

# DeAN-Newsletter



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Dear fellow DeAN-members,

once again, it is my pleasure to present the latest issue of our Newsletter to you. And I am happy to report that support for our association is growing everywhere.

Our last event, an alumni barbecue in Frankfurt in September was well attended and saw a very happy crowd chatting away until dark: Not only a great opportunity to catch up with other Australian alumni but also a chance for students interested in studying in Australia to extract information from "Australia experts" in a casual atmosphere. Many thanks are due again to Hochschule für Bankwirtschaft (HfB), one of our institutional members, for their continuing support as well as to HfB-Alumni e.V. for their support in organising the event.

We have also held our first Australian event in Melbourne which apparently was very successful. Many thanks are due to Inga, our secretary-general for Australia, who managed to organise the evening despite leaving for a trip to Europe the next day and Joerg, DeAN-Vice-President, who forgot about jetlag and hopped off the plane in time to attend!

Since our last Newsletter, the Board has been able to make new contacts and promote DeAN e.V. in a number of ways. I was able to attend a seminar on "Australian education and training services" at the Australian Pavilion at EXPO 2000 in Hanover, which presented a great opportunity to meet people involved in the German-Australian education field.

Rebecca Baring has started as the Education Manager with the Australian Consulate-General in Frankfurt/Main. Our cooperation so far has been excellent and we are planning to work closely together regarding student seminars/information evenings. As an aside, Rebecca has also joined up as a DeAN-member (welcome!).

The number of our institutional members is also increasing: most recently we welcomed Griffith University in Queensland [www.gu.edu.au](http://www.gu.edu.au) and LaTrobe University in Melbourne [www.latrobe.edu.au](http://www.latrobe.edu.au) as members. Please find out more about these universities in our portraits.

We have also been joined by Dr. Patricia Benstein of IELTS-online. IELTS-Online offer preparatory courses for the IELTS language test (a language test is required in order to be able to study in Australia). As the name implies – you can do all that online now! (<http://www.ieltsonline.com>). Please find out more in our section on internet links.

On a different note: the treasurer sends a reminder to those of you who have not paid their membership fees for 2000 yet – apparently a significant number! We kindly ask you to transfer the money into the DeAN-accounts as soon as possible. The membership fee for individuals is 30 DM or 20 A\$ if you are Australian (15 A\$ for Australian undergraduate students). If in doubt about whether you have paid or not, Stefan can be contacted at [Thiel@allesklar.de](mailto:Thiel@allesklar.de) (Australian members please contact Inga at [inga@cs.mu.oz.au](mailto:inga@cs.mu.oz.au)).

A number of events are planned for the winter session with quite a few in the South of Germany (Munich, Erlangen, Bamberg) and Frankfurt. We are also planning a relaunch of the website with improved links to education-related sites. As always, if you have any ideas for DeAN, would like to organise and/or participate in an event or have contacts you think might be interesting for DeAN we look forward to hearing from you!

Best regards

Sabine Pittrof, President for the Board of DeAN e.V.

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## **Events:**

### +++ Latest Events +++

30.09.2000: Frankfurt am Main  
Board Meeting

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BBQ

### +++ Upcoming Events +++

Alumni Gratherings in Munich, Erlangen,  
Bamberg and Frankfurt.

### Events in Australia

In Australia, events in cooperation with the German Clubs of Melbourne University and LaTrobe will be coming up soon. Check the DeAN website regularly to find out more about events in your area.

(Inga Sitzmann)

**Other reports about our activities will follow in our next issue. All members of DeAN are welcome to publish reports, articles or other stuff of interest in our DeAN-Newletter. Please take a chance to share your knowledge and experience with your fellow-members. In particular, we are looking for articles on your studies in Australia/Germany.**

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### ***New Fellow Members:***

Please welcome the following new members in our German-Australian Network:

Individual Members:

Rebecca Baring, Andre Hedler,  
Nikola Hohn, Dr. Patricia Benstein,  
Daniel Ritlewski, Oliver Burk

Institutional Members:

La Trobe University,  
International Programs Office,  
Contact: Ms. Kirsten MacLead

Griffith University,  
Griffith University, International Centre  
Contact: Ms. Pauline Tang

### ***Internet-Links:***

In this edition of our Newsletter we would like to inform you about a IELTS Online Test Preparation School. This service of an Australian owned and operated school might be of interest for people who need to pass the IELTS Test.

It is particularly helpful to people who do not have access to local IELTS preparation courses, need to prepare at their own pace at home, work-place or during travel.

