

Plan to have Guest Workers in Australia

From the President

Hello everyone:

Summer is here and the holidays are beckoning. As I write, the temperature here in Vienna is just short of 30 degrees.

Back in Oz the winter has arrived, at least in the southern parts with some welcome rain. Another thing that has arrived on the Australian scene, the political one that is, is the subject of immigration.

Many changes are taking place in Australia just six months after the return of a Labor Government and immigration looks like being one of them. The new Immigration Minister Chris Evans wants a major overhaul of the migrant program to boost numbers, promote unskilled as well as skilled applicants and gear Australia to the new global competition for workers.

Predicting a "great national debate over the next few years", Senator Evans is reportedly planning to take to Cabinet a series of submissions to reform a "model that is out of date" and too unresponsive to employer needs. He said the debate about temporary migration was over; the coming debate would be about semi-skilled and unskilled migrants to meet labour shortages.

This month Cabinet is expected to approve a pilot program for a guest worker scheme from the South Pacific. Senator Evans called this a "stalking horse" for the larger debate on unskilled migration.

When I read this I thought how different this is to the current approach here in Austria where the debate centres on how to further restrict immigration despite the obvious need for the guest workers. The government has tightened the rules with the apparent support of the voters. There have been cases of skilled managers who have worked their way up to senior positions now being told that they have to leave the country.

The Australian Government's new approach follows last month's Budget that lifted permanent and temporary migration for 2008-09 to nearly 300,000 in the biggest

annual increase since the program's inception by the Chifley government in the 1940s. The skilled component of the permanent intake is running at 70 per cent, probably the highest ever.

"My general view is that we are increasingly facing a labour shortage, not just a skills shortage," Senator Evans told *The Weekend Australian*. "The demands of business are hitting us in the face. What I'm thinking about is a fairly serious overhaul of the migration system and trying to design a visa and migration system that meets the realities of the 21st century and the internationalisation of the labour market."

It is something we are sure to hear a lot more about in the future.

OK, enough of that. Turning briefly to OzCon activities.

If you are a football fan, this is a big month for you with EURO2008 happening right here in Vienna. Even if you aren't a football fan, nobody could have missed the build-up to this event. And this is the reason why we have deferred our monthly bar night at Flanagan's this month. Flanagan's on a Friday night is going to be very popular and very noisy. But if you want to see some *real* football there is an Aussie Rules competition in Vienna on Saturday 7 June (see details page 5)

However, we are resuming our monthly lunch, at least for this month and we will see how it goes. And we are going to have a go at getting a team together for a trivia night (details of events on page 3)

Our trip to Krems was on the last day of May and so there was no time to include a report in this newsletter. That is partly due to the fact that our Editor Liz Crawford has been in the US and once again has been putting the newsletter together on the run, so to speak.

With the American dollar so low, Liz has been enjoying the shopping. "I'm over here having a wonderful shopping experience. I just can't believe how much of everything these Americans have!!! Also I find it VERY cheap, the value for money is amazing," she said.

Until next month,
Brett

OzCon farewells the Rieger family.....

(and asked them to put down their thoughts about their time here).

It's time to return to our home in Peregrin Beach in Queensland and resume our jobs with Education Queensland. We have lived life to the full here in beautiful Vienna over the past three years while working at Vienna International School. We've travelled to parts near and far in Europe and in Austria and loved every minute of it.

Alas, the smell of the sea and the bush beckons again and we must return to our jobs in Queensland. Our personal life here has been full of travel, meeting new friends, trying to learn German and somewhat learning to ski. The highlights have been a trip to Gallipoli, cruising the Nile, camping and hiking in the Plitvice Lakes National Park in Croatia, staying in a traditional Spanish village called Abunalus with the donkeys plodding past our front door every morning on their way to the orange groves and staying in the most unique cottage, an old mill in Italy with a balcony that overhung a babbling Tuscan brook.

