



The Brisbane German Club NEWSLETTER



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Tues - Thursday: 11:00am - 10pm
Friday & Saturday: 11:00am - Midnight
Sunday: 11:00am - 5:00pm

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To our valued members,

We welcome you all and wish you all a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all our members around the club.



Save the Date

for Half Yearly Club Meeting to be held on:

-Half Yearly Update-

Sunday, 12th of February.

10:00am

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COMMITTEE

President: Michaela Sowden

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Alex Hyde, Monika Kortz, Kurt Langer,

Leanne Langer, Eloise Sowden, &

Nick Sowden

Schöne Grüße,

The Board of Directors



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Guten tag,

Dear Members,

Willkommen im Jahr 2023 im Deutschen Turnverein. Welcome to 2023 at the Brisbane German Club. It is going to be a very busy year ahead.

First of all, I would like to thank Kathy and the Ladies Group for organising the Children's and the Member's Christmas Parties. Both were amazing. The children had so much fun at their party. There were a few adults who I think enjoyed the activities as much or even more than the children. Well done Kathy and all your wonderful helpers.

Now that we have survived the Christmas and New Year Season, it is time to look towards the future. It is with heavy heart that I have to announce that our Manager/Secretary John Melenewycz has decided to resign from his position here at the Brisbane German Club. I can assure you all, that the Board was reluctant to accept his resignation, however, we could not change his mind. I think you all can see what a huge contribution John has made to the Club. He has assisted the Board in its journey towards good governance, assisted with introducing a new Constitution, with putting a Strategic Plan in place and has provided leadership within the Club with all levels. John will stay on until early March and will assist with the search for our new Manager.

Please join the Board in wishing John all the best for his next journey.

Next on our agenda will be our Members' Half Yearly Meeting, which will be an informal meeting to update you all on what has been happening over the past few months and to show our plans for the next six months. So please keep Sunday 12th February free. The meeting will start at 10:00am, with Fröhschoppen to follow on after.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The renovations should be starting soon, whereby the Choir Room will be upgraded to a Presidents Room and changes will also be made in the bar area, with the gaming machines moving to a refurbished and repurposed Kellerbar. It is quite exciting to have the renovations starting soon.

The Undergroups Liaison Sub Committee will be meeting again in order to improve communication as well as ensuring good governance amongst all groups representing the Brisbane German Club.

The new Website should be up and ready soon. It will feature our culture, food and drinks. Planning has already started for our 140th Anniversary Ball.

On another note, if you are aware of any misinformation circulating, please check back with John or contact me via a note with your concerns. John will ensure that any query is passed on to me. I will respond as soon as possible to ensure that any misinformation is clarified.

Freundliche Grüsse

Eure Präsidentin

Michaela Sowden



Michaela, pictured with her son and Director, Nick Sowden

Michaela Sowden



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CLUB MANAGER REPORT

Wednesday, February 1st, 2023

Happy new year to all!

After a short break to close the door on the rollercoaster ride that was 2022, 2023 has started well. Fingers crossed the bad weather that hampered the start to last year is kinder to us all in the year of the Rabbit.

Those visiting the Club in coming weeks will note several projects coming to fruition. These projects are the result of months of hard work by many at the Club behind the scenes. The Board in particular continues to work with a strategic focus and remains committed to the Club's 5 strategic goals.

Renovation works are scheduled to commence on Stage 1 of the Club's renovation plan from Feb 13th. These works will be ongoing for approximately 4 weeks, hopefully without too much interruption to the Club's normal trading conditions. The office will endeavour to provide as much notice regarding any changes to trading hours as possible.

Stage 1 of the Club's renovation plan will see the relocation of the Clubs 10 Gaming machines from the main bar into the Keller Lounge, a small refurbishment of the main bar, and the conversion of the room adjacent to the stage area (the Choir Room) into the President's Lounge.

While it will be pleasing to see some long overdue works undertaken to improve the Club facilities, important strides continue to be taken behind the scenes towards improved administration. Where a significant investment was made in 2022 towards improving accuracy and accountability, particularly of the Club's financial administration, the focus for 2023 will shift to savings and efficiency gains. With appropriate governance structures and key policies now in place the Club is well positioned to take its administration to new heights.

In December the Board appointed Ian Barfoot as the financial auditor following submissions and interviews with several leading Club industry auditors. Ian was selected, among other reasons, for the wealth of specialised Club auditing experience he brings to the table. Beyond Ian's appointment, the Club's finance team is working hard to review all financial administration processes. The Treasurer, Office Manager and I remain confident of realizing significant efficiency and cost savings in this area in the short term.



