



# The Brisbane German Club NEWSLETTER



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Monday: Closed

Tues - Thursday: 11:00am - 10pm

Friday & Saturday: 11:00am - Midnight

Sunday: 11:00am - 5:00pm

**Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00am to 6:00pm**



# Brisbane German Club

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*The picture on the 1st page - President and Board Members unveiling the 140th Years Anniversary plaque*

## COMMITTEE

**President: Michaela Sowden**

**Vice President: Chris Fletcher**

**Treasurer: Paul Alldridge**

**Board of Directors:**

**Alex Hyde, Monika Kortz, Kurt Langer, Leanne Langer, Eloise Sowden, & Nick Sowden**



***Dear members,***

Thanks to everyone who supported and made it to the 140th Anniversary Ball!

Winter is well and truly here and so is our Gluhwein, stay warm by having a glass at the club.



Welcome to our new Events and Service Manager Hugo Diegues. Please introduce yourself to Hugo if you see him around the club and make him feel welcome.



Keep your eye out for our website and socials media for updates regarding the original Oktoberfest 2023

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**Schöne Grüße,**

*The Board of Directors*



# Brisbane German Club

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Liebe Mitglieder

What a busy few weeks it has been. Time has flown so incredibly fast.

### Events

Where to start, as there have been a fair few events taking place since I last wrote my report.

Let's start with the official opening of our President's Lounge. We were extremely privileged to host the German Ambassador, Dr Markus Ederer, and 30 guests on a Monday evening. A big thank you to Katie and Dale for contributing to the evening. They gave up their spare time to assist, as the kitchen is normally closed Mondays. I was unfortunately unable to attend but feedback from both our Vice President Chris and Treasurer Paul was excellent.

The Mothers Day weekend was a busy one. Saturday brought the footy crowd, whilst Sunday saw two events, our Mothers Day celebrations and our Eurovision event in the evening.

The Mothers Day event was fully booked. I would like to thank Kathy and her team of helpers for organizing the day celebrating mothers. They also provided a warm welcome to all members and ensured that no mother went without a welcome drink or flower. The prizes on the day weren't too bad either, with Director Eloise Sowden donating a large basket of goodies.

The Eurovision event followed on in the evening and was another great event. I heard the two Drag Queens Anya Bike and Hovanna Crown kept the crowd entertained. The only upset was the announcement of the winner of the contest, as many wanted Finland to win.

Last but not least, our major event of the year, the 140th Anniversary Ball was a success. We welcomed the Hon Sterling Hinchcliffe MP, Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics and Paralympics Sport and Engagement The Right Honourable Adrian Schrinner, Lord Mayor of Brisbane Prof. Michael Rosemann, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany in Southern Queensland and patron of the club Gold Coast German Club President, Christine Lowe, also Karin Kuno, President of the Austrian Society Qld and Philippe Coquerand President of the Swiss Club Brisbane.

We took this opportunity to celebrate a few of our members with the Brisbane German Club Awards.

# Brisbane German Club

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Liebe Mitglieder

These are as follows:

The President's Trophy for outstanding achievement over several years and her contribution to the Club as part of the Ladies Group, the Choir, Kaffee Klatsch, a Director and finally past President was awarded to : Gerda Schulz, The "Theo Teicher Memorial Trophy" is awarded to an outstanding Club member to recognise and reward their excellent work in promoting and supporting the Brisbane German Club and was awarded to Professor Michael Rosemann, the Harry Schober Undergroup Encouragement Award Recognises the undergroup who has enhanced the cultural fabric of the Club and was awarded to The Alpenrosen, the Paul Sowa OAM Volunteers Award Awarded to the member who has been outstanding in their selfless dedication to the betterment of the club and was awarded to Elke Sander, the Liedertafel-Liederkranz Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Certificate awarded to Renate Koehn, the Alpenrosen Dance Group Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Certificate - Madeleine Langer the Ladies Group Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Certificate - Elke Sander, the Skat Group Outstanding Volunteer Recognition Certificate - Michael Fendel. Special mention to our Silver needle recipients Trudy Skepton, Detief Sulze and the 50-year Golden Needles recipients Johann Arnold, David Doyle, Herman Hartwig and Nikolaus Brucker.

Again big thank you to Russell for making it such a success. Thank you Zoe and Simone for all the behind the scenes work, Gabor, Pia and the bar team for assisting on the night, Gabor for helping Kathy with setting up the hall. Kathy and the Ladies Group did a wonderful job setting the scene. Leo Keller and the Liedertafel opened the event by singing the Australian and German anthems, and provided a wonderful journey into the songs of Germany.

