



Templer Talk

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Welcome to Templer Talk

Welcome to a new-look monthly publication for the Temple Society Australia, complete with a new name: Templer Talk.

It has taken considerable time, energy and expertise to bring this first edition to fruition. The Communication & Promotion Focus Group has worked very hard in planning for this launch and has been ably supported by Angela Woodburn, Tamara Bouzo (design), Peter Hornung (proof-reading), Erika English (collation and distribution) and the office personnel.

As a means of communication to members and associates, Templer Talk reflects modern technology with its alignment to the new Temple Society website and strives to maintain that vital essence of community inherent in the Templers.

Have we achieved this? “Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts”, Arnold Bennett, English novelist (1867-1931). We are mindful of the long history associated with the Templer Record—*Rundschreiben*, *Blättle*, *Circular*—and that will be respected. I am sure the Focus Group members and all involved in this creative and important transition would be interested to hear any constructive feedback you are prepared to offer.

So, settle down with a cup of your favourite beverage, and enjoy the very first edition of Templer Talk.

Mark Herrmann, Regional Head

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Reflection: What the Bible says about money

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.” (Luke 16: 10-12)

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” (Luke 16:13)

Our Bible text states that one cannot serve two masters: God and money. Luke cautions against excessive materialism and greed. Too much love for money risks depleting our spiritual wellbeing. In our capitalist society, dominated by economics and accumulating wealth, the question arises: Is it a good thing or a bad thing to accumulate wealth?

Eric Butterworth, in his book ‘Spiritual Economics’, says we need to make friends with money rather than feel like slaves to making money. Some people think they never have enough money. Others, if they receive a large sum, think I don’t deserve it. Money is not good or bad. Money is neutral.

Luke suggests how a person thinks about money is an indicator of trustworthiness; who can be trusted with little can be trusted with much. Trustworthiness is not about hoarding property and wealth or feeling deprived that there is not enough. It is about appreciating the abundance received, no matter how big or small. Spiritual wellbeing is about giving thanks when money comes and giving thanks when it goes. Currency is part of the limitless flow of the abundance in the world.

Inna Segal, in her [audio sessions on YouTube](#) about our inner divine healing intelligence, says whenever we spend money we should say, “I bless this money,” and when money comes to us we say, “I am grateful for this abundance.” Spiritual wealth is not in the money. It is in our ideas. Spiritual wellbeing is about a positive attitude to the limitless flow of abundance in the universe. Sometimes we need more practice at saying, “As money flows through my life I feel grateful.”

Irene Bouzo

The new Templer Record: Templer Reflections

Templer Reflections will be the new quarterly publication of the Temple Society Australia. The first issue will be published on June 3. We welcome contributions from the community of around 500 to 750 words on religion, heritage, faith, philosophy and culture. The theme for the June issue is Education. The editorial deadline is May 3. If you are interested in submitting an article for the June issue and would like more information, please contact:

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Regional Matters

We congratulate **Linda Beilharz**—for service to the community and to polar exploration—and **Lesley Uren**—for service to arts and crafts as an embroidery artist and educator—who were both awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division through January's Australia Day honours.

Linda's ice-cap adventures would be familiar to most readers, and she has conducted a number of hugely interesting and informative presentations for us. Lesley worked closely with **Helga Jürgensen** and many Temple Society members on our community wall-hanging project in helping us create a lasting memento and priceless artwork reflecting our colourful history.

We offer our congratulations to both inspiring women for their work in the community.

A special welcome to new members **Franz and Monika Baumstark** of Lysterfield; Monika's mother was a long-time resident at TTHA and, through visits there, Monika and Franz have come into contact with a number of Temple Society members. We look forward to their engagement with the community.

Mark Herrmann, Regional Head

Strategic Review of TSA Community Facilities

Since 2005, the Property Management Focus Group (PMFG) has held the responsibility of managing the Temple Society's community facilities and ensuring they are appropriate for the organisation and the activities of its many groups.

