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We salute all Mothers and Carers

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REFLECTIONS

MUT UND HOFFNUNG

Mit der Freude zieht der Schmerz
 Traulich durch die Zeiten,
 Schwere Stürme, milde Weste,
 Bange Sorgen, frohe Feste
 Wandeln sich zur Seiten.

Gebe denn, der über uns
 Wägt mit rechter Waage,
 Jedem Sinn für seine Freuden,
 Jedem Mut für seine Leiden
 In die neuen Tage!

Jedem auf des Lebens Pfad
 Einen Freund zur Seite,
 Ein zufriedenes Gemüte,
 und zu stiller Herzensgüte
 Hoffnung ins Geleite.

Joh. Peter Hebel

While painful storms and happy celebrations occur throughout our life, we pray for mindful gratitude when times are good, courage in times of suffering, a friend by our side, a content attitude, a kind heart and hope.

TEXT OF THE MONTH – Matthew 13: 24-30
The Parable of the Weeds

This Chapter also contains other parables which make reference to seeds and planting, like the parable of the sower and the parable of the mustard seed.

Jesus told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.’

The servants asked should they pull out the weeds but were told not to, as they might pull up some of the good plants as well. At harvest time the weeds would be pulled out and burned, leaving the ‘good seeds’ to be gathered later.

Jesus is supposed to have taken his disciples inside a house and explained

the parable to them in detail in verses 36-43. The field represented the world; the man who sowed the good seed represented the Son of man, while the enemy who sowed the bad seed was the Devil. The harvest time was symbolic for the end of the world, when angels would come and destroy the unbelievers, leaving only those who were true followers of Jesus to 'shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their father'.

I have trouble with this literal explanation because we Templers have moved in our thinking to a broader meaning of the kingdom of God. We are not waiting until our end to see the kingdom. We are encouraged to work towards living an honest life, striving to make the world around us fair and equitable for all, more kingdom of God-like now.

I don't believe in the Devil nor do I believe that the 'enemy' will be burned in the fires of hell when the world ends. I am aware though, that evil people exist. There are those who impose their might by brute strength or force. There are also those who seek to gain from others' weaknesses or vulnerability. It can be challenging sometimes to differentiate between what is wheat and what is a weed. Currently I am allowing two plants to grow in my garden to see what they turn into. I thought they might be foxgloves, but as the months pass and there are still no flower stalks, I am not so sure! Allowing a few plants to have a chance to show themselves in a garden is an innocent pastime. However, there are many people who have lost their homes or large sums of money because they have been fooled by the 'enemy' who was sowing what turned out to be 'bad' seed. We do need to use common sense in our daily interactions, but it is also getting harder and harder to know what is good and what is not, especially if we are not feeling confident or are at a low time in our lives.

So what to do with the text? Is there any wisdom to gain from it?

The words of our text came from Matthew. Jesus was a storyteller for those who gathered around to hear him speak. He himself left no writings for us to refer to, so all that is attributed to him comes from people's memory and the writers' interpretations of what was said.

Researching Progressive Christian interpretations of the text, I came across the following passage, where Lloyd Geering (2002:145) suggests that:

The Jesus most relevant to us is he who provided no ready-made answers but by his tantalising stories prompted people to work out their own most appropriate answers to the problems of life.

That works for me!

Renate Weber

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT MOTHERS

Your children will become what you are, so be what you want them to be.

David Bly

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

Theodore Herburth

Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it.

Harold Huber

God couldn't be everywhere, so he created mothers.

Jewish Proverb

A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary.

Dorothy C. Fisher

There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one.

Jill Churchill

Although motherhood is the most important of all the professions, requiring more knowledge than any other department in human affairs, there was no attention given to preparation for this office.

Elizabeth L. Stanton

I am sure that, if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars.

E.M. Forster

If you bungle raising your children, I don't think whatever else you do well matters very much.

Jaqueline Kennedy Onassis

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

Chinese Proverb

If you can give your son or daughter only one gift, let it be enthusiasm.

Bruce Barton

Children are the only form of immortality we can be sure of.

Peter Ustinov

Having children makes you no more a parent than having a piano makes you a pianist.

Michael Levine

Bitter are the tears of a child – sweeten them.
Deep are the thoughts of a child – quiet them.
Sharp is the grief of a child – take it from him.
Soft is the heart of a child – do not harden it.

Pamela Glenconner

The real menace in dealing with a five-year-old is that in no time at all you begin to sound like a five-year-old. Jean Kerz

Women do not have to sacrifice personhood if they are mothers. They do not have to sacrifice motherhood in order to be persons. Liberation was meant to expand women's opportunities, not to limit them. The self-esteem that has been found in new pursuits can also be found in mothering. Elaine Hefner

From 'Motherhood, a book of Quotations'

NATIONAL DAY OF THANKSGIVING – 26th May

'The National Day of Thanksgiving is a unique opportunity for Australians to celebrate and give thanks for our God-given heritage as a nation and to demonstrate the God-given values of honour, respect, thankfulness and gratitude to our fellow man, that have made us the great nation we are.

It is a day for us to pause as a nation and say thank you to God and each other for those many things we often take for granted, but which really make our lives worth living. Let us use this day to be a blessing to those who have been a blessing to us during the past year.'

We are living in a lucky country. We live in a democracy. We have the right to express our opinions, meet with whom we want in numbers not prescribed, live our lives with the partner of our choice, and send our children to school where they have the freedom to learn about the world around them. We have access to fresh food to keep us healthy, and clean drinking water runs freely from the tap in each of our homes. Hard work is repaid with fair wages; we have rights and freedoms others are fighting to the death for.

Often we complain about all the things which are wrong. We are not perfect, nor is our Government, but let us at least on this one day join others and say thanks for all that Australia has provided us with as Templers over the last 60 or so years.

