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Tatura and Shepparton tour group (see p.3) Left to Right: Lurline Knee, John Noack, Maurice Materne, Paul Kruger, Lois Zweek, Clay Kruger, Janice Blackburn, Geoff Matuschka, Gilbert Materne, Glenys Wollermann.



Shepparton Museum (photo used with permission).

Calendar of upcoming events

Archival and Family History Displays at Luther College: 2-5 October 2009

During the LCA Convention from Friday 2 to Monday 5 October 2009 to be held at Luther College, Croydon, Victoria, the Wendish Heritage Society will display Wendish books and posters, and provide drinks and snacks for Convention delegates who are also interested in their family's history and culture in both Germany and in Australia. Our Society will share a room with other groups involved in Germanic and Wendish heritage, including the Lutheran Archives, the Friends of Lutheran Archives, the Friends of Westgarthtown and AKI, the historical society of Trinity German Lutheran Church.

This event will replace our usual annual dinner, which this year is being organized by the GSV's International Settlers' Group, as outlined below.

1859 Hamburg Ships' 150th Anniversary Lunch: Friday 16 October 2009

The International Settlers' Group, which is part of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, will host a 150th Anniversary Lunch for the 1859 Hamburg Ships to Melbourne.

You are invited to join the descendants of passengers on board the 1859 Ships from Hamburg to Melbourne as they celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of their ancestors. The guest speaker, John Noack, will give information about the ships and their passengers.

The twelve ships from Hamburg which transported over 600 passengers to Melbourne in 1859 and details of the Wends on board, are listed on p.2 of *Wendish News*, No. 42, March 2009. They included: BUDER, REICHAU, STARICK, BREITZA, MATUSCHKA, TOWK/THOWK, LEHMANN and HEYNE.

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The 1859 passengers from Hamburg to Melbourne, all listed in alphabetical order by ship, as well as further shipping details, can be found in the Dinner article under the headings News and Events/Upcoming Events on our Society's website www.wendishheritage.org.au.

When: Friday 16 October 2009 at 11.30am

Where: German Club Tivoli, 291 Dandenong Road, Windsor, Victoria. Guest speaker: John Noack

Contact: Yvonne Izatt Tel: (03) 9899 8136

Email: yvon@alphalink.com.au

Freshwater Creek's 150th Anniversary, Sunday 18 October 2009

Last year the Rotary Club of Grovedale placed a commemorative rock and plaque in the cemetery adjoining St. David's Lutheran Church, Freshwater Creek, in memory of early German pioneer settlers.

The first Lutherans settled at Freshwater Creek (near Geelong, Vic.) in 1858 and 1859. Initially services were held in members' homes until their first church, a wattle and daub structure, was built in 1859. They named it "Waldkirch", meaning "Church in the woods". This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the first church at Freshwater Creek, as well as the 140th Anniversary of the present church building. The present church building has a special classification on the Heritage Register as a place of state significance. A commemorative service will be held at 2.30 pm on Sunday 18 October. Visitors are welcome.

Contact: June Winter, 595 Reservoir Rd, Mt Moriac, Vic. 3240. Tel: (03) 5266 1383

Whittlesea Cemeteries Tour: Saturday 31 October 2009

The Yarra Plenty Regional Library will present talks at the Mill Park Library, 394 Plenty Road Mill Park (Melway Map 10 C2) on Whittlesea's Cemeteries, followed at 1pm by a bus tour of the Yan Yean Cemetery on Saturday 31 October, 10.00am-4.30pm. The talks from 10.00-11.30am include

1. The history of local cemeteries including the Thomastown Lutheran Cemetery by David Weatherill, a Victorian cemeteries historian and
2. Stories relating to early pioneers and workers who constructed the Yan Yean reservoir, by local historian Lindsay Mann.

The cost is \$10. Please book by 29 October. Tel: (03)9217 2377 or email: events@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Guided Tours of the Westgarthtown Heritage Trail: Sunday 1 November 2009

The Friends of Westgarthtown will offer guided tours of the Westgarthtown Heritage Trail. Tours start on Sunday 1 November at 1.00 pm, 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm from the Ziebell Farmhouse, 100 Gardenia Rd, Thomastown (Melway Map 8 H5). The publicity indicates that this area of Melbourne is of "national and statewide significance for its representation of German migration to Victoria" and for "its 1850's construction and the introduction of German building techniques in Australia". The tour is free and will include afternoon tea.

