



Dear Goethe Society Wellington members and Friends of the Society,

Firstly, apologies that there has not been a GSW newsletter so far this year. We have, nevertheless, been rather busy and involved in a number of events.

The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Society was very well attended, the array of food wonderful as usual, and the hospitality provided by Helen Fawthorpe warm and welcoming as always. You can read the highlights of the AGM discussions below.

On 27 April, Janine Eisenächer, freelance performance artist, curator, and writer, who spent March and April as the Goethe-Institut's latest artist in residence in Wellington, spoke about her work, her practice and her experiences here. During her stay in Wellington, the artist was keen to integrate into the local art scene and to engage and network with her New Zealand colleagues. She also sought inspiration for future projects and to further an intercultural dialogue.

We also held the first Filmabend for the year on 4 May, screening *Phoenix* (2014) about Nelly, a Jew who managed to survive Auschwitz concentration camp, and decided to go back to her husband Johnny in Berlin in the aftermath of WWII. She has had to have her face reconstructed owing to a bullet wound, and her husband does not recognize her. An excellent film that was well attended – and those who came enjoyed Jacqui's divine sausage rolls amongst other refreshments!

I, myself hosted a delegation from the Bavarian Youth Council (BJR) in the first week of April as part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the New Zealand/German Student Exchange. The week's activities included visits to Wellington College and Herataunga College, a BBQ at my place, the formal Reception on 4 April hosted by the

Goethe-Institut and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany (see photo), a tour of the Kelburn campus of Victoria University of Wellington and a rugby game! They also sampled lots of NZ food - particular highlights were the lamb at the BBQ, and meals at Floraditas and Ortega Fish Shack!

My sincere thanks to Judith Geare from the Goethe-Institut for her work to organise and accompany the delegation on the school visits, the teachers and principals who made time



in their busy schedules to permit the group to attend German classes, etc. and to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and Goethe-Institut for hosting the reception. **Many thanks to all of you who made the week such a success and showcased some aspects of German in New Zealand!!** You can read about the celebrations at: <https://www.bjr.de/.../25-jahre-individueller-schueleraustaus...>

We encourage you to attend our events and become a member of the GSW. We do not charge for any of our events or activities and your subscriptions enable us to provide these opportunities for the German-speaking communities in Wellington and those interested in all things German. They also enable us to offer secondary school students learning German in the Wellington area the opportunity to participate in the annual Oral Competition, for instance.

Details of our events are posted on our Facebook group page – which you can find by searching for **Goethe Society Wellington** on Facebook or on our website [www.welly-goethe.org.nz](http://www.welly-goethe.org.nz). As members you will receive both these newsletters and invitations to all events.

**Mit herzlichen Gruessen**  
**Kristina McGuiness-King**

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**Or find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/385398775978/>**

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## **AGM Highlights:**

- Noted that the website was working well and the membership/ mailing list was being overhauled. *Please email Kristina at [goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com) if you no longer want to be emailed these newsletters or other GSW invitations, etc.*
- As the positions of Treasurer and Secretary were not filled at the AGM in 2016, the roles have been carried ad interim by Kristina McGuiness-King (with authorised cheque signatories) and Helen Fawthorpe.
- **Treasurer's Report for 2016 (adopted):** The President (as interim Treasurer) presented documents setting out the income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 December 2016. These show a healthy bank balance. It was noted that subscription revenue in 2016 was well above budget (\$520 actual cf \$400 budgeted) and this was welcomed. Funding received from the Goethe Institute remained the same as the year before in euros (€1400), but currency shifts meant a higher NZ\$ value (\$2298). The meeting expressed appreciation for the ongoing invaluable support of the Goethe Institute.
- As interim Treasurer, Kristina presented a draft budget for 2017 based on maintaining similar expenditure to 2016. She noted this included provision for a student event. Kristina noted that

Joe Taeni has already activated the Entertainment Book link and she will highlight this in future newsletters. The draft budget was approved.

- **2017 subscriptions:** Online registration for membership is now available on the new website. 2017 Subscriptions will be kept at the same level as 2016; \$ 20 waged, \$10 unwaged, and \$25 for a family.
- **President's report for 2016** was adopted with several appreciative comments for its comprehensive coverage and appealing format. Kristina highlighted the support received from the Goethe-Institut, the German Embassy, the Swiss Embassy and the Austrian Honorary Consul. The Oral Competition was a successful flagship project in 2017, and the meeting expressed special thanks to Dr Margaret Sutherland for once again organising it with great efficiency.
- **Officers for 2017** were elected as follows:
  - President:** Dr Kristina McGuiness-King (the meeting having decided, as in 2016, to set aside for 2017 the provision in the Society's constitution that presidents may serve only two years consecutively per term of office). In accepting the nomination, Kristina stressed that she will need extra support in various aspects of the Society's programme this year; and she will not be in Wellington next year so succession planning is required.
  - Treasurer:** Mary Kane
  - Secretary:** Helen Fawthorpe
  - Student representative:** Celeste Fontein - in absentia (subsequently confirmed)
  - Committee:** Dr Rick Millington (German Programme Representative) - the meeting welcomed Dr Margaret Sutherland's willingness to continue in this capacity for the first half of the year, while formally electing Dr Millington for 2017. Other members re-elected were Jacqui Bisley, Michael McBryde and Emily Heaney.
- **Draft programme of events for 2017** was discussed and welcomed. The date for the annual Secondary Schools' German Oral Competition, normally held in August, has yet to be set. It is planned to offer 4 film evenings this year, in addition to lectures, cultural events (some in conjunction with the Goethe-Institut), and a Hauskonzert. Dr Millington will look into possible literary anniversaries for the programme; and a topic on Luther may be of interest. The meeting approved the draft outline of 2017 programme suggestions and agreed that the new committee should work to fine tune it.
- **In other business**, the meeting paid warm tribute to Dr Margaret Sutherland for her outstanding service and contributions to the Society, in particular as long-standing coordinator of the annual Secondary Schools' Oral Competition. The meeting wished Margaret every success and voted to grant her life membership of the Goethe Society as a mark of our appreciation.