Personally we have achieved much in our time here Michael competed in two Half Ironman races, Sharyn in the Half Marathons and Samuel hiked the Cinque Terra at the tender age of four and descended to walk on the glacier in Heiligenblut. Professionally we have experienced a truly International School. Michael has really shown his teaching flexibility in being able to teach physical education to three through to 15 year olds and Sharyn has achieved her work ambition of visiting the Reggio Emilia schools in Italy and developing a deeper understanding of the International Schools network, especially those affiliated with the United Nations.



As time draws nearer though, to our return to Peregrin at the end of June, we are really looking forward to the things we love.

Michael – The ocean water, surfing and the beach, getting back into triathlons, clear skies, the birds (the feathered variety), the smells of Oz, good Aussie red wine – there's nothing like it in the world, cricket and football, BBQs on our veranda, my Sunday morning bike ride up the old

range road towards Cooroy, having green tree frogs in our three toilets, living in a house, instead of an apartment and having space!

Sharyn – Being woken up by the birds, sleeping in our own bed, eating a fresh bread vegemite sandwich, getting fit again, seeing the stars, the smells of the bush, swimming in a 50 metre pool, lying in a hammock and being able to really read the paper on a Sunday, good wine – be it red or white - running endlessly along the beach and then diving into a wave, the smell of a real BBQ, long slow Sunday lunches at gorgeous restaurants overlooking the water, a really hot café latte, a schnitzel free food environment, fresh fish, having time, time time! and our next adventure!

Samuel – Seeing all my friends again, seeing Grandma and Grandpa, meeting my new teacher, swimming at the Noosa Aquatic Centre, going to the beach, living in our house again, seeing all my toys and feeding our kooky (resident kookaburra).

Of course we have made some great friends in Vienna who we hope to keep in contact with for many years to come. These friends have made the sharing of those 'frustrating' moments here really worthwhile. We have thoroughly enjoyed all the activities that OzCon has been able to offer and we would like to extend a big thank you to Brett and the organising committee and all the members who have supported us with their time and friendship, during our stay here in Vienna.

Best wishes to those of you who continue to stay and work here and please keep in touch. We are very open to house exchanges with anyone who would like to spend some time at Peregrin Beach, near Noosa in Queensland. So please contact us if you are dreaming of a short stay near the beach and bush again. sandmrieger@hotmail.com

Best wishes, Danke und Auf Wiedersehen!

Michael, Sharyn and Samuel Rieger XXX

.....and the Vincents

After four years in Vienna, we have finally decided that it is time to return to Perth. Our imminent departure has evoked mixed feelings in all of us, as we look forward to returning to Australia but are sad to leave Austria and family and friends behind. Our children, Monique, Simone and Thomas, will miss their multi-cultural school, with over 1500 students from over 83 different countries all over the world.



Once we're back in Perth, our frequent trips to Norway and England and the easy access we've had to all the other European countries will soon become a distant memory. Our children have been so

lucky to see and experience as much as they have in the four years we've been here, but don't seem to appreciate it as much as we would have hoped. Australia is always going to be the better place in their minds.

Nonetheless, Monique, Simone and Thomas' love for Australia have not stopped them from enjoying the beautiful sights and architecture of Vienna, the traditional Wiener schnitzels and the beautifully decorated cakes, and we're *almost* sure they will miss this greatly. Then again, Thomas decided very early that he had seen enough castles to last him a life time and decided never to set foot in another castle again. Hopefully, he will get over it one day.



For us, one of the greatest attractions of Vienna has been the great variety of activities it has on offer. In particular, we have many fond memories of our hikes in the Vienna Forest. While most

of the hikes were very enjoyable and would allow time for an hour or two in the sun at a local heurige, we managed to lose our bearings more than once to the amusement and later dismay of some of our foreign visitors, as we were stumbling around, hungry and thirsty, trying to find paths that had been washed away by heavy rain. The Vienna Forest really does cover a large area...

