

# Hills dancers join Bavarian parade

By Laura McCall

Hills members of Adelaide Bavarian dance group Bund der Bayern have concluded their official tour through Germany's southern state of Bavaria.

Over two weeks the 14 children and 13 adults who took part in the trip were hosted by Bavarian families and participated in a number of dance and cultural workshops.

The trip culminated with the group marching in a *Trachtenparade* – a parade of about 3000 people in traditional Bavarian costumes.

About half of the Adelaide contingent were Hills residents including group leader Reinhard Struve of Crafers West who said the trip was a great success.

## Exhausting

"It has been an exhausting time with our cultural program on some days commencing at 7.30am and going on until well past midnight," he said.

"But everyone in our group played along really well, even the children, and we're coming back home to Adelaide with a huge range of new impressions and experiences.

"It has been a great learning opportunity for our group, and I am confident that there will be another trip to Bavaria in the pipeline one day."

Mr Struve said there was now interest among some of the German dance groups to visit Adelaide in the near future.

The Bund der Bayern group received financial assistance towards the trip through the Federal Government's Creative Young Stars program, as well as support from local businesses and community members.

*LEFT: Bund der Bayern Bavarian dance group members Lily Griffith from South Brighton, left, Lara Struve of Crafers West, Zara Fenton-Mair from Gilberton, Jakob Struve and Eliza Fenton-Mair in front of the Hofbräuhaus beer hall in Munich during the group's recent trip to Germany.*

