

## Vienna has yet again revelled in the tastes of pavlovas, lamingtons and quality Aussie wine

The Australian stall at the UN Women's Guild international bazaar at the Austria Centre on 8 December was a success thanks to so many people that I have had to write a separate 'thank you' list.

Apart from selling what must have been a record number of pavlovas – an exact count was not made in the rush, but it must have been close to 400 – the most positive aspect of this year's effort was the excellent camaraderie among the many volunteers. Many members met other members for the first time and the atmosphere throughout the busy day was of people enjoying themselves.

And the many children did a great job, making and serving the coffee, decorating the pavlovas and serving behind the counter. For instance, for some hours it was impossible to budge young Julia Altenberger from her spot behind the table where she served lamingtons (lower photo).

It was also pleasing that this year we had more volunteers to help set up the stall on the Friday. In fact, we got such an early start that we were almost finished by lunch time and had to hang around waiting for the afternoon delivery from the embassy.

Once again we were fortunate to get sponsorship for the Australian wine. It took some doing after last year's sponsor declined to come to the party. Our thanks go to the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation, particularly to the corporation's Regional Manager for Continental Europe, Mr Marco Tiggelman, in The Hague, and Mr Peter Permann, of P.M. Mournier, who provided the wine which was of a high standard and proved to be very popular amid a discerning clientele.

For the first time we served Australian sekt which also went well with the desserts.

The result? This year the competitive environment in which we offered our products was much tougher than in 2006. Not only were there more restaurant stalls – up from 42 to 46 -- there were at least two more stalls in Hall X that sold wine (South Africa and Bulgaria) and the neighbouring Czech stall did extremely well with beer sales (at our cost).

Preliminary figures given to Susanna Martin show we can be very proud of achieving gross revenue of €2,235 (compared with a record €3,800 in 2006). Taking our expenditure into account, the net result will be approximately €900 (€3,300 in 2006). The bazaar's total net income and the country rankings will be known in January.

– *Brett Bayly*



*The Aussie Team*



The lamingtons and pavlovas - always a favourite



*Gabrielle Costigan and Liz Crawford hard at work selling Aussie wine and beer*

## Thank you, Bazaar Volunteers

The OzCon Board expresses its sincere thanks to everyone for making the Aussie stall at the UN bazaar so successful yet again. In no particular order we thank:

Jeanette, Simon, Portia and Henry Hannaford

Jacqueline Montanato

Donna Monds

Bethany Miles

Diana and Jarni Boal

Amanda Grant

Julia Altenberger

Isabella Altenberger

Annika Altenberger

Michael Altenberger

Tom and James Clarke

Andrew Willers

David Watson

Angelika Engl

Leon Schupelius

Eden and Lynda Sarelius

Wolfgang Zimmer

Peter Korcsek

Susanna Martin

Libby McBride

Margaret Dey

Gabrielle Costigan

Rosalie Toomey

David Smith

Andrew Forbes

George and Meredith Park

Susan Cohen-Unger

Anne Sparks

Jayne Anderson and Noel Boyd

Peter, Colleen and Gillian Colgan

Special thanks goes to Susanna Martin, Carolyn Forbes and Melanie Clarke for organising our stall, Liz Crawford for the 200+ lamingtons, Lisa Kirchebner, for liaison at the embassy, and Chef Hedi El-Agrebi who once again provided 200 pavlovas.

Hopefully our list is complete, but if we have overlooked anyone please accept our apologies.

## Pre-Christmas eats and drinks

Pre-Christmas celebrations for many OzCon members included our annual dinner at a city restaurant and a reception hosted by Ambassador Peter Shannon at his Residence.

Peter was OzCon's honored guest at the dinner which was attended by some 28 people at the Hebenstreit Restaurant. This was a good find by VP Gabrielle Costigan, tucked away in Rockgasse in the 1st District. Gabrielle explained that the restaurant was better known to Viennese residents than the tourists.

The food was excellent and the evening relaxing, coming as it did just days after the stress and strains of the UN bazaar.