Renate Weber

WHAT HAS CHANGED AND WHAT HAS NOT

Summary points from a Seminar on 30th May 1993, noted by the late Helga Uhlherr and discussed at a recent Elders' meeting

What hasn't changed since early times of the Temple Society

1. Attitude to rites and rituals. We have them but don't give them Sacramental Value

2. No formal priesthood
3. Emphasis on living religion in daily life
4. Emphasis on community life
5. Importance of inner worship

What has changed

1. Familiarity with the Bible has decreased (counteracted by Bible study group)
2. Communities more scattered (counteracted by Elizabeth Street housing development [Templer Village])
3. Agnosticism and atheism has increased (counteracted by new Spiritual Search)
4. Community life more restricted to leisure activity than daily school and work (exceptions: *Altersheim*, etc.)
5. More interaction (in all areas of life) with non-Templers
6. Emphasis on Old Testament prophecy has very much decreased
7. Piety has decreased – but there are signs of a revival
8. Materialism has increased
9. Religion is no longer necessarily a central part of our lives
10. The interpretation of what ‘kingdom of God’ means

Almost twenty years on, where are we at?

Ed.

GEORG DAVID HARDEGG (1812-1879)

The 2nd of April marked the 200th birthday of Georg David Hardegg, co-founder of the Temple Society (*see April ‘Warte’ page 57f*).

A beautifully executed tile with a colour image of G.D. Hardegg has just reached the TSA Office. This stunning tile was made by Ron Benz, a Hardegg descendant, who specialises in transferring photographic images on to ceramics, tiles and glass in a special process.

Rolf and Marjorie Beck recently drove to Melbourne for a bat conference at Melbourne University (Marjorie studies micro bats) and stayed at Rolf and Vyrna Beilharz’s in Carlton; so a way was found to transport the large, heavy tile to Melbourne.

Thank you to Ronnie for this remarkable picture tile and to the Becks for delivering it ‘for Hardegg’s birthday’.

Ed.

REGIONAL MATTERS

NOTES FROM THE RC

The last RC meeting was held in Benteigh on Friday 30.3.2012. There are no particular items from that meeting that warrant general reporting.

During the last month we finalised a Participants' Protection Policy and distributed it to the Focus Groups electronically. Booklet copies of the policy are now available at our three community facilities and from the Office. The policy spells out what principles and procedures must be adhered to by all volunteers and employees in dealing with participants, and especially children, in our various activities. This policy is not really something new, for much of what is enshrined in it is common sense and good practice that has always underpinned what we do. However, it does bring the various elements of these matters into one place in a very transparent manner, where they can all be formally mandated.

At a recent TTHA CoM meeting, Hardy Weller passed the Chairman's baton over to Dieter Edelmaier, who is going to hold it until Paul English is in a position to take it on later in the year. RC recently nominated Hardy for the Knox Council Volunteer of the Year award, as he is held in such high esteem for the efforts he has put in as Chairman of the CoM since 2005. Hardy will remain a CoM member, at least in the immediate future, to assist with the handover and the consolidation of the management changes that have occurred. Thanks are extended to Dieter and Paul for their commitment to the role.

John Maddock, Administration Manager

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Please send all contributions by the 18th of the month **not** to H. Uhlherr, but to tr@templesociety.org.au or to the TSA Office.

Ed.

OUR WALL-HANGING spreads the Templer Message

Helga Jürgensen and Renate Weber recently showed the finished *Templer Journey* wall-hanging to the ladies from St John's, Croydon. Our Templer ladies had visited St John's some time ago to share details of the processes involved in creating the triptych. Now the St John's ladies asked to see the finished artwork. They listened intently to the stories of Templer history depicted in the embroideries and were very impressed by the panels – and

supper! Such time is well spent, enjoyably spreading knowledge about the Temple Society.

Ed.

INTER-FAITH FORUM – 22nd April

See April TR page 10

This was an important event that deserves deeper analysis than is possible as we finish the TR. However, some points to ponder:

The **Golden Rule** is universal across faith traditions – all have a variation of *treat others as you want them to treat you*. This is a bedrock principle used as a basis for conflict resolution, in families as well as in broader areas.

All speakers agreed that acting by the Golden Rule is an urgent need for an ethical, global, ‘gold’ standard, especially in times of change, like now.

In the Israel/Palestine conflict, if religion is part of the problem, can it also help towards a solution?

When faith and culture are so intertwined, more exploration is needed: what is religious and what is ‘just’ cultural?

I was struck by how reasonable, knowledgeable and full of goodwill all the speakers were – and how much ‘like us’. And I noted with a smile that the Knox Inter-faith Network’s initials read KIN, which also means family, brothers and sisters.

The Golden Rule ethic goes against basic animal instinct (survival by ousting the other). It requires transformation, working on oneself, sharing, being fair to others, respecting nature.

If you harm or diminish another or our natural environment, you harm or diminish yourself. Retaliation does not lead to peace.

‘Love your enemy’ – replace evil with something better. Even in war, the Golden Rule should dictate behaviour towards civilians, POWs (and bodies).

All people and governments on all sides need to remember their high ethical teachings and act accordingly.

Pray. Dr Sr Mary Raeburn (who regularly spends time in Jerusalem) believes that praying for peace in ‘what we dare to call the Holy Land’ raises our awareness of the complexities and may show us how we can take a step towards peace. We need to be better informed of the historical background underlying the complex problems.

‘We refuse to be enemies’ – inscription on a stone in Bethlehem.

In a letter to the editor, a Member from South Australia wonders why we never acknowledge the ‘cooperative and loyal Arab workforce’ employed by Templer settlers as domestic help, rural labour and in industrial and other activities. He feels that as much information as still possible should be gathered about the relationship between Templers and Arabs in historic Palestine.

Who still remembers? Who can ask their old relatives for stories about Palestine Arab employees?

Please forward to the *Heritage Pages* tr@templesociety.org.au

Ed.

