

Das Zentrum–Australian-German Institute Inc.

Library, information centre and meeting place



*Your link between Australia and
the German-speaking regions of Europe*

Das Zentrum is the Canberra meeting place for those interested in the culture and language of the German-speaking regions of Europe. It was founded in 1997 after the closure of the Goethe Institute in Canberra, *Das Zentrum* currently enjoys the support of the Goethe Institute.

Das Zentrum offers a broad range of print media, videos, DVDs and music as well as a representative selection of classic and modern literature by German-speaking authors (many also available in English translations). Various non-fiction and reference books and modern teaching materials are also on offer.



Das Zentrum hosts weekly conversation groups as well as language courses. It also arranges for private lessons. Events like the Immersion Weekend help people to discover and promote the German language. In addition, *Das Zentrum* organises lectures, concerts, excursions, social events and much more.

Members of *Das Zentrum* enjoy free library access and regularly receive its bilingual newsletter "*Federkiel*" which is supported by the ACT Office of Multicultural Affairs and contains interesting articles on topical issues as well as information on events in the German-speaking community.

Das Zentrum is open to the public.

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Friday
11:30 - 14:30 h
Friday
17:30 - 20:00 h

Das Zentrum is located in the
Griffin Centre, 1.03/20 Genge Street, Civic ACT 2601
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Canberra German Speakers' Network (CGN): "durch Deutsch dabei"

In an age of rapid technological advances, the world has become a smaller place. Distances have shrunk, time has gathered pace, and boundaries have shifted or disappeared altogether. More than ever it is important to know about other cultures and to speak foreign languages.

As Australia's capital, Canberra is a city proud to be international. Its citizens and visitors alike have cultural and economic links to many parts of the world, among them the German-speaking regions of Europe. The German-speaking community of Australia dates back to the early 19th century and has made significant contributions to Australia's multicultural heritage and economic prosperity.

The Canberra German Speakers' Network (CGN) is a voluntary cooperative of independent organisations, institutions and initiatives in the Australian Capital Territory that focuses on promoting the language and culture of the German-speaking countries.

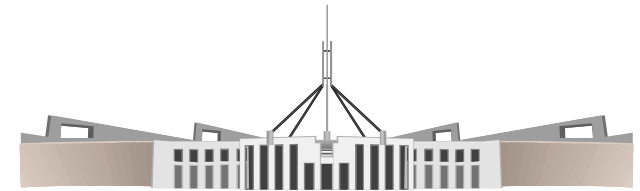
The objectives of the CGN are

- to facilitate the interchange of information for the benefit of members of all associated groups as well as the general public;
- to encourage support between organisations; and
- to coordinate any joint ventures.

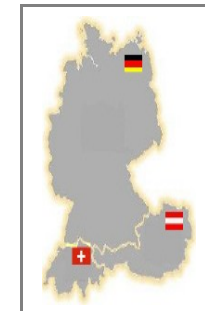
The activities of the CGN are supported by the Embassies of Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The publication of this brochure has been funded by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany.

For further information, contact one of our member organisations:

ACT German Language School
ACT German Teachers' Network
ANU German Studies Program
Austrian Australian Club and choir
Canberra Swiss Club and choir
CMS Radio FM 91.1
Das Zentrum, Australian-German Institute
German Australian Pfadfinder Scouts
German Australian Playschool
Harmonie German Club and choir
Spiel und Spass Playgroup



"durch Deutsch dabei"
"in the loop with German"



ANU German Studies Program

Teaching and research at university level



The ANU's German Studies Program teaches the language and the cultures of German-speaking societies.

Language courses are offered at all levels and follow an integrated teaching approach by combining language practice with literature, culture, cross-cultural communication and other topical issues.

As well as the language courses, the German Studies Program offers a wide range of optional courses that focus on literature, linguistics, society, film and translation.

The courses are designed for undergraduate students, but enrolment is also possible for mature-age students who wish to study German at university level and fulfil entry requirements.

Ph.: (02) 6125 2895

Website: http://arts.anu.edu.au/german_studies/Homepage/germ_home.htm

Email: german@anu.edu.au

ACT German Teachers' Network

Provides professional development to teachers



The ACT German Teachers' Network is comprised of German teachers from government and non-government schools, the ACT German Language School and other interested teachers of German in the Canberra region, e.g. from Goulburn or the Monaro.

There are currently 16 schools in the ACT where German is taught. Contact is maintained via telephone, email and newsletter. Activities organised by the German Teachers' Network include the professional development of German teachers at in-services and conferences, the promotion of German for secondary and primary students in our schools through shared experiences; and social networking.

Ph.: currently not available

Email: currently not available

ACT German Language School Inc.

German classes for children and adults



The ACT German Language School has been operating in Canberra since 1958. It is an independent, non-profit organisation aimed at promoting German language and culture through the provision of German language classes for children and adults. The school is operated by an annually elected management team consisting of parents, teachers and other members of the

Association. It has separate divisions for children and adults, each offering instruction at different levels. The School's qualified teachers are native German-speakers using modern teaching materials published in Germany and Australia. For its children's classes, the School receives limited financial support from the ACT Government as well as material and in-kind assistance from the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. Some material assistance is also received from time to time from the Embassies of Austria and Switzerland.

Adult courses are offered at Dickson College on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The children's division offers classes on Saturday mornings during normal school terms.