As far as we know the cost would be \$500 up to \$950 depending on the course chosen. There is more information on one of the following web sites:

<http://www.ieltsonline.com>, <http://www.ieltsonline.com.au>, <http://www.ieltsonline.org>

(Internet-Information summarized by Ralf Kohl)

### ***Books and other Publications:***

+++ Periodicals +++

*Geo Special*, February/March 2000. DM 14,80. Gruner + Jahr Publishers (german edition)

In that edition you will find articles about Aboriginal dreamtime painting, Kakadu National Park, a city portrait about Sydney and much more.

+++ Science +++

Münch-Heubner, Peter L.: Staatsbürgerschaftsrecht und Einbürgerung in Kanada und Australien. Aktuelle Analysen Band 16. Hanns Seidel Stiftung. München 1999.

This work talks about the state of society and its implications for immigrants and their problems with multiple citizenship.

(Ralf Kohl)

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### **General Hints:**

+++ Telephonie +++

Günstigster Tarif zur Zeit bei Super 24 (Vorwahl 01024): Australien für 10,4Pf/Min. (Angaben lt. [www.teltarif.de](http://www.teltarif.de))

### **News:**

+++ News from Down Under +++

#### **BUSINESS - \$13.5 BILLION BUDGET SURPLUS**

The Australian government today announced its 1999/2000 budget underlying cash position was a surplus of \$12.7 billion. (Source: The Age)

<http://www.theage.com.au/frontpage/20000929/A23263-2000Sep29.html>

#### **DOLLAR'S RECOVERY A SLOW ONE: ECONOMIST**

The Australian dollar would not recover substantial ground against the American currency at least until next year, a leading bank predicted today. (Source: The Age)

<http://www.theage.com.au/frontpage/20000918/A5466-2000Sep18.html>

#### **NATIONAL**

ALP blames government for ABC News cuts Labor today blamed the government for a cut to ABC news and current affairs funding and warned it would result in reduced services to rural and regional Australia. The budget approved by the ABC board yesterday will cut base funding for news and current affairs by \$3.7 million this year, and force the division to refund \$5.45 million in internal loans. Opposition communications spokesman Stephen Smith said the cuts were the fault of the federal government, not the ABC board or managing director Jonathan Shier. (Source: Sydney Morning Herald)

<http://www.smh.com.au/breaking/0010/26/A8876-2000Oct26.shtml>

### **About Us:**

+++DeAN-Online+++

I am happy to announce that our newly installed discussion board on our web-site is frequently used by quite a few people. Please join the discussion and help out with your experience.

Lots of the participants would be more than happy to gather advice given by experienced *connoisseurs* of terra australis. Please join in!!!

(Ralf Kohl)

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**Reports and Articles:**

DeAN – BBQ im Frankfurter Stadtwald

Am Samstag, den 30.09.2000 fand im Frankfurter Stadtwald ein von DeAN und dem Alumni -Verein der HfB (Hochschule für Bankwirtschaft, Frankfurt) organisiertes BBQ statt.

Trotz des wechselhaften Wetters fanden sich viele Interessierte und bekennende Australien-Fans ein. Vor allem Studenten und Studentinnen der HfB nutzten den Nachmittag dazu, Informationen zu Ihrem geplanten Auslandssemester in Australien zu sammeln und die noch Unentschlossenen konnten sich erste Eindrücke verschaffen.

Der Informationsbedarf wurde von DeAN-Mitgliedern und ehemaligen Studenten der HfB, die selbst ihr Auslandssemester in Australien verbrachten und von „echten“ Australiern, z.B. Rebecca Baring (Manager Education vom australischen Generalkonsulat) gedeckt.

Bei original australischem „Rib-eye-Fleisch“ und leckeren Würstchen, die mit Hilfe von Herrn Prof. Dr. Heimer (Dekan der HfB) und Oliver Kopp (Vorsitzender der Alumni der HfB) fachmännisch gegrillt wurden, Fosters (gestiftet von Peter Frank, Australischer Generalkonsul), australischem Wein (gestiftet vom Australian Wine Bureau) und ganz klar „deutschen“ Salaten und Knabbereien, wurden Erfahrungen weitergegeben, Bekanntschaften geknüpft, Fragen gestellt und beantwortet, Informationen gesammelt und bestimmt so mancher mit dem sehr bekannten und hoch ansteckenden „Australien-Virus“ infiziert.

Fazit: Dieses gelungene BBQ schreit geradezu nach einer Wiederholung im nächsten Jahr!

(Anne Werno)

Portrait: LaTrobe University in Melbourne

LaTrobe University in Melbourne has become the first institutional member in Victoria. Located on eight campuses around Melbourne and regional Victoria, this modern university offers a wide range of courses and research facilities. The largest campus in Bundoora in Melbourne's north-east is set on 196 hectares of native gardens and bush, providing 18,000 students and staff with a unique work environment. Particularly students in agriculture, botany, environmental studies and zoology benefit from the diversity of native fauna and flora on campus. The International Programs Office is staffed with helpful student advisers who have already looked after quite a few German exchange and study-abroad students. Check out <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/> to find out more!

