



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

<b>NAME OF COLLECTION</b>	UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE GERMAN CLUB
<b>ACCESSION NO</b>	1974.0102
<b>CATEGORY</b>	University Club/Society
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	University Club
<b>DATE RANGE</b>	1899-1976
<b>SIZE OF COLLECTION</b>	6 cm.
<b>HISTORICAL NOTE</b>	The Deutscher Sprachverein von Victorie was formed in 1899 to encourage the study of German language and literature. It lapsed in 1900 and in 1904 transferred its library to the new Deutscher Sprachverein at the University, which became the German Club in 1905. It too failed to survive. The later material pertains to the present Club which has been active since the early 1950s.
<b>DATE OF TRANSFER</b>	June 1974
<b>ACCESS CONDITIONS</b>	Access: Open
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Minutes 1899-1906 (gaps); notes on activities, accounts, correspondence 1973-1976.
<b>NOTE ON COLLECTIONS</b>	This material is housed in same box as accession 1991.0046
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<b>DATE</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> June 1974

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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY

NAME: German Club (University of Melbourne); formerly Der Deutscher Sprachverein von Victoria, and Der Deutscher Sprachverein der Universität, Melbourne.

QUANTITY: 1 foolscap volume, 2 em.

GENERAL NOTE: The Deutscher Sprachverein von Victoria was formed after private discussions at an informal meeting in a private house on 9 August 1899, as a literary society aiming to encourage and facilitate the study of German language, literature and culture. Its first activity was the establishment of a German lending library. Although the society had 67 members in 1900, it appears to have lapsed before the end of that year. The library was later donated to the University on condition that a similar society be formed, and that former members of the old society be admitted as members. Der Deutscher Sprachverein der Universität, Melbourne held its first meeting in the Modern Languages lecture room on 27 June 1904. Its objects were to promote and encourage the practical use of German among members, with a membership open to graduates, undergraduates and post-graduate students of the University, and to those nominated by a member and approved by the Committee. Meetings generally took the form of readings or lectures.

The last committee meeting of Der Deutscher Sprachverein was held on 20 March 1905, and was immediately followed by the inaugural meeting of the German Club.

LIST OF RECORDS

Minute Book for Committee and Ordinary Meetings.

9 Aug. 1899 - 8 June 1900 (Der Sprachverein von Victoria, minutes in English, constitution in German); 4 July 1904 - 20 March 1905 (Der Sprachverein der Universität, Melbourne, minutes in German or English); 20 March 1905 - 22 Oct. 1905 (German Club, minutes in English).

Loose inside front cover: 4 invoices from Leipzig bookseller, 15 Feb. 1905.

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