wendish news

Clockwise: Lighthouse at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, Warrnambool; Glenys Wollermann at the Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory; wall hanging at the Hawkesdale Lutheran Church; St Nicholas Seamen's Church at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village; June Winter, Betty Huf, Mary Cooper and Lois Kupke at the Macarthur Wind Farm.

(Photos: John Noack, Janice Blackburn)

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New Venue for our Society

In our March newsletter, we stated that we would be moving from Ivanhoe Lutheran Church (which has been sold) to temporary accommodation at Doncaster. Further investigation revealed the availability of St Aidan's, a former Anglican Church, which has a storage area for our Library, as well as a hall, meeting room and kitchen. We moved to this new venue in April.

St Aidan's is at **12 Surrey St, Box Hill South, Victoria.** Our **new postal address is P.O. Box 4050, Box Hill South, Victoria 3128**.

We look forward to a bright and successful future in our new venue.

Calendar of upcoming events

Luncheon at the Austrian Club, Saturday 11 October 2014

A special Luncheon will be held at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm at the Austrian Club. The theme will be "Farewell Ivanhoe". The Ivanhoe Lutheran Church was our Society's venue for the past 12 years. The DVD produced by Clay Kruger of the Auction and of the Final Service will be shown. Join us for some good German food and hospitality at the Austrian Club, 76-90 Sheehan Rd, Heidelberg West, Vic. (Melway 19 F9) All are welcome.

Please RSVP to Glenys Wollermann as soon as possible Tel. (03) 9891 6652; email wendsociety1@optusnet. com.au

Labour Day Weekend Tour to Portland, 7-8 March 2015

Our tour leader, Betty Huf, has graciously offered to lead us on a tour of Portland, Victoria, on 7-8 March 2015. Please note that this is the Labour Day long weekend in Victoria and accommodation

will need to be booked early due to the popularity of the Port Fairy Folk Festival. The proposed itinerary includes the inner workings of the Port of Portland, the Lutheran Church and School, the Cemetery, Henty sites, the Museum, whaling history, Cape Bridgewater, the petrified forest, Alcoa, a tram ride along the cliff top and war heritage sites. Portland featured prominently in the 1852 Wagon Trek by pioneering Wends from Rosenthal in South Australia to Victoria's Western District.

Pleasant Saturday Afternoon, Saturday 11 April 2015

We will begin with a community lunch at 12.30 pm followed by a brief AGM. Our Guest Speaker will begin at 2.00 pm, followed by afternoon tea. All are welcome. The venue will be the meeting room at St Aidan's at **12 Surrey St, Box Hill South**, Victoria. Our Guest Speaker is yet to be confirmed. Further details will be given in our March newsletter.

Past events

Pleasant Saturday Afternoon, Saturday 5 April 2014

This was our final meeting at the Ivanhoe Lutheran Church, which has been sold. We began with a community lunch followed by a brief AGM. At our AGM our existing office-bearers were re-elected. We are grateful to Clay Kruger for graciously agreeing to continue as Treasurer for another year. There was one change on the Committee, with Paul Kruger withdrawing his nomination because of his other commitments. At a time when many societies face a declining membership, it was gratifying to hear that ours has remained stable, at about 350.

A Message from Clay Kruger:

We are in a good position financially. The balance of the accounts as at 31 December 2013 was $17,072.00, up from $15,252.61 in 2012. We thank all our valued members for their support. In response to requests from members who wish to renew their memberships via Electronic Funds Transfer, there will be two options for membership renewal for the 2015 calendar year.

Option 1: the same system as in the past, with payment made in the return envelope provided with the September newsletter.

Option 2: Electronic Funds Transfer payable to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. All bank details will be included on the invoice enclosed in the September newsletter.
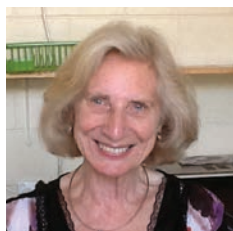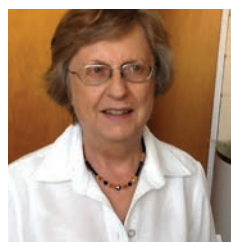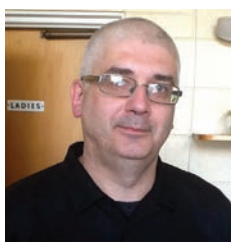
A Message from John Noack:

Our Society has members who live at locations all over Australia, most of which are a long way away from Melbourne. However, because our Society is located in Victoria and is registered as an "Incorporated Association" within the legal jurisdiction of "Consumer Affairs Victoria" and its "2012 Model Rules", we are investigating Section 34, which allows for the use of "Proxies". Our distant members would be able to nominate and appoint members able to attend the Meetings as their Proxies, who would speak and vote on their behalf. Committee Members could be appointed as such Proxies.