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CLUB MANAGER REPORT

In February, the Club will be launching an all-new Brisbane German Club website. Again, the culmination of months of work by the staff, no-one more than Office Manager Simone Galle. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding work of the Office team who have been working closely with Ron Pennekamp from Brokat to develop a fresh new website that will usher in a vastly improved on-line presence for the Club.

Those who do manage to have a look around on the new site will notice some areas that are still being finalised. The decision was taken to get our new site up and running as soon as we could and to move away from the current website and domain which have become something of an easy target for hackers in recent months. Again, well done to Simone, Zoe and to the team at Brokat.

Work continues with the Board's 3 appointed subcommittees who are focusing on long term planning for the Kitchen, Club renovations, and working with the Undergroups to improve their communication, governance and better support the great outcomes the Undergroups deliver.

At last week's meeting the Board approved a claim to offer financial support to the Alpenrosen Dance group who will be travelling to Perth at Easter time to participate in the bi-annual Dance-fest that brings together cultural dance groups from all over the country.

Planning is now well underway for the 2023 140th Anniversary Ball to be held on Friday May 19th. The office team met with a group of senior Club leaders early this month to get the planning ball rolling. Full members of the Club should keep an eye out on your mailbox as you will soon be receiving an invitation to purchase your ticket for this exclusive and momentous occasion.

Recent weeks have also seen several staffing changes.

Firstly, a fond farewell to Duty Manager Glenn Turnbull. Although Glenn was only with us a short time, he left a lasting impression on the team and those members he had dealings with.

While we were disappointed to see Glenn move on, the Club has been most fortunate to welcome Gabor Katona who will replace Glenn and be working alongside Pia Agethen as full-time Duty Managers at the Club.



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CLUB MANAGER REPORT

Gabor brings many years of hospitality and Club management experience and has hit the ground running, quickly learning the ropes and fitting right in. After the challenges the Club faced with staffing in 2022, it is pleasing to feel our bar team starting to settle under two capable leaders.

This brings me to my final note in the Brisbane German Club newsletter. This past week I resigned as the Club's Secretary Manager. This was a difficult decision for me as I have felt great support at the Club since I first walked through the door.

I have worked hard and at a high personal cost to be an agent of change at your Club and reflecting on my time here there has been significant progress in many areas. I consider myself fortunate to have been part of a leadership group who has been able to generate positive change during extremely challenging times. Momentum is the most powerful force I have encountered in overseeing now many hospitality driven operations, and I say with confidence that this Club is moving in the right direction.

I take this opportunity to thank the Club's Board, in particular the Club's honorary President, the current Executive, the Club Patron and Directors, past and present, for their continuous and genuine support. I would also like to acknowledge sincerely the expertise, dedication, and good humour I have experienced day in and day out from Club staff, entertainers, contractors, suppliers, volunteers, auxiliaries and indeed from all corners of the Club's membership. Thank you!

With several key projects to see through in the coming weeks I will be working through at the Club as usual until my last day on Friday March 10th. I do hope I have the chance to see those of you whom I have come to know before I hand over to my successor.

Wishing you all the very best both in connection with your proud Club, and away from the Club in your personal endeavours.

Warmest regards,

John Melenewycz



WHAT'S ON: FEBRUARY

1ST FEB.

Think Trivia!

*Registrations at
6:30pm for a 7pm
start.*

5TH FEB.

Familihtag

*Join us at the club
for Family Fun Day!*

11TH FEB.

*Live entertainment
in our hall!*

2MUCH

12TH FEB.

*Half Yearly Members
Meeting @ 10am*

*Frühschoppen
from 11am,
Raffle prizes, & live
entertainment*



21ST FEB.

*Sheffield Shield
Cricket Starts*

*QLD Bulls vs NSW
Blues*

23RD FEB.

*February
Member's Birthday
Draw*

@ 8pm

25TH FEB.

*Live entertainment
in our hall!*

FIFTH AVENUE

26TH FEB.

*\$30 Knuckle
Sunday!*

Bookings essential

*Special thanks to **Götzinger** for providing a \$50 voucher for Frühschoppen!*



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SMALLGOODS

WHAT'S ON: MARCH

5TH MAR.

Familienstag

*Join us at the club
for Family Fun Day!*

12TH MAR.

Frühschoppen

*from 11am,
Raffle prizes, & live
entertainment*

24TH MAR.

**AFL GAME @ THE
GABBA - 6:50pm**

**Brisbane Lions
vs
Melbourne Demons**

**TUESDAYS
Schnitzel & Stein**

Chicken Schnitzel with
vegetables and mash or
chips and salad.
0.5L Stein of beer from any
of the taps.
\$20



**FRIDAYS
Luxe Lunch - \$80**

Crisp Pork Belly, Bratwurst
Sausages, Golden Chicken
Schnitzel, Chicken Wings, Fried
Potatoes, Aioli, Mustard and
Bier Gravy.
Including 2x Biers of the Month
OR
2x Wines of the Month

25TH MAR.