Two nights later, on 14 December, members of OzCon, the Austrian-Australian Society and some invited guests were the guests of the Ambassador for an evening of socialising with the bonus of hearing visiting Australian pianist Ms Nicole Brady play some Christmas music.

Our thanks go to Gabrielle for organising the dinner and to Peter for his hospitality.



*Jeanette and Simon Hannaford*



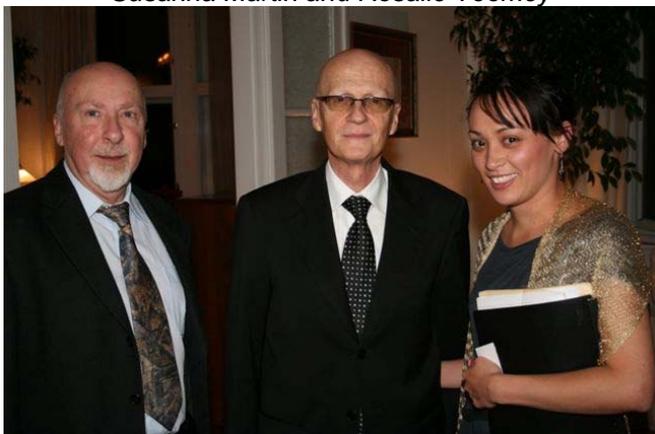
*Randi Vincent, Ambassador Peter Shannon and Gabrielle Costigan*



*Brett Bayly and Suzanne Prissmann*



*Susanna Martin and Rosalie Toomey*



*Prof. David Vance, Peter Shannon and pianist Nicole Brady*



*Happy bunch of members: Leon Schupelius, Angie Engl, Sharyn Rieger, Anne Sparks and David Smith*

## Coming Events

### January lunch

Those who attended the November lunch at the Palmenhaus Café were keen to return. And so we will relax in these beautiful surroundings again at 12:00 on Friday 11 January. The café is behind the Hofburg in the Burggarten.



### Australia Day

Once again OzCon and the Austrian-Australian Society, with the backing of the Australian Embassy, will celebrate Australia Day at Weingut Wolff heurigen in the 19<sup>th</sup> District. It will be on Australia Day, Saturday 26 January from 16:00 onwards. There will be a bushband and children are welcome. The address is Rathstrasse 44-46, 1190 Wien



### IAEA Ball

OzCon has arranged for a group of members to attend this year's International Atomic Energy Association Ball at the Hofburg Palace on 9 February. Notice of this event was sent to members on 19 December and we had to close bookings at the end of the month to guarantee tables.



## President's Report

If you have been lucky enough to be above the fog and in the sun on the ski slopes, or in warmer climates outside Austria, all I can say is good luck to you (I'm jealous). My partner and I have spent our first Christmas in five here in Vienna and I do admit that the cold foggy days have kept me in hibernation apart from some outings, including OzCon events like the UN bazaar, our Christmas dinner and Ambassador Shannon's reception (all of which are covered elsewhere in this newsletter).

It's funny what you notice when things are different around you. When I got off the bus near home I took pity on some workmen who were repairing the footpath in below zero temperatures. They were trying to cement some concrete blocks, but first had to use blow torches to unfreeze the sand before they could mix the cement. Talk about devotion to duty!

Suzanne and I enjoyed a lovely Swedish buffet lunch at the Hilton on the Danube on Christmas Day. Sipping our sekt in the warmth behind the glass looking out on a cold river, we saw a bunch of people in Santa hats and coats eating at outside tables where it was below zero. The waiters in shirt sleeves were dashing in and out as fast as they could, probably wondering why they drew the short straw having to serve these idiots.

Noticing the long scarves they were wearing, Suzanne said jokingly that they must be Australians. Later we heard the accents when they came in for coffee.....and Aussies they were. Their next stop was the Sound of Music tour around Salzburg.

