

President's Report for the 2017 AGM

AGTV Committee 2017

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Representatives from Goethe-Institut Australien in 2017

Joanna Jamroz and Jelena Herster (Bildungskooperation)

AGTV Committee, Network Leaders, Regional Final Coordinators and Teachers

Thanks to the Committee and Network Leaders and Regional Final Coordinators for their voluntary work. Some Committee members have again been overseas at different times during the year. The 2017 Committee met at various venues: Bayview Eden, Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, Chili Restaurant at Mantra Bell City and Graduate House.

Network Leaders in local areas either convened or assisted Regional Final Coordinators with organising Regional Finals of the Poetry Competition. Some NW Leaders facilitated collaboration for local learning opportunities e.g. immersion opportunities at the Bendigo Art Gallery German Day Out at the Calder NW; the Marburg Sister-School Exchange and Nikolaus Tag in the Geelong Western District NW; a Drama Day in the Gippsland NW, and a *Sprachfest* in the Wimmera-Mallee NW. Many schools have held promotional events for German e.g. Heathmont College German Day, and several days at Bendigo South East College including a decorating a maypole and another German-related activity as a fundraiser for a local charity. The Committee commends teachers for their ongoing advocacy for the teaching and learning of German.

Memberships of the AGTV (2016 no's in brackets)

175 Individual members (181), 14 Retired Former Members (7), 6 Concession (14)

116 schools (111) from Government, Independent, Catholic and Community schools. A handful of individual Victorian members are from teachers in New South Wales, Western Australia and Tasmania. Posting the invoices to schools in January was an effective strategy for early payment of the annual subscription.

SZENE 2017 – A journal for teachers of German since 1980

We are very grateful for the work of our Editor, Maja Herr, proof-readers and all contributors. SZENE 2017 was published with reports, teaching materials with an update from Jürgen Ehrenmüller on *Flüchtlinge*. Thanks very much to the Goethe-Institut for supporting the production of the journal.

SAGTA include a subscription to SZENE as part of their membership. Interstate subscriptions: 75 in SA, 5 in QLD, 2 to TAS and 2 library subscriptions - one in NSW and one in QLD. Complimentary SZENEs are posted to various people and organisations incl. the National and State Library.

AGTV-Bayerischer Jugendring (BJR) Exchange since 1988

The AGTV is a nationally registered Student Exchange Organisation (SEO) with the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority (VRQA) and the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority (TQA), allowing us to facilitate the 10-week AGTV-BJR reciprocal student exchange program. The AGTV is required to have insurance for this exchange. The invoice amount was \$3055. The exchange is run on a cost-recovery basis.

40 students returned to Germany in November 2017 with our Group Leaders incl. a former SAGSE recipient. 44 students from Bavaria will arrive in Victoria and 2 in Tasmania in February for the 2018-2019 exchange.

Thanks to BJR for their friendly cooperation and congratulations on their 70th anniversary in 2017. Our warm thanks to Christine EkinSmyth for her continued professional service, and Brigitte Ankenbrand for her assistance at meetings with families. Thanks again to Star of the Sea for the use of their premises and to Fiona McClelland for her invaluable onsite support at the Pre-Departure and Pre-Hosting meetings. We have around 150+ students and family at these meetings and the venue there is ideal. Our travel agents of choice continue to be East Burwood Travel. Margaret Costello offers fantastic support and service to families and to the exchange, ensuring our protocols are always respected.

AGTV online

There is a niche market for German in Victoria. AGTV has its main website - agtv.vic.edu.au, the Wild Apricot online member management system (memberships, registrations and email blasts); VIMEO to share videos; SurveyMonkey to collate evaluations and other information. We used GoToMeeting less in 2017. The Committee continues to consider manageable and effective print and digital strategies to make German visible and to promote our services and opportunities to teachers and students.

Victorian Government Funding

The Committee was very grateful to receive a \$15,000 grant again from the Victorian Government to support the services we provide to teachers and students. This was paid in April and a report due by 19 December. It was used to provide professional development and support teachers and students to attend events. The Committee was pleased to support the government funded United Nations Model Conference for German by providing catering and thank Josef Berger for his wonderful work as General Secretary, Irina Herrschner for her assistance of Alex Edge, and Eva Baker for her opening remarks. 100 students from 15 schools (10 Gov't) debated the topic: *Klimawandel bekämpfen: Verpflichtung zu globalem Handeln*

Goethe-Institut Australia – since 1972 in Melbourne

The Committee was grateful for the friendly cooperation from the Goethe-Institut in the joint projects of the German Day Out and the Victorian State Conference. We thank the Goethe-Institut for a grant to support SZENE and other activities. Some funding from the GI was allocated to the State Poetry Final. The GI also presented at the AGTV Primary Matters and Focus on Junior Secondary Conferences.