Karneval Returns!

Fancy Dress + Prizes +
Entertainment + more

26TH MAR.

**\$30 Knuckle
Sunday!**

Bookings essential

30TH FEB.

**March Member's
Birthday Draw**

@ 8pm

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Kaffee-Klatsch

REPORT

Dear Members & Friends of Kaffee-Klatsch,

Hallo,

Wishing all our Members and Friends a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2023.

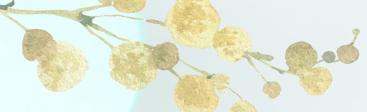
The Volunteers from the Kaffee - Klatsch are looking forward to a busy and exciting year ahead including the planning for the Club's 140th Anniversary Ball on Friday the 19th May 2023. This will indeed be a very special celebration and we are looking forward to taking part in making this celebration a very special event for all our members and guests.



In friendship,

Gerda Schulz

Gerda Schulz



Ladies' Group

REPORT

Greetings to all!

Welcome to the beginning of a New Year. We hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and is ready to enjoy the events taking place at the Brisbane German Club in 2023. Before we go on with events coming up in this year, the Ladies Group would like to publicly thank Paula and Karen for giving their time to provide various activities for the children to enjoy at the German Clubs Children Christmas Party. Also a couple more people who helped make the day very memorable for the children was our talented Andrew with his balloon creations and Christmas sing-along playing his ukulele and of course the man in the red suit with beard, Santa giving gifts to all the good girls and boys. A wonderful day was had by all.

The Ladies enjoyed their first informal meeting of the year in January in conjunction with Kaffee Klatsch group. Lots of chatter and planning for a few important events that will be taking place at the club this year. The first being the 140th Anniversary celebrations of the club taking place in May, then followed by Mother's Day. We have not been informed if the Club will be doing the "Taste of the Seasons" this year, but we will continue to decorate the club accordingly. I am very grateful for all the ladies and their trust in my leadership. Thank you all for being so supportive of the Brisbane German Club, making it a place for people to come and share in some German traditional hospitality. We are always looking for new members to join our group.

For me the New Year has started out prosperous, as my daughter and her husband have blessed Allan and I with a little granddaughter - Addison May. She will of course become a junior member of our Ladies Group in the next couple of months. Good times ahead.

I look forward to meeting with you at the next Frühschoppen on the 12th February and for the monthly members draw and raffle. Thank you to Gotzinger Smallgoods for continuing to support our monthly raffle again this year, as well as Zum Kaiser Restaurant.

Before I close, I would like to thank John Melenewycz for the support he has shown to the club and especially to the Ladies Group over the past 12 months, we will miss you and wish you all the very best in your new venture.

Kind regards,

Kathy Carseldine

President - Ladies Group

Kathy Carseldine

For more information or to get in touch with the Ladies Group, please contact:

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Liedertafel & Liederkrantz

Hello Everyone!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Concert
on the 4th December 2022.

What a great way to finish the year of 2022 for the Choir. We can hardly wait to surprise you with the Theme and songs for our next Concert in July 2023.
More information will be available in the next Newsletter.



On another Note:
I just received some sad News. One of our long-time Choir Member has passed away on Saturday 21.1.2023. His name was Karl Schlobohm who joined the Liedertafel in 1978 and was the long-time Secretary of the Liedertafel until he joined the Liederkrantz Mixed Choir in 1998 until 2018 when he retired from active singing.

Karl will be sadly missed by everyone.

Regarding ongoing changes in the Club:

There are going to be a lot of Renovations happening in the Club soon to make it more inviting for people to visit the German Club this year. The old Choir room is getting a facelift and will be turned into a General Meeting Room for Members and Visiting Groups who are looking for the perfect room. The old Storage Cabinets at the end of the room will be demolished to make way for new furniture and carpet to accommodate the new Meeting room. The Club has allocated new storage spaces for the groups currently using the cabinets in the old choir room.

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

Lorraine Keller [2.2.]; Aija Brzozouskis [8.2.]; Alison Coombs [18.2.]; Kurt Pitzer [22.2.]; Vera Windau [1.3.]; Helen Muller [16.3.] and Gerda Schulz [21.3.];

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

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Liedertafel & Liederkrantz

However, it's never too late to have some fun and entertain others with your singing! We are still looking for some willing participants with to join our choir. We are still in need of some more Tenors to join our current 4 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

The Choir now has to share Tuesday Evenings with the Dance Group. Therefore practice times may vary every Tuesday from either 4.00pm till 6.00pm or 4.00pm till 9pm when singing practice is on.

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Zum Geburtstag, Choir!

