

President's Report for the 2018 AGM

AGTV Committee 2018

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Helena Salles (Amsleigh Park PS & Highvale PS)

Kylie Wallace (Hillcrest Christian College)

Representatives from Goethe-Institut Australien in 2018

Joanna Jamroz and Jelena Herster (Bildungskooperation)

The 2018 Committee met mainly at Graduate House and at Chil Restaurant at the Mantra Bell City.

AGTV Committee, Network Leaders, Regional Final Coordinators and Teachers

The association relies on the voluntary work of the Committee, Network Leaders and Regional Final Coordinators of the Years 4 to 9 Poetry Competition. Thank you to everyone for your contribution to the work of your association. The Committee commends teachers for their ongoing advocacy for the teaching and learning of German. The promotion of German in individual schools is an ongoing challenge.

Thanks to the Calder, Geelong Western District, Gippsland and Wimmera Mallee Networks for organising regional events for students. A thanks also to all schools collaborating to facilitate sister-school exchanges.

A special thanks to our Treasurer, Ursula Fisher, who spent many extra hours this year investigating and moving our accounting system online and chasing outstanding payments.

Memberships of the AGTV (2017 no's in brackets)

Individual members 184 (175), 14 Retired Former Members (14), 8 Concession (6)

111 schools (112) from Government, Independent, Catholic and Community schools. A handful of individual Victorian members are teachers in New South Wales, Western Australia and Tasmania.

SZENE 2018 – A journal for teachers of German since 1980

Thanks to our Editor, Maja Herr, and her assistant in 2018, Katja Schoenfelder, and all contributors. SZENE 2018 was published with reports, teaching materials with a focus on *30 Jahre AGTV-Bayerischerjugendring*. Thanks to the Goethe-Institut for the \$2000 to support the production of the journal.

SAGTA include a subscription to SZENE as part of their membership. Interstate subscriptions: 75 in SA, 5 in QLD, 1 to TAS, 1 in WA; and 3 library subscriptions - 1 in NSW and 2 in QLD. Complimentary SZENEs are posted to various people and organisations incl. the National and State Library, BJR and the IDV Vorstand.



AGTV-Bayerischer Jugendring (BJR) Exchange since 1988

Thank you to Christine EkinSmyth for her work in coordinating the reaccreditation of the AGTV as a nationally registered Student Exchange Organisation (SEO) with the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority (VRQA). The AGTV is also registered with the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority (TQA). The AGTV is required to have additional insurance for this exchange. The invoice amount was \$3176. The exchange is run on a cost-recovery basis.

In February, 44 students arrived from Bavaria in Victoria and 2 in Tasmania for the 2018-2019 exchange. 2018 marks 30 years of the 10-week AGTV-BJR reciprocal student exchange program. A dinner was held in February with our contact in the BJR office in Munich, Tom Angermeier, who travelled with the students. 52 students will arrive in Victoria and 2 in Tasmania next February from Germany for the 2019-2020 round.

Our reciprocity count is in a good place with the VRQA. It is always a challenge as the Bavarians come here first and not all students return to Germany. Thanks to Christine for managing this aspect as well.

Christine EkinSmyth is stepping down from her role as AGTV Coordinator at the end of the 2018-2019 exchange. Our grateful thanks go to Christine for the highest level of professionalism she brought to the role since her appointment in 2002. During 2018, the Committee appointed Brigitte Ankenbrand as the next Coordinator. Brigitte has been on the subcommittee since 2003 and has a good understanding of the requirements of the exchange. A transition program has been occurring during this year and Christine will continue to assist Brigitte during 2018. We wish Brigitte all the best.

Thanks again to Star of the Sea for the use of their premises over many years. Future meetings will be held at Vermont SC, where Brigitte is a teacher.

East Burwood Travel continues to provide professional service to the AGTV and families in arranging travel and insurance for the Australian students, ensuring our protocols are always respected.

AGTV online

Our digital presence is through our 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. The Committee now uses the online version of Quickbooks.

Victorian Government Funding

The Committee are grateful for the support of the Victorian Government through a grant of \$16,500 grant from the Victorian Government to support the services we provide to teachers and students.

Goethe-Institut Australia – since 1972 in Melbourne

Thanks to the Goethe-Institut for a grant to support SZENE (\$2000) and other activities (\$1500). The GI also presented at the Planning and PD Conference and AGTV Primary Matters Conference.

