

Templer Talk



Reflection Herta Uhlherr

A Founding Day reflection on courage, conviction and creating a better world.



Sonnwendfeier June 20

Join us at one of our biggest community events of the year.



70 years of the *Frauenverein*

Main Cover Image

Celebrating over 70 years of the *Frauenverein* at Bentleigh Hall.

Photo: Suzy Ware

Contributions

We love hearing from our community.

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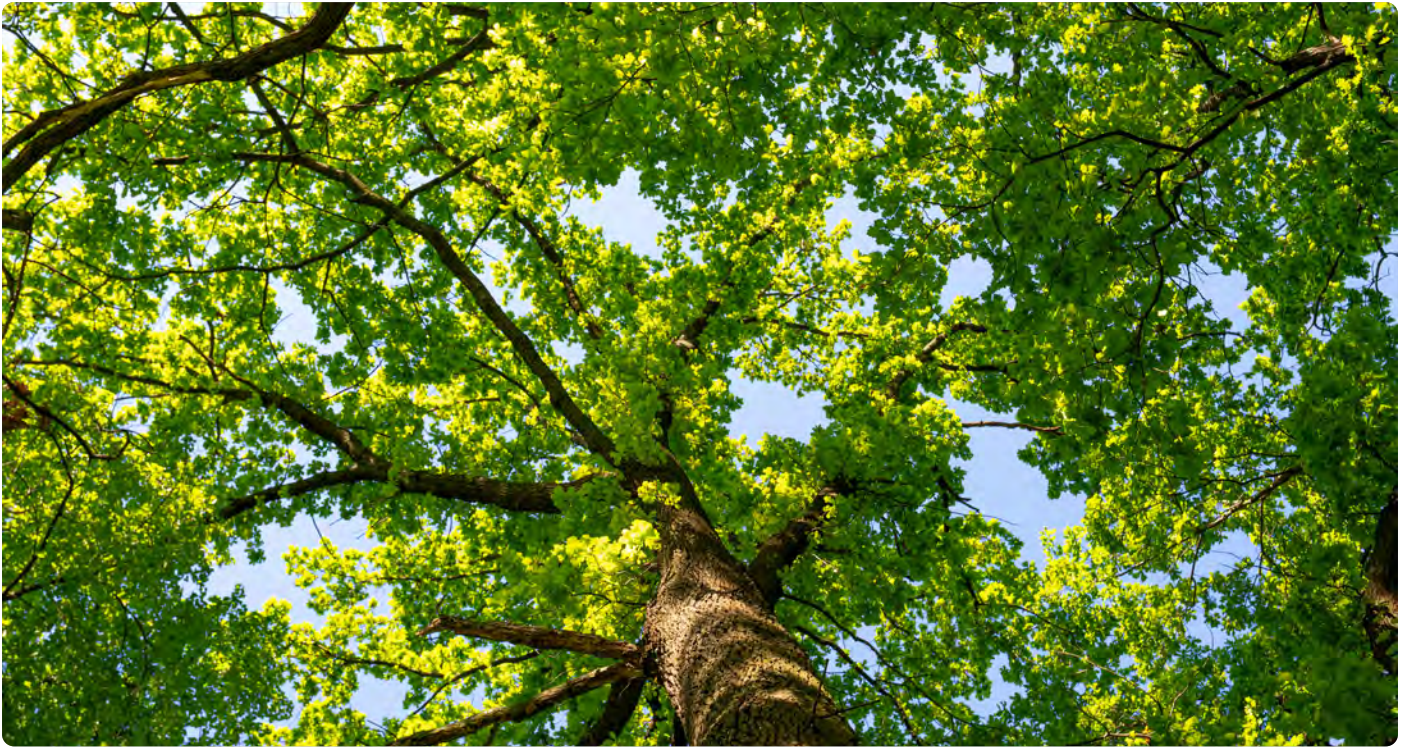
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Happy Birthday Temple Society



In June, Templers celebrate Founding Day, when the ancestors of many of our families signed the foundation document in Germany in 1861. Standing up for their beliefs and values in the face of dismissive and spiteful opposition, they committed to life-changing decisions.

