

# Das Lied

## Newsletter of the Adelaider Liedertafel 1858

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*How many of you have had a look at the new website yet?*

*This month you get a bonus – attached to this edition is the first of a series of explanatory notes about the features on our website. This page is NOT attached to the version published on our website, because it contains passwords and various other bits of information available only to members.*

*I must apologise for not including some important pieces of news in newsletters during the past couple of months; namely, the obituaries of certain members and family members. I have, however, included all this information on the website.*

*A suggestion has been made (not by me!) that our ladies be included in the monthly Celebrations section. An excellent idea! However, if we go ahead and do this ladies, you must expect to have your age included ... after all, what's good enough for the men should be good enough for the ladies! If you all agree, can someone give a list of ladies' names and birthdates to Peter Tamm or myself?  
BvdW*

#### Report from Committee Meeting

- The old amplification equipment is to be sold
- Dimboola: A block booking has been made at the Commodore Motor Inn, Horsham
- The bus is "almost full", but it remains to be seen what the final numbers are.
- Choir picnic: Tickets have been issued. For various reasons there are not as many tickets on issue as usual, so please get unsold tickets back to Bill as soon as possible. Believe it or not there are people waiting for tickets!
- The committee has determined to make an effort to make our records more secure. It's worrying that our irreplaceable records (some dating back to the 1850's) are not securely stored.

- DVC have invited us to their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert.

### Celebrations

Birthdays this month:

6 <sup>th</sup> Horst Reichert	(70)
7 <sup>th</sup> Kurt Salewski	(89)
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan Spruyt	(82)
21 <sup>st</sup> Manfred Grafton	(64)

If you have forthcoming personal events and celebrations let Bill or Peter T know and we will publish them here.

### Singer Profile

#### **Tony Horvath (Bass 2)**

Tony's story is a little unusual as his life really changed after the war. He was a POW in Britain between 1946 and 1949, spending most of his time around Liverpool. It was here that he met and married his wife Lillian. During his time in detention his job was to de-sharpen left over bombs dropped by German forces, a rather tricky and delicate job, but once he had survived that task it gave him time to enjoy the sport that he is still following today, soccer. He remembers the local derbies in Liverpool and has fond memories of Bernd Trautmann (also a prisoner of war) playing as a goal keeper for Manchester City. In 1966 Tony came to Adelaide working for Fricker Bros., but not enjoying it at all. He soon joined General Motors Holden as a pattern maker, retiring 23 years later.

His first musical involvement was in 1979 with the Donauschwabern, where he sang for 10 years as second bass. After that group folded he joined the Glockner choir under Joe Kraus with 27 other singers. As we all know Jason Schutt conducted both ALT and Glockner for a while. However, the choir's deteriorating numbers and sticky financial situation caused it to fold, so for Tony it is 3rd time lucky. He has been with us for some 5 years now, has

passed a major milestone of 80 years but hopes to keep going for many more.  
PT

## **From the Archives**

In 1986 the German Association celebrated their 95th anniversary. That year 43 dances were scheduled on the programme with 3 staged by the Adelaider Liedertafel 1858.

The German Club was founded on the 2nd of March 1886 in the National Hotel Adelaide with Wilhelm Kindermann the first elected president. By 1911 (twenty five years on) the then president L.W.Vetter addressed a big audience which included the Mayor of Adelaide, His Excellency the Governor and the German Consul Hon.H.C.E.Mücke. In 1913 the association purchased the premises at 223 Flinders street, the present location of the club. In 1936 total club membership was only 200. During both World wars all

activities ceased and in the 1940s the premises were given to the Red Cross organisation which made its headquarters here. Not until 1956 after the joining of the club 'Good Friends' and the soccer club 'Victoria' with the German club did some new blood and life enter the association.

By 1958 other groups had joined, eg tennis, table tennis, bowling, dancing and music groups. The 75th anniversary was celebrated in the Norwood Town Hall in 1961. Increasing membership put pressure on facilities resulting in the building of the present German Club which was opened in 1963. Many members gave their time and experience to actively enhance this project, the result of which we are enjoying today. In more recent times the German Association has flourished due to income from the annual Schützenfest, but is witnessing its membership aging and struggling to attract new blood.  
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**Here's a 1986 photo, which Horst Reichert brought along last week. You are only seeing this because I twisted Horst's arm to let me scan this photo for inclusion on our website. How many other photos are there which could be put up on our website? If you have any, lend them to me for a week so that they can be placed on the website and shared with the world!**



The Last Word:

"Sex is one of the nine reasons for re-incarnation. The other eight are unimportant." (George Burns)