

Das Lied

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I am often asked by members about how much they owe for membership from time to time. I've been working on providing some better information about this, and I'm pleased to say that early in July I'll be handing each member a statement of his membership fee position. I am pleased to report that every current member is up to date, although there are a few who we haven't seen for a while who are still owe some fees.

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Celebrations

Birthdays:

2nd: Franz Bond (80)
4th: Herbert Goels (68)
6th: Dieter Schulz (66)
15th: Werner Falkenburg (69)
23rd: Günther Linhoff (78)
25th: Hermann Hintermeier (72)
29th: Bruno Seifert (76)
30th: Karl-Heinz Ohse (78)
31st: Willi Hermann (76)

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

Singer Profile

Hermann Hintermeier (Bass 2)

Hermann arrived in Sydney on 30th October, 1955 on board the "Castel Felice". It may be of interest to the reader that this migrant carrier had a chequered history, going back to 1930 when it was sailing for the British India line under the name of "Kenya". Reworked after WW2 in Glasgow and renamed "Keren", she sailed as part of the Vlasov Group until the 1950's when a second rework changed the ownership to the Sitmar Line and gave it the name "Castel Felice". Now back to Hermann.

Departing Germany from the hops area of Germany (Haledau), Bavaria, Hermann longed for adventure and had planned

originally to join the Merchant Navy; but as this failed his second choice was either South Africa or Australia.

With friends in Victoria Hermann eventually decided for Down Under. After his initial arrival in Sydney he travelled to BHP in Whyalla. He would up at the Islington Railway Workshops hostel, despite having no money but with help from the Salvos.

As a bricklayer/tiler/plasterer, he was not short of work, and Edinburgh Airport was under construction requiring skilled labour. It was through his work that he met Dieter Schulz in September 1994 who introduced him to the Adelaider Liedertafel. Since then, Hermann has not only performed well in his capacity as a second bass but has served on the committee as assistant treasurer and treasurer.

He built his own home in 1961 at St. Agnes where he is still living with his wife and, thanks to his daughter, both are happy grandparents.

Hermann certainly enjoys the company of choir members - in particular the little group who enjoy a mini cigar when they get together. He participated with the choir on their concert trip to Germany in 1995, the Sangerfest in Brisbane and Perth and trips to Dimboola and Wallaroo. He lives by the motto "it is important to participate and enjoy yourself".

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Ol' Man River Murray.

The Murray river's weirs and locks were originally constructed between the 1920's and 1930's (although a prototype was started on the Darling river at Bourke in 1897), to provide year round navigation for commercial cargo and passenger steamers. Today there are 13 navigation locks on the river and 2 locks on the barrages at the Murray Mouth. The River Murray is permanently navigable from the

mouth to the top of the Mildura weir pool near Nangiloc - a distance of 970 kms. Each lock raises the water level by an average of 3.1 metres, creating a series of step pools from Blanchetown to Mildura.

The State Government realised the importance of the river with regard to transport, and in 1912 the engaged a Captain Johnston of the United States Corps of Engineers to prepare a report on installing a system of locks and weirs. He recommended a lock chamber be used by boats for normal flow periods. All of the locks and associated weirs were developed by Captain Johnston with the

exception of the Mildura weir and the first Torrumbarry weir. These were designed by John Dethridge of the Dethridge wheel fame.

South Australia continued to benefit considerably from river transport until the the system of sealed highways was implemented during and after WW2.

Today the Murray is popular for fishing and houseboat cruising especially in the Riverland and Sunraysia regions.

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Performing at the wedding of Bruno Seifert's grandson's wedding – April 2006
(Photo: Peter Reeh)

The Last Word:

"Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?"
-George Carlin