



The Brisbane German Club NEWSLETTER



Brisbane German Club

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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

July 24th

Special
General
Meeting

To our valued members,

*Save the Date for the Club Constitution
Adoption Day to be held on:*

**Sunday, 24th July
10am - 12pm**

**The Club will be reviewing and
adopting the new Club Constitution.**

Thanks to everyone who supported and
made it to the 139th Anniversary Ball!

We look forward to hosting you soon
as "Winter" has now arrived in
Brisbane.

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Schöne Grüße,

The Board of Directors



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

What a busy last two months we've had. It's still raining Cats and Dogs on certain days but I'm sure there are also some sunny times ahead of us.

The Mother's Day celebration was a very busy day for the Club and every Mother visiting the Club was presented with a Rose and a red coloured heart shaped biscuit which was very popular by the kids that came along with their Parents.

The Anniversary Ball was a booked out affair and everyone enjoyed themselves with a 3 Course meal supplied by the kitchen "Zum Kaiser". Thank you to Dale and Katie for the excellent food and also thanks to their staff who did an excellent job.

Also a big Thank you to our Bar Staff who were kept busy all night supplying the drinks.



Regards,

Monika Korts



Mother's Day '22 - Sunday, May 8th



Alice Sowa & Pauline Fritz preparing Decorations for Mother's Day



Hall full of Members & Visitors celebrating Mums



Michelle Hughes with a winning Raffle Ticket prize



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

139th Anniversary Ball

Friday, 20th May, 2022



There were a lot of Silver and Golden Needle recipients this year, Trophy Winners and also the Recognition Awards for members who contributed their time and work to the Club since last year.

50 Year Golden Needle: Alfred Beyer; Alan Breakwell; Alfred Gaber; Herbert Jones; Pirmin Nieder; Heinz Petrack; Tasmal Theodore.

25 Year Silver Needle: Sigrun Baruth; Paul Borowski; Wolfgang Kelke; Gerda Wittenberg.

President's Trophy: Kathy Carseldine

Theo Teicher Memorial Trophy: Claudia Luettringhaus

Harry Schober Undergroup Encouragement Award: Skat Group

Volunteer's Award: Pauline Fritz

Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Certificate:

(Choir) Olga Lipsky; (Dance Group) Katrina Corcoran; & (Ladies Group) Elke Sander

Congratulations to all our Recipients!



From Left: Elke Sander, Katrina Corcoran, & Olga Lipsky



From Left: Kathy Carseldine, Claudia Luettringhaus, & Pauline Fritz



From Left: Ulrike Rehm with President Monika & Helen Müller from the Choir



Trophy Winners (from left): Elke Sander, Pauline Fritz, & Kathy Carseldine



Choir Conductor Leo Keller OAM & his wife Lorraine

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LETTER TO MEMBERS FROM THE BOARD

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Dear Members,

RE: Facility Upgrade Program to commence in 2022

In late 2021 the Board undertook a strategic planning process with the aim of identifying a plan that would position the Club for success in the coming 3-5 years, and beyond.

428 members completed a survey asking them to identify the Club's greatest strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. 3 focus groups were then held drawing on survey respondents from different age groups to assist the Board in prioritizing the responses given by members of all ages.

Using this valuable insight as a foundation, the Board released its 2022-2024 Strategic Plan in December 2021. One of the 5 strategic goals outlined, Goal 2 centers around implementing a financially responsible venue upgrade program to enhance the delivery of authentic food, beverage, entertainment, and cultural experiences.

A subcommittee was formed by the Board to develop a business case detailing how the Club might set about achieving this objective. In May a business case was presented for consideration by the Board and this exciting project has been now approved. A copy of the approved business case has been uploaded to the Newsletter Section of the Club's website for the information of members.

The business case outlines a 3-stage facility upgrade program with Stage 1 planned to be completed before the end of 2022. Stage 1 of the program consists of the following 3 elements.