The PMFG is continually challenging, and being challenged on, the most appropriate solutions for some of our facilities—whether it be a maintenance concern, an upgrade, the addition of a new element or the change in the way the facility is being used. The PMFG develops yearly plans based on maintenance, requests and available budgets. This, however, does not address the longer term and strategic requirements of our facilities.

It is proposed to carry out a strategic review with input from interested Temple Society members as well as representation from affected Focus Groups and Interest Groups. If you have a desire or need to contribute to the strategic review, could you please contact:

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Winfried Beilharz, PMFG Leader

Community Care

Wishing you all a very happy Easter! I feel this year is going to go very quickly, and before we know it we will be talking about Christmas. The coming calendar year is, once again, filled with many interesting activities and events and I hope to see you at some of them.

I look forward to seeing you at *Sommerfest* on March 3. I will be helping out at the bookstall and wandering around, saying hello to everyone. You may also find me on a tractor ride!

In April, I am facilitating a series of workshops called MoneyMinded. These will be held on Tuesday evenings in the Bayswater Hall. I am not selling anything and the information is not designed to recommend any particular services or products. Best of all, the workshops are free and open to anyone who wants to attend (best suited for over 18-year-olds) so feel free to invite your friends or family members. Please register with me by April 1 so that I have enough material to give out. For more information, see [page 8](#).

The Men's Advance is once again being organised for May 24 to 26 up at Iltis Ski Lodge, Mt Buller. This event has been run for the last three years, and the men partake in a range of activities or just stay back and relax at the lodge. There is no pressure to participate, and the Saturday night dinners are usually a highlight. For more information or to book your place, please phone me before April 24.

There will be no Women's Retreat this year, however, I am going to begin planning the retreat for next year, so feel free to email or phone me with any ideas you have for activities, demonstrations or displays you may wish to see or participate in.

Telelink will be held on March 1 and 15. There will be no Telelink held on March 29, as this is Good Friday. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

The *Frauenverein* will once again be holding their Mother's Day luncheon in Bentleigh along with a couple of other interesting outings.

On March 27, I am driving the bus to the Shrine of Remembrance for the exhibition The Enemy Within. This is an exhibition of the experiences of prisoners of war and civilian internees in Victoria during the Second World War. For more information, see [page 8](#).

Take the time to enjoy every opportunity and experience over the coming months and contact me if you require help with anything. Keep smiling!

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Confirmation 2013

“We give thanks for the opportunity to think together about the deeper questions of life. We open our minds and focus our attention and ask for the wisdom to accept what rings true to each of us.”

Confirmation classes started on Sunday, February 17 with this contemplation. Eight young people joined in conversations and activities for the next two hours. The confirmands are:

- **Abbey Heron**
- **Anja Ruff**
- **Danyon Glenk**
- **Emily Cross**
- **Franz Hesse**
- **Jayne Verhagen**
- **Karla Ruff**
- **Peter Etherington.**

They will participate in another nine sessions over the next three months, including two days over the Labour Day long weekend. They will be exposed to a large range of topics including God, Temple Society, Templer history, the Bible and Jesus, as well as prayer and spirituality.



Confirmation Group, Bayswater Chapel

The program will culminate in the confirmation ceremony, which will take place at 10.00am on May 19 in the Bayswater Chapel. The whole community is asked to participate in the celebration, which will be planned by the confirmands themselves.

If anyone has any questions about the program, please feel free to contact any of the teaching Elders: Harald Ruff, Herta Uhlherr, Mark Herrmann, Renate Beilharz and Renate Weber.

Renate Beilharz,
on behalf of the teaching Elders

Kids' Club: All Youth Water Fun Day

On Sunday, February 3, a grand total of fifty-four people (yes, this is not a typing error) met at the new Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) in Bentleigh East to enjoy a great fun day out at the pool.

Seventeen families with kids of all ages got together to swim, play water games, ride the two water slides, get squirted on the water playground, jump on the giant inflatable, share a picnic lunch, catch up with friends and make some new ones.

Thank you to all the families who came along to make this a wonderful day out and such a successful activity.