## **Filmabend #2 – *Death by Instalments:***

A documentary about the courageous life and philosophy of Fritz Bauer. Ilona Ziok tells of Bauer's courageous fight for justice, through meticulous research in the archives and startling testimonies from the General State Attorney in Hesse. Around this she has built, in the form of a mosaic, extraordinary film archives, selected works of classical and contemporary music as well as the eye witness accounts of Bauer's contemporaries: friends, relatives and those who fought with him for justice. This film not only provides the exciting biographical depiction of a unique life, it also paints an impressive portrait of one of the most important lawyers of the 20th century.

Fritz Bauer's name is linked with Eichmann's extradition to Israel, the rehabilitation of the freedom fighters of the 20th of July 1944 and the Frankfurt Auschwitz trials. The film *Phoenix* we screened at the last Filmabend was inspired by the life of this resolute man.

Please feel free to forward the attached flyer to your networks.

**Date:** Tuesday, 23 May 2017

**Time:** 5.30pm (for 5.45pm start of screening)

**Venue:** Von Zedlitz Building, **VZ 510**, Kelburn Parade. *Note change from our usual venue for this Filmabend.*

**Refreshments provided.**

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## June GSW Event: 40th anniversary of the New Zealand/German Science & Technology Cooperation Agreement

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the New Zealand/German Science & Technology Cooperation Agreement, the GSW has invited Dr Dave Low (Co-ordinator New Zealand – Germany Science + Innovation Relationship) and Rick Peterson (Senior Advisor, International, Science Investment Branch, Science, Skills and Innovation Group) from the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) to talk about the depth and breadth of these relationships, the importance of these to both countries, and the latest news in this sector.

**More details and a flyer to follow. Please reserve the date (14 June) in your diaries!**

**Date:** Wednesday, 14 June 2017

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Murphy Building, MY 101, Kelburn Parade, Victoria University of Wellington

**Refreshments provided.**

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## Fundraising for the Goethe Society's activities:

Our Entertainment Book fundraising campaign is taking off for 2017/18! Check out the information and links below for more information and to order your new membership! The price is only \$65 and gives you lots of discounts for dining, entertainment, travel and much more. It is a great way to support our Society and to save money at the same time. As always, we need to sell a minimum number in order to raise anything. Last year, we scraped through by one! Every single membership makes a difference. If you're not sure, get one anyway! Entertainment memberships make great gifts too!

We're very excited to be fundraising with Entertainment™ this year. Order your 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book or Digital Memberships today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our fundraising!

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Thank you for your support. Any questions? Contact:

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## Goethe-Institut New Zealand Events:

Keep up to date with the activities, German films (at the Film Societies), music, artist talks, exhibitions, etc. that the Goethe-Institut New Zealand organises and or facilitates at:

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/wel/ver.cfm>

## Bundestagswahlen – einen kurzen Hinweis darauf:

Die Wahl zum 19. Deutschen Bundestag findet am 24. September 2017 statt. Informationen zur Teilnahme von Deutschen im Ausland finden Sie unter [www.konsularinfo.diplo.de/wahl](http://www.konsularinfo.diplo.de/wahl).

## Stammtisch:

Der Stammtisch soll die Gelegenheit zum ungezwungenen Deutsch sprechen, plaudern, schwatzen, quatschen bieten. Es kann jeder kommen, der Deutsch sprechen möchte. Der Stammtisch findet **am letzten Donnerstag des Monats jeweils um 17:30 Uhr** im Muenchen Hofbrauhaus (<http://munchen.co.nz/>), 6 Queens Wharf, Wellington statt. Um auf die Stammtischverteilerliste zu kommen, bitte eine E-mail an [goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com) schicken.

The Stammtisch provides the opportunity to speak German in an informal setting. Anyone who would like to speak German is invited. The Stammtisch takes place **on the last Thursday of each month at 5.30pm** in the Muenchen Hofbrauhaus (<http://munchen.co.nz/>), 6 Queens Wharf, Wellington. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the Stammtisch, please send an email to [goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com)

German Fair – 27 May:

**German Fair**  
Playgroup Fundraiser

**27th May 2017**  
**9:30am - 1pm**

**SALE**

**Khandallah**  
**Pres. Church**  
**33 Ganges Rd**

Garage sale bargains  
Children's clothes  
German bread, cakes and coffee  
Homemade artisan bratwurst