



# Das Lied

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## And now for the Sangerfest!

### Birthdays

Practice for the 14th Sangerfest has commenced. I can confirm that our two brackets at the Festival of Individual Choirs will comprise songs from the following list:

*Calon Lan; Liebschens Schatze; La Morettina; Zwolf Rauber; Die Himmel Ruhmen; I Still Call Australia Home; Abendchor; St. Paulus; Going Home; Trosterin Musik; Gwahoddiad; Chor der Sklaven; Sentimental Journey.*

Gentlemen, aside from my duties as your *Das Lied* editor I'm also Assistant Treasurer. There are a few members who are still unfinancial. Come on, you know who you are!

And while I'm on the subject, I'd very much appreciate it if you could sell another ASB raffle book or two. Every ticket you sell is \$1 in our pocket. This year our expenses are going to be huge. CAN YOU HELP???

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## From the Archives

The arrival of the ship Princess Louise in 1849 brought not only Carl Linger to the shores of South Australia, but also the highly regarded immigrants Mucke and Richard Schomburgk. Richard and his brother Robert took on botanical work in British Guyana in the 1840's and are as well regarded over there as the botanist Joseph Banks (who accompanied James Cook in 1776) is in Australia.

Richard Schomburgk took on the directorship of Adelaide's Botanical Gardens (now 150 years old) in 1865 at the age of 54, and continued in that position until his death in 1891—a period of 26 years. On the board of the Botanic Gardens was the seven times Premier of South Australia Sir Henry Ayres (after whom Ayres Rock—now named Uluru—was named after). Schomburgk's influence on the Botanic Gardens can be seen when one walks the Murdoch Avenue with its astonishing 140 year old Morton Bay figs, the Araucaria Avenue and the remarkable collection of surviving elements including the Victoria Amazonia Pond (only flowering one night a year) in its new pavilion. And let's not forget the Palm House brought over from Bremen during the years of Schomburgk's directorship.

Today the pavilion not only houses Madagascar plants, but also many other succulents and cacti around the newly landscaped outer area. Schomburgk's work in Guyana has resulted in a rich inheritance for the fabric of the German community in South Australia in particular, and the international scientific community in general. His hard work and experience is there for us all to continuously enjoy today as we visit the gardens.

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OLD WOMAN, OR  
YOUNG GIRL??

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MAN PLAYING SAXO-  
PHONE, OR THE SIL-  
HOUETTE OF A  
YOUNG WOMAN??

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How often have you heard the expression "appearances can be deceiving"?

Here are two "optical illusions" that have been around for awhile, but can still be of interest ...

## Bits and Pieces

### 150th Jubilee

- The Gala Dinner will be at the Convention Centre. Tickets will be in the order of \$80-\$85 per head, including a 3-course meal and free 2-hour bar.
- 16 choirs (incl. ALT) will attend.
- The Civic reception on Friday 3rd will be limited to 180 persons due to space restrictions.

### ALT Website

- I've restarted the "Visitors Book". So far there has been 1 genuine message and about 5 messages urging us to contact various porn sites. The problem with services such as visitors books is that every spammer and porn pusher feels free to leave his/her "message" ...

### Miscellaneous

- I'm sure that all of us wish Sängesbruder Werner Tromp a speedy recovery from his sudden heart problems. But if you're going to have a heart attack it's wise to do so with an ambulance nearby! Somebody "up there" must like him. Come back soon, Werner!
- A big welcome back to "de kleine jongetje" Jan Spruyt!

## The Lieutenant Governor's Mr HIEU VAN LE's Speech at the opening of Schützenfest 2008 (ctd from last issue)

Today, many [Germans] are remembered in South Australia's place names, both in Adelaide and in rural areas, and this must be a source of pride in the community. Each of these place names reflects a history of achievement and contribution by the German community. Our State's capital city also bears the name of an English Queen who is of German origin! Here in South Australia we are fortunate to be able to travel a short distance to the Barossa Valley, world renowned for its wines which owes its success to the region's rich German history and influence. I am glad ... South Australians are glad ... that so many Germans chose to make their new lives here in our great State. Amongst the many achievements of South Australia's German community, this year marks the 150 years since the formation of the Adelaider Liedertafel.

Unfortunately I was too late getting to Australia to attend the first concert in 1858 ... but I certainly plan to attend the 150th anniversary concert on October 4 this year. I would like to congratulate and pay tribute to the German Association and its organisers for their hard work and dedication in bringing the Schützenfest to us every year, and for the many years of successes and achievements. This festival is testament to the great journey of multiculturalism we have all been taking together, and the rewards it offers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr Ian Harmstorf who - for his tireless work in bringing back the almost forgotten history of the early German migrants who took refuge and settled in South Australia - was honoured by the Government of the Federation of the Republic of Germany early this year with the highest Medal of Order of Merit ever offered to a person outside of Germany. Warm congratulations to you Ian! So - get into the German festive spirit and grab yourself a Bratwurst with some sauerkraut and wash it down with an ice cold beer. Delicious!

*Meine Damen und Herren — Mit Martin Lutar's Worten sagen wir — "Wer nicht liebt Wein, Weib und Gesang Der bleibt ein Narr sein Lebenlang" — (Er hat allerdings das Bier vergessen) — Und, meine Damen und Herren, Narren wollen wir nicht sein — Also, auf zum Schützenfest Viel Spaz!*

*[We say with Martin Luther, Whoever doesn't love wine, women and song, Remains a fool for their whole life long (By the way, he forgot the beer!) And, Ladies and Gentlemen, we don't want to be fools; Therefore, off to the Schützenfest. Enjoy yourself!]*

Without further ado, it is my pleasant duty, and an honour, to declare the 2008 Schützenfest officially open!

### The Last Word

*"By the time you're eighty years old you've learned everything. You only have to remember it."*  
- George Burns