The Committee was pleased to support the GI-AGTV Year 10 Awards. This year, the Committee increased its support to offer the winner of the scholarship to Germany a holiday course at the GI in Melbourne prior to departure, in addition to the \$300 pocket money. Congratulations to Jack Iacovangelo from Caulfield GS, who won this award. The Committee continue to fund one of two holiday courses in Melbourne, this year awarded to Annabel Keecha-Milsom from VSL, and Hannah Potter from Buckley Park College.

Thanks to the Goethe-Institut for the materials, events and services for teachers and students they provide throughout the year, including scholarships, the National Conference and support of the NATG.

The GI asked the AGTV to remove the AGTV Goethe Boutique glass cabinet and it was sold. Unfortunately, it proved difficult to remove from the premises and the sale was cancelled. The problem of removing the cabinet remains unresolved.



Kultur und Sprache, Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung in Austria

Thanks to Kultur und Sprache (KuS) for the offer of an in-country seminar. Unfortunately, the planned guest speaker from KuS was not able to travel to attend the GI National Conference.

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

The AGTV SAGSE scholarship was awarded to Suzanna Batzakis from Mount Waverley SC. The Committee resolved to sponsor two scholarship in 2019, the 40th anniversary of sponsoring SAGSE scholarships.

Model UN Conference

DET funded the UNAA Victorian Branch to organise a model conference in German. The Committee was pleased to support this by providing catering again, organising the translation of documents, and finding a Secretary General. Thanks to Liz Ray for encouraging the DET language assistant Anna Lingemann-Koenig to agree to fulfil this role. Thanks also to Sandeep Goswami, DET language assistant at the VSL for his assistance on the day. Teams from 17 schools (incl. 2 country schools) debated the topic: *Asylsuchende und Flüchtlinge: Eine weltweit humanitäre Krise*. It was a very successful event.

Network of Australian Teachers of German (NATG) 2018 in Melbourne

The annual NATG meeting is an important networking occasion. Thanks to the Goethe-Institut for their ongoing support. The GI is no longer able to fund the AusDaF website and Web Manager. The NATG representatives resolved to support the continuation of AusDaF and each state and territory will contribute to cover associated costs of domain name registration and web hosting. The AGTV will coordinate payments, as AusDaF is registered in its name. Patrick Swanson, current President of SAGTA will be the volunteer Web Manager from 2019. The GI informed representatives that future funding of associations and networks will be through an application process, details tbc.

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

Thanks to M Herr for organising the recording of poems, a first for the competition. Thanks to the Committee and Network Leaders, especially 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.

Promotion of German

In 2018, considerable funding was directed to producing promotional materials for German including certificates, Choose German postcards and posters and *Ich (DACHL heart) Deutsch* stickers. The ongoing promotion in schools about the opportunities through German will remain a key focus for the Committee. The Geelong Western District Network held a successful regional German Day Out. Thanks to Liz Ray for her leadership in organising this event.

Professional Development

In addition to the Primary Matters Conference and VCE PDs, a Planning and PD conference was held in February funded wholly by the AGTV and the Victorian Government to encourage networking and planning. The hot topic for 2018 was the Revised VCE and will remain a focus in 2019 and beyond.

Final Words

Please see the following page for a summary of services and events in 2018, followed by a list of NW Leaders and Regional Final Coordinators in 2018.

I am very grateful for the support I receive from the Committee and my family in my role and thank everyone for their ongoing engagement with supporting the teaching and learning of German and support of the association. We can look forward to celebrating *40 Jahre AGTV* with past and current members in 2019 and navigating future directions for our association.

Catherine Gosling, AGTV President 2018

Highlighted Services in 2018

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 (10 on Saturday for inexperienced teachers of VCE) and May (55 at a Pop Up PD at Mantra Bell City), August (Year 12 Forum incl. 15 teachers), and Nov (35 at Mantra Bell City)
- Conference: Primary Matters (26), support for GI National Conference
- Other PD: Hueber Workshops (19)
- Support for teachers to attend professional development including
- AGTV representation at NATG (C Gosling, L Ray, B Ankenbrand, U Fisher, M Herr), GI German Forum (C Gosling), *Runder Tisch* (U Fisher), MLTAV (AGTV Rep. Brigitte Ankenbrand), MLTAV Presidents Meetings (C Gosling), CPTAV (C Gosling), SAGSE Panel (C Fleming)

