

February 2007

From the President

Welcome to the new year.

It certainly has been an unusual start weatherwise. At the time of writing the cold weather has finally arrived, but it sure took its time.

It has been unusual in the southern hemisphere too and if you were in Australia for Christmas you will know what I am talking about. We had a place at the beach near Eden in southern New South Wales just before Christmas. Of four days, only one saw the sun shining through gaps in the clouds. So on to Melbourne for Christmas – where it was the coldest Christmas day on record with a maximum of just 14 as rain and hail criss-crossed the city. Not far away in the mountains it actually snowed!

Soon after we returned to Vienna, the heat returned to south-eastern Australia along with serious bushfires, some of which had been burning since early December. And then came flash floods across South Australia and parts of New South Wales and Queensland where a five-year drought has had a devastating impact on the countryside. And some people still say there is no such thing as climate change.

But back to the present. OzCon kicked off the year with our regular monthly lunch at Café Museum where we welcomed two new members (see story on page 5). That was followed by a very successful celebration of Australia Day when we joined with the Austrian-Australian Society at Heurigen Wolff in the 19th District. Despite a snow storm during the afternoon, more than 70 people, including many children, took part in the afternoon and evening of drinking, eating, mixing and even singing of Australian songs along with Australian entertainer Mark Lane.



A toast to Australia Day, Brett Bayly, President of OzCon; Ambassador Peter Shannon; Kurt Lewandowsky, Vice President of the Austrian-Australian Society

Your board has a number of events under consideration and is interested in hearing any feedback on any of them. Do we do it, or not? It can be encouraging for board members if members tell us what they think. Some of the possibilities are a visit to the Augarten porcelain works, seeing the adult comedy *Beyond Therapy* at the International Theatre, a summer picnic at Alte Donau, a visit to the enamel jewellery factory Frey Willie, to the Volksoper for a dance performance called *We will Rock You*, a kid's afternoon 10-pin bowling at the Prater and an afternoon at an Aussie Rules football match (yes, we do have them; see the article on page 2).

Another happening we would like to see become a regular event if it proves popular is an after work visit to a pub for our own "happy hour". This could be once a month for those who cannot get to the lunch, and the venues could change. Details of events will be published in the newsletter.

I was pleased to read recently that in a survey of more than 15,000 people in 20 countries Sydney has been voted the best city in the world. Australia was the only country outside the US to have two cities in the top 10, with Melbourne, which was not included in the study last year, debuting in eighth place ahead of cities such as Madrid in Spain, Toronto in Canada and Los Angeles. Sydney was rated No1 for beauty and climate, the people, and public amenities, and third for economic opportunities.

Our membership has crept up over the past few months and may rise further following the publication of the February issue of the new English-language online magazine *Ether*. OzCon was asked to write an article and this has been done. You can read it in the magazine at www.ethermagazine.at or on page 3 of this newsletter.

Finally, a reminder that memberships for 2007 are due for renewal. Many have paid the E20, but for those who haven't please do so. Our bank details are at the back of the newsletter.

Get out and enjoy, but remember:

When everything's coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.

Brett



Australia Day, some of the children with Australian singer and musician Mark Lane.

Yes, there are Kangaroos in Austria!



The Vienna Kangaroos
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Each Australian in Vienna misses something different from home. Australian Football is a sport that is so uniquely Australian and arouses such passion, that for some, merely following scores and reports on the internet was not enough. The result is the Vienna Kangaroos, an Aussie Rules team that trains regularly in the warmer months and also doubles as the Austrian national team in international tournaments.

The Kangaroos were formed in 2003 as the Wiener Dingos, a group of Australians who enjoyed a kick or two and a cold drink afterwards. Things started to get serious in 2004 when the team represented Austria in the Central European Championships in Dusseldorf. The following year, the team travelled to London and competed in the 2005 European Cup.

The problems of a minority sport in Europe, relying on mainly expatriate players, were common to teams from other European countries. With ordinary rules, each team needs at least 21 players and an extremely large flat grassed playing surface. To make the European competition accessible to as many teams as possible, the playing conditions were modified so that each team has only nine players on a field that is the size of a rugby or soccer pitch. Further, to encourage “home grown” players, a handicap system is also used to reward teams with local players.

