



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



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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**

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Dear members,

As we say Goodbye to the Zum Kaiser Restaurant we want to say a massive Thank You to Katie & Dale for all they have done for the club over the last 16 years. Best wishes for the future.



To our full members,

Save the Date

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 24th September 2023

10:00am - 12:00pm

Reports and news on the past year will be given, along with voting of the new Board Members in for 2023 - 2024.

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Schöne Grüße,

The Board of Directors



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Liebe Mitglieder

Upon reflection of our Strategic Goals, I am happy to say that we are finally achieving what we have set out to deliver to our members. Our first goal to deliver effective leadership, administration, and planning to position the Club for long-term success and ongoing regulatory compliance started with John but has now intensified under Russell.

As members should now be aware, Katie and Dale have unfortunately chosen not to renew their lease. This means the kitchen will now be under the management of the Club from August 1. Considerable planning has been undertaken under the guidance of Russell and his team to ensure a smooth transition.

With great delight, we extend a warm welcome to Hugo Diegues as Events & Services Manager, Maddy Langer will now join the team as a full time Hostess & Restaurant Supervisor and of course the new kitchen team under the competent guidance of Chef Tory.

You will also see some familiar faces from the kitchen returning as Brisbane German Club staff. We will be preparing the kitchen to ensure that all regulatory compliance points are met by 7th August, so that we can open on Tuesday 8th August as the Brisbane German Club Restaurant.

I would like to thank Katie and Dale on behalf of the Board and our members for their long-term leasing of the restaurant and wish them well in the future.

Our second goal was to implement a financially responsible capital expenditure program that enhances the Club's delivery of authentic food, beverage, entertainment, and cultural experiences. This goal has seen Tenders go out for kitchen equipment and the Board making difficult decisions on our suppliers to ensure that we get the best prices possible. Russell and Hugo have been phenomenal in the ensuring that the quotes were like for like, so that the Board could choose the best supplier.

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We have also had to consider some repairs and maintenance issues and have undertaken some remedial works such as repainting the foyer, added some paintings from storage and generally making the entrance more inviting to members and their guests.

Due to issues with our existing beer lines, we will be moving our keg room and upgrading the lines to ensure we our reputation as serving the best selection of German and quality beers certainly in Queensland and possibly the whole of Australasia. Although this will be an expense, it will save the Club money on labour costs in the long term and the upgrade will also mean a much smoother experience for big events such as the upcoming Oktoberfest.

Recruitment, management and succession planning was also a goal requiring attention, to allow the Club to be known as an employer of choice in the industry. The Board also needed to ensure sustainability though ongoing investment in governance, people, planning, and Club facilities.

As mentioned earlier, we have managed to hire staff from Zum Kaiser, who were happy to stay here at the Club. All staff were recruited by Russell and his team based on their merits and experience. The Board accepted his proposals, and we now have Chefs with a background in German cuisine. Let's welcome Head Chef Tory Hoog-Buchmayer, Leo Seelman as senior sous chef who has recently arrived from Germany and Robert Eslinger, who has worked in the famous Viennese Sacher Hotel. Paulie; who may be known to some of you, has also returned as a casual chef.

Russell - organised a team building session with all staff on Monday 24th July whereby Board members Leanne Langer, Kurt Langer, Nicholas Sowden and Vice President Chris Fletcher were able to attend. I unfortunately was not able to due to work commitments, but feedback was extremely positive. I am sure that this experience will be duplicated in the future, as it was a great way for Board members to get to know the team and become part of the team.

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Finally, to our fifth goal was to deliver consistent, unique, and targeted messaging which promotes the Club as a provider of authentic cultural experiences and inclusive hospitality.

Whilst we need to wait for our kitchen handover to take place, I am positive this goal will be implemented. Again, apologies for the closure of the kitchen between August 1 and 6, however this is needed to get the kitchen shipshape with installation of our own equipment. It will still be business as usual with beer, wine schnapps and soft drinks, as for food, food trucks will be available. This should limit any concerns regarding any decreased trading. So come on in, say hi to our team and check out the Club.

By now the Choir has held their Anniversary concert. They had been busy practicing in the Club's President's Lounge as well as organised extra practices on Monday.

The Alpenrosen have held an Open Day on a Familien Sonntag, the children and adults delighted in trying out the bells and learning a few steps. I went to represent the Club at the event launching the German participation at the FIFA Women's World Cup. Happy to say that Paula Hay was also there as part of her many roles within the German community and part of the Alpenrosen. If you get a chance to go and see the Germany v Korea game on Wednesday 3rd August, please do. Germany needs your support.

Planning for Oktoberfest is well underway, and this year, it will be a four-weekend event. So, it will soon be time to prepare those dirndls, lederhosen and hats and to join in the fun.