Stage 1A: THE KELLER LOUNGE - The Club's 10 EGM's ('pokies') will be relocated from the Main Bar area into the Keller Bar. The Keller Bar will be completely refurbished and renamed "The Keller Lounge".

Stage 1B: THE PRESIDENTS LOUNGE - The existing 'Choir Room' adjacent to the stage area in the main hall will be upgraded, transforming it into a contemporary multi-purpose space that can serve as a business meeting room, a private dining room and/or a cocktail function area. Renamed "The Presidents Lounge" the room will be decorated in commemoration of past, present, future Brisbane German Club Presidents.

Stage 1C: THE MAIN BAR - The space left by the removal of the gaming machines in the main bar will be redeveloped to provide bar style, dry bar seating. The areas will also be re-carpeted and re-tiled.

The Board has approved a budget of \$309,745 (plus a 10% contingency) for Stage 1 of the Program that is to be funded using a combination of retained earnings and borrowings.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the support of Bruce Fathi from Hexa Designs and the Club's chartered accountant Matthew Hazelwood from Balanced Business Solutions for the professional guidance provided to the sub-committee in delivering this important Club project.

John Melenewycz
Secretary Manager



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UPDATE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Greetings to all,

It has certainly been a busy few months we come to terms with things under Australia's newly installed 31st Prime Minister and a Club slowly gaining back its momentum from a very challenging start to 2022. Despite the weather, the last few months have been productive at the Brisbane German Club with solid progress being made in most key areas.

On April 14th I was delighted on behalf of the Board to rescind the Club's mandatory vaccination policy and once again make the Club available to all our valued members. While COVID-19 remains a threat to the health of all Queenslanders, it is so great to have the Club back to trading without restrictions. If the pandemic has taught us anything however, it is to expect the unexpected. For now though, all is good!

Riding on a high following the success of our inaugural Eurovision Party, the Club rolled into the 139th Anniversary Ball on Friday May 20th. More than 220 guests filled the hall to honour the traditions of the Club, and to recognise the Club's most valuable contributors over the past year. Congratulations to all major award winners, those outstanding contributors acknowledged by their Undergroups and to our newest life, and 50-year members. What a remarkable achievement. It is not lost on me that our 50-year life members of 2022 joined the club in 1972, the same year I was born. Wow!

Events such as an Anniversary Ball do not come together easily nor without a great deal of co-ordination and effort behind the scenes. A sincere thank you to everyone whose hard work went into creating a great night for all who were able to attend. Most especially to Quinn, our event organiser and co-MC along with Paul Sowa OAM and Kathy, Pauline, and Maria from the Lady's group for their elegant decorations. Thanks also to our highly entertaining performers on the night from the mixed Choir and the Alpenrosen Dance Group along with Andrew and Zoltan who had us all singing along on stage.

It was pleasing also this year to welcome and acknowledge several key suppliers to the Annual Ball to share in our special night. Thank you to those in particular who were able to attend.

Last and certainly not least to all the staff who came together well to deliver an enjoyable night, despite this year's event being the first time through for many of us. A valuable learning experience all in preparation for the milestone 140th Anniversary coming next year I am sure.

With another large crowd expected for the Tastes of Winter Dinner this week, and the Choir's mid-year concert right around the corner, the Club is getting something of a roll on with events, despite the grey skies. Very encouraging.

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UPDATE FROM THE CLUB MANAGER

Behind the scenes, the Board has been making solid progress in recent weeks. April saw the formation of the Brisbane German Club Economic Planning Advisory Sub-Committee. This strategically focused group will sit separately to the Board and focus on delivering recommendations regarding the long-term development opportunities for the Club, especially in the lead up to 2032 Brisbane Olympics and the Club's 150th Anniversary in 2033. Still in its formative stages, this group will undoubtedly begin adding real value in the months and years ahead.