We had more luck finding our way in Neustadt and then later in Vienna through the great network of bicycle paths in and around Vienna. Particularly, the bicycle paths along the Donau and the paths through the Prater and Donau Insel have been well-liked by both adults and children, as there are plenty of places to stop for coffees and ice-creams on the way.

We've also tried to make the most of the large variety of concerts offered in Vienna by holding season subscriptions allowing us to hear a range of symphony orchestras, choirs and solo artists in the beautiful Konzerthaus, the Musikverein and in other concert venues in Vienna. Depending on the subscription, the concerts range from classical to contemporary music. The most memorable concert we've been to included a vacuum cleaner-hose, a set of chopsticks, a musician under a piano and a banana. Fortunately, there were many highlights, as well,

- and too many of them to recount. We have also enjoyed visiting some of the great exhibitions put on show in places like the Albertina, the Kunstverein, Westlicht and Kunsthaus Wien.

Living near the Rathaus has always given us the great advantage of having easy access to the fun activities every month. Our favourites are probably the ice skating and the Christmas markets in January and December, and the outdoor movies in early July and late August.



We all love skiing and will hate to leave it all behind here. Of course, there are the Blue Mountains in Aus, but they're a long way away from Perth.

We know that we won't be missing some things, like the dog poo on the street, or the grumpy old Viennese grandmas that hog the tram and U-Bahn seats with their dogs. Or the complicated medical system that we had so many problems with, or the number of smokers in the streets and restaurants! But all in all, we have had four fabulous years in Vienna.

OzCon Events **Lunch Returns**

After a pause, we are having a lunch in June at a new venue. The Pavillon Cafe/Restaurant is in the Volksgarten. The menu is limited, but it has outdoor eating in pleasant surroundings in good weather.

Date: Thursday 12 June

Time: 12:00

Location: Pavillon Cafe/Restaurant in *front* of the Hofburg. Enter the grounds from The Ring at Volksgarten. The Pavillon is about 60 m on left.

Trivia Night

In order to get the old brain cells happening - OzCon is inviting its members to join a trivia team!! Trivia nights are organised at the CROSS FIELDS pub and consist of a quiz with 20 questions. The team that answers ALL questions - will win the jackpot (a basket of Aussie goodies valued at Euro160). If the jackpot isn't won - the prize money will be increased by E50 each week, until a team finally wins.

In the case that the jackpot isn't won, the winning team of the night will be given a prize. Prizes are also given to the team with the most original team name.

The first night will be held on **Tuesday, 1st July** at Cross field's Australian Pub, Maysedergasse 5, tel 24100 230. **Please RSVP by June 23: to ozcon_board@yahoo.com**

Bar Night deferred

Due to EURO2008 in Vienna throughout June, we have decided not to compete with the many drinkers who can be expected to crowd Flanagan's Bar on Friday nights. The next bar night will be in July.

OzCon Welcomes New Members

OzCon welcomes **Mike Leroy**, who is originally from Normanhurst in Sydney and grew up on the North Shore. He served in the Royal Australian Navy after leaving high school and came to Austria in 1999 where he started working as an English teacher in Wiener

Mike worked as an English teacher for eight years, some of which was spent as an English assistant in a Viennese high school and also as an English teacher for the Bundesheer.

Since November 2007 he has been working for Austrian Technik (Austrian Airlines) in the Standards and Publications Department.

Mike and his partner Anna Muszynska enjoy travelling around Austria and the rest of the world and plan to be in Vienna for a long time to come.

"We hope to meet you soon," Mike said.

My name is **Denis Wills** and I have just arrived in Vienna to work with OMV. I come from Perth but am not Australian born - Irish by birth, Australian by choice having lived in Australia for over 35 years. My wife Anne and daughter Siobhan (a good Irish name) have remained in Perth, as my daughter has just started her first year at UWA.

Anne is in the superannuation industry and is UK born - and yes, I know, we are all losing money in our superannuation funds.