Scholarships and Exchanges for Students and Teachers

- Coordination of the AGTV-BJR Student Exchange program through BJR in Munich, Germany, celebrating 30-year anniversary of the AGTV-BJR Exchange in 2018
- AGTV Sponsorship of a SAGSE Scholarship incl. AGTV Rep on interview panel
- Support for the Goethe-Institut/AGTV Year 10 Awards incl. AGTV Rep. on interview panel
- AGTV travel subsidy for Josephine Lloyd (Buckley Park College) to attend a 2-week KuS seminar in Vorarlberg, Austria

Support for Student Learning

- AGTV L-Plate Certificates
- Model United Nations Conference at the Treasury Theatre (17 schools incl. 8 Gov't)
- AGTV Year 12 Forum with 87 students and 15 teachers, thanks to the team led by Liz Ray to organise the program, produce the booklet, record the audio files, take registrations, and run the program.
- AGTV *Fotowettbewerb* to celebrate the inaugural Melbourne German Week in March 2018
- AGTV Years 4 to 9 *Sprachfest* incl. 18 Regional Finals and the State Final at the Austrian Club
- AGTV *Kunst und Poesie: Gabriele Münter*, a competition for primary students of German
- AGTV *Chor des Jahres* and AGTV *Song des Jahres* competitions
- AGTV *Werbespot: Promote membership of a sporting club in DACHL*, a short video competition
- Planning for the *Schenk mir eine Geschichte* project
- Support for student events country networks incl. Year 9 Day in Gippsland, Sprachfest in Wimmera Mallee and *Nikolaustag* in Geelong Western District.

Promotional Events and Materials

- Promotional postcards and four posters (Stevie, Ash, Eric, Infos) for the theme Choose German, USB sticks, *Ich (DACHL heart) Deutsch* stickers, update of certificates for competitions
- A3 and A4 pull-up banners for the AGTV
- Regional German Day Out in Geelong Western District.

Other

- C Gosling was referenced in an article 'DAS DACH-PRINZIP IN DER PRAXIS - DIVERSITÄT ALS CHANCE NUTZEN' in the *Magazin Sprache* section on the Goethe-Institut website.



AGTV Network Leaders and Regional Final Coordinators 2018

DET North Eastern Region

North East Inner Metro

Warren Pratt (Scotch College)

RFC: Leisa Winkler - Camberwell Girls GS

North East Knox Metro

Brigitte Ankenbrand (Vermont SC)

RFC: Angelina Rosas-Ortiz - Heathmont College

North East Monash Metro

Helena Salles (Amsleigh Park PS & Highvale PS)

RFC: Helena Salles - Amsleigh Park PS

North East Outer Metro

Alison Bradbury (Donvale Christian College)

RFC: Stefan Mummert - Billanook College

Hume

Frank Kusch (Bright P-12 College)

Katrina Ciolli (Bright P-12 & Harrietteville PS)

RFC: Katrina Ciolli – Bright P-12

DET South Eastern Region

South East Bayside Metro

Annette Wagner-Hesse (Firbank GS)

RFC: Annette Wagner-Hesse - Firbank GS

South East Peninsula Metro

Kylie Wallace (Hillcrest Christian College)

RFC: SEC: Jessika Rabe - Mentone GS

RFC: PRIM: Anne Santamaria (Carrum PS) held at
Patterson River SC

Gippsland

Zoe Stokes (Bairnsdale SC)

RFC: Elke Frank - Club Astoria in Morwell

DET South Western Region

South West Metro

Ellen Dunn (Penleigh & Essendon GS)

RFC: Daniele Boehme - Good News Lutheran
College

Ballarat Goldfields

Danijela Bjelanovic (Ballarat HS)

RFC: Carmen Grodzki-Hipp - Ballarat Clarendon

Geelong Western District

Tobias Bockholt (North Geelong SC)

RF: Liz Ray - German Karneval Society

Wimmera Mallee

Kristen Pfitzner (Horsham College)

RFC: Kristen Pfitzner - Horsham College

DET North Western Region

North West Metro

Jaclyn Curnow (Viewbank College)

RFC: J Curnow - video entries

Calder

Felicity Woodward (Spring Gully PS)

RFC: Tim Hodgkins - Crusoe College

Other Regional Finals for the AGTV Poetry Competition 2018

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

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

NWCV North West Community & VSL Metro **RFC:** Anja Kazmeier (German Saturday School)

NESECV – Community & VSL Metro **RFC:** Stefan Mummert (German Language School Temple Society
Australia)

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

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

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