

Kollosche family - 160th Anniversary

by Andrew Kollosche

A family reunion was held in Birdwood South Australia on the occasion of the 160th Anniversary of the arrival of George Kolosche in Australia.

It was a warm spring Saturday the 4th day of October 2014 when decadents of George and Auguste Kolosche gathered at the Lutheran Church cemetery to commemorate 160 years since the arrival of George in 1854 on our Australian shore.



The event planning commenced on a wet windy day in August 2012 when four cousins met at the same Lutheran Church Cemetery in Birdwood along with the cemetery curator Lois, who was able to positively identify the location of George's grave. Over a hearty lunch in the Blumberg Pub next to a cosy fire, plans were hatched, and over the following two years a commemorative plaque was commissioned, the word went out about the gathering. Shortly before the event the grave was repaired and the plaque installed.



On the day fifty relatives were in attendance to celebrate the unveiling of the plaque for George and Auguste. Andrew Kollosche Master of Ceremony addressed the audience with a short speech giving an overview of what lead up to that moment. Then Brian Kollosche elder statesman had the honour of unveiling.

The smorgasbord luncheon at the Blumberg Hotel Birdwood was a great success; family members rekindled old friendships and made new ones over a relaxing afternoon.

The Management of the Pub generously provided a huge cake in honour of the occasion.

A sincere thank you to all who generously donated to the installation of the plaque. A donation was made to Birdwood Lutheran Cemetery to assist with general maintenance and preservation.

Your attendance made Saturday a great day, the weather was kind, the company genial, you could say all was right with the world.

Let's not leave it so long to get together again!