This "Proxy Procedure" would allow both for a much wider participation in our Society's Meetings and also for our Society to be doing its best to achieve the legally-required number of members at our Meetings, in order to reach the Quorum of 10% of our membership. Further details about Proxy Procedures and Participation will be presented in our next Wendish News and this issue will be discussed further by our Committee in relation to our April 2015 Annual General Meeting, which will be held at our new venue.

Following our 2014 AGM, our Guest Speaker was Janice Stockigt, an Associate Professor at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, University of Melbourne. She spoke about an historic visit to Bautzen by the Saxon Elector and his musicians in 1733, as well as her own visits to and research in Bautzen.

Some of the participants at our event on 5 April 2014.
L to R. Top: Yvonne Mibus, Paul Kruger, Sigrid Burford, Clay Kruger, Beryl Nagorcka.
Bottom: Janice Blackburn, Gladys Kruger, Joel Blackburn, Janice Stockigt, Richard Albert.
(Photos: Janice Blackburn)

Top: A view of Warrnambool's Lady Bay; Colin Huf at the Warrnambool Cheese & Butter Factory Museum.
Middle: Betty Huf with a "baby" at the Museum; Joel Blackburn at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village; Ene Noack at Flagstaff Hill.
Bottom: Glenys Wollermann with a Wringer at the Warrnambool Cheese & Butter Factory Museum.
(Photos: John Noack, Janice Blackburn)

Labour Day Weekend Tour to Warrnambool, 8-9 March 2014

This event, led by local historian and researcher Betty Huf, was a resounding success. One of the highlights was the visit to the Museum at the Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory, which gave a good insight into dairy farm life in the pioneering days. Pioneers included the UEBERGANG and GRAUER families. Another highlight was Betty Huf's slideshow presentation on "Warrnambool Germans 1849-1900." As well as being an important dairying area, Warrnambool was a major trading port in the late 1800s and is at the heart of the Shipwreck Coast. The visit to the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village gave us a good insight into the perils of sea travel and life in an 1870s coastal port. The Museum houses a wooden ship model carved by August Landmann during his voyage to Australia on the *Wilhelmsburg* in 1853.

There were many other highlights of this tour. We thank all who contributed, particularly Betty Huf for organizing this highly successful tour, and the members of the Warrnambool and Hawkesdale congregations for their warm welcome and hospitality.

See John Noack's full report, with photos, under "News and Events" on our website: www.wendishheritage.org.au

1st row: Ossie Rentsch giving a talk to our tour group at Byaduk; farmland on the Mount Napier lava flow.
2nd row: Mary Cooper with a Cream Separator at the Warrnambool Cheese & Butter Factory Museum; Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village; display at the Hawkesdale Lutheran Church hall.
3rd row: Our tour group at the Warrnambool Lutheran Church hall.
4th row: Rev. Mathew Ker of the Warrnambool Lutheran parish; Lyall and Lois Kupke enjoying lunch at the historic Macarthur Hotel.

(Photos: John Noack, Janice Blackburn)

Research

The Miertschins of America – are they related to the Mirtschins of Australia?

One of the fascinating aspects of the internet is that information can be sent and received between people from any part of the globe. Recently a research enquiry arrived via our Society's website which was forwarded on to me because it concerned the Mirtschin family of Gnadenthal in western Victoria. As my husband Colin, and myself, are both descendants of Johann Mirtschin who settled in Gnadenthal in 1853, we relished the opportunity to answer this query.

The initial email read as follows:

My name is Justus David Miertschin. I am from the USA, and have a family history that leads back to the Wends in Sachsen. I noticed on your website, you mentioned Johann Mirtschin and his brother who stayed in Germany. I am a descendant of Andreas Mirtschin the brother of Johann. Andreas went to Texas on the Ben Nevis, while Johann went on the Helena to Australia.

I am the son of David Melvin Miertschin, son of Melvin Albert Miertschin, son of Albert Benjamin Miertschin, son of Ernst Albert Miertschin, son of Carl Miertschin, son of Andreas Miertschin (Johann's brother).