The choristers were brimming with pride, and so they should have been, as the vocals were amazing. Thank you to Leo Keller and the Liedertafel. The Alpenrosen provided great entertainment by showcasing bell ringing talent and dance skills Many a photo was taken especially by our VIP guests. Thank you to Leanne Langer and the Alpenrosen .

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Liebe Mitglieder

Another big thank you to Katie, Dale and the Zum Kaiser team for providing us with the delicious food.

Next month the Alpenrosen will be at the Club on Family Sunday to show our young members how much fun it is to dance or learn to use the bells as a musical instrument. Hopefully they can entice a few people to join up.

The Liedertafel-Liederkrantz will be holding a concert very soon, so check your calendars.

### Kitchen Update

Due to Katie and Dale's sad decision not to renew the lease, we are already in the process of engaging staff to take over the kitchen. You may see a new face or two around the club. We have also got a plan in place to ensure a smooth takeover. Meanwhile, I would like to thank Katie and Dale for their contributions over the last few years. Also a big welcome to our new events and service manager Hugo Diegues.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,  
Michaela Sowden

*Michaela Sowden*

# Brisbane German Club

## GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

### Hallo liebe Mitglieder

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun!!

With the benefit of almost three months in the role of your General Manager I'm pleased to share that the Club's team has excelled in delivering two significant events namely, The dinner for Dr Markus Ederer, the recently appointed Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Australia and his guests. This was the first visit by a German Ambassador to the club since 1933 when The German Consul General and Privy Councillor Dr. R Asmis laid the foundation stone for the current clubhouse. Let's hope the next visit can be a little sooner than 90 years!

The Club 140th Anniversary Ball has been hailed as a resounding success which the many individuals and groups are acknowledged in our President Report.

Plans are well underway for the 1st August handover of the club's catering operation from the Zum Kaiser Team. We will soon announce our culinary team lead by Chefs who have impressive references from clubs catering specifically to German cuisine.

Their brief, after the initial period of acclimatization, is to deliver an ever-changing and innovative menu with a greater focus on regional German fare. Der Künodel kommt zurück!!

The restaurant was originally named Blue Danube so, with the departure of the Zum Kaiser brand, our challenge is to find a new name. We invite your suggestion of a new name and a short note on why you think it is appropriate. Your recommendation should be forwarded by email to

[Admin@brisbanegermanclub.com](mailto:Admin@brisbanegermanclub.com) on or before the 15th of June to be considered by a panel of Staff and Board members.

Finally, would like to welcome Mr. Hugo Diegues our newly appointed Events and Services Manager; his role is all things relating to "the front of house" sales, coordination of events, and restaurant service.

Hugo's background is that of a European-trained hospitality professional with extensive event experience gained at the London Hilton prior to migrating to Brisbane with his Australian wife and two children some five years ago. Welcome Hugo!!

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

Herzliche Grüße

Kind Regards

Russell Finney - Vereinsmanager

*Russell Finney*



# WHAT'S ON: JUNE

## 4TH JUN.

### Familienstag

from 11:30am

Join us at the club for  
Family Fun Day!

Joined by the Apenrosen  
Dance and Teaching

## 11TH JUN.

### Frühschoppen

from 11am,

Raffle prizes, & live  
entertainment by  
Andrew!

## 16TH JUN.

### AFL GAME @ THE

GABBA - 7:50pm

DJ on before and after

Brisbane Lions  
vs  
Sydney Swans

## TUESDAYS

### Schnitzel & Stein

Chicken Schnitzel with  
vegetables and mash or  
chips and salad.

0.5L Stein of beer from any  
of the taps.

**\$20**

## 17TH JUN.

### Live Entertainment

### Bubble Fry Duo

6:30 pm to 11:30 pm

## WEDNESDAYS

### Think Trivia!

TRIVIA  
NIGHT

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



## 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 JUN.

### \$30 Knuckle Sunday!

Bookings essential

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



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# WHAT'S ON: JULY

## 1ST JUL.

**NRL GAME @ THE GABBA - 7:35pm**  
**DJ on before and after**

**Brisbane Broncos**  
**VS**  
**The Dolphins**

## 2ND JUL.

**Familiientag**

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

## 9TH JUL.

**Frühschoppen**  
**from 11am,**  
**Raffle prizes, & live**  
**entertainment by**  
**Andrew!**

## 23TH JUL.

**Choir Concert!**

**Get your ticket now!!**

Monika - 0421631914  
mariakortz@bigpond.com



## 27TH JUL.

**NRL GAME @ THE GABBA - 7:50pm**

**Brisbane Broncos**  
**VS**  
**The Roosters**



## 30TH JUL.

**\$30 Knuckle**  
**Sunday!**

**Bookings essential**



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# Kaffee-Klatsch

## REPORT

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

Once again Congratulations and best wishes to the "BRISBANE GERMAN CLUB" on its 140th. Club's Centenary. The Volunteers and our amazing Ladies Group President Kathy had a busy few weeks helping to organise and decorating this fantastic Event, including the successful and memorable Mother day celebration!