The Temple Society's fortunes have gone up and down over the 165 years since, with excellent achievements as well as devastating losses. But we still exist and are once again focusing on strengthening our foundations, so that the TS Community can flourish into the future at a time when almost everything is in flux and uncertain.

A time when living examples of integrity, being the best we can be, supporting one another and working together for the common good, so making the world a better place, are important and valuable beacons of hope.

Being a Templer and striving for the highest good of individuals and humanity is not for wimps. However, we also must recognise that we all have times when we are unwell, over-

burdened or utterly exhausted and therefore unable to do anything "useful" at all.

Then we just have to stop! To struggle on and drop dead helps no one. Access and accept any help that is available. "Ask and it shall be given," though perhaps not in the way we expect.

For instance, an enforced hospital stay and recovery time could be the only space in which we allow ourselves to attend to the inner work that we may have been avoiding, for fear it will be too confronting, too scary.

But that work is essential for becoming the more aware, more compassionate and wiser person we aspire to be.

Around age 50, it took a brain operation for my charming, brilliant persona and needy ego to make space for attending to my inner growth towards greater understanding and maturity, by reassessing my attitudes and expectations of life – to deepen my spiritual practice.

I recommend this unfolding growth (but not the brain op).

Templers say we value independent thinking. So we do well to have a look at what influences have formed the basis of our personal, now ingrained convictions, prejudices and beliefs. Who implanted these in us, where and when? Are they still relevant and useful now?

Some will have come from well-meaning families following tradition because that's what one did. Nowadays from Influencers – on what do they base their assertions and advice?

Or perhaps from religious or political institutions teaching adherents to conform and obey, sometimes in order to benefit the leaders' growth in wealth and power?

Becoming aware of and examining the beliefs that control our lives can be confronting, even shocking, but necessary for becoming our more authentic self, wiser and liberated from limitations implanted in our subconscious by others over time.

Rest and reflection can help us recover with transformed attitudes and expanded insights, feeling more whole, alive and able to strive for our highest human potential and do our bit, however little, towards making the world a better place. Like smile more – it cheers many people up. Accept that others will have different points of view – we are all unique individuals.

Why such intolerance of different opinions? There is now so much noisy, manufactured rage which fosters division and hate, often cynically created to make money for billionaires. We don't have to be sucked in.

We can choose to put our mobiles down for a while and make space for beauty – it's everywhere if we have open eyes and minds. For music that resonates with you. For quiet times of wonder and elation, feeling a deep connection with all there is. Enjoying being uplifted and invigorated.

Practising encounters with nature and fellow humans without expectation or judgement. Allowing ourselves not to have all the answers opens us to possibilities we might otherwise miss.

Some neuroscientists now speak about shifting one's awareness beyond the limited, predictable material world and moving into the quantum field of infinite possibilities.

Recently I heard Prof Brian Cox speaking about the place of humans in the unimaginably vast cosmos. There are now two interstellar spacecraft still communicating with Earth. We still don't know if we are the only conscious life, on the only green planet, in the infinite universe.

What a responsibility!

Over the years, Templer Elders have also spoken about our responsibility before God, a name many still give to the mysterious creative energy that brings everything into being.

I think it's a great privilege and blessing to be alive. After centuries of "thou shalt nots...", Jesus of Nazareth taught those with ears to hear: Do love and appreciate those around you. Work (and play) together for peace, for the sake of humankind, the natural world and our precious Earth – for all of creation.

I think he'll forgive me for paraphrasing.

We can each do our bit towards making that happen.

More information about our beginnings is on the Templer website: templesociety.org.au

From the Regional Head

What an array of varied events we have enjoyed in the month of May! It's been inspiring to participate and connect with community members, visitors and new friends.

After Renate Weber's meaningful Mother's Day service, with various speakers honouring Templer women, we enjoyed a magnificent high tea. Heartfelt thanks to Bec, Nicole and Kathryn who organised and ran the day beautifully. Our staff have been working hard to get to know us and support us. Thank you to all who have been helping them navigate their roles.

At the screening of the documentary film about the voluntary work of two Australian doctors in the war-torn Gaza Strip, I gave a brief history of the Temple Society including some statements about our spiritual foundation. The early Templers believed in striving towards creating a better world through personal action. By practising tolerance and love, individuals aspired to become living components of a spiritual temple on earth.