I believe that the Mirtschins of Australia are related to the Miertschins of Texas. If you have any information on the Mirtschins in Australia that you are willing to share, please contact me back.

We quickly referred to the genealogical data that we had from the Hochkirch Parish in Saxony. The current Pastor, Thomas Haenchen, is interested in family history, and had passed on to us a digitized copy of the index to all the Hochkirch Parish records in existence, the earliest being 1758. We forwarded a summary of the information that we found concerning Johann Mirtschin and his brother Andreas. Justus replied the next day saying that the details that we had sent about his ancestor Andreas did not match with what he knew and he included more detail of his family in America:

My GGG Grandfather Carl Miertschin was born on February 3 1849, in Sarka, Saxony, Germany. Carl was the thirteenth child of Andreas and Anna Lehmann. He was only five years old when he came to America! Of Andreas and Anna's children, only five survived infancy, and went to America. All 13 Children were born in Sarka, Saxony, Germany. [Justus listed the details of all 13 children] *All this info was gathered from the Texas Miertschin Book.*

It did not take us long to realize that this family was not related to the Johann Mirtschin of Steindorfel, Hochkirch. In fact, this Mirtschin family that emigrated to America is mentioned on page 9 of the book *Mirtschin Families in Australia 1851–1990* where it clearly states that Andreas was not Johann's brother.

So, after some initial excitement at finding a possible relative in the United States, we had to come to terms with the fact that this was not so. However, that is not the end of this story!

As a Researcher, one gathers all sorts of information and small details over the years which are stored away subconsciously awaiting some possible use in the future. And that is exactly what happened in this case. By the time I had finished this project, I was able to provide Justus with a map of the village his ancestor Andreas Miertschin came from, who his neighbours were, and send him some copies of original documents concerning his Miertschin family. He also has some research contacts which he can pursue to learn more of the history of his family prior to emigration. I was able to provide him with this information because I recognized one word, 'Sarka', which was the birthplace of his ancestor and the village from which they emigrated. Immediately, I remembered that Sarka was the ancestral village of the Wuchatsch family. And the rest, as we say, is history! Robert Wuchatsch, a Researcher of our Society, has visited Sarka on a number of occasions and has gathered numerous copies of documents relating to that place and to his Wuchatsch ancestors. Upon examining them, he discovered that the Andreas Miertschin family were neighbours across the road from the Wuchatsch family and that information about them was included in many of the documents that he had! What a small world it can be sometimes!

And there is one more astounding (I think) detail about Justus which I omitted from his initial introduction. This is how he really introduced himself:

My name is Justus David Miertschin. I am 15 years old. I am from the USA, and have a family history that leads back to the Wends in Sachsen.

So, in order to further his knowledge and nurture his interest in his Wendish ancestry, Colin and I sent Justus a copy of *The Mirtschin Families in Australia*. It was a thrill to be able to assist and foster the interest of someone so young, and we have invited him to visit us if he ever comes to Australia.

BETTY HUF, RESEARCHER

Wendish documentary movie from Germany

Those who attended our Society's October 2012 luncheon at the Austrian Club may recall that we had a German visitor, Jochen Exler-König, who was then in Melbourne for a conference. Later, he contacted one of our Researchers, Robert Wuchatsch, about a Wendish film project he was working on. It is a documentary movie about our Wendish / Slavic ancestors with the title *Jacza of Köpenick. A Slavic Duke of the 12th Century, poised between the Holy Roman Empire and Poland. His Life. His Legend. His Legacy*. During the course of the film's production Robert provided Jochen with information and photos which he requested.

Robert has viewed the 50-minute film (with English subtitles) and is impressed with the very professional way it has been made. The film touches on the Wuchatsch family and Wendish settlement in Australia at the end.

The film can be seen on Youtube:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1z-a5HquXI
or
www.youtube.com/audiohecht

Reunions

Kollosche Family Reunion

A Reunion will be held for the descendants of **George Kolosché**, an early Wendish settler, on **Saturday 4th October 2014**. George Kolosché migrated to South Australia from Werben in 1854. Descendants will gather at his grave site in Birdwood Lutheran Church cemetery at Birdwood, South Australia, to commemorate the 160th anniversary of his arrival in Australia. The Reunion will commence at 11.00 am with the unveiling of a plaque.
For further details contact Andrew Kollosche. Email: andrew@kolloschefamilytree.com

Andrew and Janet Kollosche visited Werben in 2013 on a personal family history tour. Andrew is a great-great grandson of George Kolosché. Their tour report, with photos, is on our website under Publications / Articles.

