



Brisbane German Club



newsletter



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Monday: *closed*

Tues-Thurs: 11:00am - 10:00pm

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



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committee

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Zocchi & Alex Hyde

Brisbane German Club president's report

Dear Members!

This year's Oktoberfest was a great success, and we were glad, that we were able to celebrate this year! The food, drinks, entertainment, and atmosphere over the 3 weekend days were fantastic, especially the kids on Sunday enjoyed their day with eating Gingerbread Hearts and getting their face painted at the Club. The Club strictly followed for the safety of all guests and staff the covid-19 safe plan throughout the entirety of the event.

I would like to thank all the staff from the Bar, Kitchen, Entertainers, Volunteers and Office for their dedication to this yearly event.

Especially our new Club Manager John Melenewycz who organised and orchestrated this event with the help of everyone involved in it. It was his first Oktoberfest at the Club, well done. After the event he started to collect some good ideas for next year's event already with the help of the Under groups and member's.

A friendly reminder to all Full Club Members, who are not life members yet. Please remember to renew your yearly Membership at the Club. The renewal is due each year in July and is valid till the following June.

Last but not least, we proudly can introduce our upcoming annual events in December 2021.

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be held this year on Saturday, the 18th of December 2021 starting at 11am. Last Frühschoppen celebrations this year will be held on Sunday, the 19th of December (1 week later as usual due to the Cricket Games across the road at the Gabba) and will be followed by the annual Member's Christmas Party on the same Sunday, starting from 2pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Club!

Regards,


President

Brisbane German Club

Club Manager report

Weihnachtsgrüße to all,

My apologies in advance for a long report to you all this time around. I must however take this opportunity to alert our valued members to some significant and imminent changes soon to be introduced through legislation into Queensland. These changes will in turn impact the Club in a very noticeable way.

Mandatory Vaccination Legislation

In the past weeks the Queensland Government has announced its intention to pass legislation in relation to COVID-19 vaccinations. These changes will affect us all. While the Club respects the choice any individual might make with regard to vaccination, this new legislation will effectively remove the Club's choice as to who is permitted to enter the Club.

Under this new legislation, any person wishing to enter the Club from Dec 17th 2021 onwards will be required to prove that they are double vaccinated. Unless people have a medically valid exemption, only people who are double vaccinated can be allowed to enter the Club.

We have been informed by Club's Queensland the way this will work for most of us will be through the current Check-In Queensland App (CIQ App) we are all by now familiar with. Some educational material is being developed at present by the Government to show us all how this new process will work. This material is expected to be available in the coming days. When released, the Club will be communicating to all our members about how these new processes will work for us all.

There are few on the planet who have not been touched in some way by COVID-19. As the pandemic continues to evolve, we all must remain open to new information coming to light both from our health officials, and from our legislators.

The Club sincerely appreciates this is a very trying time for all. We thank each of you for your patience as we attempt to move with the time in doing our part for a safer Queensland.

While the COVID situation continues to unfold outside the Club, there is much to report about the goings on inside the Club in recent weeks.



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Club Manager report

Members Survey

In August the Board identified an urgent priority to deliver a Strategic Plan for the Club. It was agreed unanimously by the Directors that the first and most important consideration in this process was the need to consult Club members for their views.

A 10-question, short answer survey was devised and circulated to members. A total of 428 completed surveys were received by the closing date in September. A selection of members who answered the survey were then invited to attend one of 3, “focus group” meetings in October. These sessions explored in some detail the themes which emerged from the survey responses.

I was highly encouraged by the response to the survey. Beyond meeting and discussing in detail the views of members in the focus groups reading several hundred survey responses provided a deeper insight into aspects of the Club which are working well, and indeed those aspects of the operation which require improvement.

The open, honest, and constructive feedback given by those 428 members who participated in this survey precisely delivered the strong platform for a Strategic Plan the Board was hoping for. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of Club Administration Officer Simone Galle for her meticulous and thorough co-ordination of this important Club project. Anyone wishing to have a copy of the members survey report e-mailed to them please do not hesitate to send a request through to Simone at admin@brisbanegermanclub.com.

2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan

Using the results of the Members survey as a foundation the Board met on Saturday November 13th to conduct a strategic planning workshop. This productive session allowed the Board to review the results of the survey and identify 5 strategic goals and several strategies it intends to implement over the coming 1-2 years. A 1st draft of the Strategic Plan has been completed and is currently circulating with a group of the Club’s key stakeholders. Their feedback will be collated and presented to the Board who will meet again in early December to finalise the Strategic Plan. From there the Plan will be released to the Members and allow the Club to commence 2022 with a firm plan in place.