Like most people, I would guess, I am finding it "interesting" observing the nuances in the Austrian way of life and doing business here compared to Australia - even though given that both countries share the same letters in their spelling you might be falsely led to believe they would be similar. I am a keen squash player and enjoy running. Are there any squash players out there?



Denis

Travel Tip: Rothenburg o.d. Tauber

The world-famous walled medieval Franconian town of Rothenburg on the Tauber is a place worth visiting at any time of the year. It is uniquely historic in its preservation of times long gone. However, a special time to visit is on the Whitsun holiday.

Rothenburg is near the start of the Romantischestrasse which stretches from Würzburg all the way down to Füssen in the Alps. The town dates back to the castle of the Counts of Rothenburg in 900 and gradually rose to become a wealthy town until it was almost destroyed in an earthquake in 1383. It rose again and thrived until the 30 Years' War (1618-1648) during which, being Protestant, it was overrun by a Catholic army lead by a General Tilly.



Marching to drums and flutes past the Rathaus

It is the conquering of Rothenburg that is recalled over the Whitsun holiday when the local residents dress in period costume and march and sing to the beat of drums and playing of flutes. As the day goes by there are many pauses at the taverns where the wenches

hand out the beer. The men folk with stamina then sing and beat the drums louder into the night.

– Brett Bayly



History is everywhere

[Rothenburg is about 700 km from Vienna and is a comfortable day's drive. We stayed at Burg Hotel built right on the wall, one of many places to stay]

Farewells at Bar Night

Bar night at Flanagan's late last month was an opportunity to say farewell to two favourite OzCon families, the Riegers and the Vincents. You can read about their plans and highlights of their time in Vienna on pages 2 & 3.



Rachael Sarelius with the Rieger family



Lew and Randi Valderhaug Vincent with Michael and Sharyn Rieger

Frohnleichnam/ Corpus Christi Day

I often think that we in Austria, are quite lucky to have so many national holidays. They make the working week a little easier to handle - but there are times where I do wonder the meaning of these 'free days'.

Corpus Christi - Body of Christ, is a Christian celebration in honour of the Holy Eucharist. It was originally assigned to the Thursday following Trinity Sunday, thereby mirroring Holy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week, the day on which Christians commemorate The Last Supper of Christ. In Austria, it is customary on this day, after Mass, to hold processions outdoors with the Host followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The appearance of Corpus Christi as a feast in the Christian calendar was primarily due to the petitions of the thirteenth-century Augustinian nun Juliana of Liège. From her youth she claimed that God had been instructing her to establish a feast day for the Eucharist and later in life petitioned the learned Dominican Hugh of St-Cher, Jacques Pantaléon (Archdeacon of Liège and later Pope Urban IV) and Robert de Thorete, Bishop of Liège. At that time bishops could order feasts in their dioceses, so in 1246 Bishop Robert convened a synod and ordered a celebration of Corpus Christi to be held each year thereafter.

The celebration of Corpus Christi only became widespread after both Juliana and Bishop Robert had died. In 1263 Pope Urban IV investigated claims of a miracle in which blood had issued from a host. In 1264 he issued the papal bull *Transiturus* in which Corpus Christi was made a feast day. A new liturgy was written by Thomas Aquinas. Corpus Christi is primarily celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church but it is also included in the calendar of a few Anglican churches, most notably the Church of England. Anglo-Catholic parishes in other countries observe it unofficially.

In Austria, this is a national holiday and most are glad of the 'free' day - but it does help to understand the origins!

– Gabrielle Constigan

Aussie Rules Football in Vienna

Want to see some Aussie Rules football? The Vienna Kangaroos are hosting a tri nation competition on Saturday 7 June at the Sportplatz Atzgersdorf. The teams are from Austria, Czech Republic and Croatia.

There will be a party afterwards at the new Roobar, Hegelgasse 8, 1010 Vienna starting at 18:00.