A member of the group was from Perth and she said she was not missing the summer heat back home. Later that evening I read online that it reached 40.7 degrees in Perth on Christmas Day. Now that is hot. I would settle for something around the high 20s beneath a palm tree or beside a swimming pool.

The next day – Boxing Day to us – I was returning from the gym when I noticed people skating on the Alte Donau. One guy was flying across the ice on skates towed by a parachute. What do you call that, ice surfing, ice chuting, para skating?

Whatever! At least we can take consolation in the fact that the days *are* getting longer.

And so another year begins. OzCon kicks off with another lunch at the Palmenhaus Café (the closest I will get to palm trees this winter) on Friday 11 January and the celebration of Australia Day at Heurigen Wolff on Saturday 26 January. I hope you can come along.

Happy New Year.

---Brett

## Farewell to the Monds

OzCon says farewell, thanks and all the best to Donna and Patrick Monds who are returning to Sydney at the end of January “after a second lot of seven years living in this wonderful city.” Donna, who has been an active member of OzCon over the years, says “It will be so hard to leave but our daughter has been at Uni in Sydney for the last year and we are really looking forward to being back with her.”

## Message for the New Year

**Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder  
A hangover is the wrath of grapes**



## The story behind Waltzing Matilda

The year is 1891, the place central Queensland. Australia is thought by some to be on the verge of a civil war. There is a nation wide shearer's strike. Many of the shearers are German immigrants, often ex army from the Franco Prussian war some 20 years earlier. Hard workers, but forced into an itinerant life style, the largely English squatters or property owners, are the target of their discontent.

The strike turns ugly, a ferry is sunk. Near the central Queensland town of Winton, at a homestead called Dagworth, a sheep shed with hundreds of sheep inside is set ablaze. A shearer, one Samuel "French" Hoffmeister, is thought to be responsible. The local constabulary are sent out to bring French to justice. Herr Hoffmeister knowing what they might do to him if caught takes flight. He shoots himself at the Combo waterhole, part of the Great Artesian Basin of central Queensland just north of Winton.

The strike is soon resolved. We now move forward to 1895 and the North Gregory Hotel in Winton where the world premiere of a ballad, Waltzing Matilda, written by Banjo Paterson to music supplied by Christina Macpherson is being performed.

In the early 1890s Banjo Patterson was a visitor to Dagworth, a property owned by Robert and Christina Macpherson a few miles from Winton and very near the Combo waterhole. Paterson and the Macphersons would go riding in that area and must have been aware of the tragedy of Samuel "French" Hoffmeister. This tragedy is surely the model for Banjo Paterson's ballad, Waltzing Matilda.

Why Waltzing Matilda? One of the original versions of the ballad was entitled "Roving Australia", and the chorus was "who'll come a roving Australia with me". There are two theories. One assumes that the camp and travelling supplies the shearers carried was wrapped into a bundle and called "Matilda". The other states that the large army coats the shearers wore were used as blankets, to wrap and transport supplies and for general warmth and comfort, like a woman, Matilda. (Matilda was perhaps a "camp follower" during the Franco Prussian war).

The shearers, many of German origin and living always on the move, travelling from job to job, would say they were "auf der Walz". And so they were "auf der Walz" with Matilda, or travelling with their swag.

As a postscript, the melody seems to have come from an old Scottish melody, "the Bonnie Woods of Craigielea". In 1941 the song and tune were copyrighted by an American, but Australia has never recognised this copyright. ---By David Watson

## 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, Steinbruchgasse 7, 2500 Baden.

I had some friends over on Boxing Day for lunch and seeing as I had already prepared a Turkey for Christmas lunch I was looking for something a little different. I found this delicious Italian Duck recipe that was perfect. Liz Crawford

## Duck in Almond Sauce

2kg Duck with Liver  
Plain Flour for dusting  
2-3 Tablespoons Olive Oil  
1 Onion, chopped  
1 Garlic Clove, chopped  
3 Tomatoes, chopped  
12 Blanched Almonds  
5 Tablespoons Dry White Wine  
1 Fresh Flat-Leaf Parsley Spring, chopped  
Salt & Pepper