(Inga Sitzmann)

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Portrait: Griffith University in Queensland

Griffith University has become our first Queensland institutional member. Griffith University is an innovative Australian University currently catering for approx. 23,000 students with a lot of industry support and situated at great locations (one of their six beautiful campuses is on the Gold Coast!). Griffith offers a wide range of courses and also encompasses Australia's largest music school, The Queensland Conservatorium, and the International Institute of Sport. They have a very supportive international team and I am confident that Griffith's membership will prove to be of mutual benefit. Check out their website: [www.gu.edu.au](http://www.gu.edu.au) !

(Sabine Pittrof)

The Oktoberfest 2000 in Melbourne

On a warm sunny afternoon in spring we set out to experience some German culture and cuisine on the opposite side of the world. The Melbourne Oktoberfest is an annual three-day event at the Flemington Showgrounds north-west of the CBD. Our Australian and German expectations and impressions were quite different.

The Australian perspective:

Tents, pavilions, trestle tables, schmalzy German oom-pah bands. Crisp clear smooth German beers. Fat wursts, Leberkaese, Frauleins in traditional dress. People dancing to the music. Lederhosen everywhere. Brass bands playing traditional German beer-drinking songs. Marching, somersaulting, cartwheeling dancers. Elderly Swiss ladies serving Kaffee und Kuchen. Delicious. Flags, hats, banners, crests. T-Shirts with "Too much Schnaps" and "I love Leberkaese". Friendly atmosphere, and less crowded than in previous years. It was 'sehr gut!'

The German perspective:

Located in the pavillions used for all sorts of exhibitions (from cars to the annual cattle exhibitions) the atmosphere of the venue was quite different to what we know from Bavarian and Austrian beer festivals. And so was the beer on tab: DAB !!! As Foster's in Australia, DAB is mainly an export beer and no "real" German would ever touch DAB, particularly no Bavarian! After a long search, we managed to get a couple of cans of Hofbraeuhaus Oktoberfest beer and some bottles of a really nice Austrian beer. We settled for the Austrian pavillion and were entertained by some "Funkemariechen" who looked somewhat out of place. "Funkemariechen" are dancing girls at the carnival in the Rhine area (so nowhere near Munich or Austria). In general, the entertainment ranged from Scottish sword dancing to Cretan dancing. It was nice to see that the Melbourne Oktoberfest provides a forum for a wider range of European cultural groups than just the Austrians/Bavarians.

The food was quite expensive, but the Kartoffelpuffers were great value and really yummy! Don't touch the Leberkaese, though. Its real colour is supposed to be pink, not grey... The Swiss cakes baked by ladies from the Swiss Club were very nice, too. Some real German bands plus some local bands having a go at German brassband music provided the background music. We were amazed how well "Zickezacke-zickezacke - heyheyhey" goes with "Aussie Aussie Aussie - Oi Oi Oi"! The mix of people was really interesting: every one was there from Australians proudly showing off their 1978 Munich Oktoberfest T-Shirts to the Austrian immigrants who got out their Lederhosen.

In summary, we think, if you get a big group of friends together and are prepared to find a very "Australianized" and rather small version of a beer-festival, the Oktoberfest is definitely worth a visit.

(Mark von Bibra, Monika Gurski, Inga Sitzmann)

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Auftakt zur Reihe von Informationsabenden am Generalkonsulat

Ein gelungener Auftakt zu einer Serie offizieller Informationsabende über das Studium in Australien durch die Bildungsbeauftragte des Australischen Generalkonsulats, Frau Rebecca Baring, fand am 2. November 2000 in Frankfurt am Main statt. Nachdem Frau Baring umfassend über alles, was man zum Studium wissen muß berichtet hatte, wurde anschließend die Gelegenheit gegeben, sich von DeAN-Mitgliedern über persönliche Erfahrungen erzählen zu lassen, was dankbar angenommen wurde. In solchen "student seminars" soll in nunmehr regelmäßigen Abständen, einem kleineren Kreis von Studenten die Möglichkeit gegeben werden, sich über Studienmöglichkeiten in Australien zu informieren. DeAN e.V. begrüßt diese Initiative und wird sich bemühen, jeweils einen Vertreter/eine Vertreterin zu den student seminars zu senden. Umgekehrt hat sich Frau Baring bereiterklärt, bei DeAN-Informationsabenden zu sprechen. Die Veranstaltungen werden jeweils auf der DeAN-Website ([www.dean-online.de](http://www.dean-online.de)) angekündigt.

(Sabine Pittrof)

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