SOCIAL CARE

Dear Friends,

Do you ever **feel lonely**? Some people can be surrounded by many people all the time and still feel lonely. You may be busy every day of the week with work, family responsibilities, sporting commitments, various interests and friends and yet still feel like you are alone. Loneliness can visit those you least expect. According to Sue Hendy, CEO from Council on the Ageing (Vic), ‘Social isolation is as important a risk factor for chronic diseases as the lifestyle risk factors such as tobacco and alcohol, yet is currently neglected’. So, next time you go out with a group of friends, think about inviting one extra person (it doesn’t have to be a fellow Templer!) – someone you may only know as an acquaintance; you never know, they may not be as busy as they seem and may be looking for someone to see a movie with or go dancing or listening to music with! Friendship is a valuable gift for all.

FREE FOOD! OK, now I have your attention: Are you 18-30 years young? Or your children/grandchildren/nieces/nephews? Please continue reading. This is a call to all in this age group – a chance to tell us what the TSA could do for you! An opportunity to be listened to, to share your opinions, your energy and your ideas about a concept the Templer Think Tank has come up with. On **Wednesday 9th May at 6:30pm** we are hosting a dinner for you at ‘Bella’ Restaurant in Rowville.

Please phone/text or email me at careworker@templesociety.org.au for more information or to RSVP **before Monday 7th May** so I can confirm bookings at the restaurant. The conversation will be facilitated by Kate Arnott from Knox Youth Services and me. If the date does not suit you, please let me know what night of the week suits you better and we may run another night if there are enough people.

The **Men's Advance** is coming up this month and I know the men are looking forward to it up at Mt Buller! Please contact me if you would still like to come.

A reminder that the **Golden Girls Pamper Day** is on Thursday 16th August, starting at the Bayswater Hall at 10am and finishing back at Bayswater around 5pm. I am happy to pick up people from Bentleigh and/or the airport if you would like to attend. Please contact me to register for the event. It will be a fantastic day!

MoneyMinded Workshops are being held at the back of the Bentleigh Hall on the following Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm: 7th and 21st July, 4th August, 1st and 15th September. Over the five sessions we will cover topics such as Planning and Budgeting, Banking, Understanding Paperwork, Credit Providers, Dealing with Debt, Rights and Responsibilities, Planning for the Future and A Roof Overhead. **All sessions are free!**

The first topic on Saturday 7th July from 2pm will be 'Planning and Budgeting'. If you are interested in learning more about this topic, please feel free to put your name down for the session. RSVPs are due by 10th June as I need to order enough materials for all who want to attend! These sessions are aimed at all age groups and will be tailored to suit the needs of the group. Please phone me for more information or to register your interest. These sessions are also suitable for young adults thinking of moving out of home or purchasing a home, so let your kids know.

Telelink will be held on 11th and 25th May. I look forward to chatting with you. If you would like to sign up to be a part of this group, please contact me.

FREEBIES AND USEFUL WEBSITES

Trailer Theft Website: Crime Stoppers have set up a new website, where residents in Knox can register their trailers in case of theft. If a trailer is stolen, the listing, which is available to the general public, can be updated. People should, of course, also report stolen property to police. Go to www.trailregistry.com.au

Diabetes Multi-lingual Infoline: Diabetes Australia Vic has launched a new Multilingual Infoline which connects callers with the help of an interpreter to a range of services and information including a diabetes educator, dietitian and access to advice on diabetes prevention, support and management. The Infoline number is 1300 136 588.

Martina Eaton, Community Care Worker
email: careworker@templesociety.org.au

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

GEBURTSTAGE – BIRTHDAYS

Wir gratulieren herzlich zum Geburtstag unserer Mitglieder:

Kurt Minzenmay	Rolf Beck
Gretel Krockenberger	Ulf Weller
Gisela Haar	Willi Richter
Josef Hofmann	Bruno Herrmann
Hulda Wagner	Helga Kuerschner
Martha Strasser	Ilse Beilharz
Berthold Tannenbaum	Inge Jones
Ilse Heinrich	Erika Kirchner
Hertha Megele	Kurt Beck
Renate Goetze	

und wünschen auch allen hier nicht angeführten Geburtstagskindern alles Gute und Schöne zum neuen Lebensjahr – Happy Birthday!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to **Günter and Irmgard Arndt** who are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 26th May.

BEREAVEMENT

<p>Edgar Talbot has passed away at his home in Bayswater. He was born on 5.5.1926 in Haifa. His brother Norman, two years older, died in 2001. Both had joined the Temple Society in 2000. Edgar was privately cremated, as was his wish.</p>
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EASTER SERVICES

At **Agape on Maundy Thursday**, a small group met in the Chapel fellowship area to remember what was later called the ‘Last Supper’ Jesus had with his closest friends. We do not give it the ‘churchy’ Eucharistic connotation, because it seems that Jesus often shared a meal – an ancient social ritual – with all kinds of people and always took the bread, gave

thanks, broke the bread and passed it around – ‘communion’ as a shared, communal experience, but with no sacramental overlay. *(See also page 13)*

Candlelight and wonderful CD music added to the reflective atmosphere, and the platters prepared by Renate Weber were full of delicious food. Good conversation accompanied the meal and the cleaning up, which was soon done. Participants decided to do it again next year – it’s a special, intimate event that nourishes the soul – and also to send greetings to Degerloch, where the German Templers would meet a few hours after us.

In his reply, Peter Lange mentioned how they appreciate our greetings and the sense of connection that is created. The TGD had 22 people sitting in a rectangle around a big bouquet of spring flowers. Peter spoke and they all sang together. After their Easter Monday service (held by Brigitte Hoffmann), a warm meal was served, prepared by Karin Klingbeil and Gridle Lange; here, too, conversation flowed freely.

In Bentleigh, Theo Richter held a powerful **Good Friday Service**, taking the congregation ‘to Jerusalem’ with him. He and Heidi had been to the Mount of Olives and walked the Via Dolorosa and Theo’s descriptions were vivid. For the Sydney Good Friday/Easter Service see page 15.