P.O. Box 3117, Manuka ACT 2603

Ph.: 0466 386265

Website: <http://www.actgermanschool.org.au>

Email: ACTgermanschool@yahoo.de



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Lake Constance bordering Germany, Austria and Switzerland
(Lindau harbour entry)



Harmonie German Club Inc.

Club entertainment, restaurant, function rooms

Since 1961, the Harmonie German Club has provided a variety of entertainment to foster German culture and traditions. Relax in our restaurant with a German meal or enjoy a stein of German beer on tap, imported bottled beer or wine in the beer garden. The *Bierkeller* with its German décor is ideal for your private function. The large dance hall, seating up to 300 people, has the best dance floor in town and is available for functions like conferences, weddings or other special celebrations.

Oktoberfest Canberra is organised by the Harmonie German Club and has become a very popular event on Canberra's entertainment calendar. It is held annually in late October, usually at Exhibition Park.

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Ph.: (02) 6295 9853 **Fax:** (02) 6295 0132

Website: www.harmonieclub.com.au

Email: harmonie@bigpond.net.au



Harmonie Choir Canberra

Adult choir singing in German and English

The well known Harmonie Choir practises Mondays at 7.15 pm at the Harmonie German Club, and regularly presents concerts in Canberra and interstate. The choir's aim is to promote the German *Lied* and keep alive a vital part of German tradition. New singers are always welcome. For further information, please contact the choir's secretary Rosemarie Eberhardt.

Ph.: (02) 6161 1608

E-Mail: rosemarieeberhardt@hotmail.com



Canberra Swiss Club Inc.

Social contacts amongst the Swiss community

The Canberra Swiss Club is a small, lively club which exists to promote communication, social contact and a spirit of good fellowship among members of the local Swiss community, their partners and friends, and to maintain the bond with Switzerland.

P.O. Box 3211, Manuka ACT 2603

Website: www.swiss.org.au

Email: canberraswissclub@gmail.com



Canberra Swiss Choir

Singing in Switzerland's national languages

The Canberra Swiss Club's newly formed choir sings traditional songs in Switzerland's national languages. Rehearsals are held at the Harmonie German Club from 6.00 to 7.30 pm on the last Tuesday of the month. New singers are welcome (no auditions). For further information, please contact the choir's coordinator at r.neilson@netspeed.com.au



Austrian Australian Club Canberra

Keeping Austrian tradition alive

The Austrian Australian Club offers an opportunity to keep the Austrian culture and heritage alive and introduce it to the broader community in Canberra. Originating from a group of Austrians meeting to preserve their culture, make friends and share interests, the Club became a formal entity in 1970, providing bar and entertainment facilities seven days a week and a restaurant for lunch and dinner from Tuesday to Sunday nights.

5 Mount Evans St, Mawson ACT 2607
Ph.: (02) 6286 5793 Fax: (02) 6286 2832
Website: www.austrianclubcanberra.homestead.com
Email: mail@austrianclubcanberra.com



Austrian Choir

Keeping Austrian musical tradition alive

The Austrian Choir Canberra, formed in 1981, is fortunate to have a number of talented singers and musicians which enables it to present three formal concerts a year as well as perform for many other events. The choir rehearses every Wednesday night at 7.15 pm at the Austrian Australian Club and always welcomes new singers!

Address & telephone no. as for Austrian Club Choir: PO Box 3022, Wanniasa, 2903
Website: www.austrianchoircanberra.homestead.com
Email: maestro.gb@westnet.com.au
(Conductor: Dr Günter Brandstetter)

CMS Community Radio

Radio program in German



Listen to our interesting German language radio broadcasts and call us for messages, to request a song or just to say hello.

Monday 5 – 7 pm
Swiss Program (Dialect/German)
Email: swisscms@yahoo.com

Tuesday 8 – 10 pm
German/Austrian Program: Treffpunkt
Email: treffpunktcms@yahoo.com.au

Thursday 7 – 9 am
Breakfast show: Bretzefunk
Email: bretzefunk@yahoo.com.au

1CMS FM 91.1 MHz
Canberra Multicultural Service
27 Mulley Street, Holder ACT 2611
Ph.: (02) 6287 4347 / 6287 5591

Email: radio_cms@yahoo.com.au
Website: www.cmsradio.org.au

Spiel und Spass Playgroup

Playgroups for children birth to 5 years



Playgroups for German-speaking or bilingual parents and their children. Celebrate *Karneval*, *Advent* and *Nikolaus*; read German stories, sing songs, play games and take part in cultural activities.

Spiel und Spass meets one morning a week at the **Scout Hall at 5 Masson Street in Turner**.
Ph.: (02) 6251 7743
Email: spielwelt@hotmail.com.au

German Australian Playschool

Preschool for children 3 to 5 years old



The German Australian Playschool (GAP) caters for children three to five years old of all language backgrounds. The GAP offers immersion and bilingual sessions. The children enjoy a play-based early education program in German, celebrate many German traditions and come to know many traditional and modern German children's songs and stories.

The GAP is located at **5 Masson Street in Turner**, and offers sessions three days a week.
Ph.: (02) 6251 7743
Email: spielwelt@hotmail.com.au

German Australian Pfadfinder Scouts

Scouts for young people 6 to 26 years old



Join the boys and girls in Pfadfinder Scouts and enjoy the outdoors, games, activities and learn a lot. Pfadfinder Scouts is for German-speaking young people and their families. Pfadfinder Scouts meet weekly and some weekends.

Their home is at the **Scout Hall at 5 Masson Street in Turner**.
Ph.: (02) 6251 7743
Email: spielwelt@hotmail.com.au