



**PRESS RELEASE**

**19th November 2019**

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall:  
Original fragment of the Berlin Wall unveiled in Woollahra for  
permanent public display**

An authentic piece of the Berlin Wall hiding away in a warehouse in Blacktown, Sydney for over a decade, is to be unveiled in Euroka Reserve, a public park in front of the German Cultural Centre, the Goethe-Institut, for permanent public display.

This rare piece of history is not small. Almost 4 metres tall, made from concrete and weighing 2.4 tonnes, the wall is well-preserved, still displaying original graffiti with the words: 'Jeder hat Kraft' - 'Everyone is powerful'.

The inauguration of the fragment in November 2019 will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, one of the most notable political events of the 20th century.

Organised by the Goethe-Institut and Woollahra Council, the public celebration will include a welcome by Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC, Governor of NSW, Cr Susan Wynne, Mayor of Woollahra, Peter Silberberg, German Consul General and Sonja Griegoschewski, Director of the Goethe-Institut.

Family members of the late Peter Kubiak, who brought the wall to Australia more than 20 years ago and the current owner and donor Raymond Chim from Chanrol Pty Ltd, will attend the celebration.

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The program also includes the photo exhibition *Borderlines* by Enzo Amato, a Sydney-based photographer who lived in Berlin in 1989, and the panel “Remembering November 1989; eyewitnesses share their personal stories”.

Goethe-Institut Director Sonja Griegoschewski shares her excitement about the event: “For almost 50 years the Goethe-Institut in Woollahra has been a cornerstone of German-Australian cultural relations. As a born Berliner, I am deeply touched by the opportunity to share such an important piece of German history with the Australian public.”

“What once symbolised division is now a symbol of what brings us together. Having a piece of the Berlin Wall installed in Woollahra on the 30th anniversary of such an iconic event is an important reminder to us not to take for granted the peace and freedom we enjoy,” Woollahra Mayor Susan Wynne comments. “It is well placed at the Goethe-Institut, which is dedicated to fostering international cultural cooperation.”

“The fall of the Berlin Wall marked the beginning of a new era of freedom, not only for East Germans, but also for many other people in Central and Eastern Europe” says the German Consul General, Peter Silberberg. “It was the beginning of the processes which led to the unification of the then two German states less than a year later and paved the way to overcome the trenches that had divided Europe into East and West for more than 40 years.”

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**Event date:** 23rd November 2019

**Time:** 3pm to 6pm; speeches start 3:30pm

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