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Club Manager report

Undergroups Support Fund

On November 3rd I was delighted to host the leaders of Club's Undergroups to a function here at the Club. At the event we were able to launch the Brisbane German Club Undergroup Support Fund which will make up to \$20,000 available to the Undergroups each year to support their endeavours. We also took the opportunity to talk a little as a group about way in which we can see more cultural activities at the Club. We were joined at the event by Claudia Lüttringhaus M.A., the Head of German Consular Services for Queensland. Claudia is well known to many of the members and was keen to offer her support and insights into how the Club might strengthen its cultural opportunities, and also better promote itself within Brisbane's broader German Community. Finally, The Undergroups were invited to submit applications for 2022 support funding by Dec 31st. I know that I am not the only one who is excited to see what can come from this program in 2022 and beyond!

Brisbane German Club Annual Calendar of Events

As mentioned above, one of the items we discussed was introducing an Annual Calendar of Club Events. This will take some time to put together however there are groups within the Club working on this at present, with a view to releasing the calendar very early in 2022 to give everyone a better opportunity to plan their year ahead. A big thank you to Katie from the Kitchen who provided me with an excellent starting calendar of events that her team compiled based on their many years' experience operating here at the German Club.

Christmas Trading Hours

Hard to believe that we are only a matter of Weeks away from Christmas again! The Club will be Closing from 5pm December 24th and will re-open from 11am on Tuesday January 4th. In closing I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the Club and, on behalf of the Board, the Staff, and the team from Zum Kaiser, we take this opportunity to wish all a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2022.

Warm Regards,

John Melenenycz
Vereinsmanager / Secretary



what's on

05-12-21

*Christmas Concert
Liedertafel/
Liederkrantz
2:00pm*

15-12-21

*Last Think Trivia
Wednesday Night
in 2021
7:00pm*

18-12-21

*Annual Children's
Christmas Party
11:00am*

19-12-21

*Frühschoppen &
Annual Member's
Christmas Party
11:00am*

21-12-21

*December \$500
Birthday Draw
8:00pm*

26-01-22

*Australia Day
Think Trivia Special
Wednesday Night
7:00pm*

CHRISTMAS BREAK

CLUB CLOSURE

**THE CLUB WILL HAVE A CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS EVE BREAK
FROM 5PM ON FRIDAY 24TH OF DECEMBER 2021 TILL
11AM ON TUESDAY 04TH OF JANUARY 2022.**

**WE WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR IN 2022!**



Annual Member's Christmas Party

To our valued members,



You are invited to this year's Annual Member's Christmas Party to be held at the Club on Sunday, the 19th of December 2021 from 2:00pm (following on from the Club's usual Frühschoppen celebrations from 11:00am).

To celebrate, the board of directors will be providing one hour of free drinks for our valued financial members from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. We do this gesture as a thank you for your continuous and loyal support over the past year, particularly given the year it's been.

We hope to see you all there to celebrate our wonderful Club whilst sharing a drink together!

Please remember to call or email the Club to reserve a table for the occasion.

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Kitchen: (p) 3391-2091 (e) info@zumkaiserrestaurant.com.au

Schöne Grüße,
The Board of Directors



notice board

willkommen

Samuel Welsh, Eden Bird, Luke Cocwell, Helmut Geiblinger, Daniel Atkinson, Franz Litzner, Antonio Ferreira-Jardim, George Wilson, Laura Hammermeister, Glen Hammermeister, Ashton Hay



*Wishing a safe
and happy
holiday season*

Kid's Christmas Party

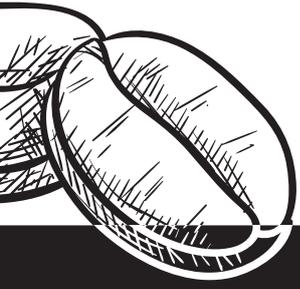
2021 is coming to an end, and we greatly appreciate the support we received from all members and guests throughout this year. We would like to make the festive season especially enjoyable for the children of our financial full members - providing Santa with wonderful gifts for all registered children up to 12yrs of age.

Therefore, we would like to invite to this year's Kid's Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, 18th of December 2021 from 11am.

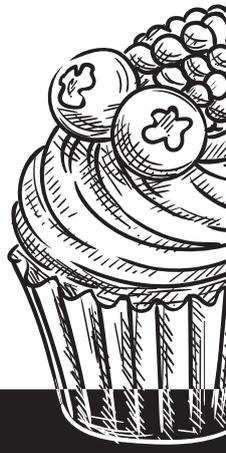
If you would like to attend, please hand in the application Form for your Child/ children up to 12 years of age male/ female preferred Gift up to \$30.00 by latest 6th of December 2021 to the office.

We hope for a great yearly Kid's Christmas Party once again!

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ladies group and KAFFEE KLATSCH KLUB report



Dear Members & Friends of the Kaffee Klatsch Group,

Our monthly Kaffee-Klatsch is still held on the third Thursday of every month. We meet at the Club for a coffee and a meal and share stories and tell jokes. For everyone who would like to join us, we usually come together at approximately 11.30am and stay until 2.30pm-3.00pm. We would like to wish belated Birthday wishes to Kathy Carseldine, who celebrated her Birthday on the 21.11.2021 and to the coming Birthdays of two of our members in December 2021 Renate Waldock (5.12.) and Alice Sowa (9.12.).