In Bayswater, Harald Ruff involved his family in the **Easter Service** – good on you, Tim and Anja, for speaking from the microphone. *See page 17.*

A great deal of preparation and work go into these creative community events and the Temple Society is fortunate to have members prepared to ‘do their bit’ in the many areas involved. As Mark Herrmann often says: ‘Share in our Community, for together we achieve’.

Herta Uhlherr

TO FRIENDS OF THE GRONAU

Inge Gronau would like friends to know that she and Jürgen will not be returning to Australia any time soon. Jürgen has had a breakdown and is in a pretty bad way in hospital, and is also suffering from dementia. On the day of his collapse, Inge had another stroke, but is reasonably OK. Their daughter is supporting them in Germany and they are taking turns to visit Jürgen in hospital.

per Heidrun Messner

Our thoughts go out to them.

CLASS REUNION of vintages 1931-1932 in Ballarat

We enjoyed reading Mary Scheerle's well-documented article in the April *Templer Record*. Our group is united by a very special bond. We look forward to our next reunion in Sydney and thank the Blaichs and the Katzes for organising this one so successfully.

We would like to add a pictorial group view of the participants and of four long-time Kindergarten friends who once shared the *Sandkiste* in Sarona.

Theo and Susan Graze



Photo the Grazes



Photo the Grazes



Sharing a meal at the reunion in Ballarat

Photo Alfred Klink

SYDNEY

Easter came early this year and we held our **Good Friday/Easter Service** on 6th April. I read Mark Herrmann's beautiful Easter service from 2011 to our congregation, and added a few reflections and observations of my own. He had used the ideas and quotes of many Templer Elders and theological thinkers regarding the Easter story. All agreed that the physical resurrection was a later addition to the story of Jesus' death and that the real resurrection was a spiritual one. Different reasons were given for the reasons behind this conclusion: from exploring passages in the Bible, comparing passages from the different gospels relating to the Easter story and also using our understanding of the world and the ancient world. Easter need not be supernatural in nature to be considered a very serious special occasion. It is the celebration of a world-changing life and remembrance of an inhumane death. It intertwines beautifully with the idea of death allowing rebirth and renewal.

Afterwards we rediscovered the joy of shelling a few coloured eggs, like many of us did in our youth, slapping a bit of butter on to a hot cross bun and watching a couple of kids find Easter eggs left by a 'supernatural' bunny.

Our large, friendly **Seniors' Group** gathered again for a pleasant lunch and cup of coffee at Wenty Leagues on Friday 13th April. It was great to share lunch and have a laugh. It was lovely to have Beverley Leszinsky join us for the afternoon, and she, too, had many a laugh and a good chat.

Sydney Ladies, we need to book for our **Women's Retreat** fairly pronto. The Retreat at our usual, relaxing Phillip Island venue is on from **Friday 17th to Sunday 19th August**. So start planning and let Martina and me know ASAP, so your place is secure. There is also a Golden Girls Pamper Day to be held on the Thursday prior, perfect for any Sydney Golden Girl to relax and then enjoy the company of younger Templer women during the Women's Retreat.

Coming up

May

- **Seniors' Social Group** at Wentworth Leagues on Friday 11th May at 11:30am.
- **Men's Advance** Friday 18th to Sunday 20th May in Victoria. Please contact Martina Eaton or me ASAP if you want to come.
- **Saal and May Picnic**: On Sunday 27th May at 10:30am. A family picnic day will follow the May service, which Mark Herrmann will hold. It should be a fun family day. The Sydney Community Focus Group plan

to organise a BBQ as part of the day. Please bring a bowl of salad or a cake to help cater. Bring the kids, grandkids and friends' kids, as there will be lots of fun activities and races for them. (Organisation: the Sydney Community and Focus Group).

June

- **Seniors' Social Group:** Friday 8th June, 11:30am (TBA)
- **Founding Day Service:** Sunday 24th June, 10:30am (TBA) (Duty: Brigitte Lewis)

Ingrid Turner, Elder and Community Development Worker for Sydney
email: ingridt@tpg.com.au

YOUTH

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday 20 th May	Trees Adventure high ropes climbing!	Belgrave 1pm
Friday 8 th June	Friday Night Fun – Blue Baboon at Chadstone	Chadstone 6:45pm
Saturday 23 rd June	<i>Sonnwendfeier</i> /Winter Solstice bonfire	Bayswater 5pm
Friday 6 th July	Friday Night Fun – bowling	TBC
Sunday 29 th July	Ice skating & City ramble	Melbourne City

2012 TEENAGE GROUP PROGRAM

For full details/enquiries about, or to book for, the 2012 Teenage Group program please contact:

Susi Richter, Community Youth Coordinator,
email: susi@templesociety.org.au

TREES ADVENTURE – Sunday 20th May

Try out your skills in balance and climbing at this fantastic high ropes course!

- Time:** 1pm to 5pm
- Where:** Glen Harrow Park, Old Monbulk Rd, Belgrave
Melway Map 75 G9
- Transport:** Car pooling and own transport – drop off and pick up at Trees Adventure (the *Rosa* bus is not available on this weekend)
- Cost:** \$25 per person
- Bring:** A backpack with some snacks, a drink bottle and any weather-specific gear you may need
- RSVP:** Contact Susi no later than Tuesday 1st May
susi@templesociety.org.au

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN – Blue Baboon at Chadstone – 8th June

This is the best game ever! Pedestrian Rally, Scavenger Hunt and ‘Where’s Wally’ all rolled into one!