For the Dingos, however, it soon became clear that an image lift was required if we were to attract Austrian players, who would also bring down the team’s average age, and ensure that the team would continue after some of the older players retired. After much discussion, it was decided that the team’s mascot should change to the kangaroo – unlike the dingo, a native animal that most Austrians were familiar with. A recruiting drive commenced and now the team comprises more Austrians than Australians. The club also recently became an association recognised under Austrian law.

In 2006, the Vienna Kangaroos represented Austria in a Tri-Nations tournament with Croatia and the Czech Republic, staged over three weekends in Vienna, Zagreb and Prague. Publicity followed and the team was profiled in der Standard (“Natürlich gibt es Kängurus in Österreich”), the Bezirks Journal (“Kängurus hüpfen in Wien”) and on www.orf.at (“Kangaroos sind keine Weicheier”). In addition, the team’s distinctive black T-shirts have attracted a certain cachet amongst some Viennese teenagers – whether this translates into many more players for the future remains to be seen.

A number of promising Austrian and Australian recruits have indicated that they will join the club in 2007 and a group in Graz is toying with the idea of setting up a rival club, so the future is looking bright. Training for 2007 will commence in Spring and new players, of all ages, standards and nationalities are very welcome, even if you only want to have a kick. News and contact details can be obtained from <http://www.vienna-kangaroos.at.tt>

*- By Simon Hannaford
OzCon Member and Kangaroos Player*



The Kangaroos in action!
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OzCon featuring in the new monthly online English-language magazine *Ether*.

Below is an article written by President Brett Bayly for *Ether*. It is hoped that publication of the article in the February issue, and another article featuring Brett as "expat of the month", might attract some new members to OzCon.

Ether can be found at www.ethermagazine.at

OzCon – The Australian Connection. What a strange name! Perhaps it's just a con.

Well no. It is real and the OzCon stands for the Australian connection with the Austrian community. Many expats who come to Vienna to live and work, for short or long periods, have support groups. Australians have *OzCon – The Australian Connection*.

As many expats from different countries have said in this magazine, they can experience problems in settling into this German-speaking community. The reasons are many and the circumstances varied. But it can be difficult to find one's feet at times.

Over the years OzCon has offered a shoulder to lean on when things go bad, advice on how to overcome legal or social problems or simply direction on where to go to find such advice. But more often than not, OzCon offers a chance to have some fun, meet others, laugh and enjoy a bit of humour, something that is often lacking in the serious Viennese community.

Some expat Australians who come here say the last thing they want to do is mix with other Australians. Fair enough. They are not compelled to. But others like to be able to do both, mix with Aussies and people of so many other groups who strive to make a living here.

The fact is OzCon is first and foremost an informal group of people who have some connection or interest in Australia. We live and work in Austria and like to keep in touch with each other through gatherings, functions and our monthly newsletter. It is a social group rather than one associated with business. However, we are known by and in touch with other groups, e.g. the Austrian-Australian Society, and official organisations like the Australian Embassy in Vienna. We all play a role in what I might term the Aussie family.

But you don't have to be Australian to be a member. You can be the spouse of an Aussie or someone who simply has a close affiliation or interest in Australia. There are no formal rules, no charter to govern the group's operations.

It all began more than 18 years ago. On 10 October 1988 62 women from all walks of life gathered in a private home in Vienna and decided to form a group with these objectives:

- Nurture and help to maintain an Australian identity
- Enable Australian women to meet in a social atmosphere
- Provide a communication link between different interest groups or occupational groups of Australian women in Vienna, and
- Provide support to newly arrived Australians.

It can be said 18 years later that those objectives still hold up today, except for the reference to "women." The group was named the Australian Women's Group (AWG) and initially it staged garden parties and morning teas.

Men did not get a look in until some 13 years later when, in October 2001, the name was changed to *OzCon – The Australian Connection* and men were formally admitted. But it seems they were reluctant to take up the offer. A list of members published in March February 2003 listed 62 under the title of Ms and Mrs and one lonely Mr.

Annual membership then cost E15. Today it costs just E20 and that can cover a whole family. Therefore the actual number of men who consider themselves members is not known, but it's fair to say there are many among the 100 or so paid up members.

What can OzCon offer? For a start there is a monthly newsletter which is emailed to members at the start of the month. It offers a variety of both news and advice. And it contains a calendar of coming events with an Aussie connection, and details of events and functions organised by OzCon. These can include a monthly lunch somewhere in the city, the opening of an art exhibition, a barbecue in a park, a gathering at a heurigen, an organised walk of historic points of interest, wine tastings, a Melbourne Cup lunch, film nights, socials at the Australian Embassy or the Ambassador's official residence, an annual Christmas dinner, visits to the opera or theatre and events for children.