Susi Richter, Community Youth Coordinator

Upcoming Kids' Club & Youth Events

March 1	Cinema Under the Stars, Life of Pi, Guy Turner Reserve, Bayswater (Youth)
March 3	<i>Sommerfest</i>
March 8 to 11	Kids' Club Family Camp, Mt Martha
March 17	Trees Adventure, High Ropes Climbing (Youth)

For more information on these events, please contact:

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Youth: Summer Camp

Once again, our summer campers had a great time at Cape Otway! Twenty kids and three leaders spent a fun-filled week exploring, playing and, generally, having a fantastic time. The long list of activities included swimming, sand sculpting, *frühsporting*, kayaking and shopping. Campers could tour the lighthouse, play charades and other games, watch movies, discover the rock pools, perform concerts, practise skits and go on scavenger hunts.

One day was spent at the Cape Otway Lighthouse and included the 'Koori Culture at the Cape' tour. Visit the new Temple Society website, when it's up and running, for the kids' comments on what they learnt.

Our twenty wonderful summer campers also spent the week looking after their leaders and making sure that they didn't get into too much mischief! The leaders—team Christine-Winnie-Paul—deserve a huge thank-you for giving up a week of their time to take our kids to Summer Camp. Well-done guys!

Susi Richter, Community Youth Coordinator

Trees Adventure

Sunday, March 17

Time: 12.45pm to 2.45pm

Where: Glen Harrow Park, Old Monbulk Rd, Belgrave

Departure: Bentleigh 11.15am
Bayswater 12.00noon

Cost: \$26 per person

Bring: A back pack with a snack to share, a drink bottle and weather specific gear.

RSVP: Friday, March 8

TTHA Update

Summer has really ensured its presence is known this year with most days offering beautiful blue skies and a warm northerly wind. Our gardens and landscapes are really feeling the heat as they continue to dry out. I noticed the other day that my two little puppies are using the grass like a scratching post; it will be nice to have some rain to bring the life back into our gardens.

We finally were able to control the gastroenteritis outbreak, and we will remain vigilant to ensure that it does not take control of TTHA again. Although this situation was not ideal, I am very proud of our residents and staff for making the most of a bad situation.

TTHA recently congratulated **Frieda Ueckert** on turning 100. Frieda received many letters of congratulations and MP Heidi Victoria came to visit her with a framed certificate in the afternoon. We also are proud to be able to say two of TTHA centenarians will be featured in The Age and Sydney Morning Herald in a special running on Australia's 100+ Generation.

TTHA and the two organisations who offer us the International Volunteers program ran a week-long course with our international volunteers. This was very successful; the International Volunteers program is a wonderful value-add to the TTHA residents and families and plays an important role in preserving the German culture and language.

We have found a candidate for the position of coordinator for our Community Garden; this is very exciting. If anyone from our community would like to volunteer and become a part of our Community Garden, please feel free to drop in and find out more. We will be working with Bayswater South Primary School, the Temple Society Playgroup, Boronia Boys' Brigade, TTHA Retirement Living and members from our two parent societies, the Temple Society Australia and the Australian German Welfare Society.

Our waiting list is very solid in Residential Care and Retirement Living. We are currently fully occupied; however, we always do our best to accommodate those who require to move into TTHA urgently. We have one apartment, which we are currently renovating, should anyone be interested in viewing it.

Until next month, I wish you a safe and enjoyable end of summer.

Natasha Wilkinson, Chief Executive Officer, TTHA

Upcoming Events at TTHA: March

- Friday, March 15 Easter Stall, 10.00am to 12.30pm, Otto Löbert Lower
- Friday, March 22 Special Easter Happy Hour, 2.30pm, Otto Löbert Lower
- Saturday, March 23 *Flohmarkt/Bazaar*, 9.00am to 1.00pm, Front Car Park
- Tuesday, March 26 Tastes to Remember Germany, 11.00am to 2.00pm, German Tivoli Club

For more information, [click here](#) to visit the TTHA website.

MoneyMinded Workshops

The MoneyMinded Workshops cover the topics:

- Planning and budgeting
- Understanding paperwork
- Dealing with debt
- Rights and responsibilities
- Planning for the future.

