

June 2007

### From the President

Summer time equals holiday time.

One of the big advantages of living in Vienna is there is so much to choose from when planning a summer holiday. It can be a day trip by bike and boat along the Danube, a weekend trip across any one of a number of borders, or a flight to an exotic land or a cruise on the Med.

Whatever your choice, OzCon wishes you a great summer. And with just one more newsletter before the customary break in August, we invite you to tell us about your travels.

As the school holidays begin and people start looking to the outdoors, we remind you of our summer barbecue beside the Alte Donau on Saturday 16 June. It will be held on the grounds of a private club which guarantees a good spot with facilities and so we do need to know who is coming. And because there is an entry fee, OzCon will subsidise each family to the turn of Euro5. So please come along with the kids (details page 5).

Our monthly bar night will be at the regular spot, Flanagan's, on Friday 22 June. And on 18 July there will be a tour of Aboriginal art at the Albertina (details page 4).

We also have tips for anyone who wants to wield a cricket bat here in Austria this summer, or who just wants to socialize and have a cool drink with those who enjoy running around in the midday sun (details page 6).

We said a couple of months ago that we would announce the winners for our Australian Flag Contest in the June newsletter.

Your Board thought it was a good opportunity to get the kids involved. Well, the fact is there are no winners because we did not receive any entries, which I found disappointing.

Cheers

Brett

p.s. did you notice?: not one mention of Australian politics this month!



Some parts of drought-stricken New South Wales have received good rains. Someone thought this puddle on a bush track was a good omen.

### *OzCon Bar Night*

**Come along and join us again for a drink with OzCon members on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Flanagan's, Schwarzenbergstr. 1-3, 1010 Vienna from 5pm.**



## Budapest is lovely, but the plug still doesn't work!



*The grand Parliament in Budapest is the largest building in Hungary. The neo-Gothic building was constructed between 1884 and 1904 and has 691 rooms and, according to the tour guide, is larger than the UK Parliament in London.*

When the Communists ruled Hungary back in the mid 1980s, it was always difficult to find a plug for the wash basin, even in the best hotels. It was still East Bloc and things as simple as plugs were hard to buy, so guests took them.

And so it was with interest that I returned to Budapest on a recent weekend for the first time since those heady days of Communist rule. What has changed, I wondered?

Well just about everything. The buildings are much the same, the magnificent Parliament House, the royal palace, the great churches, the Fishermen's Bastion overlooking the mighty Danube. But the austere grey facades of the Communist days have given way to the advertising signs and billboards. McDonalds, Burger King, Erste Bank, Subway, Bauhaus, Kika, Tesco, Ford etc. One of the first shops my partner and I saw after getting off the hydrofoil was called Australian Feeling which housed a brand of clothing named Aboriginal. I had never heard of it but then I noticed the label "made in Hungary"!

After a tour of the city it was time to check into our hotel after a very long day. It was three star in the old part of what was Buda City. While not expecting perfection, it was nice to find neat rooms, a comfortable bed, friendly and welcoming staff, cold and tasty Hungarian beer and white wine and delicious food.

The next morning it was an early start with the bus leaving at 7.30. So early to shower and shave. It didn't really matter that the sliding door to the bathroom had been put on the wrong way round and the handle was hidden when you closed it from inside. Or that the bar fridge would not unlock no matter how much I tried with the key.

At first I couldn't see a plug for the wash basin and I thought to myself, 'oh things don't change that much even after 22 years.' But then, I saw it! It was in the shower. You see, being an Australian I hate to shave with a running tap and so I was happy. I popped it in the basin and turned on the tap. The water rushed by, and went straight down the drain! The plug was old and too small. Oh well, remembering the river we had spent five hours on the previous day I guess it didn't really matter.

Back on the bus we talked to some fellow Austrian travellers. One young chap said when he went to have his shower, the shower head fell off. Two women shared a room where the bar fridge didn't work! It was comforting.

