



The Brisbane German Club NEWSLETTER



Brisbane German Club

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Thursday: 4:00pm - late

Friday & Saturday: 11:00am - late

Sunday: 11:00am - 5:00pm

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm



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COMMITTEE

President: Monika Kortz

Vice President: Michaela Sowden

Treasurer: Paul Alldridge

Board of Directors:

Chris Carson, Chris Fletcher, Alex Hyde, Eloise Sowden, Mario Zocchi & Oleg Zocchi

MEMBER'S MEETING

To our valued members,

You are invited to our half-yearly meeting held on:

**Sunday, 13th February
10am - 12pm**

We'll be introducing an updated Club Constitution and reviewing the Strategic Plan & Strategies for the next few years.

*Please stick around afterwards, as we've got
Frühschoppen @ 12pm,
along with Andrew's musical delights!*

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Schöne Grüße,

The Board of Directors

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Our Christmas Parties for the kids and members were a great success. The Choir entertained us with their Concert on the 5th of December which was enjoyed by everyone present.

On a more serious note: we recently lost our Ex-President Horst Langer who passed away on the January 8th, 2022. There was also Stephan Hegedus on the 8th of December, 2021 & Elisabeth Oertel on the 3rd of December, 2021 who was a Life member of 'Alpenrosen'. *We convey our deepest sympathy and condolences to their families.*

With the new Omicron strain still at large and hopefully will be getting weaker and disappear in the not so distant future, many members are still careful not to get exposed to it and run the risk of getting sick by visiting places where lots of people gather together.

As you probably heard about the new opening hours of the Club over the next month or so which is noted on Facebook and the Club's website, food, drinks and entertainment are still available currently from Thursday afternoon, Friday-Saturday day and night, Sunday lunchtime, which hopefully changes back to normal opening hours soon. Please be aware that only fully vaccinated people can enter currently the Club's premises as per rule and advice by the Health Department and Government.

I would like to thank all the staff from the Bar, Kitchen, Entertainers and Office for their dedication in trying to keep the club going.

Welcome to our new Bar Manager Jason who is doing a terrific job in keeping our customers happy with his service and making sure they don't have to wait to get served.

Our next half-yearly Members Meeting will be held on Sunday 13 February 2022 starting at 10am. Hope to see you there.

Just a reminder: I have noticed that there are quite a few Club Members that have not renewed their membership for 2022 yet. The yearly membership falls due each year in July and is valid till the following June when it has to be renewed again. If your membership is not renewed on a yearly basis, you can lose your claim towards your Life Membership which would be bad, especially if you only have a few years to go towards your 25 year membership which will make you eligible to become a Life Member who don't have to pay the yearly fees anymore, just think about that.

Looking forward to seeing you all again at the Club and enjoying yourself again.

Regards,

Monika Kortz

President

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UPDATE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Frohes neues Jahr!

Public Health Update

Despite a strong finish to 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic has seen us enter 2022 in less-than-ideal circumstances. COVID-19 Vaccination, the regulations surrounding self-isolation and close-contact quarantining continue to be a divisive and ever evolving challenge for us all to deal with, at home, at work and in those places we like to spend our leisure time.

On Dec 17th the Board took a decision to follow the Government directive and implement a mandatory vaccination policy. For an organisation whose objective is to bring the community together to take a decision that will inevitably draw lines of division among its members was indeed a difficult one to make. On a personal level, in three decades in the Hospitality industry, this is the most difficult policy I have been charged with implementing.

I want to give an assurance to all Members that the Board is staying close to this situation as it continues to unfold. Please be assured the Club is endeavouring to return to normal trading conditions as soon as it is practicable to do so.

Member's Survey

In December the Board was able to build upon the excellent feedback received through the member survey and focus groups held late last year to deliver a strategic plan for the Club.

5 goals have been set for the next 2-3 years. These goals are not only a direct response to the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats identified by the Members, but were created with a view to positioning the Club well for the longer term.

A sincere thank you to the many who contributed to this important project. A copy of the Strategic Plan 2022-24 is contained in the newsletter.

With a clear plan of action now outlined, we have wasted no time in bringing together the Club and Kitchen teams to begin realising the strategies identified by the Board.

(please see pages 7 & 8 for the Strategic Plan & Strategies)

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UPDATE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

The German Club presents, "Tastes of the Season!"

March will see the introduction of a new "Tastes of the Season" promotional program. This rolling promotional planner will introduce some great new authentic German Food and Beverages Menus to our members and guests to match the seasons. You will no doubt be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

Entertainment & Marketing Strategies

To compliment our new seasonal promotional program, we are working on revised entertainment and marketing strategies. One exciting aspect of this sees us in the final stages of gaining approval for a change to the conditions of the Club's liquor license. If approved, these changes will allow us to introduce some new entertainment options in the Beer Garden area.

