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**Message from
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The Brisbane German Week has become a milestone in our bilateral relations, as it successfully brings together all our efforts to promote new connections between Germany and Australia.

Since it was first held in 2016, the German Week has already expanded to encompass 15 days full of highlights which enrich the cultural scene. They include one of the biggest Oktoberfest events worldwide, featuring an original 36 m high maypole and traditional Bavarian cultural performances. The German Week also reaches out to schools and universities with competitions to strengthen German language studies, and includes a special day for the students. And, last but certainly not least, an art exhibition by world-famous German artist Gerhard Richter will open to the public in Brisbane on 14 October.

Equally important for our future cooperation are the business connections forged at the German Business Day, not forgetting follow-up meetings between German and Australian start-ups.

Brisbane German Week has also become a model for the Sydney German Week. I owe the Honorary Consulate in Brisbane and our Honorary Consul Professor Rosemann great respect for their efforts and creativity in realizing this wonderful event. I also thank all partners in the City of Brisbane who have supported them, particularly the Lord Mayor and all other supporters, without whom such a great and friendly event would never have been possible.

I am very happy to be participating in this years' German Week and look forward to celebrating together the unity and friendship between our countries on this special occasion.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Anna Prinz
Ambassador