See www.viennakangaroos.com

Labor's Budget helps families and tackles inflation

--By Brett Bayly

The new Australian Labor Government's first budget targets rising inflation while at the same time gives help to working families.

The Rudd Government is walking a fine line between keeping its promises and dealing with declining economic circumstances.

Or, as Paul Kelly writing in *The Australian*, says: "The first Rudd government budget is a great gamble that inflation can be conquered while working families are rewarded with a \$55 billion package to cushion their pain. It is a daunting aspiration. This trade-off between competing objectives will make or break the budget. It is faithful to Labor's political promises but tests the economic proposition that working families can be compensated at length for the inflation struggle."

The budget, Labor's first in 13 years, focuses on domestic issues while it increases the defence budget to meet Australia's continuing commitments overseas. Defence spending will go up to almost \$21.8 billion in 2008-09, including more than \$1 billion on Australia's overseas deployments.

The budget has maintained the tax cuts promised during the election and will means-test welfare and the former Howard government's controversial baby-bonus which rises to \$5000 from June.

Predicting tougher conditions ahead, the Federal Treasury forecasts that between 50,000 and 60,000 more people will be out of work in a year as the unemployment rate reaches 4.75 per cent.

How the Australian newspapers reported the budget.

The Australian says: Wayne Swan has delivered Labor's promise of respite for working families, delivering \$55 billion in economic relief funded by a large budget surplus.



Australian Treasurer Wayne Swan

As expected, the Rudd Government confirmed a comprehensive review of the tax system and will fully implement election promises to deliver a reduction in personal income tax by \$47 billion over four years and increase the childcare rebate from 30 per cent to 50 per cent.

However, questions remain as to whether Mr Swan has done enough to stamp out the threat of inflation, despite the forecast that it will fall to 3.25 per cent in 2008-09.

The Treasurer announced plans to funnel a \$21.7 billion budget surplus into new investment funds for infrastructure, education and healthcare.

His maiden budget also hits oil exporters with a new tax and slashes welfare benefits for families earning over \$150,000 a year.

The Age says: The tax cuts that will be delivered to workers in July have been maintained in the budget, but the Government has kept its "aspirational targets" to engineer more reductions in four years.

The tax cuts promised in the election were worth \$31 billion over three years but the budget documents show another \$15 billion if the Government can reduce the number of tax brackets down to three.

From July this year, the 30 per cent threshold will be raised from \$30,001 to \$34,001 and the 40 per cent threshold will increase from \$75,001 to \$80,001, while the top marginal rate shifts from \$150,001 to \$180,001.

The budget showed that a worker earning \$50,000 a year will have a tax cut of \$1000 in the current financial year, but the benefits to families increase with a raft of welfare benefits to be delivered.

"The tax cuts reward the hard work of Australian families who have not received any incentives in recent years," Wayne Swan said ahead of his parliamentary speech.

"The Government thinks it's only fair, not just for economic reasons because it increases labour force participation but because people are finding it tough."

The Government emphasised its target that, by 2013-14, the number of tax rates will be cut to three - 15 per cent, 30 per cent and 40 per cent.

From this year, the low income tax offset will be increased from \$750 to \$1200 while from 2010 Labor has promised that the low income offset would create an effective tax-free threshold of \$16,000.

The next election is due in 2010, meaning some of Labor's goals are orientated to the Government being elected for a second term.

The **Sydney Morning Herald** says: Labor has delivered a moderate budget that it hopes will "build the nation" by dedicating spending on health care, welfare and infrastructure while winding back the direct benefits to the nation's well-paid.

The first Labor budget in 13 years has maintained the tax cuts promised during the election and will now means-test welfare and the controversial baby-bonus which rises to \$5000 from June.

"We were not elected to be popular, we were elected to do the right thing for the country," Treasurer Wayne Swan said ahead of delivering the numbers to Parliament.