Calendar of Events

2022 also marks the introduction of an annual Calendar of Events. The calendar has been created to provide greater opportunities to plan and participate in culturally focused events at the Club. The "What's On" section of the newsletter will keep all upcoming events, as will Club noticeboards, our website, and social media channels.

Facility Upgrades

Late last year the Club was fortunate to secure several funding grants which, in turn, have been put to great use by the Board to engage several industry specialists to consult to the Club regarding areas identified as our highest priorities.

Just before Christmas a submission from Hexa Hospitality Concepts was adopted by the Board to produce several conceptual designs for minor facility upgrades in different areas of the Club. In briefing the designers, the Board was careful to ensure the feedback given by members throughout the strategic planning process was at the forefront of consideration. The Treasurer and I are working in the background with the Club's accountant to present a business case that will allow some or all of these minor upgrades to be undertaken in the not-too-distant future. *Stay tuned.*

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UPDATE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Facility Upgrades, continued...

While we are relying on the assistance of professional designers to assist with some aspects of upgrading the facilities, the staff along with several Directors have embarked on a refresh of the outdoor Beer Garden area. Members attending the Club in coming weeks should start to see the fruits of this labour.

While work continues on aspects of the operation perhaps more visible to members, several significant administrative improvements continue in the background, particularly in the areas of accounting and marketing. I am confident these changes will lead to noticeable improvements in these areas and simultaneously deliver cost savings over time.

Club Constitution

In December, the Board engaged Club Industry Specialist, John Dixon, to assist in updating the Club Constitution. A 1st draft is being finalised by the Board at present for release at the Mid-Year meeting. After some time for members to consider this document, an open forum will follow where members will be invited to provide feedback to assist the Board to finalise this draft. Taking into consideration all feedback, a final draft will be presented at a Special General Meeting later in the year when voting members will be asked to accept the updated Constitution.

All in all, it has been a busy start to the year and I have been encouraged by the energy of all to enable us to enter 2022 with some momentum.

It is my sincere hope to see many of you at the half-yearly meeting coming up on Sunday Feb 13th. And to those who are not able to attend the Club in the present environment, please know you are in our thoughts also.

Warm regards,



John Melenewycz – Vereinsmanager
24 January 2022



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STRATEGIC PLAN



Strategic Plan

2022 - 2024

LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

GOAL 1: To deliver effective leadership, administration and planning to position the Club for long-term success and ongoing regulatory compliance.

QUALITY FACILITIES

GOAL 2: To implement a financially responsible capital expenditure program that enhances the Club's delivery of authentic food, beverage, entertainment, and cultural experiences.

PEOPLE & CULTURE

GOAL 3: To develop and deliver recruitment, management and succession planning that allows the Club to be known as an employer of choice.

SUSTAINABILITY

GOAL 4: To ensure sustainability through ongoing investment in governance, people, planning, and Club facilities.

COMMUNICATION

GOAL 5: To deliver consistent, unique, and targeted messaging which promotes the Club as a provider of authentic cultural experiences and inclusive hospitality.

The Club will fulfil its objectives through **EXCELLENCE** and **GEMUETLICHKEIT** in a **SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE** setting by showcasing **AUTHENTIC GERMAN** food, beverage, entertainment and cultural interaction

2022 Minor Refurbishment 2023 140th Birthday 2025 Gabba Knock-down 2026 Gabba Re-Open 2028 Major Refurbishment 2032 Brisbane Olympics 2033 150th Birthday

towards 150

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STRATEGIES, 2022 - 2024

STRATEGY

PILLAR 1 - LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

- 1.1 Introduce standard Board reporting for operational compliance
- 1.2 Modernise the Club's Constitution and update Club By-laws
- 1.3 Design and recruit a strategic planning committee (2022 - 2033 focus)
- 1.4 Implement an annual Strategic Club Review

PILLAR 2 - QUALITY FACILITIES

- 2.1 Understand the Club's financial capacity to fund a facility upgrade program
- 2.2 Undertake a comprehensive review of all contract service providers
- 2.3 Implement 'whole of venue' facilities upgrade plan that will maximise operational revenue from 2022 - 2026
- 2.4 Introduce a Club wide key asset Replacement Plan

PILLAR 3 - PEOPLE & CULTURE

- 3.1 Create Duty Statements and induction process for all key paid and unpaid roles
- 3.2 Strengthen nomination and director induction process
- 3.3 Introduce Club Awards Scheme to recognise outstanding contributions of volunteers and Staff
- 3.4 Introduce a Training Matrix and succession Pathway for all key roles

PILLAR 4 - SUSTAINABILITY

- 4.1 Create medium range investment strategy to deliver a return on Club Cash reserves
- 4.3 Undertake a 'whole of Club' I.T. Audit
- 4.3 Identify key strategic partners to position the Club for future growth
- 4.4 Introduce Operational budgets for key cost and revenue centres.