Tel: (03) 9464 5062 or email: enquiries@westgarthtown.org.au Website: www.westgarthtown.org.au

Goulburn & Murray (Mulwala) Family History Expo: Saturday 21 November 2009

Bob and Betty Proposch will represent our Society at the annual Expo at Club Mulwala on Saturday 21 November, 10 am - 4 pm. All welcome.

Information on the Expo program is available at www.vicnet.net.au/~gmags. Contact: Jan Parker Tel: (03) 5744 1460 Email: rekrapij@bigpond.net.au

March Activity for 2010

March 2010 will mark the 160th Anniversary of Westgarthtown's Germanic and Wendish settlement in 1850. We will not be conducting a country tour but plan to join in with the Friends of Westgarthtown's proposed celebrations. Full details will be given in our February 2010 edition of *Wendish News*.

Homeopathy Talk at Pleasant Sunday Afternoon: Sunday 4 April 2010

All are welcome to this event. Our guest speaker will be Heike Bishop at 2pm at Ivanhoe Lutheran Church, 27 Livingstone St, Ivanhoe, on the fascinating topic, "Survival in the Bush: German Homeopathy in Australia". The Germans in the Barossa Valley had strong ties with homeopathy. The earliest activity was recorded in the 1850s. They treated their livestock and themselves successfully with homeopathic remedies. Evidence can still be found in the German Museum in Tanunda, where books and remedy chests are displayed.



Past events

Freshwater Creek pioneers: Corrections

In our March 2009 edition of *Wendish News*, we reported on the dedication of a commemorative plaque at Freshwater Creek, Victoria on 2 November 2008. The plaque is in memory of the early German pioneer families who settled in the District of Freshwater Creek and who are buried in the cemetery adjoining St David's Lutheran Church. We mistakenly reported that the occasion was the 150th Anniversary of St David's Lutheran Church, Freshwater Creek. In fact, the 150th Anniversary will take place in October this year.

The commemorative plaque was a project of the Rotary Club of Grovedale. We mistakenly reported that it was a project of another club. We wish to give full credit to the Rotary Club of Grovedale for initiating this project, for funding and installing the historic rock and plaque and for organizing the program for the unveiling of the plaque on 2 Nov. 2008.

Visit to Tatura and Shepparton: 7-8 March 2009

Our Labour Day weekend tour was very successful. Our group of eleven included several people who travelled from South Australia.

On Saturday afternoon we visited the Tatura Museum to hear an interesting talk on the Prisoner of War and Internment Camps, followed by a tour of the German War Cemetery. During World War 2, the Tatura area was the site of seven camps for both local and overseas internees and prisoners of war and held 4,000 to 8,000 people at any one time.

On Saturday evening members of the Shepparton Family History Group joined us for a meal at the Terminus Hotel in Shepparton. Speakers from both Societies gave brief talks. On Sunday we enjoyed morning tea and a tour of the Shepparton Heritage Centre and Museum. In the afternoon we had an informative guided tour of the local Cemetery.

The program was very well organized by our Treasurer Clay Kruger in conjunction with the Tatura Museum and the Shepparton Family History Group. We extend our thanks to those who planned the weekend and to the people from the Tatura Museum and the Shepparton Family History Group who made our visit such a success. More details can be found in the Tour Report under News and Events on our website www.wendishheritage.org.au

JOHN NOACK, EDITOR



Entrance and plaque at the German War Cemetery, Tatura.

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon and AGM: Sunday 5 April 2009

Our Pleasant Sunday Afternoon began with a community lunch at Ivanhoe Lutheran Church, followed by the Society's AGM. The *Directory* on p.8 lists the elected office-bearers and committee members. We welcome Paul Kruger and Beryl and Moira Nagorcka to our committee. We wish Gladys and Ed Koch a very happy retirement after more than 20 years of dedicated service to our Society. Gladys Koch's "Reflections" on their last 20 years, including her time as President, can be found on p.7.

Annual reports were presented by office-bearers. In his **President's Report** John Noack outlined the considerable contributions made by each committee member and thanked Robyn Zwar for her help in producing our Newsletter. He expressed gratitude to the Ivanhoe Lutheran Congregation for making the venue available for our Society meetings, research and our Library. He recalled the events of the past year: the talk on the Nieder-Weisel immigrants in April 2008, the Deutscher reunion in September, the 1858 Ships' 150th Anniversary Dinner in October, the commemoration of the Freshwater Creek pioneers in November, the visit by Anne Holzschuh from Jaenschwalde in summer 2009 and the March tour to Tatura and Shepparton.