After some more sightseeing in Budapest, including some excavated Roman ruins, it was on to Lake Balaton, south-west of the city. We were told it is the largest lake in central Europe and attracts one million visitors a year. The Hungarian elite have their villas around its shores. From Siokof, it was a 90-minute boat ride to the ancient town of Tihany on the other side of the lake. And after a truly Hungarian lunch with the compulsory gypsy band, it was back to Vienna.

One tip: take your own food on the hydrofoil as the choice is very limited for a 5-hour trip.

Our next trip is four days in the Czech Republic.

The tour, which was German-speaking, was with FISCHER REISEN, 1120 Wien, Steinbaurgasse 9,  
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-- by *Brett Bayly*

## A classic technical support call!

**Customer:** Hi, this is Celine. I can't get my diskette out.

**Tech support:** Have you tried pushing the Button?

**Customer:** Yes, sure, it's really stuck.

**Tech support:** That doesn't sound good; I'll make a note.

**Customer:** No, wait a minute... I hadn't inserted it yet...it's still on my desk... sorry....

## Australia's pre-election big spending Budget



*Compiled from Australian newspapers by Brett Bayly*

The Howard Government on 8 May brought down a big-spending Budget which includes a \$31 billion tax cut and an overhaul of universities in what it hoped would boost its flagging popularity just six months away from an expected election.

However, according to the polls a week later the expected boost had not appeared. Labor's two-party-preferred support, based on preference flows at the last election, rose from 57 per cent to 59 per cent while the Coalition fell two points, to 41 per cent.

The lead article in **The Australian** on 9 May said: Seeking to halt Labor's surge in popularity, the Treasurer unveiled a \$36billion spending spree to address looming electoral problems, including a one-off \$500 bonus for pensioners, \$378million to assist mainly elderly people with chronic dental problems, and childcare relief. The budget - whose coffers have been swollen by a resources boom riding Indian and Chinese demand - also included a bigger-than-expected \$22billion road and rail infrastructure package and a \$1.1 billion one-off superannuation bonus for low-income workers.

According to other Budget articles in **The Australian**:

-- FAMILIES will be able to claim up to \$8300 per child from July as the government brings forward its 30 per cent childcare tax rebate by one year. Treasurer Peter Costello has also made a provision for low income families in his 2007 Budget by announcing a 10 per cent increase to the Child Care Benefit commencing July 1.

-- ELDERLY Australians will receive a one-off tax-free payment of \$500 by the end of next month as part of their share in the country's economic prosperity. In addition to the election year largesse for traditional Coalition supporters, the Treasurer also announced that recipients of the Carers Payment would receive a one-off tax-free payment

of \$1000 while recipients of the Carers Allowance would receive a similar payment worth \$600.

The lead story in the **Sydney Morning Herald** read: The Government has unleashed a \$70 billion budget spending spree to woo voters ahead of its biggest electoral test later this year. Peter Costello's 12th budget targets low- and middle-income earners with tax cuts worth up to \$21 a week.

But the budget surprise tonight was an education overhaul dubbed "Realising our Potential". The centrepiece of this scheme is a \$5 billion Higher Education Endowment Fund, the proceeds from which will deliver \$300 million to universities each year for new capital works and research facilities.

There were no major new initiatives in the budget to address climate change, although there were measures to encourage the establishment of "carbon sink" forests and \$150 million to accelerate the installation of solar panels on homes and schools.

**The Age** said Treasurer Peter Costello has delivered an election year budget aimed at the battlers, the elderly and middle Australia with \$31.5 billion tax cuts with those on incomes up to \$30,000 getting more money from July 1. To prevent blue collar battlers affected by WorkChoices defecting to Labor, the first tax cuts will flow to those on incomes of up to \$30,000. In July, the 30 per cent threshold will be raised from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The tax rate for those earning up to that amount will drop to 15 per cent. According to the Budget papers, more than 80 per cent of taxpayers will be on a marginal rate of 30 per cent or less.