Wooden ship model carved by August Landmann in 1853.
(PHOTO: JOHN NOACK)

Gross Family Reunion

A Reunion was held at Bacchus Marsh, Victoria on Saturday 26 April 2014 for the descendants of **Friedrich Gross and his wife Eleonore (nee Müller)**. About 50 family members enjoyed lunch together while catching up on family news and browsing through photos.

Friedrich Gross was only seventeen when he left his homeland of Prussia, coming to Australia with the Müller family of Schmollen on the *Wilhelmsburg* in 1853. Those who attended our Society's March tour to Warrnambool may recall seeing a model of a ship on display at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum. This model was made by August Landmann, who also emigrated on the *Wilhelmsburg* in 1853.

On arrival in Australia, the Müllers and Friedrich Gross settled at Germantown (now Grovedale). Friedrich married Eleonore Müller in 1858, at Germantown. A few years later Friedrich bought an allotment of Crown Land at Drung Drung in the Wimmera. The family moved there in 1875. The bridge over the Wimmera River beside their property was known as Gross' Bridge. When sold recently, the property had been in the Gross family for over 140 years.

Recently a book was launched titled, *Days of Drung: a history of the Drung District*, by Wendy Donald and Helen Curkpatrick. It includes a history of the Lutheran churches in that area and the Green Lake Cemetery, where Friedrich and Eleonore are buried.
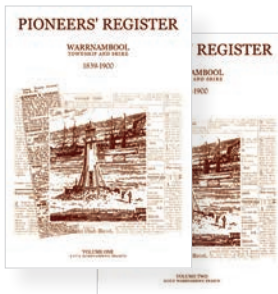
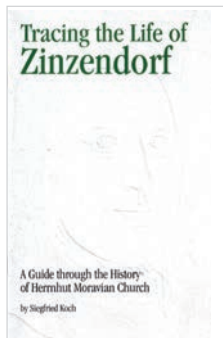JUNE WINTER

What's new at the library?

1. **Ships' passenger lists: German passenger ships arriving at Port Adelaide, 1837–1855.** *[From: Ships' passenger lists of German and other migrants from Hamburg to Adelaide, K. I., Melbourne, Sydney, etc., Vol. 1, 1836–1855].*

   This book lists the dates of arrival at Port Adelaide of 76 passenger ships carrying Germans between 1837 and 1855. Family names of the passengers are arranged alphabetically with only the head of the family being named, so the lists do not supply a complete list of passengers.
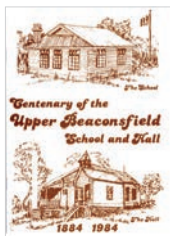
2. **Pioneers' register: Warrnambool township and shire, 1839-1900.** *Vol. one, A-K: edited by Margaret Jansen.*

3. **Pioneers' register: Warrnambool township and shire, 1839-1900.** *Vol. two, L-Z: edited by Margaret Jansen.*

   These two volumes are a record of the many families who lived and worked in the Warrnambool township and shire prior to 1900. Some 340 contributors submitted information about their families. Surnames are listed alphabetically.
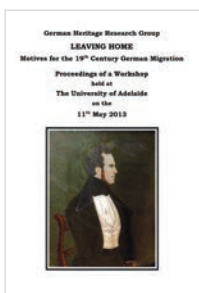
4. **Tracing the life of Zinzendorf: a guide through the history of Herrnhut Moravian Church,** *by Siegfried Koch; translated from the German by Jeff Long.*

   The chief interest of Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1700–1760) was the Moravian Brotherhood. This group had fled from persecution in their homeland, Moravia (in the modern Czech Republic). In 1722 Count Zinzendorf offered them asylum on his estate in the Görlitz district in eastern Saxony. The land on which the Moravians settled became the town of Herrnhut (the Lord's Watch). Many members of the group became missionaries and evangelists, and Count Zinzendorf became a bishop of the Moravian church. It is interesting to note that Herrnhut in Victoria, Australia's first utopian commune, which lasted for forty years, was founded in Western Victoria in 1852 by Johann Friedrich Krummnow (1811–1880) and loosely followed the religious principles of the Moravians. *Donated by Janice Stockigt.*

5. **Souvenir booklet marking the centenary of the Upper Beaconsfield assembly hall and state school, 1884-1984.** *[Cover title: Centenary of the Upper Beaconsfield school and hall]: compiled by John Milligan.*