For example, late last year the OzCon program included a visit to the Volksoper, an organised tour of the Dorotheum, the world's oldest auction house, the sliding over the wine barrel (Fasslrutschn) at the Klosterneuburg monastery, our annual dinner at the Imperial Hotel, the OzCon stall at the UN Women's Guild annual fund-raising bazaar, a reception given by the Australian Ambassador plus our usual monthly lunches.

OzCon has been represented at the UN bazaar since 1990, selling the Aussie dessert pavlova and Australian wines and beers. The stall has become an institution in its own right and in 2001 we raised €1500 for children's charities, in 2002 it was €1925 and last year we raised almost €4000.

If you want further information or are interested in joining are merry group, we can be contacted via:

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THE UZBEK EXPERIENCE



For a very long time I have been fascinated by the romance of the old “Silk Road”. Over the years I had read stories of travellers – including the intrepid Marco Polo! Many years ago, when one was actually able to have a chat to the Captain of the Jumbos, I was shown the lights of Tashkent below us ... the lights were enough to kindle an ambition to see the places there on the ground ... Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva ...

We were fortunate enough to be able to go on a guided tour (even though there were only the two of us) with our driver and an English-speaking guide. It was great to have a local do the work for us – after all she needed Uzbek, Tadjik and a lot of Russian at various times.

So, after a 5-6 hour stopover in Istanbul, we got to Tashkent (the easy part). After another hour or two waiting for our luggage and eventually getting through Customs ... we had a tour of the city (by night) to arrive at our hotel around 4:30am (YES!). A quick sleep and we were away ... we saw heaps of old Islamic schools (Madrassahs) some from the 11th century. We visited some of the Bazaars where there were thousands of people (and they were only the sellers!), we saw the most amazing coloured fabrics; the brightness of the colours was quite stunning. Ingrid increased her lairy scarf collection quite substantially! After all, Uzbekistan is the fifth largest cotton producer, and they have a population of about 26 million.

As there were not very many tourists on the 28th of December, we tended to stick out (me being tall, wearing a bright red Anorak and a yellow rucksack may have helped too), and a couple of TV journalists grabbed us and we were interviewed for local TV – with a few Father Christmas types, and Mickey Mouse as well, in the background. Lovely decorated Christmas trees were everywhere ...

We saw the famous Observatory in Samarkand and the museum of the French archaeological digs of the 1960's where Zoroaster shrines were on display, and more Madrassahs. I was particularly impressed by one for girls – the sponsor made heaps of money and decided to return some (he made his money selling girl slaves!).

We went to an official dinner with a local family at their house and we were invited to another family home by a little girl who had just sold me a few postcards! Their friendliness was overwhelming. Even though we stayed at fancy hotels, we ate in the streets (as it were). The food was not the most spectacular, but it sure hit the spot! A full feed of Shishkebabs and pickled salad and warm, fresh bread and as much green tea as one could possibly manage, generally cost us around €1-2 each.

New Year's Eve at Bukhara meant that we were given a display, in the hotel, of local dancing girls in absolutely stunning costumes – the six very tall Russian models with the latest local fashion garments were pretty good too! The TV camera man sure was busy there! We also went to a Russian lady's fashion place – WOW! The garments there were amazing – just ask Ingrid, because she got a cashmere tunic for about \$US15!!

Generally, I thought the country looked poor (it was winter, and there was a lot of mud around) and the houses were not always beautiful on the outside, but the people were always clean, neat and looked well fed and healthy – even though the most common coat colour was black. In places the roads were ... not flash, but were almost always very wide – certainly enough to accommodate all the old Ladas, Volgas, Moscovitches and the newer Daewoos (they were everywhere – there is a BIG agreement with South Korea!).

We had a 480km drive one day – through the snow covered desert (along the REAL old “Silk Road”) – fascinating! The flight back from Urgench to Tashkent in an Ilushyn 114 was also ... an experience.

All in all, we had a great trip – the only time I was a bit crook in the stomach was on New Year's morning ... and that, I am sure, was due to the bottle of semi-sweet, fizzy local plonk from the night before!

Should you want the whole diary, or want to know something else. please e-mail me at : rcclark@utanet.at

- By Robert Clark



TEACHERS GO TO SCHOOL AT THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY

By OzCon Vice-President and teacher Robert Clark

Austrian teachers went to school at the Australian Embassy in January to learn about Australia.