PILLAR 5 - COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 Publish a Brisbane German Club Annual Calendar of Events
- 5.2 Improve links between the Board, Staff, Undergroups, Members and Stakeholders.
- 5.3 Determine the clubs overall communication requirements
- 5.4 Identify a cost effective 'whole of Club' advertising strategy

WHAT'S ON?

Watch this space over the next few months..

"What's On" will have the Club's next 3 months' biggest events posted on social media, our website, and at the Club!

13TH FEB

*Member's Half-Yearly Meeting:
10am-12pm
+ Frühschoppen!*

20TH FEB

*February Birthday
Draw - \$500 up
for grabs! @ 8pm*

27TH FEB

*\$20 Pork Knuckle
Sunday: 12-3pm
+ Andrew @ 12pm*

13TH MAR.

*Frühschoppen &
Andrew's
jolly tunes
@ 12pm*

26TH MAR.

*Karneval returns!
Fancy dress + prizes
+ good times!*

27TH MAR.

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Sunday:
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@ 12pm*

REDUCED TRADING HOURS

The Club has reduced trading hours for February,
so please note our opening times -

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Club Opening Hours:

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NOTICE BOARD

Willkommen!

*Friedrich Grimmer, Andreas Bloch, Nhu-Y Huynh, Mary Byrnes,
Matthew Dodds, Michael Johnson, Shaun Cupitt, Jeremy
Richardson*

Karneval!

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 'ZE GERMAN KARNEVAL IN 2022!

In Germany, on 11/11 at 11:11am, cities shut down to celebrate Karneval with parades, costume balls, and pub crawls. Karnevalists 'take over' City Hall with 'Kussfreiheit' – the freedom to kiss anyone – and welcome the silly season by cutting men's ties and dipping them in coffee! It's the time to shine for millions of Germans!

We will surprise you with Fine Entertainment, German-Style Cuisine, Bier, Prizes, Best-Dressed Awards, and heaps more!

So book your tickets, get creative, sort your costumes and celebrate this silly season with us!

Saturday, 26th March @ 6:22pm



Condolences

***Life Member Horst Langer passed away on
January 8th, 2022.***

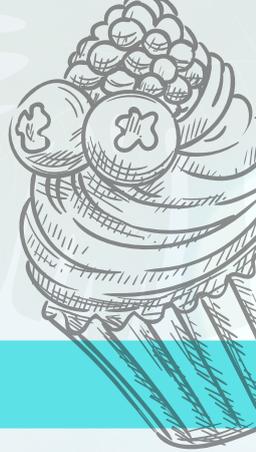
Our thoughts are with his family.

*We thank Horst for his service for the Club
over the years.*

He will be missed.

President: 2010 - 2012

Ladies' Group & Kaffee-Klatsch REPORT



Dear Members & Friends of Kaffee-Klatsch,

Our monthly Kaffee-Klatsch is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month. We meet in the Keller Bar of the Club for coffee and nibbles as well as enjoying a delicious lunch from our famous restaurant "Zum Kaiser."

There is always a lot of laughter, sing along, and catching up on news of our daily life's creating a gemütliche atmosphere! We usually meet at 11:30 am and stay till around 2:30 - 3:00pm.

We welcome our latest member who joined our little merry group, Maria Raineri.

We hope that you keep fit and healthy in this difficult times, and like to send our best wishes to all Members and Friends for a "HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022."

Hope to see you all at our next Kaffee-Klatsch on Friday 18.2.2022!

I remain in friendship,

Gerda Schulz



Dear Members & Friends of the Ladies Volunteer Group,

The Ladies and Volunteers Group has been very busy organising Frühschoppen raffles for the members and providing lovely prizes as usual.

As always, we are looking for fresh faces to join our happy little volunteer group, so say "hallo" to us at the next Frühschoppen.

Our 1st Frühschoppen Raffle for this year will be held on Sunday, 13th February, 2022. Andrew will play at 12pm followed by the prize draw at it's regular 2pm time. See you there!

Thank you to our members and visitors who are supporting us each month in this venture by buying raffle tickets on sale.

Don't forget, in order to enter the Club, you need to be fully vaccinated and have your Covid Certificate on your mobile phone or in paper format on you when you enter the Club.

We hope that everyone keeps positive and that things improve in the coming months ahead in 2022 for the Club and yourself.

Kind regards,

Monika Kortz

Brisbane German Club *Liedertafel & Liederkrantz*

Hello Everyone!

The Christmas Concert 2021 was a success!

What a great way to finish the year of 2021 for the Choir.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Concert on the 5 December 2021.

Let's hope that we can have some more concerts in 2022 despite the Omicron virus running rampant. Just remember that everyone needs to be vaccinated in order to enter the Club from now on and show proof of their vaccination.