The Committee supported the GI School Film Festival with funding for half the prizes. This was a little less in 2017 as there were only two competitions. This will be accounted for in the next financial year.

The Committee sent a cheque to Michael Hough from Brentwood SC for pocket money for his GI Scholarship in Germany and will pay for a holiday course in Melbourne for another scholarship winner when it is claimed.

Thanks to the Goethe-Institut for the wonderful calendars and resource materials they produce each year, and to Goethe-Institut Australia for their materials, events and services for teachers and students.

Kultur und Sprache, Bundesministerium für Bildung in Austria

Kultur und Sprache continue to offer support. We welcomed Andreas Kurz to Victoria as a keynote and workshop presenter at the Victorian State Conference in September. Andreas was kept very busy with immersion workshops for multiple classes at three schools (Viewbank College, Oberon HS and Scotch College), SBS and 3ZZZ interviews, a visit to the Melbourne Writers' Festival, a *Vorlesung* at the University of Melbourne, a footy game at Etihad Stadium with Warren Pratt and my family, and a day trip along the Great Ocean Road with Clare and myself, and Liz Ray joining Andreas for dinner on the bay in Geelong.

AGTV and Scholarships for Australian-German Student Exchange (SAGSE)

The AGTV SAGSE scholarship was awarded to Bridget Kennedy from Viewbank College. SAGSE celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Presentation Gala Dinner at the MCG and launched a new logo. It was a huge and happy event with all years represented. FYI: Four members of our Committee are former recipients of SAGSE scholarships (W Pratt, K Wallace, C Fleming, C Gosling). SAGSE is also a nationally registered SEO.

Network of Australian Teachers of German (NATG)

Thanks to the Goethe-Institut for their ongoing support of the NATG meetings, and support for Andrew Ferguson to be the web manager of AusDaF and host of a Twitter feed. Brigitte Ankenbrand and Clare Fleming attended the NATG meeting in South Australia with SAGTA providing the Secretary and chairperson. It is very important to continue this valuable networking opportunity across our vast country.

AGTV Years 4 to 9 Poetry Competition: 67 schools registered participation

The second year of the new model for Regional Finals and it all went smoothly. Thanks to Helena Salles, Brigitte Ankenbrand and their helpers for their work in facilitating the competition throughout Victoria and at the State Final. A special thanks to all judges and Regional Final Coordinators of the Poetry Competition.

AGTV Competitions

There was a pleasing number of entries in the competitions this year. Congratulations to all prize winners.

Final Thanks

I personally wish to thank all members of the Committee – especially the Executive, as well as Network Leaders, Regional Final Coordinators, judges and helpers, contributors to SZENE, Presenters at professional learning programs, IDV Committee, families and teachers involved in the AGTV-BJR Exchange, and members for their support of our Association. A special thanks to our AGTV-BJR Coordinator Christine EkinSmyth and our SZENE Editor Maja Herr, and to members of the SAGSE Committee, the teams at Goethe-Institut Australien and Kultur und Sprache in Austria, the Honorary Consul General Michael Pearce, and the Languages Unit of the Victorian Government. Our combined efforts continue to provide a remarkable level of service to support the teaching and learning of German.

Ein Prosit auf das, was uns vereint!

Catherine Gosling
AGTV President 2017

Highlighted Services in 2017

Professional Learning

- Publication of SZENE, AGTV websites incl. sections for students
- Emails to individual members with tips re. teaching ideas and resources, job opportunities
- VCE PDs in February (30 at Darebin) and June (10 at a PopUp PD at Scotch College on Sat morning) plus the Year 12 Forum (17 teachers registered)
- Conference: Primary Matters (31), Focus on Junior Secondary (32), Vic State Conference (140)
- Support for teachers to attend professional development including travel subsidies for Felicity Woodward for a KuS seminar in Austria, and Maja Herr to attend IDT2017 in Fribourg/Freiburg.
- AGTV Network Meetings in country networks
- AGTV representation at IDT2017 in CH (Maja Herr), NATG (Brigitte Ankenbrand and Clare Fleming), German Forum and *Runder Tisch* (Catherine Gosling), MLTAV (AGTV Rep. Brigitte Ankenbrand).