The **Sydney Morning Herald** summarised the Budget thus:

### MAIN POINTS

#### Economy

- Longest period of expansion
- GDP growth tipped to be 3.75%
- \$13.6b surplus this fiscal year
- Inflation and unemployment to stay low

#### Tax

- \$31.5b tax cuts over 4 years
- Cuts for low earners this year
- Cuts for higher earners next year
- Low/middle earners: weekly cuts \$10-\$21
- Low-income tax offset up to \$750 a year
- 30% threshold up to \$30,000
- 40% threshold up to \$80,000
- 45% threshold up to \$180,000

#### Education

- \$5b fund for universities
- \$843m to boost teacher quality
- \$700 vouchers for literacy
- \$549m for apprentice training

### Child care

- 10% rise for Child Care Benefit
- Child Care Tax Rebate paid directly
- 70,000 families to benefit

### Elderly

- \$500 payment to older Australians
- \$1000 carer payment bonus
- \$600 carer allowance bonus
- \$1.6b for aged care

### Environment

- \$741m for climate change
- \$8000 home solar panel rebate
- \$10b for water supplies
- \$2b for National Heritage Trust

### Other key spending

- Defence: \$2.1b for recruitment
- Terrorism: \$702m for national security
- Health: \$772m for complex conditions
- Medical research: \$486m for infrastructure
- Farmers: \$314m for drought relief
- Transport: 22.3b for road and rail

## Desert Dreaming - Australian Aboriginal Art - July 2007



The dreamtime is the mythical time when the world and all beings were created, according to Aboriginal belief. The dreamtime tells of the journeys and deeds of the creators and their ancestors. Aboriginal paintings use modern painting techniques (circle, lines, wave lines, dot points) to express these stories with extraordinary visual power.

**Date: Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

**Tour starts: 17.30**

**Duration: 1.5 hours approx.**

**Meeting time & place: 17.15 at the main entrance of the Albertina, Albertinaplatz 1, 1010 Wien**

**Minimum 15 people, maximum 25 people**

**Cost: €12 per person**

The tour will introduce Mr. Kahn's collection which is one of the largest of this kind.

For further information and to register please contact Susanna Martin at (01) 944 0353 or by email: [susanna.martin@chello.at](mailto:susanna.martin@chello.at)

## Brad and Jac join OzCon

My name is Brad Peppinck and, together with my wife Jacqueline, I moved to Vienna in April 2007 to commence a three year posting to the Australian Permanent Mission in Vienna. Having grown up as a 'DFAT brat' and lived in various parts of Africa, Asia and North America, the diplomatic lifestyle is not entirely unfamiliar although this is my first posting in my own right.

Jac grew up in Orange in NSW and having crisscrossed Australia several times with her father who runs a desert tours company, has seen almost as much of the country as a European backpacker.

Jac and I were recently married although we met a number of years previously at the ANU law school. After a year or two of traveling and living in Asia, Canada and Central America, we returned to Sydney where we both worked for commercial law firms for a number of years.

Suspecting (or hoping) there was more to life than the six minute billable unit, and anxious to live abroad once again, I joined DFAT in 2004 and have since worked in the fields of international law and international arms control. Jac's professional interests have also moved into the international arena having recently undertaken her Masters in Strategic Affairs.

As this is the first time for both of us living in Austria, we're looking forward to exploring the country, meeting new people and hopefully learning some German along the way. We both enjoy cycling, hiking and skiing and also intend to indulge in the many cultural offerings available in Vienna. We look forward to meeting other Australians living in Vienna and to waving the flag abroad at the up coming OzCon events.



## A Bit of Fun!

### Text of a letter from a kid from Eromanga

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope you are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that the Army is better than workin' on the farm - tell them to get in bloody quick smart before the jobs are all gone! I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first, because ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am. But I like sleeping in now, cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody cows to milk, no calves to feed, no feed to stack - nothin'!! Ya haz gotta shower though, but its not so bad, coz there's lotsa hot water and even a light to see what ya doing!

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or possum stew like wot Mum makes. You don't get fed again until noon and by that time all the city boys are bugged because we've been on a 'route march' - geez its only just like walking to the windmill in the back paddock!!

