Dear Members & Friends,

Easter and Mother's Day have come and gone. Both events were well visited by our members and their families. We also had a lot of visitors to both events and I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our Anniversary Ball on Friday 19 May 2017 was well received by everyone and the decorations found a few admirers who commented on how lovely it looked. Thank you to the office staff and the volunteers who took time off their busy schedule to help out and to ensure the evening would be a big success. It was nice to see so many familiar faces on the night and everyone had a great time.

Congratulations to our Silver and Golden Needle recipients: Fritz Kasper, Maria Schober and Gisela Walden who received their Silver Needle for 25 year membership of the Club. Norbert Bergel, Bill Deer, Waldermar Hammer, William James, Werner Kroll, Fritz Matzke and Hans Weber who received their Golden Needle for 50 year membership of the Club. The President’s Trophy went to Trudi Skepton. The Teo Teichert Trophy to Karin & Helmut Assfalg and the Undergroup Trophy went to the Alpenrosen Dancegroup. Congratulations to everyone. The Presidents Medal for Voluntary Services went to Susanne Borell, Lucas Rietberg, Dorit and Wolfhardt Schreiber, Ingrid Gerhard and Gerhard Schulze.

The Volunteers Trophy went to Alice Sowa and the Monika Kortz Award from the Treffpunkt to Natasha Hayfa.

The meal was superb and received a lot of praise.

The choir sang the National Anthems and 3 of their songs from the upcoming Concert on Sunday the 6 August 2017.

I also had the opportunity to visit the Melbourne Club Tivoli for their 157th Anniversary Ball on 5th May 2017 which was excellent.

Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde,

Leider bleibt nicht viel Platz diesmal meinen Bericht auch in Deutsch zu schreiben. Bis zum nächsten Bericht hoffe ich das noch mehr von unseren ehemaligen Mitgliedern den Klub besuchen und ich sie dann persönlich dort begrüssen kann.

Freundliche Grüße/In Friendship,

Euer Präsident/Your President

Monika Kortz
**Treffpunkt News**

Hello everyone,

Our “Himmelfahrt” Bus Trip on Saturday 22 April 2017 was a great success despite the small number of participants. We first stopped at the Ettamogah Pub for refreshments which was then followed by a visit to the “Super Bee” and Ginger factory Tourist Attraction. From there we went to the Sunshine Coast for lunch followed by an afternoon break at another Club.

There is still a fishing trip pencilled into our diary for June, going to Somerset Dam. This will be a weekend trip where the boat will be supplied and also a communal tent. More details should be available as soon as Oleg comes back from his holiday. In the meantime you can contact him directly by phone.

Our Member Natasha Hayfa received the Monika Kortz Award for her voluntary services to the Treffpunkt. Congratulations to Natasha.

Our member Lucas Rietberg was awarded the President’s Medal for voluntary services this year. Congratulations to Lucas.

Birthday celebrations for June and July are Monika (16.6.); Elisabeth (22.6.); Julius (25.6.) and Hans (31.7.)

We are still looking for singers to join our choir.

Come and join us as we practice every Tuesday Night at the Club from 6.30-9.00pm.

Monika Kortz  
(Secretary)

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**Liedertafel/Liederkranz Report**

Working hard to learn the new songs for our 6 August 2017 Annual Concert.

We are still negotiating with Melbourne to hold a concert there between the choirs at Club Tivoli and ours.

Congratulations to Trudi Skepton on winning the President’s Trophy 2017.

It was an excellent 134th Anniversary Celebration of the Club and our choir had the privilege to sing the National Anthems and 3 songs from our upcoming Concert on the 6th August 2017.

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**Choir Practice of the Liedertafel/Lieder-kranz Choir:**

- **Tuesday 6.30-9.00pm**
- **For information ring:**
  - Rainer 3821 5223
  - Monika 3397 0971
  - mariakortz@bigpond.com

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Congratulations to Mark and Catherine Curtis on the birth of their 2nd daughter Eloise Elizabeth Curtis weighing in at 2.8kg on the 9 May 2017.
YOUR BIRTHDAY GIFT

If you scan your Membership card and complete any transaction at the bar on the day of your Birthday, you will receive 1000 points.

This is equivalent to $10.00.

A small Birthday present from the club to you.