   Upper Beaconsfield is a small scattered village of some 3000 people, situated 53 km. south-east of Melbourne in the Shire of Pakenham, Victoria. *Donated by Reg Schlipalius.*
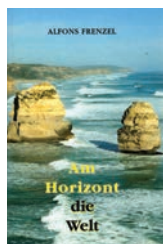
6. **Leaving home; motives for the 19th century German migration: proceedings of a workshop held at The University of Adelaide on the 11th May 2013.**

   The organizing committee of the German Heritage Research Group presented the papers for this workshop. Between 1830 and 1850 some 435,000 Germans left their homeland. A further 2.35 million left their homeland between 1850 and c1900. About 18,000 arrived to settle in South Australia. The papers from this workshop examine the causes for movements of this scale.

7. Die Oberlausitz: Ferienmagazin – ihr Urlaubsplaner für 2014/2015. Oberlausitz: Sachsen; Land von Welt. *(Upper Lusatia: holiday magazine – your holiday planner for 2014/2015. Upper Lusatia: Saxony; country of the world). [Text in German].*

This well-illustrated magazine lists tourist attractions and sites in the region and guides to the historic towns and cities. Included are two articles on Sorbian culture. *Donated by Janice Stockigt.*

8. Am horizont die Welt; Unterwegs auf allen Kontinenten. *[Text in German]: by Alfons Frenzel (Alfons Frencl). Frenzel is the German version of the Sorbian name Frencl.*

This book is a summary of the author's travel experiences over a ten year period when he followed in the footsteps of his Sorbian ancestors, leading him to many places, including Australia.

9. Lausitz mittendrin, [Text in German] *by Alfons Frenzel (Alfons Frencl)*

In his latest book, Alfons Frenzel explains the origin of the place names of Lusatian villages. A special chapter is dedicated to those place names which the Wendish/Sorbian migrants brought to Australia, Texas and Canada. An example is Hochkirch (now Tarrington), near Hamilton, Victoria. Hochkirch was settled in the early 1860's and named by immigrants coming from the area of that name in Saxony, Germany. *Donated by AlfonsFrenzel (Alfons Frencl).*

10. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hawkesdale.

Hawkesdale is a town in the Western District of Victoria. This booklet is a brief history of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hawkesdale which is part of the Warrnambool Lutheran Parish.

11. A history of the Reformation in two volumes: volume 1; the Reformation in Germany from its beginning to the religious peace of Augsburg, *by Lindsay M. Thomas. Second edition.*

12. A history of the Reformation in two volumes: volume 2; the Reformation in Switzerland, France, the Netherlands, Scotland and England; the Anabaptist and Socinian movements; the Counter Reformation. With map of the Reformation and Counter Reformation. (1529–1580), *by Lindsay M. Thomas. Second edition.*

The two volumes discuss five distinct but related aspects of this period:
• the social and religious conditions of the time;
• the Lutheran Reformation down to 1555, when it received legal recognition;
• the Reformation in countries beyond Germany;
• the movements of Anabaptism, Socinianism and anti-Trinitarianism;
• the Counter-Reformation.
Donated by Pam and Gerry Sweeting.

(PHOTOS OF BOOK COVERS: JOEL BLACKBURN)

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JANICE BLACKBURN, LIBRARIAN

Items from other Societies' journals

German immigrant ship *Commodore Perry* 1855

Ances-tree: Journal of the Burwood & District Family History Group (July 2014) features an article by Jenny Paterson: "Update on the German immigrant ship *Commodore Perry* 1855 Liverpool to Sydney, and the events that stranded many families in Liverpool for a later passage on the *Boomerang* and *Blanche Moore* to Melbourne." Jenny Paterson's major article on the *Commodore Perry* was published in *Ances-tree* in March 2010. This article provides extra information that was not known at the time of writing the previous article.

Beulke family history

Australian Family Tree Connections (August 2013) included an article by Eddie Beulke on the Beulke family, who arrived in Victoria aboard the *Schomberg*, which was shipwrecked in 1855.

Tschenscher / Schenscher family

The October 2013 issue of *Australian Family Tree Connections* features an article "Early Settlers in my Family" by Jen Green on her forbears Tschenscher/ Schenscher and Wilhelm/Williams of Hahndorf, South Australia.