This week the Board signed off on a very exciting, and much anticipated, Venue Upgrade Program scheduled to commence in the coming months. You will have by now read a little about this project in the letter contained from the Board, and I encourage all to visit the Club's website and view the business case the Board has made available detailing this project.

The other key project progressing along in the background is the redevelopment of the Club's Constitution. With a very informative first round of feedback used to inform our consultants, a final draft has been prepared and is now ready to be made available for the consideration of members in the coming weeks.

Full members will be receiving a letter in the mail in the coming days that provide you a copy of the final draft of the Constitution and there will be a final round of member information sessions held on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th of June from 6pm at the Club.

Held on 2 nights to give members some flexibility in choosing a session to attend these sessions will be identical in delivery. A short presentation highlighting changes made based on the members feedback will be followed by an open forum, allowing members to share their thoughts to inform the final version of the Constitution to be voted on in July.

On the topic of key dates, I urge all voting members to note the following key dates. The Board has been very focused this year on providing members with the opportunity to inform their decision making and I trust that those who wish to be heard will take the opportunity to do so in a constructive manner.

1. **Tues 14-JUNE & Wed 15-JUNE- Constitution Information Sessions for Members (6pm)**
2. **Sunday 24-JULY. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING. (10am)**
3. **Sunday 14-AUGUST. NOMINATIONS MEETING (10am)**
4. **Sunday 11-SEPTEMBER. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. (10am)**

Finally, while the search for a replacement for Luke Meara continues, *I am very pleased to welcome the newest member of the Office team Zoe Vlok.* Zoe is the Club's new Administration Officer and comes to us from another Club which has allowed her to hit the round running. **Welcome Zoe!**

Warm regards to all,
John Melenewycz – Vereinsmanager
1 June, 2022



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WINTER SEASONAL MENU

Tastes of Winter

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

By Zum Kaiser Restaurant

GERMAN BROTZEIT \$34

German Charcuterie Board / Cured Meats / Cheeses /
Pickled Vegetables / Pate / Artisan Crackers

ERBSENSUPPE \$12.90

German Split Pea & Ham Soup / Smoked Ham / Toasted Ciabatta

SAUERBRATEN \$28.90

German Beef Pot Roast marinated in Red Wine Vinegar /
Braised Red Cabbage / Potato Dumplings / Pot Roast Gravy

KOHLROULADEN \$29.90

Cabbage Rolls - filled with Pork Mince, Rice & Caraway/
Mashed Potatoes / Sauerkraut / Bier Gravy

DRUNKEN CHICKEN \$31.90

Bier Braised Chicken

Mashed Potatoes / Braised Red Cabbage / Beer Jus

TRADITIONAL BLACK FOREST \$8.90

Chocolate Sponge & Cream Layers / Sour Cherry / Kirsch /
Chocolate Flakes / Raspberry Coulis & Whipped Cream

SOUR CHERRY BAKED CHEESECAKE \$11.90

Sour Morello Cherries / Whipped Cream

HOUSE APFEL STRUDEL \$14.90

Apple & Cinnamon Filling / Vanilla Bean Anglaise

Limited time Only/ Menu Items Subject to Availability

WHAT'S ON?

To request the Brisbane German Club's digital calendar, please email:
events@brisbanegermanclub.com

2ND JUNE

"Tastes of Winter"
Dinner Event;
6-9pm

12TH JUNE

Frühschoppen
from 11am,
Raffle prizes, &
live entertainment

26TH JUNE

\$20 Knuckle
Sunday!
Bookings essential

30TH JUNE

Lions vs. Western
Bulldogs
Kickoff @ 7:25pm

10TH JULY

Frühschoppen
from 11am,
Raffle prizes, & live
entertainment

17TH JULY

"Ship's Ahoy"
Choir Performance
@ 2pm,
BGC Main Hall



31ST JULY

\$20 Knuckle
Sunday!
Bookings essential



Sailors: Renate Koehn,
Monika Kortz, & Marion
Kirberg

NOTICE BOARD

Willkommen New Full Members!

