



# 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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Leanne Langer, Eloise Sowden, &  
Nick Sowden**

## Brisbane German Club



### *To our valued members,*

A hearty farewell to our General Manager John Melenewycz. We wish him all the best and look forward to seeing John around the club as a Full Member.



Welcome to our new General Manager Russell Finney. Please introduce yourself to Russell if you see him around the club and make him feel welcome.

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**Schöne Grüße,**

*The Board of Directors*



# Brisbane German Club

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Liebe Mitglieder

### Auf Wiedersehen/Willkommen

We have farewelled our first General Manager John Melenewycz. He has joined the Club as a full member, and I am sure he will be back for a beer and a chat in the future.

Herzliches Willkommen to Russell Finney, our new General Manager. Russell commenced his career in Perth, where he started out as a young teenage lift driver at the Weld Club and later became the Secretary/Manager of this very prestigious Club in Perth. The world beckoned and from 2004, he has travelled the world, with his first stop in Shanghai as the Chief Operating Officer and Club Chairman at Shanghai Racquet Club and Apartment.

For the next 12 years he held General Manager positions at various clubs in Brunei, United Arab Emirates and Thailand before returning to Australia in 2019. He was General Manager of Legacy Hotels in Adelaide until 2021 and has up until recent been a Hotel General Manager in Gladstone.

Russell comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, especially in managing and running the hospitality side of Clubs. With his valuable knowledge, we are positive that we will be able to fill the gap that both Katy and Dale, our kitchen lessees will leave behind.

### Renovations

March has been a very busy month! Stage 1 of our renovations has now been completed. The main bar area has had a facelift, creating an inviting and cozy place to have a drink or meal on one of our new high tables. The old Keller Bar has also been revamped, with the gaming machines having been moved into this space to allow the rest of the Club to focus on having a more family friendly atmosphere. Last, but certainly not least, the Choir room has been given a new lease of life and has now become our new President's Lounge, which will serve as a meeting and function space.

We are excited to let all members know that Stage One of the renovations have been completely paid for by overall income from the last year of events and operations, rather than having to take out any sort of loan. The entire Board is very proud of this fact, and we hope the members will enjoy the new facilities going forward.



# Brisbane German Club

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Kitchen Update

All members should now have received notice from the office that Katy and Dale have regrettably decided to move on from the Club after so many years of dedication to the Kitchen. Their last day as the Kitchen proprietors will be Monday 31 July 2023. On behalf of the Club, we thank them for their service and will be looking to formally acknowledge this in the lead up to the end of their lease, so please watch this space for further updates.

### Events

In an exciting new update that some members may already be aware of, we now have a Family Fun Day on the first Sunday of each month. This has turned out to be very popular, and as Easter is fast approaching our wonderful ladies group have organized a great Easter program for Sunday April 2. I do hope to see a few members there with their children and grandchildren!

The Alpenrosen dance group have been busy practicing hard and will participate at Dancefest in Perth over the Easter Long Weekend. Whilst the majority of the group will be flying, Directors Kurt and Leanne Langer have set upon a cross country journey in their camper to attend the event! I have to extend a big thank you to the choir for giving up some of their practice time to the Alpenrosen – this has been very important to the group as they have had to relearn some old dances and train up the newest Tanzer from Ireland, Jonathan Morris.

Looking past April, May will bring us three more events to look out for. May 14 will be a big day, as our first event will be our Mother's Day Frühschoppen. The Club will also be screening the Eurovision Finale once again on Sunday 14th May, complete with host and raffles. Not to be outshone by the Eurovision glitz and glam, our pinnacle event of the year will also take place in May – our 140th Anniversary Ball. The Ball is currently in its planning stage, with Zoe, Simone and their team hard at work organizing the event. Member's tickets are now on sale and we encourage all members to buy their ticket soon to avoid disappointment!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,  
Michaela Sowden

*Michaela Sowden*

# Brisbane German Club

## MEET OUR NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Hallo liebe Mitglieder

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Please allow me to introduce myself as your newly appointed Club Manager.

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to The Brisbane German Club's future in maintaining the rich culture and community engagement while contributing to the Board's strategic plan of keeping the club relevant to the everchanging needs of membership.

With only 3 full days of being at the club (at the time of writing); I am very appreciative of the warm welcome by the Board and members; the staff and excellent handover by John Melenewycz who, by now, is enjoying his well-earned holiday.

My career background is that of a hospitality professional who has held the senior leadership roles both here in Australia as well as 18 years in substantial private equity and Royal clubs in China, Brunei, Dubai, Burma and Thailand. My Thai wife and our daughter relocated back to Australia in 2019 and very happy to be back in Brisbane.

From my 20+ year career in Clubs thus far, I've concluded that for a Club's culture and membership numbers to prosper the two key ingredients are the Ritual of why we historically enjoy visiting our club while balancing the contemporary Attraction in keeping the facilities and services relevant. There's no doubt in my mind with the rich heritage of the Liedertafel/Liederkrantz & Alpenrosen and the Boards vision and recent successful completion of the Stage One beautification of the Gaming area, the Bar and the former Choir Room the future looks bright.