In other words, we need to work on ourselves and try to align our words and actions with truth and integrity. It is more important than ever that we respect each other and each other's efforts even if they differ from our own. At the same time, we need to work on collaborating effectively. Ultimately, we all wish to bring about a world in which love and kindness flourish. There is no other way to do this than by starting with ourselves.

Many aspects of the world are disturbing and upsetting. As our President, Mark Herrmann, pointed out after seeing the film *Until the Sky Falls Quiet*, we witnessed the very worst but also the very best of humankind. The efforts of the two doctors are a sobering reminder that

even in the face of devastating circumstances, individuals can achieve much. Our communal effort raised about \$1600 for Olive Kids, an Australian foundation dedicated to supporting the children of Palestine. Without the initiative and dedicated efforts of Resi Schwarzbauer, this event would not have taken place.

May also saw the Men's Advance weekend. Thank you to those who instigated and organised this opportunity for Templer men to relax and recharge together. I'm looking forward to celebrating more than 70 years of the social network of the *Frauenverein*, created in the early years of the TSA, as well as the singing group's event for National Reconciliation Week.

In the past month we have gained another four new members. Please introduce yourselves to them, chat to them and join me in welcoming them.

New Members

- Birgit Blaich
- Desiree Blaich
- Alexander Glenk
- Mark Rainbird



Annette and her aunt, Ilse, at the Mother's Day morning tea. Photo: Katja Hesse

WINTER SOLSTICE BONFIRE

SONN WEND FEIER

Saturday, June 20
5-10pm

Join us as we celebrate the winter solstice with one of the Templer Community's most loved traditions - *Sonnwendfeier*.

Gather with family and friends around our legendary bonfire as we celebrate the shortest day and longest night of the year.

The evening will feature a lantern-making workshop, a lantern parade around the property, traditional damper making by the fire, children's activities and plenty of opportunities to relax beside the communal fire pits.

We're excited to welcome two special acts to this year's even - a spectacular **fire performance by Rich Royale** and an **interactive LED glow workshop by RUCCIS Circus**.

Performances sponsored by

Community Bank
Ferntree Gully

 Bendigo Bank



Food and drinks

Traditional German-style meals will be available for purchase from 5.30-6.30pm.

- **German meal — \$18**
Two meats, two salads, hummus and pita
- **Beef goulash and bread roll — \$10**
- **Soup and bread roll — \$5**
Vegetarian, dairy-free and gluten-free options available
- **Extra salad — \$5**
- **Hot dogs — \$3.50**
- **Pretzels — \$3.50 each or 3 for \$10**
- **Glühwein — \$2**
- **Assorted drinks — \$2**

Indicating how many meals you might like when booking helps us plan catering and seating.

BYO your dinner

You're very welcome to bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy around the communal fire pits.



Event schedule

5pm	Stalls open
5-6.30pm	Lantern-making workshop
5.30-6.30pm	Food service
6pm	Bonfire lit
6.30pm	Lantern parade
7-8pm	Rich Royale fire show
7.30-8.30pm	Damper making
8-9pm	RUCCIS Circus LED glow workshop
10pm	Event close

Throughout the evening

- Glowsticks available for purchase
- Marshmallows available for roasting
- Fire pits for gathering and keeping warm

What to bring

- Camp chairs or picnic rugs
- Warm coats, beanies, scarves and blankets
- Family, friends and a sense of winter adventure!

Indoor and verandah seating will also be available.



51 Elizabeth St, Bayswater



BOOK NOW!

Over 70 years of the *Frauenverein*



The Bentleigh Hall stood resplendent on Saturday, May 23, as if it, too, wished to honour the women who, since the Hall opened in 1965, had made it their home – the home for their monthly *Frauenverein* gatherings and the home for many of their Templer activities.

In fact, thanks to Peter Imberger's meticulous research, we know that the Bentleigh-Moorabbin *Frauenverein* began over a decade earlier, in 1953, with Martha Katz and Anne Eppinger as key figures. In those days, women would meet at Bentleigh Station at 12 noon and catch a train to Caulfield Station. From there, they walked for some 30 minutes to the TSA Community House in East Malvern.