Thirty six high school teachers were given a comprehensive run-down on Australia at a seminar arranged by the Pedagogical Institute and Tony Prochazka on 17 January. It was so popular that a second seminar was held on 24 January.

The Ambassador, Mr Peter Shannon, opened the seminar by explaining what people “will see, find, and experience ... once you leave the plane in Sydney.” He spoke about how multicultural Australia is, what Australia’s role is – especially in the South Pacific arena - how strong the economy is and, importantly, how Austrians have contributed to present day Australia.

Mr Shannon’s presentation was followed by a short pictorial presentation of stunning and colourful pictures entitled “Life in a Different Light.” Dr Terry Beven (Counsellor at the Embassy) explained the Australian political climate and spoke about the economy and trade. He said the population of 20.7 million is growing at a rate of one every 2 minutes and 12 seconds.

Richard Holzer-Remondi (Bi-lateral Relations and Public Affairs) told the teachers how to find information for school projects or visiting Australia. The embassy’s newsletter and all the information portrayed at the seminar would be put onto the embassy’s website.

I wore my teacher and OzCon hat (actually it was a Fremantle Dockers Australian Football cap!!) and told everyone about the role of OzCon and the upcoming Australia Day celebration at Heurigen Wolff. I then spoke about 20 major points where Australian education differs somewhat from the Austrian model.

Lastly, Associate Professor David Vance (Sub Dean, Faculty of Creative Arts, University of Wollongong), who is on Sabbatical leave in Vienna, explained how one would go about studying in Australia. He said there are many Australian universities that have agreements with overseas universities to cater for exchange studying in many fields.

Each teacher was given a folder with all of the appropriate information, as well as a publicity publication with beautiful Australian pictures and printed material.

OzCon Welcomes Two New Members



Two new members attended our monthly lunch last month and agreed to model two new Australian aprons which had just arrived from Australia. A hearty welcome to Uli Kiesswetter and David Watson.

Uli Kiesswetter was born in Vienna, was brought up in England and then returned to Austria to finish her schooling. She is a graduate from the University of Vienna Medical School and has pursued a career as medical writer, scientific journalist and media trainer. Uli is married to Andreas (who works at Bank Austria) and has a son Thomas (born 2000). Family holidays and longer trips during university holidays have frequently brought her Down Under and she and her family very much appreciate the Aussie way-of-life. Since 2006, they are even "statistical Australians" having been in the country during the last Census.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Uli is looking for an English-speaking contact in the 23rd district or vicinity to boost her son’s English, whom she tries to raise bilingually, for which reimbursement is offered. Unfortunately, she had a major computer crash between Christmas and 6 Jan so any emails sent to her regarding this matter never arrived. And so if you do know a native speaker who is interested (flexible schedule, max 1 or 2 hours per week, no worries with holidays etc), please contact Uli again at med-office@aon.at

David Watson was born in Brisbane, as he puts it, “a while ago” and grew up in Sydney, graduating at Sydney University MB BS. David moved to London for more studies before moving to the US. He has spent the last 30 years practicing Pediatrics near Boston, Massachusetts.

David moved to Vienna in August 2006 with his wife, who grew up in Vienna, and his 14 year old son so that he could attend the Lycee in Vienna. He is currently coaching a local Austrian rugby team.

Australian Teams at the Samsung Indoor Hockey World Cup 2007

The Australian Indoor Hockey team will be in Vienna from 1 to 5 February for the 4 nations tournament as a lead up to the World Cup as well as from 14 to 18 February for the World Cup.

The Australian Men's team will be playing the following nations in group A:

- Australia
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Russia
- Switzerland
- Trinidad & Tobago

Likewise, the Woman will be playing in group A:

- Australia
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Italy
- Scotland
- Ukraine

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OzCon Monthly Lunch

GET TOGETHER FOR LUNCH

Friday 23 February 2007

The Café Museum, Friedrichstr. 6
Corner Operngasse and Friedrichsstrasse from 12.00



Recent & Coming Events

2006 UN Bazaar result

Our Treasurer, Susanna Martin, reports that the OzCon stall at the 2006 UN Bazaar raised €176,66 after expenses for children's charities, which is OzCon's best result so far. Overall the bazaar raised €205,151.00 for UNWG charities. Out of 42 restaurant stalls, the Australian stall ranked as the 6th most successful. The most successful stall was Brazil followed by Argentina. The 2007 Bazaar will be on Saturday, 1st December 2007.

