

Das Lied

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Here are the final details concerning our forthcoming trip to Melbourne for the Arion concert:

Friday 17th June

- *Meet no later than 7:30am at Bethlehem Church, 170 Flinders Street. The car park fee for the whole weekend is \$25.50*
- *We are staying at the Punt Hill Serviced Apartments (NOTE: This is not a hotel!), 6 Williams Road, Prahran tel. (03) 9522-5999. We are having dinner at the German Club but this needs to be booked. Peter Reeh will collect names of those interested during the next week or so.*

Saturday 18th June

- *Practice at 12 noon at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre, Kalinda Road, Ringwood North*
- *Concert starts at 2pm*
- *Dinner in the dining room of the German Club at 7pm. Arion is paying for the meal; drinks are at our expense.*

Sunday 19th June

- *Depart Punt Hill Apartments at 9am for return trip to Adelaide*
- *Estimated time of arrival Flinders Street 6:30pm*

BvdW

A Message from the Linhoffs

Eva-Maria and Günter have sent this message for inclusion in the newsletter:

A big thank you

Eva-Maria and Günter Linhoff would like to thank all, but especially the singers and ladies of the Adelaider Liedertafel for their best wishes, flowers and other gifts and in particular for their contribution in song and food on the day of our Golden Wedding

Anniversary. The tasty buffet, a la Hilton, was enjoyed by all.

In Schiller's work "Die Glocke", the quote "Soll das Werk den Meister loben" (let the result of a good job be the praise to the master) is surely applicable to all the helpers. A special thanks to Peter Tamm, Peter Reeh and John van Dulken and all present including visitors from Braunschweig, Germany. We will retain fond memories of the day.

E-M & G Linhoff.

Celebrations

Birthdays this month:

2nd: Franz Bond (79)
6th: Dieter Schulz (65)
15th: Werner Falkenburg (68)
23rd: Günter Linhoff (77)
24th: Günter Pohlenz (80)
25th: Hermann Hintermeier (71)
29th: Bruno Seifert (75)
30th: Karl Heinz Ohse (77)
31st: Willi Hermann (75)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Anyone living in the Henley Beach, Fulham Gardens, Lockleys, Grange and West Lakes suburbs of Adelaide may well be aware of the early reference to this area as the "Reedbeds". Settlers had a good sense of humour when they referred to the Patawalonga as the River Thames because it was navigable by small craft for a short distance. They quickly realised that the behaviour of the River Torrens mirrored that of most Australian waterways, dry in summer but prone to flooding in winter. That is why the Reedbeds were referred to as swamps and lagoons from Semaphore to Camden Park and 2kms or so inland from the sandhills.

At first condemned as worthless swampy soil it soon turned into a flourishing area for market gardens, orchards and vineyards, while cows grazed and pigs and poultry wandered about. From here Adelaide was supplied with peaches, apricots, plums and a variety of root vegetables. Even good quality tobacco was grown. In some winters the area was flooded completely and viewed by city dwellers from the high ground of West Terrace as a romantic inland sea. In the 100 years from 1836, some 15 serious floods have been recorded. A September morning of 1854 is remembered by a 3 metre rise of water in only 2 hours above normal ground at the intersection now

known as Henley Beach and Tapleys Hill roads.

A home built in 1870 by Samuel White and still standing in Fulham Gardens was isolated by flood waters many times. A report of 1889 notes that at the high point of the flood, cows, pigs and other animals were swimming in all directions for high ground. On Sept 21st 1923 flood waters reached the more populated area of Torrensville. Finally in 1937 a channel was dug through the sandhills to connect the Torrens with the sea. It has done the job so far!

PT

I received an email via our website from Bärbel and Helmut Elsner last week. They were the couple who visited Adelaide on holiday recently and were in the Club most nights. They send greetings to all the people they met and thanks to Peter Reeh, Christa at the bar and special thanks to Bruno and Rudi – their “special taxi drivers” during their visit. They attended the ALT picnic in Botanic Park, and included a few photos in the email. Here’s one of them. I’m not sure that Manfred was facing the right way ...



The Last Word:

"My mother never saw the irony in calling me a son-of-a-bitch."

Jack Nicholson