Jolly Choir Members enjoying Christmas Time



Club President Monika Korts received a Thank You note from Choir President Rainer Klose which included a special present to her in appreciation for writing the "135 year History of the Mixed Choir," which was published in 2021.

It's never too late to have some fun and entertain others with your singing! We are always looking for some good voices to join our choir, especially some Tenors. We are a happy bunch and love to entertain the members and visitors to the Club with our songs.

Choir Practice of the Liedertafel/Liederkrantz Choir - Every Tuesday from 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Rainer: (07) 3821 5223, Monika: (07) 3397 0971

Zum Geburtstag!

Lorraine Keller (02.02), Aija Brzozouskis (08.02), Alison Coombs (18.02), Kurt Pitzer (22.02), Karl Schlobohm (24.02), Vera Windau (01.03), Helen Muller (16.03) & Gerda Schulz (21.03)!

Hip Hip, Hooray! Zicke zacke, zicke, zacke, oi oi oi!

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Alpenrosen Report

Frohes Neues!!

Luckily for us, the covid virus has been most prevalent while we have been resting and recharging.

With the change in operating hours of the Brisbane German Club, we are discussing the options of a change of night for training.

We would like to acknowledge the passing of a great supporter of the Alpenrosen and past president of the Club, Horst Langer. Horst's family members are also family members of the Alpenrosen and we are thinking of them in this time of sadness.

Our performance schedule will start early in March, with a performance planned at the Redlands Heritage and Harmony festival. October is booming, with all weekends booked out with performances, at times with multiple venues on the same weekend!!

We're not sure when we'll be ringing our bells and pounding the floorboards again... we thank the Club for their efforts in helping us seek a solution.

Yours in Plattler,

Paula Hay

Paula - for the Alpenrosen Team

Prost!



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Skat Report

Skatbericht...

Hello Skatfreunde,

Bei unserem Dezember Skat waren 8 Spieler anwesend.
Den ersten Preis erspielte sich M. Heise mit 2546 Punkten.

Weitere Platzierungen wie folgt;

2...W. Simke 2329 HP

3...S. Svarbig 2202 HP

Due to Covid our Dezember Skat was delayed by 1 week.

There was no Sunday Skat in January, hopefully Skat will be back to normal very shortly.

Gut Blatt,

Werner Simke

Werner Simke

Phone: 3300 2565

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Treffpunkt Report

To all of our Group members and Brisbane German Club members,

Now that there seems to be a small opening in our dealing with the Coronavirus, and we can travel to New South Wales again, **we have arranged a trip to the Jennings Hotel for the weekend of the 23rd, 24th and 25th of April, 2022.**

The program proposed is to arrive Saturday 23rd April at Jennings Hotel in time for Dinner and Drinks, then on Sunday 24th April, a day for Bush Walking, with a late afternoon wine tasting in Tenterfield/ Stanthorpe area followed by a wonderful dinner on Sunday night hosted by Lyn.

On Monday the 25th April, we will attend the ANZAC Parade at Tenterfield and after lunch, we will slowly make our way back to Brisbane.

Please contact either Oleg Zocchi 0412-227-158, or Mario Zocchi 0414-294-568 for further information and to book your hotel rooms for which we will advise you of the costs and all the final details.

Schöne Grüße,



Allan Watts

Allan Watts
Secretary



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Children's Christmas Party '21

Weihnachtsbäckerei

The children of members were welcomed to a 'Weihnachtsbäckerei' (Christmas bakery) for the festive celebrations last year. Each child (and often keen parent!) received an individual kit for the making of a range of suggested items...Santa's sleigh, reindeer, baubles, snowman, plum pudding...all edible!

They were also offered the traditional 'making of the gingerbread' activity. The children constructed some amazing structures! Alpenrosen Dance Group were represented by Paula and Karin as chief bakers.

Danke vielmals to Andrew 'the ginger beer man' for his talented contribution to the celebrations. He was hard to recognise in his elf costume! Assisted by his trusty companion, Rubens, Andrew entertained with a sing-a-long of Christmas carols on the ukulele and then the amazing skill of balloon creations. Each child received a gift.

The children then sang a welcome song for the man of the day ... Santa. Assisted by the lovely ladies of the Ladies Group, Santa delivered gifts to all the children. The Ladies also provided a yummy lunch and drink to all the children.

Congratulations to the team who hosted the day. I hope the members had as much fun at their Christmas party (but I don't think so!!)

Paula

Paula Hay

Master Baker



Santa & his Elves



Fotogalerie



Christmas @ the Club



frohe Weihnachten!



We'd love to include your photos for the next Newsletter (if there's space), so please send your photos to: events@brisbanegermanclub.com

Fotogalerie



Happy New Year!
Frohes neues Jahr!



Fotogallerie

Summer Cleaning Projects



Staff cleaning the facade...
watch this space!



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