Later, a younger *Frauenverein* was formed, with Friede Steller as its first president. These women met in the evening and only later adopted the lunchtime timeslot on the second Tuesday of each month. In 1998, Ruth Haar reported "that we are the only body of people in the TSA who have stayed together, without interruptions, no changes, for 38 years"! And now we celebrate and honour more than 70 years of friendship and tradition.

In welcoming the more than 100 people who attended the function, Dot Ware referred to the *Frauenverein* as having always been inclusive. She also noted that, with a number of men now participating, it may need to become known as the "*Frauen- und Männerverein*".

Interestingly, an external perspective, offered by Michael Pearce SC, Honorary Consul for Germany in Victoria, served to highlight qualities that the rest of us may have taken for granted. To an informed observer, however, they stand out, including the fluent *Schwäbisch* spoken by so many who were "born and bred here in Melbourne". Well, it was our mothers, grandmothers and all their friends who instilled this in us, and it is now our task to build upon that legacy.

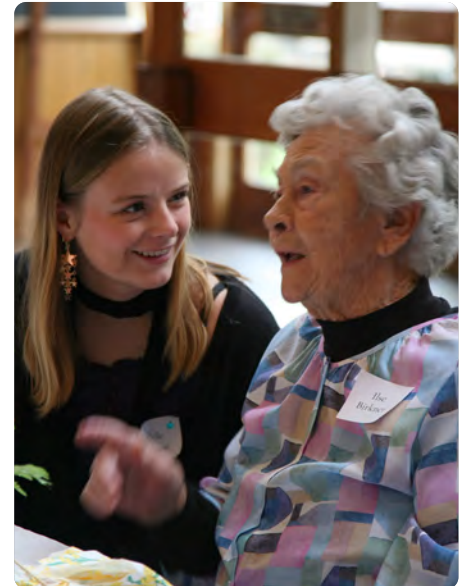
So many people contributed to making this celebration the kind of success that brought back to life, albeit in an ever-changing world, the strengths and idealism of the generations before us.

How on earth does one thank them in a meaningful way? Eva Schulz, with gentle dignity, thanked everyone who attended and all those who helped make the afternoon so very special. Allow me to name just a few: Dot and Peter Ware, Gisela and Enno Schmidt, Helga Anderson, Eva Schulz, Peter Imberger, Martina Eaton, Bec Gilbert, Ange Woodburn and many others, including the singers who entertained us and Heidi Richter for her beautiful flower arrangements.

Danke!

(Can I hear Martha Katz's spirit cheering us on?)

Highlights



Above and opposite: A snapshot of the *Frauenverein* celebration at Bentleigh Hall on May 23. Photos: Suzy Ware

JAN JOHNSON

Sydney Templers

The bed now has flannelette sheets, and the winter woollies are coming out again – please remember to check your smoke alarms and dust off the heaters before using them.

Despite the cooler mornings and nights, we are still blessed with generally lovely days, a big plus for us all! We made the most of this during the beautiful trip to Newcastle on the first weekend of May.

By the time you read this we will have just had our Heritage Day event, focusing on Sydney confirmations; you will hear more about it next month.

As numbers are low during winter, we won't be holding a service in June or July; there will be no services until August. The Sydney Committee is still planning the August service, so look out in the July issue for more information on this. Jess Blackwell will be visiting Sydney for the first time as an Elder – we are excited to have her!

Our May lunch was postponed by a week and was held at Baulkham Hills Bowling Club.

As we won't have services, please make the effort to come to our next two lunches – this month and in July. Some people bring a friend with them; it is a great way to meet up in a warm venue with good food and great company. I hope to see you at Epping this month.

And for all Templers throughout Australia, don't forget to **save the date** for the Canberra get-together over the weekend of October 30 to November 1. A great way for all of us to catch up and enjoy everything Canberra has to offer!

I am taking 7 weeks' long service leave from June 15, returning on August 3. Karen Reyes is still on board and will host the July lunch. She may be in touch with you to discuss a preferred venue, as Padstow is a long drive for most, and numbers may be low.