Treasurer Clay Kruger presented a financial statement for the 2008 calendar year. The credit balance as at 31 December 2008 was \$11,690.12.

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Past events... *continued*

Where did your Wendish ancestors come from?

Our guest speaker, Joel Blackburn, gave an excellent presentation on some of the villages in Lusatia where many of our Wendish ancestors lived. He included family names and photos relating to these villages. About 150 Wends who came to Australia originated from Werben. These included the BOETTCHER, DAHLITZ, DOMASCHENZ, DRECKOW, DUSCHKA, GARDI, GNIEL, GULBIN, HANDRECK, HUSSOCK, JAITZ, KAMENKA, KNEFFEL, KOALICK, KOLLOSCHKE, KSCHAMMER, LEWITZKA, LUCAS, MATERNA, RAMMOTH, RAPKO, RIEMER, SALMANN, SCHILKA, SCHUPPAN, STARICK, TWARTZ and VOIGT families. About 12 of these families sailed to Australia aboard the *Victoria* in 1858.

Early Germans and Wends in the Western District: Friday 3 July 2009

Western District historian Betty Huf gave a presentation titled "History of German Lutheran Settlements in Western Victoria" at Knox Lutheran Church, in Melbourne's east, on Friday 3 July 2009. A German-style heritage meal for sixty guests was provided by Patricia Kolec and helpers. Betty Huf, assisted by Colin Huf, gave a detailed account of early settlement by Germans and Wends in the 1850s. Responses from guests revealed a deep interest in this topic and its excellent presentation. The organisers, Judy Bowman and Bill Verran, thanked Betty, the caterers, and the guests. Coffee and German cake were then served to conclude the evening. More details are provided on these Germans and Wends in the Hamilton District under Publications/Articles on our website www.wendishheritage.org.au

BILL VERRAN

Research

Wendsonline Research

Research queries from around the world continue to arrive via the email address on our Society's website: wendsonline@optusnet.com.au

In the past months, we have replied to people searching for information on the following surnames: DUSCHKA, FIETZ, GIESE, GOLDHARDT, HEMPEL, JASCHAN, KLEI, KRANZ, KURTZMANN, MATUSCHKA, MELTSCHACK, MENZ, REINCKE, ROKESKY, RUPRECHT, SCHACHE, SCHUBERT, TUMPEJ and ZINNECKER.

Your Family Tree

We thank the enquirers who have sent in parts of their family trees. If others wish to do the same, we would be delighted to include them in our Family Files. Email them to me at wendsonline@optusnet.com.au

Some Useful Websites

(1) Wendish Weekly Newspaper

The Cottbus Wends publish a Wendish Newspaper online every week. View the language of your Wendish ancestors at <http://www.nowycasnik.de/>

(2) World War One

Records are now available online for all Australians who served in World War One: <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records/army-wwi.aspx>

(3) Australians

Sites for researching Australians are available at <http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=168>

(4) Queensland Family History Society

Below are a few examples from dozens of valuable sites published in the QFHS Newsletter "Snippets" this year, at: <http://www.qfhs.org.au/snippets.htm>

(a) Victorian Government Gazette

Use the free search facility to track your ancestors at: <http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au/> It has over 160 years of official information published in and about Victoria, including land transactions, court notices, government appointments, bankruptcies and more.

(b) Convict Ancestors

Details for over 123,000 of the estimated 160,000 convicts transported to Australia in the 18th and 19th centuries can be found at: <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts/>

(c) Immigration Bridge in Canberra

A pedestrian bridge is being built across Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra to commemorate the contributions of immigrants to Australia. Details of immigrants since 1788 can be engraved on the bridge's history handrail. The cost is \$110 for each name space. Visit: <http://www.immigrationbridge.com.au/>

(d) New Zealand BDM Records

Free online access to N.Z. historical births, deaths and marriages records is available at: <http://www.bdmhistoricalrecords.identityservices.govt.nz/>

KEVIN ZWAR, RESEARCHER



Reincke Search

Margaret and Ray Goodwin are interested to hear from any REINCKE descendants. Peter and Henriette Reincke arrived in 1857 on board *La Rochelle*. Peter Reincke died at Longwarry in 1902. Children listed on his death certificate are: Amanda 50, Amelia 48, Augusta 46, Adolph 43, Frederick 35 and Tollie (dec.)