Set the liver aside and cut the bird into pieces. Season with salt and pepper and dust with flour. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a pan and over low heat cook the liver for a few minutes, make sure it is still pink on the inside. Remove from pan and set aside. Add the onion and garlic to the pan and cook turning frequently for 8-10 minutes set aside with the liver. Add more oil to the pan if necessary then brown the duck pieces. Add the tomatoes, lower the heat, cover and cook. Meanwhile chop the liver and almonds and mix in with the onion, garlic, parsley and wine. Add to the duck, season with salt and re-cover the pan and simmer gently for 1 hour, adding a little warm water if necessary to prevent drying out.

Serve with mashed potatoes. Mahlzeit!

## A Bit of Fun

### Australian Citizenship Test

1. Do you understand the meaning, but are unable to explain the origin of, the term 'died in the arse'?
2. What is a "bloody little beauty"?
3. Are these terms related: chuck a sickie; chuck a spaz; chuck a U-ey?
4. Explain the following passage: 'In the arvo last Chrissy the rels rocked up for a barbie, some bevvies and a few snags. After a bit of a Bex and a lie down we opened the pressies, scoffed all the chockies bickies and lollies. Then we drained a few tinnies and Mum did her block after Dad and Steve had a barney and a bit of biffo.'
5. Macca, Chooka and Wanger are driving to Surfers in their Torana. If they are travelling at 100 km/h while listening to Barnsey, Farnsey and Acca Dacca, how many slabs will each person on average consume between flashing a brown eye and having a slash?
6. Complete the following sentences:
  - a) 'If the van's rockin' don't bother?
  - b) You're going home in the back of a?
  - c) Fair crack of the?
7. I've had a gutful and I can't be fagged. Discuss
8. Have you ever been on the giving or receiving end of a wedgie?
9. Do you have a friend or relative who has a car in their front yard 'up on blocks'? Is his name Bruce and does he have a wife called Cheryl?
10. Does your family regularly eat a dish involving mincemeat, cabbage, curry powder and a packet of chicken noodle soup called either chowmein, chop suey or kai see ming?
11. What are the ingredients in a rissole?
12. Demonstrate the correct procedure for eating a Tim Tam.
13. Do you have an Auntie Irene who smokes 60 cigarettes a day and sounds like a bloke?
14. In any two-hour period have you ever eaten three-bean salad, a chop and two serves of pav washed down with someone else's beer that has been flogged from a bath full of ice?
15. When you go to a bring- your-own-meat barbie can you eat other people's meat or are you only allowed to eat your own?
16. What purple root vegetable beginning with the letter 'b' is required by law to be included in a hamburger with the lot?

17. Do you own or have you ever owned a lawn mower, a pair of thongs, an Esky or Ugg boots?
18. Is it possible to 'prang a car' while doing 'circle work'?
19. Who would you like to crack on to?
20. Who is the most Australian: Kevin 'Bloody' Wilson, John 'True Blue' Williamson, Kylie Minogue or Warnie?
21. Is there someone you are only mates with because they own a trailer or have a pool?
22. What does "sinkin at a mates joint and getten para" mean?

### You find out very interesting things when you have sons, like.....

- A king size water-bed holds enough water to fill a 2000 sq. ft. house 10cm deep.
- A 3-year old boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 15kg Boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 5m x 5m room.
- You should not throw cricket balls up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a cricket ball a long way.
- The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a cricket ball hit by a ceiling fan.
- When you hear the toilet flush and the words 'uh oh', it's already too late.
- Brake fluid mixed with white king makes smoke, and lots of it.
- A 6-year old Boy can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year old Man says they can only do it in the movies.
- 'Play Dough' and 'microwave' should not be used in the same sentence.
- Super Glue is forever.
- No matter how much Jelly you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.
- Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
- Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
- You probably DO NOT want to know what that odour is.
- Always look in the oven before you turn it on; plastic toys do not like ovens.
- The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
- It will, however, make cats dizzy.
- Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.