The future-building emphasis of Labor's economic blueprint is seen in the establishment of a \$10 billion Health and Hospitals Fund which will be used to rebuild and renew the nation's hospitals.

On top of that Labor will dedicate \$20 billion in the Building Australia Fund over the next two years to fund the shortfall in spending on national roads and infrastructure in an attempt to ease the crippling capacity constraints.

The touted "education revolution" unveiled during the election will be boosted with \$5 billion worth of fresh funding, of which \$500 million will be spent on universities, and the fund will eventually be worth \$11 billion.

The increased spending on three funds - of health, infrastructure and education - will be funded through this year's surplus of the better-than-expected \$21.7 billion.

MAIN POINTS from the Sydney Morning Herald

Overview

- **Surplus to peak at \$21.7b**
- **\$40b for nation building funds**
- **Tax cuts of \$46.7b**
- **Spending growth 1.1%**

Forecasts

- **GDP to slow to 2.75%**
- **Jobs growth to slow to 1.25%**
- **CPI to peak at 4%**
- **Wages growth at 4.25%**

Environment

- **\$2.3b to fight CO2 emissions**
- **\$500 for green car fund**
- **\$300m for households**
- **\$150m to help region**

Education

- **\$11b for higher education**
- **\$5.9b for education revolution**
- **\$500m for universities**
- **\$1.2b for school computers**

Family

- **Baby bonus up to \$5000**
- **Child-care tax rebate up to 50%**
- **19,000 more carers benefit**
- **\$1.2b for first home buyers**

Tax

- **Tax-free thresholds up to \$14,000**
- **Luxury-car tax raised**
- **\$1000 savings on \$50,000**
- **\$8.76 tax loopholes to go**

Health

- **\$3.2b to slash elective waiting lists**
- **\$10b for hospitals**
- **\$249m for national cancer plan**
- **\$100,000 limit for Medicare levy**

The **Herald Sun** says: THE combination of \$47 billion in tax cuts and an increase in Medicare surcharge thresholds was designed to "tip the scale" in favour of working families, Treasurer Wayne Swan said last night.



Future tax payers on the outside looking in

Tax cuts were the central plank of the Rudd election campaign last year but were given an added boost in the Budget from lifting the Medicare surcharge from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for singles and from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for couples.

The surcharge was applied to so-called high-income earners who were penalised for not taking out private hospital cover, but had remained static since 1997.

The combined changes mean a single person on \$60,000 with no private hospital cover stands to gain a potential benefit of \$1200 a year from last night's Budget -- \$600 from tax cuts and \$600 from no longer having to pay the Medicare surcharge for not having private cover.

A family on a combined income of \$110,000 with no private hospital cover can expect a total benefit of \$2750 from the changes announced last night -- including \$1650 in tax cuts and \$1100 from now being exempt from the Medicare surcharge.

The tax cuts will be delivered from July 1.

Aussie News Briefs

27 May – **NEW Tasmanian Premier David Bartlett** has promised to lead a revitalized “clever and kind” Government. Mr. Bartlett was sworn in as Premier after a tumultuous day in Tasmanian politics yesterday. At 11.30am an emotional Paul Lennon announced he would depart politics to clear the way for “generational change”. (Mercury)

24 May – **TOURISM operators have defended Queensland’s Whitsundays** as a safe place to dive after two divers survived 19 hours drifting at sea. The 38-year-old British and 40-year-old American woman were found by a plane floating in the water 14.5km from where they were last seen. The divers resurfaced at the scheduled time yesterday to find themselves 200 meters from their chartered vessel the Pacific Star. (Advertiser)



22 May – **TAX investigators are about to pounce** on drivers of luxury cars who declare little or no income. In a major operation announced yesterday, the Tax Office said it would collect data on hundreds of thousands of vehicle transactions and match it against taxpayer records. (Age)

20 May – **Victorian environmental officers** have seized hundreds of illegal weeds after they were found on sale at retailer Big W. More than 300 of the banned Mexican feather grass plants, also known as Texas Tussock, were found at 18 Big W. stores across Victoria. (AAP)