Contact: Margaret & Ray Goodwin, 23 Churchill Ave, Cheltenham, Vic 3192 Email: cheltgoodies@optusnet.com.au

Translated Extracts of Werben Book

English translations from German of sections of Siegfried Ramoth's book on Werben, Lusatia in the 1800s are available in spiral bound format for \$24.95 (including postage) from the author, Bill Verran.

If you require a copy, please contact: W.D. Verran, 11 Gabrielle Crt, Ferntree Gully, Vic. 3156. Tel. 9758 5115; Email: verran41@bigpond.com

Trudla Malinkowa's book

Dr David Zersen, (Editor of Concordia University Press, Austin, Texas) is in the process of publishing, in English, Trudla Malinkowa's book, *Ufer der Hoffnung (Shores of Hope)* about Wendish/Sorbian immigration to Australia and to Texas, USA. Previous publications have been in German and Sorbian/Wendish, so this will be the first time that readers can obtain it in English.

This interesting book may be available in late 2009 from the Lutheran Archives, 27 Fourth St, Bowden, S.A. 5007. Email: lutheran.archives@lca.org.au

Dr Zersen can be contacted on email: djzersen@aol.com

GLENYS WOLLERMANN, SECRETARY

Confusion over Saxon and Prussian Wends

It is easy for Australians to confuse countries and events in Europe such as the Kingdom of Saxony with the Kingdom of Prussia. Both were completely separate countries when our Wendish ancestors left for Australia. The Saxons were proud of their country and when they arrived in Australia described themselves as Saxons – not Germans. The Prussians were just as proud of being Prussians. It had been that way for centuries.

To complicate it further for us, about half the Wends lived in Prussia and the other half lived in Saxony, a completely different country, under a different king, with different laws, customs and history.

Here are two examples:

(1) When Napoleon Bonaparte's professional armies invaded Europe, they lived off the land and often camped in one spot over winter. The countries

they invaded had to decide if they would support Napoleon's troops or fight them. When they came to the Kingdom of Saxony their King took sides with Napoleon and supplied troops for his battles. On the other hand, the King of Prussia (along with the Kings of Russia and Austria) combined to fight against Napoleon.

One of the great battles was centred in the Wendish village of Wurschen in Saxony. Napoleon won the battle and the name of Wurschen is still on display in large letters on the Arc de Triomphe in the centre of Paris along with Napoleon's other great victories. The children of some of the Wends who witnessed this battle went to school at Wurschen and later emigrated to Australia. (The British called it the Battle of Bautzen but the French called it the Battle of Wurschen. One can read about it on the internet.) Thus, the Saxon Wends fought in battles against the Prussian Wends.

When Napoleon was defeated and his conquerors met at the Congress of Vienna in 1815 to re-arrange the borders of Europe, more than a third of Saxony was given to Prussia as punishment for supporting Napoleon. (Imagine how one would feel if a third of Australia became part of another country.) One shouldn't confuse the Wends of Saxony who came to Australia with the Wends of Prussia. The Prussians and Saxons might all have spoken German but they belonged to different Countries.

(2) When a Prussian King tried to force the Lutheran and Reformed Churches to combine in his Kingdom, the Lutheran people who opposed him were persecuted under strict laws. A few hundred left for South Australia and were the first large group of Lutherans to migrate to Australia. The King of Prussia died in 1840 and even though the persecutions ended, another group of Lutherans who had been given permission to leave, left for Australia several years later. In c.1844 the laws were repealed.

In contrast, the Kings of Saxony never persecuted Lutherans. If your ancestors came to Australia from Saxony, you can be certain they didn't leave because of religious persecution. Despite this, one often reads in Family Histories of Australians with Saxon ancestors that they left because of religious persecution.

I estimate that less than one percent of German-speaking people who migrated to Australia in the 1800s came because of religious persecution.

KEVIN ZWAR, RESEARCHER.

Treasure at the Bautzen Archives by Robert Wuchatsch will feature in our next edition of *Wendish News* in March 2010.



What's new at the library?