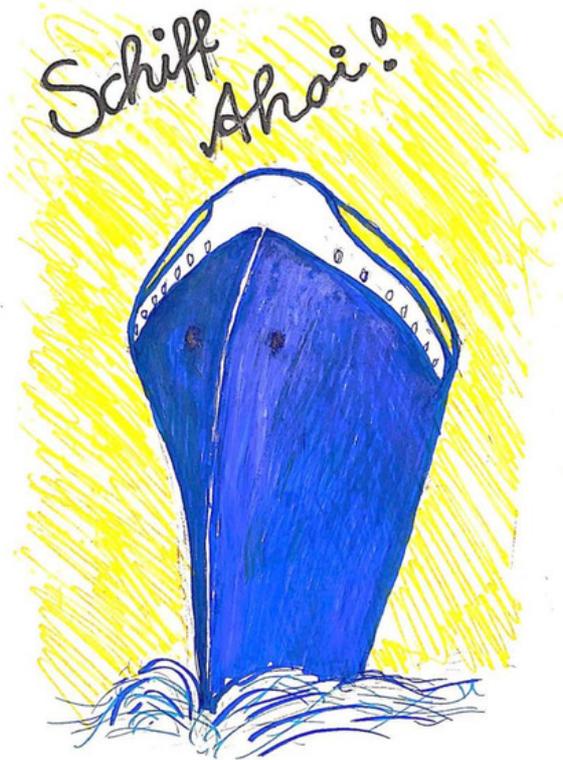
*Mark Zeller, Noel John Buchanan, Mariya Borowski,
Natascha Adams, & Matthew Adams*

Liedertafel Liederkranz

Music Director: Leo Keller OAM

Accompanist: Olga Lipsky

Anniversary Concert



**Sunday 17th July
2022**

2.00pm Tickets \$15

Bookings preferred

Monika 3397 0971

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mariakortz@bigpond.com

**Tickets also at the
door from 1pm**

German Club, Bar &

Zum Kaiser Restaurant

Open 12.00 3391 2091

Bookings essential

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East Brisbane



The Lions are playing home @ the Gabba on:
June 11th @ 7:25pm vs. St. Kilda
June 30th @ 7:25pm vs. Western Bulldogs
(TBC) July 7th @ 7pm vs. Essendon
(TBC) July 22nd @ 7:30pm vs Gold Coast Suns

Kaffee-Klatsch

REPORT

Dear Members & Friends of Kaffee-Klatsch,

As usual, our monthly Kaffee-Klatsch is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month (April 21st & May 19th). We meet at the Keller Bar of the Club for coffee and nibblies (while it still exists) 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 Atmosphäre! We usually meet at approx. 11.30am and stay till around 2.30-3.00pm.

Hope to see you all at our next Kaffee-Klatsch on Thursday 16.6.2022 when we will celebrate the Birthday of our Club President Monika, who is also a member of the Kaffee-Klatsch Group.

I remain in friendship...

Gerda Schulz



Kathy, Pauline, Maria, Renate, Alice, Elke, & Monika presenting Roses on Mother's Day



Pauline & Alice enjoying Mimosa's and handing out Mother's Day Roses



Ladies' Group

REPORT

Greetings all from the Ladies Volunteer Group!

The month of April was low-key for us ladies as we held our normal Frühschoppen raffle which was greatly supported by members and guests of the Club. The month of May Frühschoppen coincided with Mother's Day. What a wonderful day seeing the club filled with many mothers and families and friends. A big Thank you to our Ladies Group for decorating the tables and then greeting mothers as they arrived with a rose and heart shaped biscuit, complimented with a glass of champagne poured by our Events Manager Quinn. Thank you to various people who made a donation to our Mother's Day raffle, to the kitchen and bar staff and others for making it a very successful day.