If you have a welfare enquiry, please contact the Office and they will direct you to someone who can help, as Martina may also be away during June. I trust you all stay well and warm.

Snapshots from the Newcastle weekend in May. Photos: Karen Reyes and Loretta Stewart





Participants enjoying a workshop in the Bayswater Community Garden

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Seed Raising workshop

Our recent Seed Raising workshop was a wonderful morning of learning, sharing ideas and connecting with fellow gardeners.

The workshop was followed by a working bee, where volunteers helped prepare the garden for future planting. It was also lovely to welcome some new faces alongside familiar ones. Thank you to everyone who came along!

Dolls' house needed

We're looking for a dolls' house, preferably with a door, or something similar that could be transformed into a seed and recipe library. If you have one gathering dust that could be given a new lease on life with a little paint and imagination, please email Christine at christine@templesociety.org.au with a photo. We'd love to hear from you.

Membership Contributions Update

A big thank you to everyone who has already completed their 2025/2026 Membership Contribution and paid their invoice. The response to the new process has been very positive and we appreciate your support and patience as we made the change.

All members have now been contacted. If your contribution is still on your to-do list, we'd love you to complete it when you have a moment.

If you need the link again, you can complete your contribution here:

<https://form.jotform.com/252878497282879>

Online payments

A few members have asked about online payment options. If paying online is easier for

you, we can provide a payment link on request, although this does add an extra step to the process and we didn't want to complicate the instructions for members who don't need it. We're continuing to explore options to make online payments easier and more seamless in future.

Need Help?

If you need assistance completing the form, please contact us. Anyone in our team can guide you through the process over the phone or assist you in person at our Bentleigh or Bayswater Offices. Mondays and Wednesdays are generally the best days to visit.

For specific help with the form, invoice or payment process, please contact me at angela@templesociety.org.au or 0412 059 562.



JUNE

Services

Sunday, June 14
Founding Day Service +
Community Afternoon
Bayswater, 2.30pm

ELDER: IRENE BOUZO

Sunday, June 28
Online (pre-recorded) Service
Available from 7.30am

ELDER JESSICA BLACKWELL

MARTINA EATON

Community Care

How are we already in June?

I'll be taking leave during the month to spend time with family and have a short break. I will be away June 4-29. If you need assistance during this time, please contact Kathryn Buss on 0468 864 906 who will direct you to the right person.

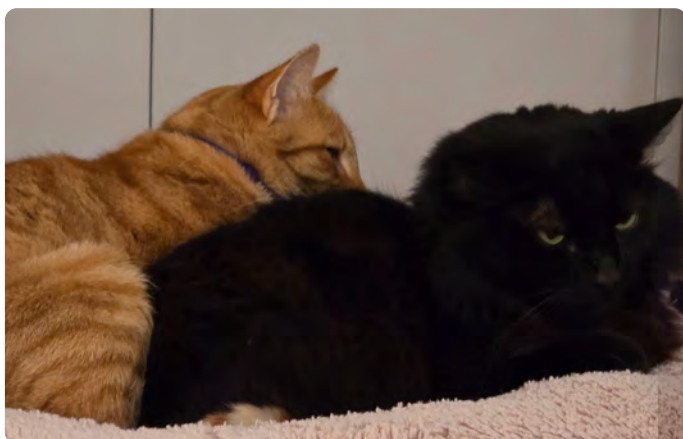
Cold and flu season

Please stay home if you are unwell. Many of our community members are older or have weakened immune systems. Even mild symptoms such as a snuffly nose, slight temperature or achy muscles can be an early sign of a virus. If you are visiting someone or attending an event, please make sure you are feeling well. Thank you for your care and consideration.

Community Garden

Have you wandered into our Community Garden lately? Nestled beside the bowling alley on the car park side, our small but thriving garden continues to flourish thanks to our garden facilitator and dedicated volunteers. Beautiful produce is regularly available to share with the community.

Stay warm!



Martina's cats Teddy and Georg keeping warm by the fire. Teddy is loving it. Georg is, as usual, less than impressed. Photo: Martina Eaton

LISETTE PINE

Mondays in the Garden

The Community Garden program continues to provide a welcoming space for people to connect, learn new skills and enjoy activities together.