REWARD OF $100 OFFERED FOR RETURN OF THE OLD PRESIDENT’S CHAIR GONE MISSING IN 2007. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

2017 President’s Trophy Winner Trudi Skepton (4th from left) with other Members of the Club congratulating her.

BGLS invites you, your family and friends to our annual Laternenfest held on

Saturday 24th June 2017, 4:30pm
at St. Peters Lutheran College, Indooropilly
in front of the Zillmann Technology Centre
(see attached event map)

From 5.30 pm we will parade our lanterns through the grounds of St. Peters while singing traditional songs. Afterwards German sausages, Sauerkraut, Glühwein (mulled wine), beer and other German specialties will be available.

Pre loved German books will also be for sale.

Please bring:
- a lantern with holding stick
- cushions for seating as it may get cold
- appetite for yummy German foods

We look forward to celebrating with you.

Please contact us on info@bglsg.org.au if you have any questions.
Skat: Für Weitere Auskunft:
Werner Simke
3300 2565
0410 118 371

German Club Happy Hours
Tuesday to Sunday
12pm—2pm, 5pm—6pm

Skat News

Skatbericht...

Hello Skatfreunde,
Bei unserem April Skat waren 11 Spieler anwesend.
Den ersten Preis erspielte sich G. Ertel mit 2463 Punkten.

Weitere Platzierungen wie folgt;
2...P. Sturm 2376 P.
3...K. Jasiulek 2316 P.
4...F. Matzke 2241 P.

Bei unserem Mai Skat waren 12 Spieler anwesend.
Den ersten Preis erspielte sich S. Svarbic mit 2749 Punkten.

Weitere Platzierungen wie folgt;
2...G. Ertel 2583 P.
3...P. Sturm 2429 P.
4...W. Bummer 2249 P.

Wir spielen Preis Skat jeden zweiten Sonntag im Monat, Startzeit 11-00 Uhr...Jeden Zweiten Mittwoch spielen wir unseren Freundschafts Skat Startzeit 14-00 Uhr.

Weitere Auskunft

Werner Simke.................3300 2565 0410 118371

Gut Blatt.............................Werner Simke

Bar News

Dear Members and Guests,

With the chillier times now upon us we will be offering our homemade Glühwein all winter. We also have available bottles for sale so you can simply heat it up at home yourself. There has been some supply issues with the importation of Warsteiner and in its place we will be offering an old favourite on tap, Veltins. Veltins Pilsener is one of Germany’s top ten selling beers and you can look forward to enjoying it fresh from the tap next time you are in.

Tchüss
Tony

“I only drink a little, but when I do I turn into another person, and that person drinks a lot”
Anon.

Stammtisch
We meet in the Club’s Keller Bar every Tuesday from 6.30pm.
For more information, or to get involved please email:
Brisbane_stammtisch@hotmail.com
or visit:
facebook.com/groups/brisbanestammtisch

VOLUNTEERS wanted to join the Volunteers Group (previous Ladies Group).

Please contact the Office with your details and the area you would like to volunteer for: Oktoberfest, Door duties during AFL games, decorating Hall for functions etc.
Two years in the planning … fund raising fun … a year of training with new dances and bell songs … build up and excitement … and all too soon it is finished and past. This year’s National Dancefest was held in Canberra. Nine dance groups from all Australian states and our guests from Austria gathered to dance to impress. It was wonderful catching up with old friends and acquaintances …. And making new! Our hosts at the Harmonie Club, Canberra, looked after us well. Long established friendships were revisited and family news updated. This year happily we can report no embarrassing incidents … the weather didn’t threaten any hair dos nor costumes as we had the finest of days. There were a few sore heads of the younger variety but all members managed to stay on their feet at all times!!

The Alpenrosen crew took to the floor and impressed all with our performance. The junior boys performed an impressive Fight Dance before being joined by the girls on the floor … not that the Seniors were to be outdone! We also celebrated Maddi’s birthday with a rendition of Happy Birthday on the bells.

The Alpenrosen were also joined by Werner, who performed a number of melodies on his Zither.

Whispers were ripe early on about the future of the Dancefest … and all were overjoyed to learn that Alpenrosen with the support of the Brisbane German Club was willing to host the next festival in 2019. It certainly lightened the mood for the rest of the weekend.