We are getting close to saying goodbye to the Autumn season and preparing to welcome Winter. Keep a watch on the transition of the club. The ladies' group are working on decorations for the various seasons coming. We are also looking forward to celebrating the next "Tastes of Winter" on Thursday, June 2nd.

We have now celebrated 139 years of the German Club, and what a wonderful evening it was shared with members and friends. It was great to see the Beer Hall full. The menu was superb, thank you to Dale and Katie and their team of workers. I would like to congratulate all the prize winners on the evening. I would like to make a special mention of our ladies group that maybe small in number our efforts were recognised accordingly with by Elke Sanders receiving a Certificate of Appreciation, Pauline Fritz , the Volunteers Award for 2022 and myself the Presidents Trophy for 2022. We would like to thank The German Clubs President Monika Kortz and her committee for nominating us for these awards. We feel very blessed to be part of the German Club and look forward to being part of the celebrations of the Clubs 140th Anniversary next year.

Our ladies' group is always looking for more ladies to come and join us. We meet at the club the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11am. Why not come and join us for a coffee, chat and stay on for some lunch.

Our next Frühschoppen raffle day is the 12th of June 2022. Thank you to our members and visitors who continue supporting us each month in this venture.

Until next newsletter, keep well and happy, and look forward to seeing you at the German Club. My favourite saying is **"A Day Without Laughter is a Day Wasted"**.

Kind regards,

Kathy Carseldine
President – Ladies Group



Kathy Carseldine

Brisbane German Club

Liedertafel & Liederkrantz

Hello Everyone!

Looking forward to our next concert on 17th July @ 2pm!

A Note from the Conductor:

Hello to all our friends and a warm invitation to our next concert: "Ship Ahoy!" on Sunday, 17th July 2.00pm at the German Club.

The members of the choir are enjoying learning these songs for this concert, consisting mainly of sailor's songs and sea shanties, including "What shall we do with a Drunken Sailor" and, of course, well known Hamburger songs of which there are many!

I am particularly delighted that the non-German speakers in the choir have taken the challenge to persevere with the German words. I appreciate, it is not easy!

I look forward to greeting you all on Sunday 17th!

Cheers! Leo

P.S. I have a special request: I am looking for a dynamic young couple to dance the Tango to Julius' accordion rendition of "La Paloma". I'm sure you must have grandchildren or even great, grandchildren who would love to be up on that stage showing off their talent. Please contact Monika on 0421 631 914 and I look forward to meeting these future dance stars.



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, Choir!

*Monika Kortz [16.6.]; Julius Schmidt [25.6.]; Renate Koehn [1.7.]; Jürgen Rusch [31.7.]; !!!
Hip Hip, Hooray! Zicke zacke, zicke, zacke, oi oi oi!*

Brisbane German Club Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

We hope the members and friends who attended the recent German Club Gala Ball enjoyed our performance on Friday night. It was well received. We certainly enjoyed performing for our home audience.

It was certainly a good warm up as we get ready for our upcoming September/October schedule. Our next performance will be at the Gold Coast German Club at their Winter Bierfest in June.

Prost!

Yours in Plattler,

Paula Hay

Paula - for the Alpenrosen Team



Fotogallerie

139th Anniversary Ball



Co-MC Paul Sowa OAM



Co-MC Quinn Thomson with Silver Needle recipient Siegrun Baruth



From left: Director Alex Hyde with partner Fran; next are Scott & Tanya Nelson



Thanks to Sponsor Rep. Doug from Coca-Cola congratulating Choir Volunteer Olga Lipsky



From right: Club Patron Professor Michael Rosemann with partner Leona; next is Theo Teicher winner Claudia Luettringhaus and partner Ryan



Director Chris Fletcher (middle) with Michelle Hughes & Robert Hughes



Thanks to Jimmy & the Joval Wine Group for your sponsorship!



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