- Time:** 6:45pm to 9pm
- Where:** Chadstone Shopping Centre – meeting place to be confirmed
- Cost:** Nil
- Bring:** A pen and paper and you may like to bring some snacks and a drink bottle too.
- RSVP:** Contact Susi no later than Friday 1st June at
susi@templesociety.org.au

SONNWEIENFEIER WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION Saturday 23rd June – see page 25

EASTER EGGS at Bayswater



Easter egg hunt, Bayswater

Left: happy hunters

Above: the ‘loot’ they found

Photos H. Uhlherr

MELBOURE COMEDY FESTIVAL – Report

On Sunday 15th April the TG went to see ‘Random Musical’ at The Famous Spiegeltent at the Arts Centre. We then walked to the Ian Potter Foundation Australian Children’s Garden, had ice-cream, walked back through the park, touched the Art Gallery water windows, made a wish at the fountain and folded origami cranes all the way home! What a great afternoon!

Here’s what Hugo had to say...

It was awesome! We did so much and had so much fun. I was glad to see Dane and Luca and my friend William. The show was great we all loved it. My favourite part was when the cat was chasing the evil professor around the building and through all the chairs. I loved going to the children’s garden and trying to find everything Susi told us to; she told us to find the black stump, the grandmother tree and the tiled walk way. I also liked the game of hide and seek. Overall it was a great day.

PS we loved the ice-cream too! PPS I want to do it all again! :-)

KIDS’ CLUB

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6 th May	Bike Ride & Picnic at Cranbourne Botanical Gardens	Cranbourne
Sunday 13 th May	Mothers’ Day Service & Sunday School	Bayswater 10:15am
Sunday 20 th May	German Schools Anakie Fairy Park excursion	Anakie Park 11am
Sunday 27 th May	Service & Sunday School	Bentleigh 10:15am
Sunday 3 rd June	Service & Sunday School	Bayswater 10:15am
Saturday 23 rd June	<i>Sonnwendfeier</i> Winter Solstice Celebration	Bayswater 5pm
Sunday 24 th June	Founding Day Service & Sunday School	Bentleigh 10:15am
Sunday 8 th July	Service, Sunday School & Community Afternoon	Bayswater 3:15pm
Sunday 22 nd July	Family Games afternoon followed by Hymn Service	Bentleigh 2pm

KIDS' CLUB BIKE RIDE & PICNIC – Sunday 6th May

We are planning a fun and relaxing day at the beautiful Cranbourne Botanical Gardens.

Bring your bikes or just walk through a range of vegetation areas and wetlands – if you've never visited before, take this opportunity to explore this 363 hectare park, less than an hour's drive from Melbourne.

BYO bicycles, helmets, water bottles etc. and your picnic lunch. There are gas BBQs and picnic tables in the picnic areas.

We will meet at the Stringybark Picnic Area, which is accessed via Stringybark Drive, the first road on the left from the Main Entrance/Exit of the gardens, at 10:30am. Entry is free of charge.

Please register your interest to enable contact in case of any changes.

For more information see <http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/rbg-cranbourne> or contact Dietmar.

GERMAN SCHOOLS ANAKIE FAIRY PARK EXCURSION Sunday 20th May

As a part of our Templer German Schools' commitment to providing a German cultural experience and to recognise the National Year of Reading 2012, they are taking part in the celebration of **200 years of Brothers Grimm Fairytales** at a German Festival held at Anakie Fairy Park. This festival is being organised for students attending German Community Language Schools and the wider German Community, as well as being open to the general public.

For all details and booking info please see page 22.

SONNWEINFEIER WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION Saturday 23rd June – see page 25



Grace Haering
Maya Schwarzbauer
Ian Olson

TTHA



Dear Friends,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Easter break and were able to catch up with friends and family. We had a lovely time at TTHA with the Easter Market and the beautiful stalls selling their goods, Easter pictures throughout the Home and the Child Visitation children handing out Easter eggs to all our residents. Easter is a great opportunity to reflect and take the time to understand what is important to us and our loved ones, and to enjoy what life brings us and the paths we travel.

TTHA remains fully occupied and our waiting list continues to change but remain solid. As we come into the winter months, there is a lot more activity within the Home due to outside becoming a lot colder and unfriendly. We have a new winter menu which is currently being reviewed, with some new meals I am sure our residents will look forward to. Our **Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Ball** will be held on Friday 11th May in the Dr Schreiber Dining Room. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact Reception or Karin Schwarz.

With the implementation of our administration restructure, we have some new faces; we welcome Jodie Prestt (Payroll and Rostering Officer) and Laura Young (Administration Officer) and look forward to working with them both.

With respect to my report of the administration restructure in last months' newsletter, I would like to make the following clarifications. Krista Blessing and Sally Goyne's roles at TTHA were made redundant and while they were both offered the opportunity to apply for newly-created full time positions, they declined. With respect to Krista's employment at TTHA, Krista initially worked in the kitchen on a casual basis during her school years and returned to TTHA in 2002, undertaking a number of roles within management and administration over a period of more than ten years. The restructure also involved two other positions being made redundant and a reduction in hours for one other role, but these members of staff are taking up alternative duties at TTHA.

Connie Raftellis, our Finance Coordinator, has been offered a position with an accounting firm and she has decided to take on this new role. We thank Connie for all her efforts over six years at TTHA and for helping with all the recent financial changes. Her friendly and smiling nature will be sadly missed at TTHA and we wish her all the best.

The Community Aged Care Packages at TTHA service our independent German community and our HACC group enables the community to visit many local attractions. Ricci, our Community Care Manager, can be contacted to discuss any questions relating to these two services. Our packages are very well received within our community and offer an array of services from home help, gardening, social interaction, meals, physiotherapy, podiatry and lots more.

Retirement living at TTHA provides a wonderful community atmosphere. We currently have one unit on the market, in its final stages of full renovation; it will be ready to move into within the next few weeks. Should you know of someone interested or be interested yourself, please feel free to call.

Till next month I wish you all good health and laughter.

Kind regards,

Natasha Wilkinson, CEO
email: natasha.wilkinson@ttha.org.au

GREIFEN UND BEGREIFEN

Als Menschen greifen wir nach der Materie,
nach der Nahrung, die wir essen,
oder nach den Kleidern, die wir tragen.