17 May – **NEARLY nude nannas – and at least one grandpa – dared to undress** in the city centre yesterday to protest what they believe are paltry pensions. True to their threat, er, promise, the pensioners stripped down to their underwear, stopping traffic and clogging a city intersection to highlight their financial plight. Inspired by the spontaneous shirtless city sit-in by taxi drivers a fortnight ago, hundreds of members of the blue-rinse brigade demanded larger pensions, complaining they had been ignored in this week’s federal budget. (Herald Sun)



16 May – **GREEDY banks** have used household debt and misery to fill their coffers with \$10.5 billion worth of profits from fees and charges alone over the past year. While struggling families drown in personal debt, banks are cashing in from the costs and fees on home loans, deposit accounts and credit cards – with a 170 per cent increase in credit card fee income over the past five years. (Daily Telegraph)

13 May – **ST GEORGE Bank** agreed today to a \$19 billion takeover from Westpac to create Australia’s biggest bank. In a joint statement, the two lenders said Westpac is offering 1.31 of its own shares for each St George share. The St George board plans to recommend the offer to shareholders, subject to an independent expert confirming the transaction is in the best interests of shareholders. (Australian)

8 May – **CHILDREN under 16 wanting to pierce their ears, nose or navel will need permission** notes from their parents under laws to be introduced by the NSW Government. And underage intimate body piercings will be outlawed, with operators facing fines of up to \$22,000 if they are caught performing an intimate piercing on a child. For any other piercing done without a parent’s consent, the fine will be as high as \$3000. (Daily Telegraph)

7 May – **DOZENS of Australians are unaccounted** after Cyclone Nargis flattened Burma, killing at least 15,000 people. The Department of Foreign Affairs said diplomats in Burma have contacted about half of the 157 Australians registered with the embassy. None of those needed help and many were leaving the country, a spokeswoman said yesterday. (Herald Sun)

5 May – **TEACHERS will get a one-off \$1000 bonus** and principals \$2000 as part of a new pay deal the Brumby Government has struck to end a long-running industrial dispute. The state Government claimed Victorian teachers will also become the highest paid in the country. A graduate teacher will get a \$5057 pay rise to earn \$51,184 a year. (Australian)



Performances with Australian Artists

From the Australian Events Calendar as at 29th May 2008, Australian Embassy Vienna

<p>11 May to 14 June 10am to 6pm</p>	<p>TraumZeitSpuren – Austria meets Australia</p>	<p>Kunsthau Herberstein Schloss Herberstein 8223 Stubenberg Ph: 03176 88250 Email: office@herberstein.co.at www.herberstein.co.au</p>	<p>The Kunsthau Herberstein, in cooperation with Galerie Judith Walker shows works of contemporary Australian artists, such as Janie Nolan Napangka, Betsy Presley Manpitjinpa, etc.</p>
<p>16 May to 14 June</p>	<p>Exhibition – Ephemeral Installations</p>	<p>Kunstraumarcade Beethovenhaus Hauptstrasse 79 Mödling www.kunstraumarcade.at</p>	<p>Australian artist Aimee Fairman from Melbourne is currently artist-in-residence in Krems. Fascinated by the historical buildings of the millennium-old historical part of Krems-Stein, and inspired by the countryside of Wachau area, Aimee Fairman will be showing kinetic sculptures and photographs at Kunstraumarcade, a gallery just outside of Vienna.</p>
<p>13 June 7pm</p>	<p>Short Cuts</p>	<p>Alte Schmiede Schönlaterngasse 9 1010 Wien Ph: 01 512 8329 Email: info@alte-schmiede.at www.alte-schmiede.at</p>	<p>Petra Stump & Heinz-Peter Linshalm will be performing 23 World Premiers of works for bass clarinet from Australia, New Zealand, Austria and many more countries.</p>

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