Dates: April 9, 16, 23 and 30

Time: 7.00pm to 9.30pm

Location: Bayswater Hall

Learn about good financial literacy, how to avoid debt and how to build a solid financial future.

Please register by April 1.

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Exhibition: The Enemy Within

Wednesday, March 27

For Seniors

An exhibition of the experiences of prisoners of war and civilian internees in Victoria during the Second World War (1939-45) is being held at the Shrine of Remembrance.

This outing includes lunch at the Terrace Café at the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Time: ROSA bus pickups from
Bayswater Hall at 9.20am
Bentleigh Hall at 10.15am

Cost: Free

There are only 24 places available.

To book, please contact:

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by March 15



BAZAAR-FLOHMARKT

Saturday 23rd March 9am-1pm

NEW AND USED ITEMS FOR SALE COFFEE - CAKE - BRETZELS

Tabulam and Templer Homes for the Aged
(31 - 41 Elizabeth St Bayswater)

stall holders needed

please contact: Karin Schwarz ph: 87201303

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a community event. all welcome

March Birthdays

Wir gratulieren herzlich zum Geburtstag unserer Mitglieder:

- **Alfred Meyer**
- **Benjamin Hirst**
- **Elly Staib**
- **Gisela Bulach**
- **Hellmut Neef**
- **Helmut Ruff**
- **Herman Löbert**
- **Irene Blaich**
- **Luise Wagner**
- **Magda Persztik**
- **Manfred Haering**
- **Matthias Franz**
- **Otto Fauser**
- **Otto Löbert**
- **Siegfried Hahn**
- **Vyrna Beilharz**
- **Werner Blaich**
- **Werner Ehmann**

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

A Useful Tip from Martina

Check out your local library's online services. Many libraries now offer e-books to download for free, digital magazines online and other free services 24/7.

All you need is a membership card (visit your local library if you are not already a member and join up for free!) and an internet connection.

Bereavements

Ernst von Einem died on December 30, 2012. He and his partner Irene Bengough joined the Temple Society in May 2008. They were living in the Templer Village until transferring to TTHA.

Barbara Sawatzky (née Wood). Mother of Kay, Steven, Ross, and wife of Norbert. Barbara passed away peacefully in the Maroondah Hospital on February 5, aged 77 years.

Lore Paulus (née Steller) passed away in February. Lore's husband Werner Paulus pre-deceased her, and she is survived by her sons Jobst and Jens and her brother Günther Steller.

Our condolences to the bereaved families

Autumn Walk

Saturday, March 23
Taradale

Meeting Point:

Take the Calder Highway towards Bendigo. After Kyneton, take the turnoff to Malmsbury and continue along the old Calder Highway to Taradale. In the centre of town turn right into Jackson Street. Leave the car at a small park beside Back Creek, 100m from the highway. Melway map X909.

Start time: 10.30am

Distance: 11 to 12km

For more detailed information on the walk and to let me know if you will be joining us, please email:

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Births

Kobe Peter Coutts, born February 6.

Congratulations to **Liesl Sawatzky and Peter Coutts** and their families.

Please contact the TSA Office if you would like the contact details for the Coutts family.

Marriages

Patrizia (née Hoehning) and Mark Kesternich from Kernen im Remstal, celebrated their wedding on the Back Beach, Sorrento on February 13.

Announced by **Reiner Kesternich**.

AGTE Templer Exchange

Applications are open for next year's Australian-German Templer Exchange! As the last exchange participant, I would highly recommend it to any young Templers. It was a fantastic experience. I spent 3 months in Stuttgart, Germany, 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 thinking of applying, please either give me a call, or send an email to find out more information.

Applications close on June 30.

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A happy birthday to...

