 1979, a large collection of his photos was presented to the National Gallery of Victoria.

In 1866, he photographed the first Aboriginal cricket team at Hamilton. He also photographed landscapes and in 1877 was commissioned by the Victorian Board for the Protection of Aborigines to produce an album of portraits, and way of life of the Aborigines located at the Coranderrk Aboriginal Mission Station near Healesville, east of Melbourne.

In 1879, he settled in Geelong and won a gold medal for his 3-metre long panoramic view of Geelong, taken from the tower of St Paul's Church on Latrobe Terrace. He accepted commissions to photograph estates such as *Purnumbete* owned by Peter Manifold near Colac and he took photos of ship-wrecks near Point Lonsdale, such as the *George Roper* and the *Glansause* in the 1880s.

Jane Lydon observes on page 124 that many settlers during the 1800s saw the Aborigines as a "doomed race". Fred Kruger presents a more optimistic view, although at the expense of the aborigines adopting European customs, clothing, food, and games (like cricket). In fact, he labels his photo on page 158 "Family of Civilized Natives".

Most germanic and wendish immigrants arrived in the mid 1800s, so the above photos taken between 1866 and 1888 provide a clear and graphic picture of what the settlements, living conditions and scenery were like during this early period.

JOHN NOACK

## Germans in Melbourne's North East

When travelling around the country, I often check to see if Germans and Wends played a part in developing the local area. At a little old timber-framed church which is now a Craft Shop in the Greensborough/Diamond Creek area of Melbourne, I came across *The Diamond Valley Story* by Dianne H. Edwards. Whilst browsing, my eyes fell on names like Zahn, Grietzner and Rumboldt appearing among pioneering settlers of the region.

This interesting piece of information appears on page 30: "The land was alienated (acquired) from the Crown in 1850 by Johann Carl Zahn, Jacob Grietzner, John Greaves and Charles Hirt. This land was subsequently subdivided between 1850 and 1853 and taken up mainly by people of German origin: Johann Schuster (who built a slab construction with an earthen floor by the banks of a small creek); Friedrich Grundel, Johann Wilhelm Roy (a bricklayer by trade who grew fruit, potatoes and cherries); J. E. Bonsak, and Ferdinand Schultz, to name a few. They were hard working farmers who characteristically owned their own small farms and farmed them intensively".

The author provides an interesting sidelight on these early settlers by commenting that some of these hard old men gained fortification from stronger bev-



This painting, in the Wendish Museum at Dissen (near Cottbus) depicts a mythical "sprite". The Wends have retained many of their ancient pre-Christian beliefs, and these creatures are said to inhabit the forests of the Spreewald.



# What's new at the Library?

## Recent Acquisitions:

- (1) *Ancestors in archives: a guide for family historians to South Australia's government archives* (new revised edition published in 2000 by the State Library of South Australia).
- (2) *A history of the Shire of Swan Hill: public land, private profit and settlement* by Lesley Scholes.
- (3) *Passengers from Germanic ports to Port Adelaide, 1880-1886*, researched and compiled by Dulcie Love and Shirley Kalisch. This 1880 - 1886 volume deals only with ships and passengers leaving Hamburg, Germany, to travel to South Australia.
- (4) *Paved in history: Swan Hill streets* by Gwen Warne looks at the naming of the first streets of Swan Hill in Victoria, which were named in honour of early settlers.
- (5) *Peters Hill Congregation and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1856-2006: a booklet of historical documents* compiled by Friends of Peters Hill Church Inc. October 2006. It includes the Peters Hill 150th anniversary thanksgiving service booklet.
- (6) *The Weekly Times: Pioneers series: Part 1: Wimmera and Mallee; Part 2: North-East; Part 3: Gippsland; Part 4: Central Victoria; Part 5: Western District.* The Weekly Times newspaper published a five-part series in September and October 2006, exploring the history and events that helped shape country Victoria. The series includes many family photographs of early settlers including some Germans.
- (7) *Grovedale Primary School 150th anniversary, 1854-2004.* In June 1854, the Lutherans started a day school which was recognised by the Government as the Germantown Common School. This was the fore-runner of Grovedale Primary School No. 283. (Donated by Laurie Frost, Geelong)
- (8) *Squatters and settlers* by Derrick I. Stone and Donald S. Garden is a pictorial record recreating an important era in Australian history when pioneers first opened up and put to productive use much of the vast expanse of Australia. (Donated by John Noack)

We thank members and friends who have made donations to our library and we welcome any further contributions of relevant books and articles.