1. *Marched in: an account of the seven internment and prisoner of war camps in the Tatura area during World War 2*, by Lurline and Arthur Knee. This book is prepared from first hand records, photographs and recollections held in the archives of the Tatura Wartime Camps Museum.
2. *Walls of wire: Tatura, Rushworth, Murchison*, by Joyce Hammond. This is a social history of the World War 2 camps set up in Central Victoria to accommodate both local and overseas internees and prisoners of war.
3. *The March of Brandenburg: not all sand and pine-trees*, by Erika Herzig, gives a brief history of the March of Brandenburg, and looks at some of the interesting sites in the area.
4. *Robert Prenzel 1866-1941: his life and work*, by Terence Lane. Prenzel, a German-born wood carver and cabinet maker, recognized Australian timbers as some of the finest in the world.
5. *Les Kossatz: the art of existence*, edited by Zara Stanhope, documents the life and work of Melbourne artist and sculptor, Les Kossatz, who is a descendant of the Wendish Kossatz family. [For more information on Les Kossatz see pp.7-8 of *Wendish News*, No. 42, March 2009].
6. *The Modra family of Port Lincoln on the Eyre Peninsula, South Australia*. This DVD is an English version of a film made by the Sorabia Film Studio of Bautzen, Germany, on a visit to SA in 2005. Made for German TV, it focuses on Theo Modra and his family who live on a farming property near Port Lincoln. (Donated by Dennis Jenke.)
7. *Haberecht family history, 1848-2004: the descendants of Johann Gottlob and Maria Elisabeth (Huebner)* compiled by D.C. Haberecht and G.M. Haberecht.
8. *The family history of Johann Friedrich Jericho in Australia, 1854-2003*, compiled by members of the Jericho Book & Reunion Committee.
9. *Laube family: 150 years in Australia, 1854-2004*, compiled by the Laube Family History Committee. This is the family history of Johann Friedrich Laube and his wife, Dorothea Elisabeth Teichert.
10. *The history and family tree of Johann Gottlieb Dymke and his wives, Anna Rosina Kiesler, Anna Juliane Wittke, 1824-1979, also, Johann Eduard Klopsch and his wife, Johanne Juliane Dymke, 1832-1979, and their descendants in Australia, 1848-1979*, compiled by Beryl J.Wearne. (Donated by Clay Kruger).

JANICE BLACKBURN, LIBRARIAN.

Items from other Societies' Journals

German Immigrant Ships

Ancestry from the Burwood & District Family History Group in NSW offers excellent articles by Jenny Paterson on German immigrant ships. The March 2009 issue deals with the *Caesar* 1855, the "cholera ship", which brought assisted German families to NSW. About one fifth of the 275 passengers died during the voyage.

Obituaries from Dimboola's Past

The Dimboola & District Historical Society Inc. Newsletter (Nov. 2008) includes the following reprints of Obituaries from *The Dimboola Banner*: Mr A. Klinge who died in 1912 and Mrs Maria Dorothea Klinge (nee Shultze), who died in 1929. This Newsletter (Feb. 2009) reprints the Obituaries of Mr J.F. Bretag who died in 1909; Mr Heinrich Hirth who died in 1937 and Mrs Hirth who died in 1916.

Kavel's People Display

FoLA News (Feb.2009) publishes a request from Lutheran Archives for items for a display pertaining to the 523 emigrants who accompanied Pastor Kavel to Australia in 1838-39. In particular, they need scanned photos of that first pioneer generation. This display is to complement the release of the late David Schubert's greatly expanded volume of *Kavel's People*. Email: lutheran.archives@lca.org.au

Westgarthtown Soldiers

Friends of Westgarthtown Inc. News (April 2009, the Anzac Day edition) gives profiles by Robert Wuchatsch of Australian servicemen of Westgarthtown who were of German lineage and who served in the Boer War and/or World War 1. Those profiled are: Carl Frederick (Fred) Graff; Arnold Heinrich Graff; Ernest Henry (Ernie) Lehmann;



Joseph David George Samuel (Jim) Wuchatsch; John Julius Peters and Adolph Schmutsch.

Dr Bruhn of Bendigo

German Heritage Society Bendigo Inc. Newsletter (May 2009) includes an article on Dr Georg Herman Bruhn (1810-1889).

Map Guide to German Parish Registers

The *International Settlers Group Newsletter* (April 2009) informs us that the German Map Guide books identify the parish where an ancestor went to church in Germany, based on where they lived. They also give the Family History Library microfilm number for the family parish records and identify nearly every city, town and place that included residents. They visually identify church parishes for Lutherans and Catholics within each district. When finished, the series will total 40 volumes covering all of Germany.