Scholarships and Exchanges for Students and Teachers

- Coordination of the AGTV-BJR Student Exchange program through BJR in Munich, Germany
- AGTV Sponsorship of a SAGSE Scholarship and AGTV Rep. on the interview panel
- Support for the Goethe-Institut/AGTV Year 10 Awards (\$300 pocket money for the scholarship to Germany awardee, and a course at GI in Melbourne) and AGTV Rep. on interview panel

Support for Student Learning

- 3900 AGTV L-Plate Certificates posted to schools
- Model United Nations Conference at the Treasury Theatre (15 schools incl. 10 gov't)
- 113 students and 17 teachers at the AGTV Year 12 Forum– Thanks for the team effort to organise the program, produce the booklet, record the audio files, take registrations, and run the program.
- AGTV Years 4 to 9 *Sprachfest* incl. 18 Regional Finals and the State Final at the Austrian Club
- AGTV *Kunst und Poesie: Wald*, a competition for primary students of German
- AGTV *Chor des Jahres* and AGTV *Song des Jahres* competitions
- AGTV *Werbespot: Promote a German Invention*, a short video competition
- Support for Oma Online (Brigitte Lambert) to visit schools
- Support for the Goethe-Institut School Film Festival
- Support for immersion workshops for students in Melbourne and country networks

Promotional Events and Materials

- Information about AGTV on the Deutsche Welle website incl. interview with Liz Ray in Germany
- 25 schools (13 gov't) at the AGTV/GI German Day Out at the Melbourne Town Hall, with the venue hire sponsored by the City of Melbourne. Thanks to the MCs from GASS. It is a valued event for the schools attending evidenced by the evaluations, direct feedback and retention rates to Year 12
- Three promotional posters, 'What's your superpower' stickers, 'übercool' badges, participation certificates for competitions

Other

- At the MLTAV 70th Anniversary Dinner in May, Andrew Ferguson was awarded Life Membership, and Brigitte Ankebrand and Jaclyn Curnow were awarded Certificates of Merit from the MLTAV.



AGTV Network Leaders and Regional Final Coordinators 2017

DET North Eastern Region

North East Inner Metro

Tamara Melville (Carey GS)

RFC: 19 Jul, Warren Pratt - Scotch College

North East Knox Metro

Brigitte Ankenbrand (Vermont SC)

RFC: 2 Aug, Brigitte Ankenbrand – Vermont SC

North East Monash Metro

Helena Salles (Amsleigh Park PS & Highvale PS)

Tim Hocking (Mount Waverley SC)

RFC: 3 Aug, Helena Salles – Amsleigh Park PS

North East Outer Metro

Alison Bradbury (Donvale Christian College)

RFC: 9 Aug *Celeste Acfield* – Luther College

Hume

Frank Kusch (Bright P-12 College)

Katrina Ciolli (Bright P-12 & Harrietteville PS)

RFC: 1 Aug, Katrina Ciolli – Bright P-12

DET South Eastern Region

South East Bayside Metro

Annette Wagner-Hesse (Firbank GS)

RFC: 3 Aug, Firbank GS

South East Peninsula Metro

Kylie Wallace (Hillcrest Christian College)

RFC: Sec 1 Aug, *Lena Kuligowska* - Cranbourne SC

Prim 4 Aug, Anne Santamaria - Carrum PS

Gippsland

Elke Frank (Mirboo North SC)

RFC: 2 Aug, Elke Frank - Club Astoria in Morwell

DET South Western Region

South West Metro

Ellen Dunn (Penleigh & Essendon GS)

RFC: 7 Aug, Ellen Dunn - PEGS

Ballarat Goldfields

Danijela Bjelanovic (Ballarat HS)

RFC: 24 Jul – *Meg Randles* - Ballarat Clarendon

Geelong Western District

Tobias Bockholt (North Geelong SC)

RF: 3 Aug Liz Ray, Tobias Bockholt -

German Karneval Society

Wimmera Mallee

Kristen Pftizner (Horsham College)

RFC: 4 Aug, Kristen Pftizner - Horsham College

DET North Western Region

North West Metro

Jaclyn Curnow (Viewbank College)

RFC: 28 Jul, Caroline Bailey - CLC

Calder

Felicity Woodward (Spring Gully PS)

Johanna Bennett (Crusoe College)

RFC: 21 Jul, Inga Venema-Steen -

Bendigo South East College

Other Regional Finals for the AGTV Poetry Competition 2017

NEB Bilingual - Bayswater South PS **RFC:** 18 July - *Maria McCluskey*

NWB Bilingual - Deutsche Schule Melbourne **RFC:** *not registered to participate*

NWCV North West Community & VSL Metro **RFC:** Sat 17 June - Anja Kazmeier

NESECV – Community & VSL Metro **RFC:** Sat 17 June - Stefan Mummert

SEC Community – Spatzenschule **RFC:** *not registered to participate*

SWC Community - Alle Munchkins Inc. **RFC:** *not registered to participate*

VSL Distance Education - Thornbury **RFC:** 21 June - Rukmani Sandrasegara