Recent sessions have included Zumba, gift card making and cucumber pickling, with participants enjoying the chance to meet new people, share conversations and build connections in a friendly and supportive environment.

More than just gardening, the program supports wellbeing, learning and community connection.

We'd love to see you there every Monday from 10 to 11am during school terms.

Coming up in June

June 15 – Tech Help with Ike

Get practical support with your devices and questions from Ike at Bayswater Library.

June 22 – Falls Prevention

Learn simple exercises and strategies to improve strength, balance and confidence with local physiotherapists.

No session June 8 due to the King's Birthday public holiday.

Stay tuned for our Term 3 program dates.

The power of volunteering

CHAMPION was pleased to attend the Volunteering Expo 2026 on Friday, May 15 at the Knox City Council Civic Centre.

The Expo gave our team a valuable opportunity to connect with community members interested in volunteering and to share more about CHAMPION's programs and services. It also highlighted the vital role volunteers play in supporting our foodbank and community hub each week.

We were encouraged by the strong interest from people eager to support vulnerable individuals and families within our community.

A special thank you to Mick, one of CHAMPION's dedicated volunteers, who joined us on the day and generously shared his volunteering journey with attendees.

Mick's enthusiasm, compassion and commitment to helping others made a lasting impression on visitors to our stand. His openness about the rewarding experience of volunteering at CHAMPION helped showcase the meaningful impact our volunteers make every day.

Thank you, Mick, for your ongoing dedication and for representing CHAMPION with such warmth and pride.

Interested in volunteering?

If you've been thinking about volunteering, we'd love to welcome you to CHAMPION.

Join our friendly team and help make a positive difference in the community. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Food sorting and packing
- Meet and greet support
- Food pantry services

As demand for our services continues to grow, we are always looking for caring and committed volunteers.

Every volunteer plays an important role in helping create a welcoming, caring environment for those doing it tough. No matter your experience or availability, there is a place for you on our team. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or are looking for a regular role, we'd love to hear from you.

To find out more, please contact:

Lisette Pine
Food Relief & Community
Programs Coordinator
M: 0468 375 808



CHAMPION at the Knox Volunteering Expo 2026. Pictured are Martina Eaton (top left), CHAMPION volunteers (top right) and Lisette Pine (bottom), sharing information about our programs and connecting with prospective volunteers from across Knox. Photos: Ange Woodburn and Lisette Pine

WINTER



CHAMPION

FOODBANK AND COMMUNITY HUB

FOOD & TOILETRY DRIVE

**COLLECTING DONATIONS
UNTIL WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As winter settles in, many people in our community are doing it tough. CHAMPION, our community foodbank, relies on donations like yours to keep shelves stocked and support those who need it most.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Drop off food and essential items at one of our locations between May 1 and June 17.

Our most needed items:

- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Packet or tinned soup
- Toilet paper

CHAMPION is an initiative of



Temple Society
Australia

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Bayswater Community Hall

51 Elizabeth St, Bayswater

Bayswater Library

Mountain High Shopping Centre

7-13 High St, Bayswater

Bentleigh Office

152 Tucker Rd, Bentleigh

Terry White Chemmart Knox

Level 2, Knox City Shopping Centre

Burwood Highway, Wantirna South

✓ Local pick-ups available

HAVE A QUESTION OR NEED A PICK-UP?

Please contact Lisette Pine on 0468 375 808 or email champion@templesociety.org.au

NICOLE SEYMOUR

Bringing the curtain up on a new chapter for Bayswater Hall



Recently, Ange and I met with Helga Anderson and Helga Jurgensen to look at the stage curtains in the Bayswater Hall and discuss their long-awaited replacement.

What began as a practical conversation about worn curtains quickly became a reminder of the rich history, volunteer spirit and creativity that have shaped our community spaces over many decades.

Helga J. shared memories of the time she and a dedicated group of volunteers transformed the Hall into a makeshift sewing workshop to create curtains for the aged care rooms. According to Helga, the volunteers worked so tirelessly that two sewing machines actually burnt out from overuse, a story that speaks volumes about the commitment and generosity that have long underpinned life within the Templer Community.