Role in UNWG for OzCon Treasurer

OzCon Treasurer Susanna Martin has also taken on the role as Chairwoman Activities of the United Nations Women's Guild (UNWG) in 2007. The UNWG, which will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year, currently has 500 members who come from 89 countries. The purpose of the guild is to foster friendship, to encourage appreciation of each other's traditions and customs, and to work for the welfare of needy children.

Frey Wille Führung and OzCon lunch

Have you always admired the diverse and colourful line of jewellery of Frey Wille for ladies and gentlemen? Their designs are inspired by the art deco movement, aegyptian, greco-roman motives or the Austrian painter Hundertwasser. .

OzCon will be introduced to the production process with a tour for its members.

Cost: nil
Meeting point: Gumpendorferstrasse 81, 1060 Wien (take bus no 57A)
Date and time: Friday, 23 February, 10.30
Duration: 1 hour
Maximum: 10 people

The regular monthly lunch will follow at 12.00 at Café Museum
<http://www.frey-wille.com>
Please register your interest with Susanna Martin e-mail:
paul.martin@chello.at

Rock and Roll at Volksoper

Some good old rock and roll dance for all dance theatre lovers at Volksoper. The dance performance 'They will rock you' is a dance homage to the rock group Queen. The vitality of their songs is expressed in the language of dance. It is all about love and heartache and the golden days of rock 'n' roll.

Cost: Ticket price €36.00 (depending on the size of our group a discount might apply)
Date and time: Sunday, 18th March, 6.00 pm.
Location. Volksoper, Währingerstrasse 78, 1090 Wien, (U6, tramway no 40, 41, 42)

Please register your interest by 16th February with Susanna Martin, paul.martin@chello.at or by phone 944 0353

Classifieds

Teacher Position Available

As a "native speaker" of English, have you ever thought of teaching in the English/German bi-lingual program in Klosterneuburg, just out of Vienna, Austria? There will be a vacancy for someone to teach Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English who has appropriate teaching qualifications and experience, from September 2007. Having knowledge of German language is an advantage, but not a real necessity.

Please contact the Director (Dr. Koch) at 324016@noeschule.at Ph: 02243 32155 or Robert Clark at rclark@utanet.at Ph: 02243 31985 if you, or someone you know is interested.

Australian Au Pair

A Viennese family is looking for an Australian Au Pair. To start in April 2007 for three months. The family lives in the 13th district and offers a room with a TV. Salary in the vicinity of €80 per week. The family have three children ages 19, 16 and 12. Duties would include general help around the house, ironing, cleaning and help in the kitchen. Working hours are flexible and mainly from Monday to Thursday. If you or anyone you know are interested please contact Ms. Marianne Natlacen at mariannenat@aon.at

Aussie News in Brief

Compiled by Brett Bayly

30 Jan. - **AN election battle looms** over preschool education after Labor unveiled a \$500 million blueprint for play-based learning, which the Coalition immediately promised to trump. Unveiling his first detailed and costed policy, Kevin Rudd yesterday promised "universal access" to early childhood education for every four-year-old child. The Opposition Leader said the estimated 100,000 four-year-olds denied access to teacher-run childhood education would be given a guaranteed 15 hours, costing \$450million. (Australian)

27 Jan. - **ANDREW Flintoff offered a rare apology** to disgruntled fans on both sides of the world last night after England's wretched tour lurched from disappointing to plain embarrassing at Adelaide Oval. Just when it seemed it could not get any worse for England, the tourists sank to a new low in humiliation by crashing to a depressingly swift nine-wicket defeat at the hands of the rampant Aussies. At the same scene where its Ashes series crumbled in a heap, England's one-day batsmen were as sturdy as balsa wood in the face of Australia's pace bowlers and collapsed to be all out for 110 in 35 overs. (Advertiser)

26 Jan. - **CLIMATE change** has been firmly set on the national agenda with the naming of environmentalist and scientist Professor Tim Flannery as the 2007 Australian of the Year. It seemed fitting that Professor Flannery was presented with his award by Prime Minister John Howard on the same day Mr Howard announced a \$10billion national water policy at a ceremony before last night's Australia Day eve concert on the lawns of Parliament House which are under threat due to Stage 3 water restrictions. (Canberra Times)