We like to send special "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" greetings to our dear Friend Ulla Harnisch on her 85th Birthday –she has been part of our Group since it was founded in 1996, Ulla was also Vice President and a member of the Club's Committee for many years. "Congratulations" dear Friend you are in our Heart with loving thoughts and our best wishes going your way !

We thank the President and Committee for letting us use the newly renovated VIP room. As we greatly enjoy our monthly meetings in this gemütliche surround's please Ladies come and join us, we meet every 3rd. Thursday of the month at 11am with a hot Glühwein from the Bar as well as a delicious Lunch served to us by the "ZUM KAISER" Restaurant.



*friendship,*

Gerda Schulz

Gerda Schulz



# Ladies' Group

## REPORT

### ***Greetings to all!***

The past couple of months have been exciting and busy for the Ladies Group. The Easter treat bags filled with easter eggs was greatly received by the young children at the April's Family Day at club. Thank you to Elke and the Easter Bunny for bringing much joy to the children.

May Fruehschoppen was also Mother's day. It was lovely to see so many visitors enter the club treating their mothers to lunch at the Brisbane German Club. The overwhelming joy that was shown on the ladies faces as they entered the front door and being greeted by our 2 little helpers on the day, Mitchell and Charlotte presenting them with a rose, chocolate heart and biscuit Then receiving a glass of champagne or orange juice from the bar staff. Thank you ladies and staff for helping with set up of table decorations, preparation of roses and the pouring of the champagne and orange juice. I am certain we made it a memorable day for all Mothers in attendance plus the great music from Andrew.

I would like to thank those people who generously donated extra items for our May raffle to make it so successful and sending all the winners home very happy.

The Ladies also assisted with setting up the Club for 140th Anniversary Ball. Even though numbers were down, a good night was had by those in attendance. Congratulations to all the members who received an award in recognition of their contribution to the club over the years. We thank you for being so giving of your time. I am very proud to say 2 ladies from our group received an award. Congratulations to Gerda Schulz receiving the President's Award and to Elke Sander the Volunteers Award. Well done ladies!!!

Before I close, on behalf of the Ladies Group would like to welcome Russell Finney and Hugo Diegues to the Brisbane German Club. Our group look forward to working with you to continue to maintain and improve on making the Brisbane German Club a place where people can meet and enjoy a little taste of the German culture through good food, drinks and music.

Our next Fruehschoppen will be on the 11 June. In the meantime, keep warm and in good health. The Gluhewein is now available, so the weather must be getting cooler. Look forward to meeting you at the German Club.

***Kind regards,***

*Kathy Carseldine*

**Kathy Carseldine**

**President – Ladies Group**

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

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# Brisbane German Club

## Liedertafel & Liederkrantz

### Hello Everyone!

Our next Concert "Freunde, laßt uns singen" (Friends, let us sing) is going to be held on Sunday 23 July 2023 at 2pm in the German Club. Bookings for the Concert can be made either to the Club's Office (3391 2434 press 1 for Office) or to myself (3397 0971) with your contact details provided and for how many people.



Leo Keller, Paul Sowa, Chris Fletcher

### Anniversary Ball on Friday 19.5.2023

This was magnificently organised and successful. The food was absolutely superb and the service that night was outstanding. Thank you to everyone who helped making it a success.

The President's Trophy this year was awarded to Gerda Schulz for her dedication and work to the Club throughout the year. Congratulation to Gerda Schulz who is also one of our choir members and the Choir is very proud of her.

### Regarding ongoing changes in the Club:

There are still a lot of Renovations happening in the Club. The old Choir room has been given a facelift and will be known as the President's Room and turned into a General Meeting Room for Members and Visiting Groups who are looking for the perfect room. The Club has allocated new storage spaces for the all the Undergroups to be used in the future.

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 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

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 6.00pm till 9pm when singing practice is on.

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

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## 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,**

It's been a whirlwind couple of months, having trained hard before travelling to Perth for the magical time 4 years in waiting – the Nationaltanzfest! Normally held every two years, the festival was put on a COVID pause.

It was a great opportunity for many of the group to have an extended visit to Western Australia. On Good Friday, all 5 dance group participants gathered for the welcome and dinner ... and party!! We were very impressed with the Perth group's organisation of the event – and the whole group drone photo was amazing!