Helga is well known for her creative talent and eye for colour and design. Trained at Emily McPherson College, she built a successful career in fashion and interiors, working with leading Australian brands and gaining experience in Paris. Her insights proved invaluable as we explored options for the new stage curtains.

The push to replace the curtains originally came from Helga A., who has long been concerned about their condition. As Helga candidly shared, the current curtains have “been frustrating me for a long time. They are embarrassing when we have events in the Hall.”

She has a point. Years of wear and tear, particularly where the two curtain panels meet, have left the stage looking tired and detract from an otherwise welcoming community space.

While there was no allocation in this year’s budget for replacement, Helga highlighted that the Bayswater Hall is one of our key community spaces. The stage should reflect the pride we have in our community. As we have discovered, stage curtains are a specialised undertaking, requiring commercial-grade tracking systems and fire-resistant fabrics designed for long-term use.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, approximately \$2,800 has already been raised towards the project, leaving around \$1,200 still to go.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and helped move this project one step closer to reality.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

(BUT NOT THE CURTAINS)

**We're raising \$4000
for new Bayswater Hall
stage curtains.**

The curtains have served our community well for many years, but it's time for a new curtain call! With your help we can bring the stage back to life for concerts, celebrations and community events. Whatever the future holds for the Bayswater site, a stage will continue to be used for these gatherings.

Even \$5 helps us reach our goal

SCAN TO DONATE



Contact the Office at tsa@templesociety.org.au if you would prefer direct debit details

OUR GOAL
\$4000

UPDATE

TTHA

We are pleased to share an exciting milestone for *The Ranges*. With residential construction progressing well, the first opportunity to experience the development is now here.

To mark this next phase, we have released an exclusive Founders' Circle opportunity.

This invitation-only opportunity has been created for those who feel a genuine connection to the lifestyle and community vision of *The Ranges*. As a Founders' Circle member, you will receive priority access to the very first release of residences, along with early insight into pricing, floorplans, design details and availability before homes are released to the wider market.

To celebrate this milestone, we are hosting a private Founders' Circle event on Thursday, June 18, 2026. This intimate gathering offers the opportunity to explore renders and layouts, ask questions in person and

meet others who may soon become your neighbours, all while enjoying early access to secure your preferred apartment or villa.

Places are strictly limited. If you would like to be considered for the Founders' Circle, we encourage you to register your interest today.

Early registration offers the greatest flexibility and choice when selecting your future home at *The Ranges*.

Speak directly with Andrea, our Sales Manager, to join the Founders' Circle on 0483 389 526 or email her at ranges@ttha.org.au

Andrea is available to discuss availability, pricing or to arrange a private viewing of the display villa.

We look forward to welcoming our Founders' Circle members and sharing this exciting next chapter of *The Ranges* with you.



Mother's Day morning tea



Above and opposite: Beautiful table settings and wonderful company at our Mother's Day gathering. Photos: Katja Hesse

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our Mother's Day event. It was a beautiful day and we are so grateful for your presence and support. We achieved our vision of creating a warm atmosphere, with vintage teacups and high tea towers helping to make everyone feel truly special and worth bringing out the precious crockery for.

Congratulations to our raffle winners, and thank you to those who enjoyed the photobooth and helped capture such joyful memories.

A very special thank you to those who rolled up their sleeves and helped handwash more than 200 pieces of vintage crockery with

us. Your effort was incredible and deeply appreciated. It was also wonderful to meet so many new faces, and we are grateful for the warmth, support and beautiful feedback we received from so many of you.

We are also grateful to our amazing community, who made the tables and chairs magically disappear at the end of the event. We couldn't have done it without you.

A big thank you to Katja for capturing such gorgeous photos of the day.

Thank you again to everyone for making the day so memorable.

MOTHER'S DAY

Highlights



Bereavement support

A bereavement is a difficult time, often full of sadness and grief. Preparing for the funeral can be stressful. If seeking TSA support, it is important to contact:

- During business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm), the Office: Kathryn Buss on 0468 864 906
- All other times, the Bereavement Elder: Renate Weber on 0400 001 856

This initial contact should be made **prior to** any arrangements being finalised with a Funeral Director.