Karl 'Charles' Kohlbecker (1836–1920)

The December 2013 edition of *Australian Family Tree Connections* included an article on Karl "Charles" Kohlbecker, who was born Baden–Württemberg, emigrated to Australia via North America, resided in Germantown, then moved to Jindera, NSW in the early 1870s.

Eugene Anthony Schubert (1858–1894)

The April 2014 edition of *Australian Family Tree Connections* has an article on Eugene Anthony Schubert from Posen, Prussian Poland. He emigrated to Australia on *The Nairnshire* which arrived in Moreton Bay in 1877. He was accompanied by his brothers, Gustav and Otto. Eugene married Mary Ann Dennis in 1879 in Rockhampton, Qld. They had five children. The family moved to NSW where Eugene died in 1894, at the age of 37.

Wend / Sorb Society of South Australia

The March 2014 issue of the *Wend / Sorb Society of South Australia Newsletter* features an article "Family Heirlooms – Traditional Wendish Costumes" by Lyall Kupke. This issue also advertises a new book, *Journey through the Spree Forest* (in English and illustrated) by Korall & Schwikart. It is available for $35, plus $10 postage.
Contact Ruth Walter, email: ruthwalter@optusnet.com.au

The July 2014 issue of the Newsletter informs us that a *Wendish Pioneer Heritage Trail* brochure has been published. The brochure explains who the Wends were and gives directions and maps to the six sites on the Trail (Hope Valley, Rosedale, Ebenezer, Neukirch, St Kitts and Peters Hill.) Brochures are available at tourist information centres in the Barossa and other districts.
Copies are also available from Lyall Kupke, 6 Emes Crt, Athelstone, S.A. 5076. Tel. (08) 8365 2572.

Texas Wends

The Texas Wendish Heritage Society Newsletter (Oct. 2013) features an article by George Nielsen on "Name Calling". The article is based on a letter written by Pastor Kilian in 1857 explaining the derogatory use of the term "Wend" by Germans. This newsletter also includes an article on "Der Wassermann" (The Waterman). This mythical figure had other roles in addition to scaring young ones away from water.

The Jan. 2014 issue of the Newsletter features an article on Andreas **Mattijetz**, a Wendish inventor of agricultural implements in the 1880s and 1890s.

Johann Gottlob Matthies

The South Gippsland Genealogical Society Newsletter (March 2014) features a biography of **Johann Gottlob Matthies** (1859–1900), from Meltendorf, East Saxony. He opened the first store at Ruby in Gippsland, Victoria.

PAUL KRUGER, JOURNAL REVIEWER

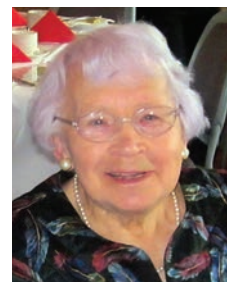# General News

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to **Clay and Gladys Kruger**, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 20 April 2014. Clay is our very dedicated and efficient Treasurer. We wish Clay and Gladys many more years of good health and happiness.

Birthday Greetings

Congratulations to the founder of our Society, **John Noack**, who celebrated his 70th birthday on 16 May 2014. We are grateful to John for his commitment and service to our Society for almost 30 years.

Congratulations to **Viola Harms** (nee **Burger**) who celebrated her 90th birthday on 11 March 2014. Viola is a very loyal member of our Society.

Vale – Clair Noack

Clair Noack of Fullarton Lutheran Homes, Adelaide, died on 17 May 2014, at 93 years of age.

Clair was the mother of John Noack, the founder of our Society. Clair was a loyal member of our Society. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

Vale – Gaye Wuchatsch

Gaye Wuchatsch died of cancer on 23 April 2014. Her funeral and burial took place at the Thomastown Lutheran Church and Cemetery on 28 April. Gaye was the wife of our Researcher and former President, Robert Wuchatsch. We extend our deepest sympathy to Robert and to all who are grieving for Gaye. We have all lost an always cheerful, a deeply loving, a very warm and an extremely brave friend. We cherish our many pleasant memories of our rich and rewarding times with Gaye.

Our Society has received a print of the painting by John Borrack titled "North of Mernda". We plan to frame this print and to dedicate it to our Departed Members and Friends. This print of a scene north of Thomastown and Lalor, will therefore be for us a constant reminder of the very full and rich life lived by Gaye Wuchatsch.

JOHN NOACK

Directory

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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: $30 for single membership and $35 for joint membership for one calendar year due at the start of each year. The form is included in our September 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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