Durch dieses Greifen verstehen wir die Welt – wir begreifen sie.
Wenn unsere primären Bedürfnisse gestillt sind,
merken wir,
dass wir zum Leben mehr benötigen als das Materielle.

Wir brauchen zum Überleben Beziehungen, Kontakt und Liebe.
Um diese Welt zu verstehen, sollten wir deshalb nicht greifen,
sondern wir sollten eigentlich mehr die Arme ausbreiten
und unsere Hände öffnen,
um die Welt zu empfangen.

Hans-Peter Dürr
in Weltverbunden leben, 2012 (p.265)

NOTICES – BEKANNTMACHUNGEN

COMING SERVICES

Sun	13.5.	Ba	10:15	Mothers' Day Service	Renate Weber
Sun	20.5.	TTHA	10:30	Service	Ilse Birkner
Sun	27.5.	Be	10:15	Service	Dr Peter Uhlherr
Sun	27.5.	Sy	10:30	Service	Mark Herrmann
Sun	3.6.	Ba	10:15	Service & Elders' Meeting	Dr Irene Bouzo

FLOWER ROSTER

Ba	13.5.	Mothers' Day 10:15am – flowers: Gisela Bulach, Ellen Weller – coffee: Irene & Jessica Kemper
Be	27.5.	Service 10:15am – Monika Imberger

GERMAN FESTIVAL AT ANAKIE FAIRY PARK
Sunday 20th May 11am to 3pm

As part of the Templer German Schools' commitment to providing a German cultural experience and to recognise the National Year of Reading 2012, our schools are taking part in the celebration of **200 years of Brothers Grimm Fairytales** at the German Festival at Anakie Fairy Park.

This festival day is being organised for students attending German Community Language Schools and the wider German Community, as well as being open to the general public.

Extra activities being organised on this day include:

- Puppet musical *Schneewittchen* (trilingual and interactive)
- Student performances – **our German School Students will be singing on stage**



Statue of the Brothers Grimm in Kassel (Germany)

- ‘Schnappi the Crocodile’
- Fairy Park trail in English and German
- Story reading
- Dance groups
- Prizes for best Grimm fairytale **costumes** – these will be awarded randomly during the day, so dress up!
- German food will be available for purchase
- **Displays of German School students’ fairytale classroom work**



Families are encouraged to dress up for the day. Anakie can be shrouded in fog or wet, so ensure you bring along warm clothing, a rain jacket (even if there’s no rain and it’s warm in Melbourne) as well as a sun hat. A fold-up chair or a rug to sit on will also be useful, particularly if it is wet.

There is ample shelter to help protect you from the elements should inclement weather arise. The park provides a safe and pleasant environment for visiting at all times of the year.

Lunch may be purchased at own cost or brought from home. Coin-operated BBQ’s are available if you wish to cook your own lunch.

Anakie Fairy Park is at 2388 Ballan Road, Anakie (Melway Ref: 11 A10). A program of the day’s activities can be forwarded to anyone who books in advance. The first item on the program for the German Festival is the Puppet Musical at 11.15am. This may be a good place for families to meet up.

Admission

Children under 3: free

Children 3 to 13 years: \$6 (normally \$8)

Adult prices from 14 years: \$13 (normally \$16)

To receive the reduced admission costs, please contact me at the TSA Office on 9557 6713 or email nanne@templesociety.org.au by, but no later than, Wednesday 9th May. A family pass will be provided, detailing how many people are attending, and will be forwarded to you prior to the event.

Please note that Anakie Fairy Park is open from 10am to 4pm, so you can come earlier and/or leave later than the times designated for the Festival.

More info on Anakie Fairy Park on <http://www.fairypark.com/>

Marianne Herrmann, for the Templer German Schools

McMAHONS CREEK GOLDFIELD WALK

When: **Saturday 26th May** 10:30am
Where: Yarra Ranges
Length: About 9km circuit, 4 hours
Grade: Medium
Map: Melways Map 292 J1

Directions

From Melbourne take the Warburton Highway to the hill town of Warburton and then follow the Warburton-Woods Point Road for 13km to the picnic ground and car park at Little Peninsula Tunnel. There are two signposts: the first indicating a car park area on the side of the road, but take the second, 100m further on, where a road on the left leads into the picnic area.

Walk

This walk gives us a glimpse of some fascinating aspects of a little-known goldfield hiding in the upper reaches of the Yarra River. Although it is not known how much gold the region yielded, the miners certainly put a large amount of effort into the goldfield. Two tunnels were cut to drain the bed of the Yarra River. Deep shafts, a water race, a tunnel, open cut mining and sluicing activities are still in evidence today.

Call Trudi or e-mail me on murray58@optusnet.com.au if you are planning to join us. On the day I will have my mobile with me.

Trudi Murray

FRIEDEL REICHERT'S *SCHERENSCHNITTE*

Following the positive feedback I received on the display of my aunt Friedel Reichert's *Scherenschnitte* art work (silhouette cut-out pictures), I have had these lovely creations printed as a display card set in a plastic case. The case opens up as a display stand, so you can easily change the card on display. There are 35 *Scherenschnitte* printed on both sides of 18 cards. The stand and card size is 12 x 14cm. If you would like a copy of this card set, please contact me or email me at kruff@optusnet.com.au One set costs \$15, to cover the printing costs.

Karin Ruff

SONNWEINFEIER – Saturday 23rd June Bayswater Hall

This year's Winter Solstice celebration will have available for a reasonable price a delicious selection of barbequed meat and salads, hot dogs, *Glühwein* and soft drinks – please BYO any other drinks. The main meal will be served from 5pm onwards but **hot dogs may be purchased from 4:15pm onwards**, in case the kids need a snack before setting off on the lantern parades!

Tea and coffee will be available free of charge, and we ask **families to bring a cake or slice to share** for later in the evening, while we listen to our wonderful Brass Ensemble play some lively music!