The weekend was the opportunity for all representatives from the groups attending to showcase their styles. We had the new generation of dancers, with two children's groups from Sydney as well as the dancers who have grown up before our eyes, rounded off with the 'oldies' who have been there forever (or so it seems!!). Performers ranged in age from 2 years to 83 years old!!



# Brisbane German Club Alpenrosen Report

We are very proud of our performances and received much praise.

Leanne and Kurt presented the Perth club with 'ourselves' lol ... a portrait of the Alpenrosen performers.



On family news – it was very exciting to welcome the newest arrival – fourth generation bell player-in-training, Stella Rae. The quartet consist of Uroma Rae, Oma/Nana Katrina, daughter Danielle and bub Stella.



Our most recent performance was at the Anniversary Ball of our home base, the Brisbane German Club.

We were honoured to receive the Undergroup Achievement Trophy.



We're not resting on our laurels ... we will be highlighting the Alpenrosen at the upcoming Club Family Fun Day on June 4 and then will be performing for three days at our second home, the Gold Coast German Club in July for their annual Bierfest weekend. The Alpenrosen train on the first two Tuesdays of each month from 6 pm ... now is the perfect time to come along and have a try ...

Yours in plattlering,

On behalf of the Alpenrosen Folk Dance Group and Bell Ringers,

**Paula Hay**  
for the Alpenrosen  
Folk Dance Group

*Paula Hay*



# Brisbane German Club Skat Report

## Skatbericht...

**Hello Skat Friends,**

At our April Skat Competition, there were 9 Players present.

The first Prize went to A. Doehler with 3047 Points  
2...K. Jasiulek 2188 Points  
3...W. Bummer 1840 Points.

At our May Skat Competition, there were 8 Players present.

The first Prize went to A. Doehler with 2828 Points.  
2...M. Mehlert 2191 Points  
3...S. Svarbic 2047 Points.

We play Skat every second Sunday of the Month, start time 11-00am.

Every second Wednesday we play Friendly Skat, start time 12-00 noon.

For further information please contact Werner Simke...3300 2565.....0410 118 371

**Gut Blatt,**

*Werner Simke*

**Werner Simke**

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*Skat is Germany's  
National Cards Game*



# Fotogallerie





# Fotogallerie

## 140th Anniversary Ball!





# NOTICE BOARD

*Willkommen New Full Members!*

*Adam Parker, Robert Wildermuth OAM, Daryl John Wheatley, Serge Hlinovsky, Nicholas Hines*

## Liedertafel-Liederkranz

Music Director: **Leo Keller OAM**

Accompanist: **Olga Lipsky**

## *Freunde lasst uns singen*

Anniversary Concert

**Sunday 23 July 2023 2pm**

Entry \$15

Reserve seats:

Monika 0421631914

Club Bar & Zum Kaiser  
open 12 noon

Restaurant bookings:  
3391 2091



# NOTICE BOARD

## Photos Request!

Can the please request you all to send us photos, stories, or any history of the club, members, and past Presidents to [admin@brisbanegermanclub.com](mailto:admin@brisbanegermanclub.com)

Thank you

### Upcoming Games @ The Gabba

16/06/2023 - Brisbane Lions VS Sydney Swans @ 7:50pm  
29/06/2023 - Brisbane Lions VS Richmond @ 7:20pm  
01/07/2023 - Brisbane Broncos VS The Dolphins @ 6:00pm  
08/07/2023 - Brisbane Lions VS West Coast Eagles @ 1:45pm  
22/07/2023 - Brisbane Lions VS Geelong Cats @ 4:35pm  
27/07/2023 - Brisbane Broncos VS Sydney Roosters @ 7:50pm

### **'A GARLAND OF CORNFLOWERS'**

**Written for Mum, Grandma, Estonia & Germany.**

There's no other flower in all of creation that is more treasured by our Estonian and German Nations.  
Your exquisite beauty has adorned our lands ten thousand years and more.  
Though admiring others, there's no other flower that we adore more, dressed in your starlight blossoms of brilliant blue.  
No other flower is more endearing to us as you. Esteemed titles have been bestowed upon you, that of 'Mary's Crown' and 'Mary's Cushion' too.  
Like our child's imploring outstretched fingers, with hands held high.  
Your clustered florets exuberantly spread forth in all their glory embracing the sky.  
Down through the ages, hearts of Goddesses, Pharaoh's, Kings and Queens, Emperors and common folks too, have all been captured by your alluring and enchanting bonnets of blue Crowns of gold.  
Now weave us instead Garlands of precious cornflowers to crown and adorn our heads.

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## 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.

Glenn Stewart

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





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