The booklet *When a loved one dies* is a useful resource as it details all the necessary actions required to engage the TSA. It also answers many questions that you may initially have. If you require a copy, it can be posted or emailed to you or is available from the TSA website. Welfare support is also offered through Martina Eaton (0433 335 815) or, in Sydney, Jan Johnson (0412 731 101).

Once an Elder has been chosen to conduct the funeral/memorial service, they will establish contact and be able to guide you through all the necessary steps and obligations.

A number of Elders – Anna Beilharz, Irene Bouzo, Jessica Blackwell, Mark Herrmann, Theo Richter, Ingrid Turner, Annette Wagner-Hesse, Renate Weber – are presently in a position to officiate.

Birthdays

Wir gratulieren herzlich zum Geburtstag unserer Mitglieder.

Helga Anderson	88
Hartmut Beck	89
Trudi Blessing	80
Ilse Blumor	83
Gudrun Dimpfel	78
Heinz Edelmaier	87
Margarete Groezinger	76
Ingeborg Hanke	79
Erika Herrmann	78
Heinz-Dieter Herrmann	83
Monika Herrmann	75
Maria Hohlweg	75
Dieter Imberger	80
Regina Imberger	88
Rolf Imberger	79
Brunhilde Kaufmann	84
Iris Pyne	82
Jost Steller	81
Werner Steller	92
Richard Vitols	93
Gunter Weller	92

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

Member updates

- Imi and Dieter Roscher are now living in Bayswater
- Tom Eaton has moved to Badgers Creek
- Hennig Imberger is back in his Boronia home

Email and mobile phone details remain unchanged for all.

NICOLE SEYMOUR

Thank you, Resi



Behind every successful community event are people whose quiet determination and persistence make things happen, and our recent screening of *Until the Sky Falls Quiet* was no exception. I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary contribution of Resi Schwarzbauer, whose commitment was instrumental in bringing this important fundraiser to life.

Born and raised in the Tatura internment camp, Resi felt a strong connection to the film's themes of displacement, resilience and hope. After attending a screening herself, she was profoundly moved by the humanitarian work featured in the documentary and felt strongly that others should also have the opportunity to see it and reflect on its message, while supporting Olive Kids and its work with children in Palestine. Resi threw herself wholeheartedly into making it a success, actively helping spread awareness

and encouraging Templers and people from further afield to attend. We thank her sincerely for the care and compassion she brought to this event.

The story behind the print

Guest speaker William Khoury was visibly moved when presented with a historic print of Haifa (above), the city where he grew up. Although he didn't live in the German Colony, he knew it well and often played there as a child. Looking closely at the image, he recognised his uncle's house. "I really appreciate the gift. It meant a lot to me," William later shared.

MON 1

Community Garden: Meat Pie Day
Bayswater • 10am

German Language classes (weekly)
Bentleigh • 5–7.30pm

TSA Limited Board Meeting
Online • 7pm

TUE 2

German Language classes (weekly)
Bayswater • 5–7.30 pm

WED 3

Reconciliation Week 2026 evening
Bayswater • 7.30pm

THU 4

Chair-based Exercises (weekly)
Bentleigh • 2.30pm

MON 8

King's Birthday

TUE 9

Frauenverein
Bentleigh • 12pm

WED 10

Backgammon
Bayswater • 4.30pm

Singing Group
Bayswater • 7.30pm (weekly)

FRI 12

Lunch with Friends
The Epping Club • 11.45am

SUN 14

Founding Day Service
+ Community Afternoon
Bayswater • 2.30pm

MON 15

Community Garden: Tech Help with Ike
Bayswater • 10am

SAT 20

Elders' Workshop

Working Bees -
Bayswater & Community Garden
Bayswater • 8am and 10.30am

Sonnwendfeier
Bayswater • 5–10pm

SUN 21

Elders' Workshop

MON 22

Community Garden: Falls Prevention
Bayswater • 10am

TSA Heritage Discussion Group
Online • 3pm

TUE 23

Coffee & Craft Afternoon
[*Kaffeeklatsch & Bastelnachmittag*]
Bentleigh • 11am

WED 24

Backgammon
Bayswater • 4.30pm

SUN 28

Online (pre-recorded) service
Available from 7.30am