I look forward to the opportunity to meeting with you and welcome your call if I can be of service.

Kind Regards

Russell Finney - Vereinsmanager

*Russell Finney*

# WHAT'S ON: APRIL

## 2ND APR.

**Familienstag**

*from 11:30am*

*Join us at the club for*

*Family Fun Day!*

*Joined by the Easter*

*Bunny and Balloon*

*Twisting!*

## 6TH APR.

**AFL GAME @ THE**

**GABBA - 7:35pm**

**Brisbane Lions**

**vs**

**Collingwood Magpies**

## 16TH APR.

**Frühschoppen**

*from 11am,*

*Raffle prizes, & live*

*entertainment by*

*Andrew!*

## TUESDAYS

**Schnitzel & Stein**

Chicken Schnitzel with  
vegetables and mash or  
chips and salad.

0.5L Stein of beer from any  
of the taps.

**\$20**

**EASTER HOLIDAY**

**CLUB CLOSURE**

**DATES:**

Our club will be  
closed from the 7th -  
10th April for Easter!



## WEDNESDAYS

**Think Trivia!**



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

## 22ND APR.

**Live entertainment  
in our hall!**

**SHAZZAM**



## 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

## 30TH APR.

**\$30 Knuckle  
Sunday!**

**Bookings essential**

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



**GÖTZINGER**  
SMALL GOODS

# WHAT'S ON: MAY

**7TH MAY.**

**Familienstag**

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

**13TH MAY.**

**AFL GAME @ THE  
GABBA - 7:35pm**

**Brisbane Lions  
vs  
Essendon Bombers**

**14TH MAY.**

**Mother's Day  
+  
Frühschoppen** *Mother's Day*

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

**14TH MAY.  
Eurovision Party!**

Keep an eye out on our  
Social Media and Website  
for details!

Tickets available soon!



**17TH MAY.  
1883**

**Brisbane German  
Club's was founded!**



**19TH MAY.**

**140th Anniversary  
Ball!**

6:30pm - midnight

**20TH MAY.**

**AFL GAME @ THE  
GABBA - 7:30pm**

**Brisbane Lions  
vs  
Gold Coast Suns**

**28TH MAY.**

**\$30 Knuckle  
Sunday!**

Bookings essential

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



**GÖTZINGER**  
SMALLGOODS



# Kaffee-Klatsch

## REPORT

### A friendly "HELLO" to Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Ladies, I'd like to extend compliments to the Club's President and the Committee for the completion and upgrading the Club's interior, what a wonderful improvement creating more seating for Members and Guests in the Bar area!

We are now looking forward to enjoying our next scheduled KAFFEE- KLATSCH in the new refurbished "President Room" [previously the Music Room] on Thursday 20th Of April starting 11am. On this occasion we are to celebrate the Birthdays of Elke Sanders and Heidi Sanders [April 1st and 8th] as well my own 85th special Birthday deferred from March 21st CONGRATULATIONS! We wish everyone much Sunshine, lots of happiness, but most importantly good health for the coming Year!

With great anticipation we are eager to assist the Club Management with the preparation for the 140th Anniversary Dinner on Friday, 19th May 2023 in our capacity as Volunteers trying to bring this special Event to a successful finish with many happy memories for the future!

Please note on your Calendrer "Frühschoppen" and Mother's Day on the 14th of May is taking place in the big Hall and please book your Table with the Restaurant early.

As usual we are inviting the Company of new Ladies joining our monthly KAFFEE – KLATSCH every 3rd Thursday of the month from 11am onwards in the new VIP ROOM for an amusing get together with much laughter and gemütlichkeit!

Please meet and welcome – the newest addition and member of the "Kaffee Klatsch"; Addison - May Holden -- first Grandchild of our dear President Kathy Carseldine ! Nursed lovingly.



*In friendship,*

Gerda Schulz

*Gerda Schulz*





# Ladies' Group REPORT

## **Greetings to all!**

The season of Autumn is here!! Now to look forward to some cooler weather. Our group of Ladies have been busy decorating, baking and packing Easter treats for the children in readiness for the "Family Fun Day" being held at the club on Sunday 2nd April. The April Frühschoppen will be held on Sunday 16th April as the club will be closed on Easter Sunday. Please mark this date on your calendar. Again there will be many great prizes on our raffle table thank you to the continued support of Gotzinger Smallgoods, Stones Corner Ginger Beer, Joval Wines Company and Zum Kaiser Restaurant.

The month of May is planning to be a busy and exciting time for the Ladies Group, as we plan for Mother's Day celebrations being our May Frühschoppen. We are also assisting with setting up and decorating of the hall for the Brisbane German Club celebration of 140 years. This is going to be a wonderful evening, reflecting on the history of the club over the past 140 years. This special celebration will be taking place at the Club on Friday 19th May commencing at 6.30pm. Don't forget to purchase your ticket from the bar.