This one will kill me brothers Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody possum's bum and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target - it's a piece of piss!! You don't even load your own cartridges they comes in little boxes and ya don't have to steady yourself against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when you reload!

Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - it's not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster. Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 15 stone and three pick handles across the shoulders and as ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the boozer.

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how bloody good it is.

Your loving daughter,  
Sheila

## Summer Family BBQ Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007



OzCon's summer barbecue is planned for Saturday 16 June and we urge members to come along for this one opportunity when all ages can enjoy the outdoors together.

Because we have booked a location in the grounds of a private club there is an entry fee and we will need to know how many people are going to attend. In this way we can guarantee a good location with barbecue facilities.

Your OzCon Board has decided to subsidise members to the amount of Euro5 per family.

It should be possible to organise some games for the children and even try a game of cricket for those who are interested. And there is swimming.

### Details are:

**Date and time:** Saturday, 16 June between 1pm and 7pm

**Location:** Club area of the Naturfreunde, An der alten unteren Donau 51

**Entrance fee:** Adults €5.50, children above age 6: €3.00, children if younger than 6 years: no charge.

Beach volleyball facility and access to the water (Alte Donau) available.

Bring your own food, drinks and barbecue utensils. For those who do not want to barbecue, food and drinks are on sale at a kiosk.

How to get there. U1 to Alte Donau, then walk across the road bridge and right along An der alten unteren. There is no car park. However there is parking near the Strand Café which is close by.

Please register with Susanna Martin so that we can get some idea of numbers and arrange payment of the subsidy. [Paul.martin@chello.at](mailto:Paul.martin@chello.at) or telephone 944.0353

## Want to play cricket?

Does anyone want to play cricket in Vienna, or perhaps just socialise with those who do play?

Then the UN Cricket Club would love to meet you. You don't have to work at the UN to play or just be part of the fun.

The UNCC's President Brian Lewis says the club's youngest player is 15 and the oldest is 61. Last summer the club won the Vienna Plate, one of several competitions played between the 12 cricket clubs in Austria and Slovenia.

For more information, contact Brian at [acony@acony.com](mailto:acony@acony.com) or the Secretary Muhammad Ashfaq at [ash7aq@hotmail.com](mailto:ash7aq@hotmail.com)

Fixtures and ground locations can be found at [www.austrian-cricket.info](http://www.austrian-cricket.info)



## CLASSIFIEDS

If anyone is going to the US for a holiday and wants to experience the wilds of Montana in the foothills of the Rockies, here's a suggestion from a friend of our President.

Hi to my Friends Down Under!

I just put my web page on line for my guest lodging facility. As you should know, my door will be open always to you. If you have any friends thinking about visiting the U.S., especially the West, give them my info. Check out- [www.tx-ranch.com](http://www.tx-ranch.com)

### **B&B in London**

Rachel Allen, who met an OzCon member in Australia recently, wants members to know about her B&B just 9 km from the centre of London. For further information the address and contact details are:

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## Monthly Recipe



We invite OzCon members to share their recipes that will be published in the newsletters. Please email to [Lizziecrawf@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Lizziecrawf@yahoo.co.uk) or send via the mail to Liz Crawford, Gürtelstrasse 49, 2514 Traiskirchen.

### **Spaghetti with Garlic, Oil & Chilli** **Spaghettoni aglio olio**

This is possibly the easiest and best spaghetti recipe ever! An ideal choice for a summer lunch party.

Serves 6

450g thin spaghetti

Sea salt

150ml good quality extra virgin olive oil

6 garlic cloves peeled and thinly sliced

2 or 3 dried chillies, according to taste, seeded and crumbled

Cook the pasta in plenty of salted water.

Meanwhile put the oil, garlic and chilli in a frying pan large enough to hold all of the pasta. Cook for one minute over low heat. As soon as the garlic aroma rises, the sauce is ready. Take from the heat immediately or the garlic may burn and this would ruin the taste. This is vital as this dish is easily spoiled if over cooked.