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2022!

I remain in friendship,

Gerda Schulz

Dear Members & Friends of the Ladies Volunteer Group,

The Ladies and Volunteers Group has been very busy in organising the monthly Frühschoppen celebrations with Raffles for the members. We are still looking for volunteers to join our happy little group. Our last Raffle for this year will be held on Sunday, the 19th of December 2021 (1 week later as usual due to the Cricket Games across the road at the Gabba) and we would like to say thank you to our members and visitors who are supporting us each month.

We proudly invite you for the following exciting events. The Yearly Children's Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, 18th of December 2021 starting at 11am, Frühschoppen to be held on Sunday, 19th of December 2021 starting at 11am and to the yearly Member's Christmas Party from 2pm to be held on the same Sunday. Make sure you come early to join the party.

Please have in mind that the Club will have a Christmas and New Years Eve break from 5pm on the 24th of December 2021 to the 4th of January 2022. This will give our Volunteers a chance to do urgent repairs and updates to the Club.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2022!

Kind Regards,

Monika Fortz

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Liedertafel/Liederkrantz report

Hello Everyone!

*There will be a Christmas Concert held this year
on Sunday 5th of December 2021*

The Miracle we were waiting for has arrived!
The Choir is ready to perform your favourite Christmas Songs for you at this year's
Christmas Concert being held on

Sunday, the 5th of December 2021, starting at 2pm.

We hope to see all in joining us celebrating the festive Season!

Choir Members enjoying themselves...



It's never too late to have some fun and entertain others with your singing! We are still looking for some good voices to join our choir. We are still in need of some more Tenors as we currently still have only 3 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!

Günter Kirberg (03.12.), Olga Lipsky (11.12.), Maja Rusch (17.12.), Ulrike Rehm (19.12.) &
Belated Birthday Wishes to Kathy Carseldine who celebrated on the 21.11.2021.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Liedertafel / Liederkranz

Music Director: Leo Keller OAM

Accompanist: Olga Lipsky

*Invite you to join us for an
afternoon of traditional German
carols & seasonal Australian ballads
at our 2021 Christmas Concert*

Weihnachtskonzert

Sunday, 5th December, 2021 at 2.00 pm

Concert reservations: Monika 3397 0971

Admission: \$15.00

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Opposite "The 'Gabba"

416 Vulture Street, East Brisbane

* Qld. Government Covid restrictions observed

Club bar & Zum Kaiser open 12 noon

Restaurant bookings: 3391 2091

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alpenrosen report

Hallo zusammen,

We were so pleased to have had a successful Oktoberfest season, despite the challenges of changing regulations. Sadly, the 'no dancing' rule dampened the spirits of the Club Oktoberfest, but we still contributed to the atmosphere with three performances. Luckily the ban was limited for our weekends at the Gold Coast German Club performances. We also danced at Jacobs Well and The Plains Taverns.

We were excited to welcome our youngest members to the floor – Sienna, Ollie and David.

Rae, Karin, Ashton and I also performed at three Nursing Homes for their Oktoberfest celebrations. These were voluntary performances for the Seniors and very well received. There were also personal connections with the parents of Karin and Paula. We look forward to working with management in the coming year to raise our profile within the club.

As always, anyone interested in joining us for dance training is welcome. We will return in the new year to practice on Thursday nights from 7 pm (the bell ringers gather at 6 pm).

Our final event for the year will be our well deserved Christmas Party celebration. Thank you to our hosts Leanne and Kurt.

On behalf of the Alpenrosen Bell Ringers and Dance team ...
Frohe Weihnachten und ein guten Rutsch ins Neujahr!!

Prost!

Paula Hay



Brisbane German Club

skat report



Hello Skatfreunde,

Bei unserem Oktober Skat waren 12 Spieler anwesend.
Den ersten Preis erspielte sich S. Svarbic mit 3000 Punkten.

Weitere Platzierungen wie folgt;

2...A. Doehler	2585 PK.
3...M. Mehlert	2092 PK.
4...G. Ertel	2084 PK.

Bei unserem November Skat waren 12 Spieler anwesend.
Den ersten Preis erspielte A. Doehler mit 3543 Punkten.

Weitere Platzierungen wie folgt;

2...M. Clohessy	2254 PK.
3...G. Ertel	2050 PK.
4...S. Svarbic	2013 PK.

Wir spielen Preis Skat jeden zweiten Sonntag im Monat, Startzeit 11-00 Uhr.
Jeden zweiten Mittwoch spielen wir unser Freundschafts Skat Startzeit 12-00 Uhr.

Weitere Auskunft:

Werner Simke (p) 3300 2565 (m) 0410 118371

Gut Blatt

Werner Simke



gallery



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