There will be a bonfire, the traditional lantern parade, glow stick products for sale and damper making. Please bring along your own lantern; we will have a small number of new lanterns for purchase on the night.

The bonfire will be lit at 6pm and shortly after we'll be lighting our lanterns and setting off at 6.15pm on a lantern parade **around the Bayswater Hall only**.

TTHA Laternenzug

In past years the entire procession walked through TTHA, but this is no longer practical, so any families who would like to participate in a smaller **lantern parade at TTHA** are asked to meet at the **TTHA main entrance at 5pm** to prepare lanterns and 'parade' to the main dining room where we will sing some lantern songs and participate in a staff-assisted, smaller parade to other areas of the Home. You will then still have enough time to join the Bayswater Hall parade as well at 6:15pm if you wish.

Please contact Karin Schwarz (TTHA Activities Coordinator) or email karin.schwarz@ttha.org.au if you would like to take part in the TTHA Laternenzug so we know how many people to accommodate.

If there are any **choir members** willing to lend their voices to our 'lantern song singing' at TTHA, they would be most welcome! Please let Karin know if you can help.

Important times

- 2:00pm – setting up and cooking, **please help us with this! Call Susi**
- 4:15pm – hot dogs available for purchase (great for kids wanting to eat before the lantern parades)

- 5:00pm – meet at TTHA main entrance for ‘**TTHA Laternenzug**’ (for those involved)
- 5:00pm – main meals available for purchase at the Templer Hall
- 6:00pm – lighting of bonfire, assemble for parade
- 6:15pm – **Bayswater Hall lantern parade**
- 7:30pm – coffee and cake available
- 8:00pm onwards – clean up, **again please help us with this!**

We do need helpers to assist with setting up, cooking and serving food and later in the evening with cleaning up, so if you are able to help out, this would be very much appreciated.

Please ring Susi or email susi@templesociety.org.au

We also need some Dads (or Mums) to supervise the bonfire throughout the evening. If you're able to help with this, please contact Heiner Wagner at hkw57@bigpond.com or call him.

So rug up, bring your lantern and good humour, and join us for a fun family evening – no matter what the weather is like!

Susi Richter, for the Social & Recreation FG

TEMPLER EXCHANGE

Applications are open for next year's Australian-German Templer Exchange. As the last exchange participant, I highly recommend it to any young Templers. It was a fantastic experience, where I spent three months in Stuttgart, attending a two-month intensive German language course while staying with Templer host families and being a part of the Templer Community in Germany.

If you are even *slightly* thinking of applying, please either give me a call, or send an email, to find out more information. Applications for the exchange close on 30th June.

Melissa English, AGTE Coordinator
email: Melissa.english5@gmail.com



THE HERITAGE PAGES

SARONA'S NEW ERA – continued

A feature of Sarona Gardens will be designated areas for special events and activities.

The **Winery Square** is one such area. The old winery, which played such a crucial role in Sarona's history, was the most substantial building in Sarona. The winery and the distillery, which were linked by a tunnel, will flank what will be known as Winery Square. The square itself will be raised, mostly paved and lined with several old trees from bygone eras. It is designed to create an especially appropriate atmosphere. Access to the square from Ha'arba'a Street will be by stairs and elevator.

It is expected that events and activities there will have a 'Wine and Winery' theme.

The winery is described as*: *The Winery was built in the south of the moshav [agricultural settlement, HG] according to Theodor Sandel's plan. It stood over two giant cellars, which had been carved into the sandstone, where wine was aged in one hundred large casks. The upper, elongated building was built of sandstone and is conspicuous by its two gables on the tiled roof, and the round windows which allowed the light to penetrate. There were storerooms and equipment to aid wine production. The carts loaded with grapes which had been harvested in the early morning in the Sarona vineyards, and later also those from the Wilhelma vineyards, were unloaded in the large courtyard in front of the building. A well was dug in the front which was joined by a tunnel to the winery cellars. The well and the tunnel were unearthed in 2009.*

The tunnel linking the winery and the distillery is described*: *As part of the development of the new winery [distillery, HG], the Wine-Growers Union dug out a tunnel in the sandstone to join the two wineries – the old and the new. Its goal was to reduce the effort needed to transfer casks between the two cellars.*

The short history of another house to be preserved in Sarona Gardens is that

of the Karl Kuebler house:* *Karl Kuebler and his family, who arrived from Waltersberg in Germany, were one of the 18 founding families of Sarona. Their house was built of hewn sandstone during the first construction wave of the moshav according to the characteristic Templer house design: a cellar, two residential stories, and a tiled roof. Kuebler was one of the great citrus grove owners of the moshav and a member of the Sarona Community Council, established in 1879. After the State's establishment, the building was used by the central Bureau of Statistics.*