## Classifieds

A couple in Vienna are looking for an apartment to buy in Vienna with the following criteria:

- Bezirke that runs between the ring and the 'Gürtel'
- 100-120 square meters
- Preferably top floor apartments

If you have any leads that may be of assistance - please contact Gabrielle Costigan on:  
[gabrielle.costigan@gmx.at](mailto:gabrielle.costigan@gmx.at)

## Aussie News Briefs

29 Dec - **TERRITORIANS desperate to keep their driving licences** are paying backpackers to take the blame for speeding offences. The Northern Territory News understands a young overseas tourist was given \$300 to say he was driving a Darwin businessman's car when it was clocked breaking the speed limit. The businessman would have gone over the 12-point limit and had his licence suspended. Backpackers said yesterday they had nothing to lose - because they would soon leave the country. (NT News)

27 Dec - **THE New South Wales floods** will put 100 billion litres into the Menindee Lakes, raising the possibility of some relief for SA irrigators. The floodwaters are flowing downstream of Burke into the Darling River and should feed the lakes which store water for SA. But Murray-Darling Basin Commission chief executive Wendy Craik said the NSW government would decide how much water was released into the Murray River. The extra flows result from 190mm of rain which drenched country NSW and flooded the Coonamble area. (Advertiser)

26 Dec - **AUSTRALIA will build the world's most lethal conventional submarine fleet**, capable of carrying long-range cruise missiles and futuristic midget subs, to combat an expected arms race in the region. New Defence Minister Joel Fitzgibbon has ordered planning to begin on the next generation of submarines to replace the Royal Australian Navy's Collins-class fleet with the aim of gaining "first pass" approval for the design phase from cabinet's National Security Committee in 2011. The 17-year project will be the largest, longest and most expensive defence acquisition since Federation, potentially costing up to \$25 billion. (Australian)

23 Dec - **AUSTRALIA is in Afghanistan for the "long haul"**, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said on a surprise visit to the country, which is battling an intensifying insurgency led by Taliban extremists. Rudd held talks with President Hamid Karzai hours after French President Nicolas Sarkozy also made an unannounced visit to meet his soldiers with a NATO-led force of nearly 40 nations helping to fight extremism. "One of the messages I delivered to His Excellency the president today is that Australia is here in Afghanistan for a long haul," Mr Rudd said. (Australian)

22 Dec - **AUSTRALIA last night scored a major diplomatic victory** when Japan caved in to international pressure and dumped plans to kill 50 humpback whales on its annual hunt in the Southern Ocean. Just 48 hours after the Rudd Government unveiled an unprecedented campaign to monitor the Japanese fleet and expose the "sham" of scientific whaling, Tokyo agreed not to target humpback whales. "It's true that Australia expressed quite a strong opinion to Japan on this," said chief Japanese government spokesman Nobutaka Machimura. "As a result, I hope that this will lead to better relations with Australia." (Australian)

18 Dec - **ALL Australian televisions** will have to be digital within five years under the new federal government's plan. Communications Minister Stephen Conroy says he has taken the first firm steps to ensure the switchover to digital TV is completed by the end of 2013. "We are moving quickly to maximise the benefits for all Australians and keep pace with the rest of the world," Senator Conroy said in a statement today. (Sydney Morning Herald)

16 Dec - **WESTERN Australia** needs to embrace modern rules and regulations, including deregulated trading hours, to leave its backwater past behind, Premier Alan Carpenter says. The West Australian Labor party would support deregulated trading hours, with a clear cut policy ahead of the 2008 election, Mr Carpenter told reporters today. In 2005 West Australians rejected extended trading hours in a referendum held in tandem with the State election. (West Australian)

16 Dec - **THE world has agreed** to a historic Australian-brokered agreement to tackle climate change after the US made dramatic concessions at the United Nations summit in Bali late yesterday. After 13 days of tortuous, sometimes all-night negotiations, the US agreed at the last minute to demands from developing nations allowing them to water down their commitments to cut greenhouse gases, amending a deal put together by Australian Climate Change Minister Penny Wong. (Advertiser)