Lorraine Keller [2.2.]; Aija Brzozouskis [8.2.]; Alison Coombs [18.2.]; Kurt Pitzer [22.2.]; Vera Windau [1.3.]; Helen Muller [16.3.] and Gerda Schulz [21.3.];

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

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Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

The countdown is on!! We are training every week with gusto as the Nationaltanzfest in Perth draws ever so closer!! Jonathan has picked up the Plattlers nicely (or he fakes it well!) and we welcome back Jordan to the team after a restful year. We have 11 active dancers travelling to Perth to proudly represent the Brisbane German Club.

The girls have added a new song to the repertoire for the performance, as well as an additional girls' dance (as the boys are wearing out!)

We thank our family and friends who are also making the journey with us as roadies and supporters. (yes, you will be carrying equipment!)

Alpenrosen are looking forward to reuniting with our long-term friends and fellow dancers after so long!

We are also enjoying the company of members of the public who are interested in popping in on training nights (Tuesday after 6.30 pm) wo watch while visiting the club for dinner. It is great to share our culture with everyone.

Danke vielmals ... Bis nächstes Mal,

Paula Hay

Paula
for the Alpenrosen
Folk Dance Group



24th
VOLKSTANZFEST
PERTH



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Skat Report

Skartbericht...

Hello Skat Friends,

At our December Skat Competition, there were 12 Players present.

The first Prize went to A. Doehler with 2483 Points.

2...G. Ertel	2402 Points
3...W. Simke	2398 Points
4...W. Bummer	2342 Points

At our January Skat Competition there were 14 Players present.

The first Prize went to A. Doehler with 2364 Points.

2...W. Bummer	2330 Points
3...M. Mehler	2294 Points
4...K. Jasiulek	2253 Points

**We play Price Skat every second Sunday of the month, start time 11:00am.
Every second Wednesday we play Friendly Skat; start time 12 noon.**

The event is open to everyone; early bookings are encouraged.

For more information or to register to play, please contact Skat President Werner via the details below.

Gut Blatt,

Werner Simke

Werner Simke

Phone: 3300 2565

Mobile: 0410 118 371



*Skat is Germany's
National Cards Game*

Fotogallerie



Such a great turn out for our Christmas Choir Concert! Thank you to all our Choir Members & attendees!



Our Staff enjoying their late Christmas Party! - Bonus points if you can find Will!

Fotogalerie



**Childrens
Christmas
Party
& our lovely
ladies group!**



NOTICE BOARD

Willkommen New Full Members!

Dean Scurr, Luke Gardiner, Lydia Rüscher, Donna Koning, Douglas Koning, Maja Rusch, Gabriel Cruz, Rosemarie Abarquez, Charles Abarquez, Felicia Doughty, Edita Annette Marschall, Vera Windau, Marilyn Ireland, Bernadette Ann Maria Prause, Chris Prause



SCAN HERE TO
BOOK A TICKET

BRISBANE
KARNEVAL

BRISBANE KARNEVAL

25.03.2023

6:23PM - 11:59 PM

BRISBANE GERMAN CLUB
416 VULTURE ST, EAST BRISBANE

Special guest performance by Samba Vibes!
The Fräuleins and Atmo the Mime with Nina-Clare
Raffle Prizes!

Best Dressed Awards
Authentic German Food and Beverages



Dedicated to a better Brisbane



Honorary Consul
of the Federal Republic of Germany
Brisbane

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!

Upcoming Cricket Events @ the Gabba:

QLD Bulls vs NSW Blues; Tues 21st Feb - Sunday 26th Feb

QLD Bulls vs SA Redbacks; Thurs 2nd Mar - Sunday 5th Mar

AFL Starting on Friday 24th Mar - Brisbane Lions vs Melbourne Demons

Save the Dates!

Half Yearly Meeting: Sunday February 12th @ 10:00am

Karneval 2023: Saturday March 25th @ 6:22pm

140th Anniversary Ball: Friday, May 19th @ 6pm

Oktoberfest 2023: Oktober 6th - 8th & 13th - 15th

NOTICE BOARD

Half Yearly Update

On Sunday 12th February at 10am we will be having our Half Yearly Club Meeting. We encourage all our members to join us!

Following our club meeting we will have our monthly Fröhshoppen with Andrew playing from 12pm.

MEETING



Car Park Update

We thank you for your patience around the carpark being re-surfaced. You will have seen that there are no lines as yet. Please be patient as these will come shortly. In the meantime we ask that all our members and guests continue to use the car park as per usual.



Promotions are back!

You may have noticed that some of our promotions have begun for the year - ie. Knuckle Sunday! Keep an eye out around the club, in our newsletters and on our socials for more upcoming promotions we have been working on!





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