- **Alex Herrmann**
- **Annika Green**
- **Brittney Wilkinson**
- **Cooper Wilkinson**
- **Erik Horn**
- **Finn Löbert**
- **Martin Kuerschner**
- **Mia Hoefer**
- **Tate Schwarzbauer**
- **Timothy Ruff**

Roster Reminders: March & April 2013

Coffee and Tea Roster

March 29 **Good Friday**
Helga Jürgensen
Resi Schwarzbauer

Flower Roster

March 3 **Sommerfest Service**
Kris Wennagel
Brigitte Decker

March 29 **Good Friday Service**
Imi Roscher

Lawnmowing: Bayswater-Boronia

March 14 Herbert Neef
Dieter Roscher

April 14 Harald Ruff
Herbert Schnerring

Lawnmowing: Bentleigh

March 16 Heinz Edelmaier
Ralph Edelmaier

April 13 Dietmar Jürgensen
Hans Ibel

Knabenkapelle Nördlingen zu Ostern: Famous German Youth Orchestra to visit Melbourne

One of Germany's most famous youth orchestras from Nördlingen (Bavaria) will visit Melbourne during Easter. Aged between 8 and 20 years, 62 boys and young men will present a broad range of well-loved tunes, from *Alte Kameraden Marsch* via Abba Revival to Waltzing Matilda. They always wear the uniform of the old Nördlingen city soldiers from the seventeenth century, and audiences are captivated by their performance.

Details:

Federation Square	Easter Saturday, March 30	10.00am to 11.00am
Martin Luther Homes, Boronia	Easter Saturday, March 30	4.00pm to 5.00pm
Temple Society (Bentleigh)	Easter Sunday, March 31	10.00am to 11.00am

Following the Sunday service at Bentleigh, we will host morning tea for the *Knabenkapelle Nördlingen* as they will be leaving for Wagga soon after. Please bring a cake to give them some sustenance for their journey.

For further information, please contact **Hans Schroeder** on 0425 802 046 (for events on Easter Saturday) or **Mark Herrmann** on 9557 6713 (for the Easter Sunday event).

All events are free admission. No registration required – just come and enjoy!

Tim Tams: Babysitting & Childminding

The Tim Tams are available to Templar families and friends for babysitting and childminding in both the Glen Eira and Knox areas.

- Are you aged 16 years or over?
- Do you like working with kids?
- Would you be interested in joining our TSA Childminding Register, the Tim Tams?

If the answer to these questions is yes, please contact:

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Men's Advance

May 24 to 26

Ittis Ski Lodge, Mt Buller

Be sure to book your place before April 24!

For more information or to book, please contact:

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Change of Details

Peter and Catherine Ruff have changed their contact details. Please contact the TSA Office if you would like to update your membership directory.

Calendar of Events: March 2013

1	Fri	World Day of Prayer, Bentleigh Uniting Church; Elders' Meeting Be 7.30pm; Telelink; Cinema Under the Stars - Life of Pi, Guy Turner Reserve, Bayswater
2	Sat	Knox Festival
3	Sun	Knox Festival; <i>Sommerfest</i> Service + SS Ba 10.00am; <i>Sommerfest</i> Ba Kids' activities (all day)
8	Fri	KC Camp, Mt Martha starts
9	Sat	KC Camp, Mt Martha
10	Sun	KC Camp, Mt Martha
11	Mon	Labour Day KC Camp, Mt Martha ends
12	Tue	Be Ladies 12.00noon
15	Fri	ERC Ba 7.30pm; Telelink; Easter Stall, TTHA
17	Sun	Trees Adventure (High Ropes Climbing), Belgrave
22	Fri	Special Easter Happy Hour, TTHA
23	Sat	Autumn Walk; <i>Flohmarkt/Bazaar</i> , TTHA
26	Tue	Tastes to Remember Germany, German Tivoli Club
27	Wed	The Enemy Within Exhibition, Shrine of Remembrance
28	Thu	Agape Ba 6.00pm; Term 1 end (Vic)
29	Fri	Good Friday Good Friday Service + SS Ba 10.00am; Good Friday Service Sy 10.30am
30	Sat	Easter Saturday <i>Knabenkapelle Nördlingen</i> , Federation Square; <i>Knabenkapelle Nördlingen</i> , Martin Luther Homes, Boronia
31	Sun	Easter Sunday <i>Knabenkapelle Nördlingen</i> , Temple Society Be

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