## Aussie News Briefs (cont'd)

13 Dec - **FARMING is becoming increasingly popular with the wealthy** and those earning a significant off-farm income. The latest Bureau of Statistics data shows 40 per cent of farmers generate less than \$100,000 of revenue a year from the farm and receive 90 per cent of their net income from off-farm sources. For an increasingly large part of Australia, farming is becoming more about real estate and less about agriculture. The Australian Farm Institute says with terms of trade becoming tighter, two types of farmers are becoming more common; the smaller holding of less than 400 hectares that is run on weekends and the much larger property that is increasingly owned by city based or high net worth investors. (Farm Weekly)

12 Dec - **AUSTRALIA has promised financial help** to developing countries trying to cope with climate change. In his first international trip as Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd yesterday arrived in Bali to attend UN Climate Change talks. At a meeting of finance ministers at the conference yesterday, Treasurer Wayne Swan said Australia would spend \$150 million helping South Pacific nations with climate change. (Herald Sun)

7 Dec - **A MAN in his early twenties** was killed on Kangaroo Island last night as bushfires sparked by storms and fuelled by strong winds swept the state. As blazes raged across Yorke Peninsula, Kangaroo Island and the South-East, residents in outer metropolitan homes fought side by side with firefighters to save up to 100 homes. Lightning sparked about 40 scrub fires across South Australia, where temperatures topped 35C in many centres, including Adelaide, which reached 37.5C. (Advertiser)

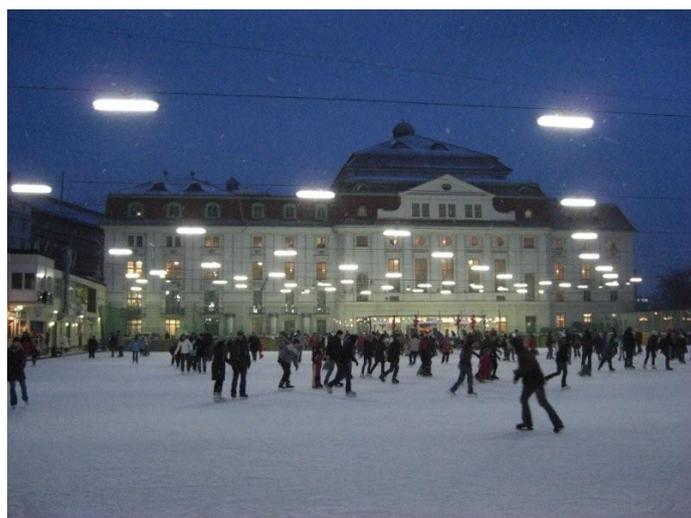
7 Dec - **THE drought-breaking La Nina** weather pattern has finally kicked in, bringing flooding rains along the eastern coast and filling the tributaries that feed into the dying Murray-Darling river system. Forecasters are predicting a wet summer and autumn but remain unwilling - at least officially - to call the end of the worst drought in living memory. And they warn it would still take rains of "biblical proportions" to fill the dams of cities and towns.

As Adelaide sweltered through a 37C day that sparked bushfires across the state, the eastern states continued to enjoy good rainfall. One-in-20-year storms bucketed parts of Sydney and Wollongong yesterday, with 70mm falling in an hour in several suburbs. (Australian)

7 Dec - **THE Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)** says it appears that more than 95 per cent of voters cast a ballot at the federal election. The AEC says the number of people signing up to vote was also strong, with enrolments almost double those in the year leading up to the 2004 election. The informal vote also appears to be down compared to three years ago. (ABC)

5 Dec -- **GRAIN growers** will reap one of the most valuable winter crops in the nation's history this year, with record prices partially making up for poor yields. The crop is expected to be worth about \$8 billion to the nation, compared to the record \$9 billion achieved from the 43.4 million tonnes winter crop in 2003-04. It follows a slight increase in earlier estimates to 21.6 million tonnes by the national commodity forecaster ABARE in its Australian Crop Report released yesterday. (Advertiser)