It was wonderful to again dance with our partner group from Austria, Guad Drauf Plattler, who as always were popular with so many dance friends from around Australia. As always, the highlight of the festival was the all-in finale dancers of Haushammer and Zillertaler and the combination of bell plays performing Edelweiss. Thank you to the Brisbane German Club and the German Australian Community Centre of Queensland for their financial assistance to the Alpenrosen Dance Group in resourcing our Trachten. Thank you also to the partners and families of the Alpenrosen members for their support … many of whom travelled with us to Canberra.

And so the cycle begins again. Already the early preparations have begun … entertainment planning, catering arrangements … two years will quickly come around when we will be hosting the nation’s dancers. What an opportunity that will be for the members and friends of the Club.

Fresh from the excitement of our successful participation at Dancefest, the team polished up for the Anniversary Ball at the Club. And again we put our best plattlers forward!! We were honoured to receive the Harry Schrober Encouragement Trophy. We have an upcoming job at the Gold Coast Casino in August and before we know it the Oktoberfest season will be upon us for another year.

Yours in Dancing,
Paula, for the Alpenrosen crew.
Brisbane Stamp Club News

City of Brisbane Stamp Club members have a keen interest in postage stamps of Europe particularly Germany. This connection sees club meetings held in the Choir Room of the Brisbane German Club on the third Thursday every month at 7.30 pm. All are welcome for serious questions about stamps or just a casual chat for the inquisitive.
KAFFEE ~ KLATSCH

It is with great sadness that our dear friend URSULA KURTZ was laid to rest on Friday 12th of May 2017. Ursula will be missed by many and remembered for her happy personality, always cheerful with a song in her heart encouraging us to join her singing the most popular old German tunes at our gatherings, she was a member of the Kaffee ~ Klatsch from the beginning almost 25 years ago.

On a lighter note we send hearty congratulations to our friend Trudi Skepton receiving the special “President Trophy” at the 134th Club’s Anniversary.

We all know Trudi as a very diligent Volunteer, always on the forefront when help is needed in the club, we also appreciate her excellent baking skills, she often and generously spoils us with her wide range of Homemade German delicacies.

Meantime we will continue to have our friendly and most enjoyable get-togethers and each and everyone is most welcome to join our cheerful little Group, we meet every 3rd Thursday of the month from 11am to approx 3 pm in the Keller Bar of the Brisbane German Club.

Warm Regards
Gerda Schulz

Kaffee Klatsch Ladies
(From left to right)

Standing: Gisela Walden, Tina Tasseron, Pauline Fritz, Ursula Kurtz, Gerda Schulz, Dorit McConnor, Trudi Skepton, Ulla Harnisch, Maria Schrober and Dorit Schreiber.

Sitting: Trudy Zaklikowsky, Ingrid Gerhard, Hilde Hinczmann, Christina Schulze, Trudy van Dreuten and Renate Waldock.
Upcoming events/dates

10th June, Saturday
AFL Lions vs Freemantle  4:30pm

11th June, Sunday
Fruehschoppen 11:30am

14th June, Wednesday
Trivia commencing at 7:00pm

18th June, Sunday
Irish Choir concert

21st June, Wednesday
Trivia commencing at 7:00pm

24th June, Saturday
AFL Lions vs GWS Giants  4:30pm

28th June, Wednesday
Trivia commencing at 7:00pm

5th July, Wednesday
Trivia commencing at 7:00pm

8th July, Saturday
AFL Lions vs Geelong  7:25pm

9th July, Sunday
Fruehschoppen  11:30am

12th July, Wednesday
Trivia commencing at 7:00pm

19th July, Wednesday
Trivia commencing at 7:00pm

23rd July, Sunday
AFL Lions vs Carlton 4:40pm

26th July, Wednesday
Trivia commencing at 7:00pm

WELCOME
All new Members to our Club.

Full Members: Michael Newell, Isaac Ayodeji, Caitlin McNamara, Elizabeth McNamara, and Jan Rocktaeschel

COMMITTEE 2016—2017

PRESIDENT: MONIKA KORTZ
VICE PRESIDENT: ULLA HARNISCH
TREASURER: WALTER BORELL
DIRECTORS: HORST LANGER
          LUKE MATHERS
          LUCAS RIETBERG
          PAUL SOWA OAM

Get well wishes to all our members who are unfortunately on the sick list.
Have a quick recovery!

Das Klub Komitee wünscht allen Mitgliedern, die sich im Moment auf der Krankenliste befinden, eine baldige Genesung!