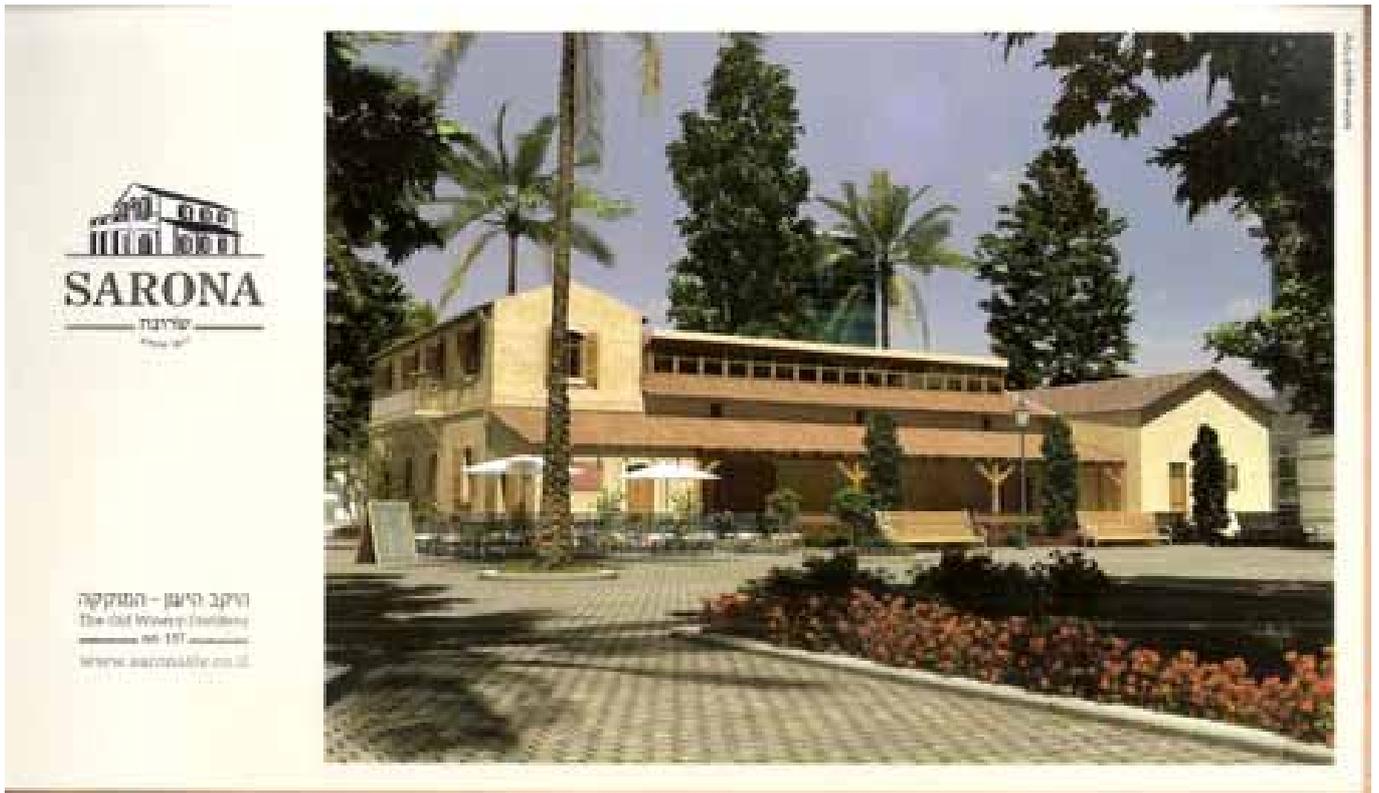
*From *Sarona since 1871*, published in Hebrew and compiled by Yossi Goldberg et al.

Helmut Glenk



The old winery

EXHIBITION
HAIFA HARBOUR
OPENING 1933
TTHA TEMPLER GALLERY
All welcome



The distillery



The Karl Kuebler house

COMMUNITY LAWNMOWING ROSTERS MAY/JUNE

BAYSWATER		BENTLEIGH	
20 th May	Heinz-Dieter Herrmann Rolf Glenk	5 th May	Theo Richter Mark Rainbird
17 th June	Uli Hoefler Thomas Knaub	9 th June	Peter Ware Herb Hoffmann
<p>Keys to lawn mowers etc. can be collected from Tony.</p> <p>If working on Sunday, try to avoid starting machinery before 10:00am to comply with Noise Restrictions in the City of Knox.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tony Beilharz</p> <p>To arrange an alternate date or a swap, please contact your partner and arrange the swap directly.</p>		<p>Normal start time is 9:00am. Both lawn mowers can be operated without a catcher (the preferred method). If the grass is too long, then one of the mowers can have a catcher installed.</p> <p>Lawnmowing should include the Secret Garden area (at back of Office). Please don't put lawn clippings in Secret Garden area (green waste bin is now available for lawn clippings).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Peter Ware</p>	

UNIT FOR LEASE

A 3-bedroom unit in the 'Templer Village' (opposite TTHA at 30 Elizabeth Street, Bayswater VIC 3153, Melway 64 F7) will be available for lease from end of May 2012.

Tenant eligibility is subject to Owners Corporation rules.

Contact Christine Nash at Rosier Real Estate, Croydon, on christine@rosier.com.au or 9725 0000.

MAY 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	Tue		New Moon ●	Full Moon ○
2	Wed			
3	Thur			
4	Fri			RC Ba 19:30
5	Sat			
6	SUN	Kids' Club Cranbourne		○
7	Mon			
8	Tue	Ladies' afternoon Be 12:00		
9	Wed	Think Tank's Restaurant night for young people 18:30		
10	Thur			
11	Fri	Sy Seniors' Grp 11:30; TTHA Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea Ball; Telelink 14:00		
12	Sat			
13	SUN	Mothers' Day Service + SS Ba 10:15		
14	Mon			
15	Tue			
16	Wed			
17	Thur			
18	Fri	Men's Advance Mt Buller (until 20 th May)		
19	Sat			
20	SUN	Service TTHA 10:30; TG Trees Adventure, Belgrave; German Festival, Anakie		
21	Mon			●
22	Tue			
23	Wed			
24	Thur			
25	Fri	Telelink 14:00		
26	Sat	Goldfields Walk		
27	SUN	Service Be + SS 10:15; Service Sy 10:30 & May Picnic Meadowbank		
28	Mon			
29	Tue			
30	Wed			
31	Thur			

June 2012

3	SUN	Service + SS Ba 10:15 + Elders' Meeting
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RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Religious Services, Sunday School
Presentation, Confirmation
Youth Instruction and Youth Services
Weddings, Funerals
Religious Discussions and Seminars

SOCIAL CARE

Care of sick, elderly and lonely
Tabulam & Templer Homes for the Aged (TTHA)
Community Care Worker
Telelink

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Ladies' Groups, Community Youth Coordinator,
Kids' Club, Children's Playgroup, Babies' and Toddlers' Group,
Choir, Bowling and Tennis Clubs,
German Language Schools

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