25 Jan - THE untimely death of the Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin last year has created an international soft spot for Australia that has helped **Sydney be voted the best city in the world**. Australia was the only country outside the US to have two cities in the top 10, with Melbourne, which was not included in the study last year, debuting in eighth place ahead of cities such as Madrid in Spain, Toronto in Canada and Los Angeles. Domestic perceptions that Sydney has public transport and development problems did not get a mention in the survey, which included more than 15,000 people in 20 countries. Sydney was rated No1 for beauty and climate, the people, and public amenities, and third for economic opportunities. (Australian)

25 Jan. - **THE commonwealth will take control of Australia's most precious water resource**, the Murray-Darling river system, under the biggest reforms to water management ever seen. The takeover is designed to break through the slow progress on national water reform and slice through red tape caused by the present system. But it will also trigger an election-year brawl with the Labor-run states, which also have constitutional rights to manage water resources. Under the new package, farmers will also receive \$1.5 billion to reduce water wastage and \$500million will be spent to improve river flows.(Australian)

21 Jan. - **THE drought broke** across large tracts of western Queensland at the weekend as a monsoon low delivered rain pastoralists have been waiting nearly seven years to see. But the rain was moving northeast towards the Gulf of Carpentaria last night leaving southeast Queensland still in a dire drought, according to the Bureau of Meteorology. The huge system defied forecasts on Saturday, moving east from central Australia and dropping record rainfall on parts of Queensland's far west. (Courier Mail)

16 Jan. - **PLAYERS, police and officials** have called for peace among fans after an ugly ethnic brawl between Croats and Serbs ruined the opening day of the Australian Open. A first-day record 55,542 fans attended Melbourne Park yesterday, but it will be remembered for the minority who punched, kicked, threw bottles, attacked each other with flag poles and chanted venomous lines, wishing death upon each other. Dozens of Victorian police had to separate fighting packs, ejecting almost 150 people. No one was arrested. (Canberra Times)

12 Jan. - **PRIME Minister John Howard** has thrown his unconditional support behind the US new military strategy for Iraq and will "never rule out" sending more Australian troops to the war-torn country. However, a Labor frontbencher called the Bush initiative a "Band-Aid" strategy that could make it more dangerous for Australian troops. Mr Howard said it was a realistic, sensible approach that the Australian Government would support. (Canberra Times)

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.



Performances with Australian Artists

From the Australian Events Calendar as at 1st February 2007, Australian Embassy Vienna

<p>25 February 7 pm</p>	<p>Jet live in Vienna</p>	<p>Arena Wien, Baumgasse 80, 1030 Vienna. Ph: 01 798 8595 Email: arena@arena.co.at www.arena.co.at</p>	<p>Australia's answer to Oasis live in concert with their new album "Shine on". Jet's debut album "Get Born" sold 3.5 million copies. Critics compare the band to AC/DC, Kinks, Faces and Rolling Stones.</p>
<p>February to March For opening hours please refer to the Holmes Place website.</p>	<p>Exhibition – Tim Hind</p>	<p>Holmes Place Health Club Wien, IZD Tower Wagramer Strasse 17-19 1220 Vienna Ph: 01 263 89 89 Email: info@v1.holmesplace.at www.holmesplace.at</p>	<p>Tim is a former Australian radio announcer. He began painting as a means of therapy after a stroke left him partially paralysed. For more information on Tim's work please visit his webpage at: www.timhind.com</p>
<p>15 – 28 February</p>	<p>IMPULS 2007</p>	<p>Contact: Impuls, Brandhofgasse 21 8010 Graz Email: impuls2007@impuls.cc www.impuls.cc</p>	<p>Young musicians from 20 different countries, including Australia, will take part at the fourth International Ensemble-Academy for Contemporary Music. Public workshops and the performance of new compositions enable the audience to witness the inception of contemporary music live.</p>
<p>14 March 8pm</p>	<p>The Ten Tenors live in Vienna</p>	<p>Wiener Stadthalle Vogelweidplatz 14 1150 Vienna Ph: 01 79 999 79 www.stadthalle.at www.thetenors.com</p>	<p>The group has been termed as an exciting new musical force from Australia. Their performances are the result of years of touring in the Australian outback, where the group's unparalleled fusion of artistry, musicianship and comedy was born.</p>

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2007 MEMBERSHIP RENWAL REMINDER

If you haven't already done so please renew your €20 OzCon membership for 2007. Our bank details are opposite. If you require a payment slip, Erlagschein please contact Liz Crawford at Lizziecrawf@yahoo.co.uk