Texas Wends

The Texas Wendish Heritage Society Newsletter (April 2009) features an article on improvements to their Museum and to the design of their website.

Tessmer-Kasberger Reunion

Descendants of Michael & Maria (ULRICH) TESSMER and of Franz & Anna KASBERGER who arrived in Qld in 1909, and settled in the Burnett district, are invited to a 100 year reunion on Sunday 4 October 2009 in Mundubbera, Qld.

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PAUL KRUGER, JOURNAL REVIEWER

General News

Reflections after 20 years with the Wendish Heritage Society

Is it really two decades of service with the Wendish Heritage Society? Yes! As a child I remember my dad, who spoke German, English and phrases of a strange language. He told me that his great-grandparents came here on a ship from Saxony, and they were Wends. Some of the things they brought with them were in daily use in our home at Gnadenthal in Western Victoria. So, my interest in my heritage was aroused at a very young age. When Rupert Burger published *The coming of the Wends* in 1976, he shed some light on the mysterious Wends, mentioning many names, including my Burger family.

John Noack, and his forebears for two generations, had been aware of their heritage and preserved a precious treasury of documents, photos and family histories. He had been gathering people with a Wendish background by personal contact, visiting Church Synods and offering displays. Now he solicited my help in organizing get-togethers, beginning with potluck dinners.

As we worked together, we invited others to join with us and form a committee. The result is what is now known as the Wendish Heritage Society Aust. Inc., which grew to include members from every state in Australia as well as a few from overseas. At that time our main task was establishing a library of family histories, shipping lists, documents and photos of people of Wendish and German connec-

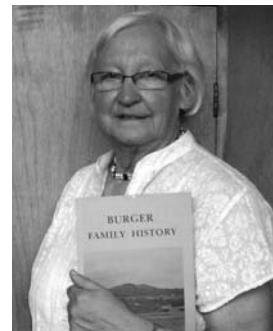
tions. Our activities always included annual dinners focusing on Wendish families, ships and passenger lists of migrants from Germany, with emphasis on Upper and Lower Lusatia.

Our committee grew to be a strong, cohesive workforce with the usual office bearers but now also a librarian, website manager (with our own website) and researchers who assist enquirers searching for family connections. On reflection those early years were difficult, having no research centre of our own, scarce funds, limited local membership, and therefore few workers. Establishing aims and setting priorities for the direction we took and setting goals each year has led to what is now a much stronger Society. In the process contact has been maintained with members through our Newsletter published bi-annually.

Reflecting on my twenty years with the Wendish Heritage Society I am simply amazed at the dedication of our founder, John Noack, and our Committee members, and of the very significant progress that has been made, even breaking into the realm of the internet in this 21st century. The Wendish Heritage Society is now accessible to searchers around the world and provides significant resources of information for people everywhere.

I am proud to have played some small part in these achievements.

GLADYS KOCH (BURGER), FORMER PRESIDENT .





General news... *continued*



Vale Clarrie Handreck

Clarrie Handreck died on 20 July 2009 after his valiant battle with cancer, which lasted for more than seven years.

Clarrie did “not go gentle into that good night”, in the words of poet Dylan Thomas. However, his

funeral on Friday 24 July was a heart-felt Tribute to Clarrie. His obituary and a photo presentation revealed a rich, busy and rewarding life.

Former colleagues were full of praise for Clarrie’s expertise as an educator and for his outstanding contribution as a volunteer in marine biology at Museum Victoria, and in other Naturalist groups. We paid

tribute to his desire to discover and promote his Wendish heritage, and his hard work (along with his wife Helen) in cataloguing our Wendish library.

The sympathy and thoughts of our Society’s members were also conveyed. Clarrie has gone but he will never be forgotten!

Clarrie’s full obituary under the headings Publications/Obituaries is posted on our website www.wendishheritage.org.au

20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989

Celebrations will take place in late 2009. Our Treasurer, Clay Kruger, plans to attend and we look forward to his report in our next Newsletter. At present, Berlin’s Museums are being renovated and there are plans to rebuild the Prussian Royal Palace.

JOHN NOACK, EDITOR

Directory

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

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Hours: Open the first Sunday of each month from February – November, 1.30pm–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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