Event Program

German WWII Internees from Persia and their Fate in Australia

Symposium & Exhibition

Convenor of Symposium and Curator of Exhibition
Prof. Pedram Khosronejad
School of Social Science, Western Sydney University
Saturday 4 March, 2023
Bonney Theatre, Barwell Ave, Barmera SA 5345

09.00: Registration, tea & coffee

10.00-11.00 Morning Session-1
(Chair Pedram Khosronejad)

- **Acknowledgement of Country**
- **Opening message**
  The Berri Barmera Council Mayor Ella Winnall
- **Welcome , structure of the symposium, and a short history of project**
  Prof. Pedram Khosronejad (Western Sydney University)
- **The History of the Loveday Internment Camp**
  Rosemary Gower
- **Keynote speaker- The Internment of Germans in Australia: Historical Perspectives**
  Prof. Peter Monteath (Flinders University)

11.00-11.15 Morning Tea Break

11.15-12.30 Morning Session-2
(Chair Pedram Khosronejad)

- **Internment from Iran as A Child**
  Helga Griffin
- **My Unforgettable Journey to Australia**
  Ingrid Stephen
- **From Zwickau to Melbourne**
  Doris Frank
- **Q&A (morning session)**

12.30- 1.30 Lunch Break

1.30- 2.30 Afternoon Session-1
(Chair Pedram Khosronejad)

- **My Early Childhood** (recording)
  Roswitha Wulff
- **The Life and Legacy of Doctor H. E. Wulff**
  John Wulff
- **Bremen to Launceston with a Few Detours** (recording)
  Anneliese Kropf
- **Q&A**

2.30- 2.45 Afternoon Tea Break

2.45-4.30 Afternoon Session-2
(Chair Pedram Khosronejad)

- **German Internees in Australia: a collection story** (recording)
  Libby Stewart (Senior Curator, National Museum of Australia, Canberra)
- **Our project's Story**
  Pedram Khosronejad
- **Concluding remarks**
  (Rosemary Gower, Prof. Pedram Khosronejad, Prof. Peter Monteath, Loveday Internment Camp Committee)

6.00 Dinner at Barmera Club (bookings via Berri Barmera Council website)

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Exhibition

Saturday 4 March to Sunday 5 March, 2023
Soldiers Memorial Hall, Barwell Ave, Barmera SA 5345

The exhibition investigates the role of tangible heritage (family photo albums, personal diaries, letters, and arts of the camp) in the life and resettlement of German civil internees and prisoners of war from Persia (Iran).

The overarching argument of this project is the multifaceted role and multifunctional usage of the tangible and the intangible heritage of migrants as coping strategies during harsh life experiences such as deportation, imprisonment, forced migration and resettlement.

The Loveday Internment Camp collection from the Barmera District War Memorial Community Centre will also be on display.

Entry is free and the exhibition will be open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday 4 March and Sunday 5 March.

Bookings for the Symposium and Dinner via the Berri Barmera Council website

Loveday INTERNMENT CAMP COMMITTEE

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