JANICE BLACKBURN

erages. She notes that when Zahn's land was sold a little later, he left behind a "wooden still", "probably built by Zahn". Also of interest is that a Mr Rumboldt was among a group of settlers held up by a group of bushrangers in 1842.

While Germans were a small part of the community and not generally prominent, they played a significant part in developing the area through hard work and the German pioneering trait of doggedness.

*The Diamond Valley Story* by Dianne H. Edwards was published by the Shire of Diamond Valley in 1979. Our Society plans to purchase it and it is presently available for reading at Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries [994.51 EDW].

ED KOCH.

## Are you Wendish?

Lyll Kupke presents an informative article on the Wends in *The Lutheran* 25 June 2007 pp.8-9.

His title asks in German: *Bist du Wendish?*, in Wendish: *Sy ty serbski?* and in English: *Are you Wendish?*

He explains that the Wends are a small slavic race, with those living in Lusatia numbering about 50,000. He mentions wendish settlements at Hoffnungsthal, Ebenezer, St Kitts and Peters Hill in South Australia and at Tarrington (Hochkirch), Gnadenthal, Tabor, Byaduk and Thomastown in Victoria.

He reminds us of the trek in 1868 of wendish families from Ebenezer in the Barossa Valley to Walla Walla in the Riverina area north of Albury. Early settlers made use of Wendish sermon books and hymn books but with no Wendish pastors, they soon joined in the German services.

This article includes photos of the Peters Hill Lutheran Church, the Burger cottage at Peshurst and a wendish dress.

Lyll Kupke's own wendish connections are through his ancestor Martin Hondow, a farmer at Peters Hill who came from Tauer in Lower Lusatia. Lyll indicates that a lot of wendish information is available in Dr George Nielsen book *In Search of a Home* and in Pastor Rupert Burger's 1976 article *The Coming of the Wends*, now in booklet form. Australia's two Wendish Societies have libraries with wendish material. Lyll Kupke is Secretary of the Wend-Sorb Society in Adelaide (Address: 6 Emes Court, Athelstone SA 5076) and Glenys Wollermann is Secretary of the Wendish Heritage Society in Melbourne (Address: PO Box 307, Heidelberg Vic 3084).

JOHN NOACK.



# Other societies

The following items of interest, located by Ed and Glad Koch, are from other societies' journals:

## German immigrant ships to Eastern Australia Part 11: *Undine* 1855

The March 2007 issue of *Ances-tree: Journal of the Burwood & District Family History Group* has a comprehensive article by Jenny Paterson on the ship *Undine* which arrived on 12 February 1855 in Sydney from Hamburg, with 101 assisted German immigrants (25 families) and nearly 60 unassisted immigrants. The ship had off-loaded 120 passengers in Melbourne before proceeding to Sydney.

All 25 families who were assisted by the NSW government were from Wurttemberg. The majority were Catholic. They were employed as vinedressers or wine coopers. The period of assisted German immigration to NSW covered the years 1849-1856. In 1847, a government bounty was advertised for the importation of non-British men who had skills not obtainable from Britain. The men had to be married and not more than 50 years old.

This is the eleventh article by Jenny Paterson in her excellent series on ships bringing assisted German families to NSW.

## Notable Germans in the Bendigo area

The February 2007 edition of the *German Heritage Society Inc. Newsletter* lists German born settlers who served in local government in Bendigo's early days. The list includes: W.C. Vahland, C. Roeder, Conrad Heinz, Schroeder, H.G. Wirth, C. Voegelé, A. Heine, W. Grieffenhagen, A. Bruhn, F. Schilling, L.A. Samuels and W. Drechsler.

A biography of Christian Carl Voegelé (Voegelé), 1844-1933, researched and compiled by Joan Pedersen, is also published in the same newsletter.

## German internees at Berrima Gaol

The *International Settlers Group Newsletter* of January 2007 lists the names of Germans interned at Berrima Gaol in NSW during the First World War. The list is continued from the previous Newsletter of Oct 2006.

GLENYS WOLLERMANN

## 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 307, Heidelberg, Vic, 3084. (Please note the new box number)

**Meeting Room and Research Centre:** Ivanhoe Lutheran Church Meeting Room, 27 Livingstone Street, Ivanhoe, Victoria. (Melways 31 E7)

**Hours:** Open the first Sunday of each month from February – November, 1pm-5.30pm for research, working bees and 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:** \$20 for one calendar year due at the start of each year. The form is included in our August Newsletter for the following year. 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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