I would like to wish our Gerda all the very best on her recent birthday celebrations and wish her many more years of good health and happiness. Gerda was one of the people responsible for the formation of the Ladies group at the club and still is very passionate and active in this group today. Thank you Gerda!

We wish the Alpenrosen safe travels and all the very best at the Dancefest taking place in Perth this April.

The Ladies Group thank you all for your continued support and look forward to meeting you at the Brisbane German Club.

Kind regards,  
**Kathy Carseldine**  
President – Ladies Group

*Kathy Carseldine*



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# Brisbane German Club

## Liedertafel & Liederkrantz

### Hello Everyone!

Regarding ongoing changes in the Club:

By the time you read this, the Renovations in the Club should be finished and you will be presented with a new look when you walk into the Club.

The old Choir room is now a General Meeting Room for Members and Visiting Groups who are looking for the perfect room. The Choir Music is now stored in the Library in a filing Cabinet purchased by the Choir. The Poker Machines have been moved to the previous Keller Bar which is now the Gaming Room. Apart from that, the Club will also said hello to Russell Finney who is the new Club Manager. The Choir is anticipating to have their Annual Concert either on Sunday the 16th July 2023 or 23rd July 2023. This needs to be confirmed, so keep checking the Club's Website for updates.

However, it's never too late to have some fun and entertain others with your singing! We are still looking for some willing participants 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 is sharing Tuesday Evenings with the Dance Group. Therefore practice times may vary every Tuesday from either 3.00pm till 6.00pm on the first 2 Tuesdays of the Month, or 6.30pm till 9pm on the last 2 or 3 Tuesdays of the Month when singing practice is on.



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## Zum Geburtstag, Choir!

John Müller [13.4.]; Patrick Johnson [27.4.]; Bill Deer [3.5.]; Marion Kirberg [7.5.]; Michael Boehm [14.5.]; Leo Keller [16.5.]; Peter Jansen [16.5.];

Peter Jansen is reaching a significant Milestone by celebrating his 75th Birthday.

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



# Brisbane German Club

## Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

The countdown is on ... the Nationaltanzfest in Perth is just around the corner! Four years in the waiting due to covid restrictions ...

Leanne and Kurt are on their way as the trek across Australia in their campervan ... the early contingent flies out next week and the remainder of the team fly out on Good Friday.

Our last rehearsals were well received by diners and we are set to impress in Perth where we will reunite with Anna and also long-standing member Peter West.

We're pleased to be joined by Werner who will be performing on the Zither as part of our performance each day.

We also appreciate our friends and supporters who are making the journey with us ... Steve, Kirby and Rachel and Paul and Alice Sowa.

We look forward to sharing our experiences with all interested on our return.

We are looking forward to our next performance at the upcoming 140th Anniversary Ball of the Brisbane German Club where we will perform our Perth bracket. Up, up ... and away!!

## Paula Hay

**Paula**  
for the Alpenrosen  
Folk Dance Group





# Brisbane German Club

## Skat Report

Skatbericht...

Hello Skat Friends,

At our February Skat Competition, there were 15 Players present.

The first Prize went to W. Bummer with 2819 Points.

2...H. Betz	2228 Points
3...A. Doehler	2217 Points
4...M. Clohessy	2185 Points

At our March Skat Competition, there were 13 Players present.

The first Prize went to A. Doehler with 2729 Points.

2...K. Jasiulek	2315 Points
3...W. Simke	2168 Points
4...C. Bergmann	2047 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

Newly Renovated Main Bar Area!





# Fotogallerie

Newly Renovated Keller Bar into our Gaming Room!





# NOTICE BOARD

*Willkommen New Full Members!*

*Mario Nagy, Lana Gishkariany, Ian Ryan, John Melenewycz*



*The Brisbane German Club Proudly Presents*

## 140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BALL

*Join us from 6:30pm on Friday 19th May to celebrate  
this momentous occasion of the Brisbane German Club*

**First release tickets available to full members**  
**Second release tickets available to all**

**First release ticket price \$100**  
**Second release ticket price \$125**

**INCLUDES 3-COURSE DINNER & DRINKS  
& LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

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**BRISBANE GERMAN CLUB**  
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# NOTICE BOARD



## Mother's Day!

We are celebrating Mothers Day this year with flowers, Frühschoppen & more.  
Join us on Sunday 14th May to celebrate the Mums in your life.

### Upcoming Games @ The Gabba

06/04/2023 - Brisbane Lions VS Collingwood Magpies @ 7:35pm  
29/04/2023 - Brisbane Lions VS Fremantle Dockers @ 1:45pm  
13/05/2023 - Brisbane Lions VS Essendon Bombers @ 7:35pm  
20/05/2023 - Brisbane Lions VS Gold Coast Suns @ 7:30pm

## Our Deepest Sympathy

Sadly, we have been advised of the passing of the following members. Our hearts are with their families during these difficult times.

Ursula Siebenhuener  
Karl-Heinz Schlobohm  
Helmut Assfalg  
Georg Ertel

Our deepest sympathies to any of our members and their families who have lost someone recently.







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*April & May 2023*