When the pasta is ready drain it through a colander, reserving a cupful of the water. Transfer the pasta to the frying pan and stir fry for a minute or so, make sure every strand of pasta is well coated and glistening with oil. Add a couple of tablespoons of the reserved water if the dish seems a bit too dry. Serve at once with fresh grated parmesan cheese.

**Tips** - Never buy parmesan already grated. The flavour just does not compare to fresh parmesan!

- As with most pasta dishes this must be made at the last minute!

Mahlzeit!!

-- by Liz Crawford

## Aussie News Briefs

27 May - - **THE electoral commission** is warning Australians to enrol to vote now because under new laws it may be too late to register once an election is called. Under laws passed after the last election, people who need to enrol to vote will only have until 8pm on the day writs for an election are issued to do so. People who need to update their address or name details will only have three working days after the writs are issued to do so. (AAP)

24 May - **FOREIGN Minister Alexander Downer** confirmed today Australia would support its allies in building a missile defence shield. Japan's Nikkei business daily newspaper reported this week that Australia, Japan and the US had agreed at a meeting in Tokyo last month on a joint research framework for a system. Mr Downer, speaking today in California alongside US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, said Australia supported the concept of the missile defence system. (Australian)

21 May - **OPPOSITION Leader Kevin Rudd** has seen off the budget and a sustained attack on his industrial relations policy. He retains a commanding lead in the latest Age/ACNielsen poll, with a majority of people believing that unions would not have too much power under a Labor government. The poll, which shows no two-party change and Labor in a landslide-winning position, found that despite the Government's new "fairness test" and the business campaign against Labor's policy, 59 per cent said Labor would run IR better. (Age)

18 May - **THE El Nino weather system has run its course** and the weather bureau says the worst drought in a century could be coming to an end, as heavy rain soaked parched south-eastern Australia. Inland NSW and north-east Victoria enjoyed heavy rainfall on Friday, with reports of 20-30mm falling in some areas and as high as 53mm in country Victoria, Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) senior forecaster Phil King said. And western NSW has received a drenching not seen for seven years. "The El Nino is over," he said. (AAP)

17 May - **TWO Indonesian nationals** today pleaded guilty in Perth to trying to smuggle 82 Sri Lankan asylum seekers to Australia. Medi Ariyanto, 31, and Holik, 22, pleaded guilty in the Perth Magistrate's Court today to trying to facilitate the entry to Australia a group of five or more people who would become unlawful citizens. The pair was remanded in custody until sentencing in the District Court on September 4. (West Australian)

10 May - **LABOR leader Kevin Rudd** has pledged to deliver trade schools across Australia to tackle the skills shortage and to slash business taxes to develop the nation as a funds management hub for Asia. Pledging a conservative economic approach if elected, Mr Rudd tonight outlined a modest tally of \$1.1 billion in new spending over the next four years. He also outlined new targets to improve retention rates in the nation's schools, to lift the number of students completing high school from 75 per cent to 85 per cent by 2015. By 2020, he pledged a target of 90 per cent of students. (Australian)

10 May - **MORE than 60 homemade weapons** including machetes, swords, medieval axes and shovel-nose spears have been voluntarily given up in a council-organised "door-knock". Police have praised the council's efforts to make the community a safer place. The Umbakumba Council on Groote Eylandt conducted the "doorknock" in the Top End community to allow residents to hand over any weapons they had. (Northern Territory News)

10 May - **MORE than 500 Australian soldiers** bound for Iraq were officially farewelled near Darwin today. They will be deployed to the war-torn country over the next month and based in the southern Iraqi province of Dhi Qar in the town of Tallil. Three Australian troopers were injured in Dhi Qar last month when an improvised explosive device detonated alongside their armoured vehicle. (Advertiser)

9 May - **THE Government has launched its bid for a fifth term** with a bold budget promising \$31.5 billion in tax cuts focused on the "Howard battlers" and delivering a king hit to Labor by pledging almost \$9 billion on education. And in a big sweetener, \$4 billion in one-off payments will be handed out before the election to voters - including the elderly, veterans, carers and low- and middle-income earners - as tax-free lump sums. (Sydney Morning Herald)