3 Dec – **KEVIN Rudd was sworn in** as Australia's 26th prime minister on Monday and immediately went to work on ratifying the Kyoto Protocol. Mr Rudd's first act after taking his oath of office was to sign the instrument of ratification for Kyoto, the international agreement which commits countries to targets for reducing or capping their greenhouse gas emissions. (AAP)



*Ice Skating in Vienna*



## Performances with Australian Artists

From the Australian Events Calendar as at 30 December 2007, Australian Embassy Vienna

<p><b>16 to 27 January</b> Daily from 4pm and on Sundays from 11.30am</p>	<p><b>Australian Corner at the Schaflerhof</b></p>	<p>Weingut Schaflerhof, Wienerstrasse 9-11, 2514 Traiskirchen Ph: 02252-508408 Email: <a href="mailto:office@dreamtimesands.at">office@dreamtimesands.at</a> <a href="http://www.dreamtimesands.at">www.dreamtimesands.at</a></p>	<p>Winetasting, paintings, sculptures and audiobooks from and about Australia at the Schaflerhof.</p>
<p><b>As of 21 December until mid-January</b></p>	<p><b>Ten Canoes at the Filmcasino</b></p>	<p>Filmcasino Margaretenstrasse 78 1050 Vienna Ph: 01 581390019 Email: <a href="mailto:kasse@filmcasino.at">kasse@filmcasino.at</a> <a href="http://www.filmcasino.at">www.filmcasino.at</a></p>	<p>Award winning Australian film "Ten Canoes" will be shown for the first time in Austria. It is the first Australian film completely shot in an indigenous language with actors from Arnhem Land.</p>
<p><b>26 January and 9 February</b> From 10am to 2pm</p>	<p><b>Art Breakfast at the Galerie Pacific Art &amp; Crafts</b></p>	<p>Galerie PAC – Pacific Art &amp; Crafts St. Ulrichsplatz 6/Neustiftgasse 31 1070 Vienna Ph: 01 9143421 Email: <a href="mailto:Martin.Zwieger@PacificArtAndCrafts.com">Martin.Zwieger@PacificArtAndCrafts.com</a> <a href="http://www.PacificArtAndCrafts.com">www.PacificArtAndCrafts.com</a></p>	<p>Join PAC owners Martin Zwieger and Irmi Novak for breakfast midst art from Australia and New Zealand in Vienna's 7<sup>th</sup> district.</p>
<p><b>8 January</b> 8.30 pm</p>	<p><b>Public Reading – John Mateer</b></p>	<p>Alte Schmiede Kunstverein Wien, Schönlaterngasse 9 1010 Vienna Ph: 01 5128329 Email: <a href="mailto:info@alte-schmiede.at">info@alte-schmiede.at</a> <a href="http://www.alte-schmiede.at">www.alte-schmiede.at</a></p>	<p>Australian poet John Mateer will be reading from "Elsewhere", his recently released collection of poems. The poems will be read both in English and German.</p>
<p><b>27, 29 January &amp; 5 February</b> 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Lantana</b></p>	<p>Kasino am Schwarzenbergplatz Am Schwarzenbergplatz 1 1030 Wien Ph: 01 - 51444-4830 <a href="http://www.burgtheater.at">www.burgtheater.at</a></p>	<p>Australian author Andrew Bovell's acclaimed drama in a new adaption for the Austrian stage at the Kasino am Schwarzenbergplatz.</p>

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER**

As 2008 is here we kindly ask you all to renew your membership to OzCon. You will receive a bank payment slip, Erlagschein in January, which we kindly ask you to fill out and arrange payment. It is imperative that you clearly mark your name and address on the red section of the payment slip or internet transfer to save confusion and for us to keep track of paid members. We are proud to inform you that the fee has remained the same, €20 per family.

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