4 May - **THE proposed \$11.1 billion private equity buyout for Qantas has failed.** The Airline Partners Australia (APA) consortium confirmed tonight they had only secured 46 per cent of the national carrier after a deadline for the takeover offer expired at 7pm. The consortium needed 50 per cent of the airline for the offer of \$5.45 per Qantas share to be extended another two weeks. It was counting on a last-minute rush of acceptances from hedge funds to get the deal over the line. Qantas chief executive Geoff Dixon has declined to offer his resignation, saying it was up to the board. (Age)

### **GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED**

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.



## Performances with Australian Artists

From the Australian Events Calendar as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007, Australian Embassy Vienna

<p><b>4 June</b> 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Wolfmother</b></p>	<p>Arena Baumgasse 80 1030 Vienna Ph: 01 - 798 85 95 <a href="http://www.arena.co.at">www.arena.co.at</a> Email: <a href="mailto:arena@arena.co.at">arena@arena.co.at</a> <a href="http://www.wolfmother.com">www.wolfmother.com</a></p>	<p>With their freaked out jamming, delicate melodies and gallant rock riffage, Australian rock-band Wolfmother remind of legendary Led Zeppelin. The shooting-stars of the international music scene will be playing live for the first time in Vienna at an open-air concert at the Arena.</p>
<p><b>9 June</b> 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>The Histrionics live in Vienna</b></p>	<p>FLUC Praterstern 5 1020 Vienna <a href="http://www.fluc.at">www.fluc.at</a> <a href="http://www.thehistrionics.net">www.thehistrionics.net</a></p>	<p>The Histrionics, brainchild of Australian artist Danius Kesminas, perform renditions of familiar rock/pop classics re-interpreted with new lyrics penned by Kesminas.</p>
<p><b>13 June</b> 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>An Australian Evening with Karl Merkatz</b></p>	<p>Weingut Wolff Neustift am Walde Rathstraße 50 1190 Vienna Ph: +43 (1) 440 37 27 Email: <a href="mailto:wolffheuriger@wienerheuriger.at">wolffheuriger@wienerheuriger.at</a> <a href="http://www.wienerheuriger.at/index.html">www.wienerheuriger.at/index.html</a></p>	<p>Austrian actor Karl Merkatz will be reading stories and fairy tales from the Indigenous people of Australia as part of the Bezirksfestwochen at the Heurigen "Weingut Wolff".</p>
<p><b>15 June</b> 5:30 pm - Opening</p> <p><b>Exhibition running from 16 June to 28 July, Mon to Fri 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Sat from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Aboriginal Art Now - Contemporary Australian Art</b></p>	<p>Galerie Wolfrum Augustinerstrasse 10 1010 Vienna Ph: +43/1/512 53 98 0 Email: <a href="mailto:wolfrum@wolfrum.at">wolfrum@wolfrum.at</a> <a href="http://www.wolfrum.at">www.wolfrum.at</a></p>	<p>The <b>Galerie Wolfrum</b>, in co-operation with <b>Sonja Endt</b> from "aboriginal fine art" and <b>Theresa Fischer</b> from art station "Kollnitzberg", will be showing contemporary Aboriginal art in Vienna's 1st district. Opening by Ambassador Peter Shannon and Dr Klaus Albrecht Schroeder. For further information, please refer to: <a href="http://www.ab-original.at">www.ab-original.at</a> and <a href="http://www.kuko.at">www.kuko.at</a></p>
<p><b>26 June</b> 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Wine tasting: Austria contacts Australia</b></p>	<p>Contact: Baerbel Kovarik University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Ph: 01 - 476 54 1124 Email: <a href="mailto:baerbel.kovarik@boku.ac.at">baerbel.kovarik@boku.ac.at</a> <a href="http://www.boku.ac.at">www.boku.ac.at</a></p>	<p>Austrian wine maker Bertold Salomon will hold a lecture on Australian wine making at a public seminar. The lecture will be followed by a wine tasting.</p>

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