Finally, a letter or email to all members will be sent regarding the AGM, the changes to the nominations process, and the calling for nominations. Please ensure you read all the information as we no longer will hold a nominations meeting as per the Constitution.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,
Michaela Sowden

Michaela Sowden

Brisbane German Club

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Hallo liebe Mitglieder

Since our last update I am pleased to report we have made significant progress on quite a few fronts in our best efforts to provide both members and their guests alike with all the best the Brisbane German Club can offer.

Preparations for resuming of catering services are now in the final phase for an August 8th reopening with the team now attending to a check list and tasks ranging from compliance to achieving the best possible quality and price outcome for what is almost a total re-quip of kitchen utensils, equipment, and table wares.

Chef Tory has hit-the-ground running in securing suppliers, recruiting what I suggest is the strongest team of German cuisine specialist Chefs in Australia. Their brief, after the initial period of acclimatization to the a la carte service, Game Day & event catering challenges, is to deliver an ever changing and innovative menu with a greater focus on regional German fare.

But fear not! Our Western "comfort food" offerings will remain!

Madeleine Langer is welcome addition to the leadership team in her new, full-time role as Hostess and Restaurant Supervisor. It wouldn't be dinner at the Club without Maddy ensuring you are comfortable and having a great time!

One innovation that I am sure will please is the implementation of QR codes menu ordering which will alleviate the queues to order food on busier days. Essentially, the historic arrangement of placing orders by having you queue aids kitchen through-put but not necessarily dinners enjoyment. The QR code system will accommodate you being seated immediately, able to place and paying for your order at the table. The only potential disadvantage might occasionally be a longer wait time for the kitchen to prepare your order.

But again... fear not, staff will be on hand to assist those that are QR code challenged!!

This trade-off has already been already applauded by most we have shared this with!!

Maintenance and club beautification wise, the fresh coat of paint in the entry hall, the bar, the beer garden furniture, and the perimeter of the Ball Room just about returns "the old girl" to its former splendour with Duty Manager Gabor proving to be quite an expert in his picture and memorabilia hanging skills.

Once over the hurdle of opening the restaurant our focus will shift to making this year's Oktoberfest at the Clubhouse bigger and better than ever. You can look forward to a comprehensive update on the 4 weekends of fun, froth and food and ticket sales in early August.

I look forward to seeing you at the Clubhouse.

Herzliche Grüße

Kind Regards

Russell Finney - Vereinsmanager

Russell Finney

WHAT'S ON: AUGUST

1ST - 6TH AUG.

Kitchen Closure

Our kitchen will be closed during this period to get ready for the club to open our new restaurant! We will have food trucks available during this week.

8TH AUG.

The Brisbane German Club Restaurant officially opens!

Book online now!

11TH AUG.

***NRL GAME @ THE GABBA - 8:00pm
Live Entertainment from Trace Duo - 6:30pm***

***Broncos
vs
Parramatta***

TUESDAYS **Schnitzel & Stein**

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



13TH AUG.

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

16TH AUG. **Public Holiday**

***Club will be closed
for the Ekka Public
Holiday!***

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

27TH AUG.

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

Bookings essential

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



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WHAT'S ON: SEPTEMBER

2ND SEPT.

Paul Sowa is organising a small event to commemorate the 185 year anniversary of the Free Settlers in Nundah from Germany.

Contact Paul for further details. See Notice Board on Page 18!

3RD SEPT.

**Celebrate
Father's Day at
the Club with
our Family Fun
Day!**

3RD SEPT.

**Familihtag
from 11:30am
Join us at the club for
Family Fun Day!**

10TH SEPT.

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



WEDNESDAYS

Think Trivia!

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

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



24TH SEPT.

**Annual General
Meeting!**

Starting at 10am.

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**\$30 Knuckle
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Kaffee-Klatsch

REPORT

A friendly "HELLO" to Members and Friends,

Greetings to everyone,

Our monthly meetings are still very popular and we happy to Welcome two new Ladies to our little Group; Renate Koehn Volunteer and also a long time Member and Stage manager of the "Liedertafel/ Liederkrantz" and Gerda Wittenberg well remembered by many as she is also Life Member of the German Club. We meet every 3rd. Thursday of the Month in the refurbished now called VIP Room, please come and join us, as there is always much laughter and gemuetlichkeit!

At present time the Club`s Administration is completing much needed Paintwork, this should be a fresh backdrop throughout the Club with many of our momentous pictures to be hung in new surrounds ones again!

By mid-August we hope to welcome the new German Chef's taking over the important business of the "BRISBANE GERMAN CLUB RESTAURANT" with an exciting new Menu for our Guest and Visitors.

Meantime keep well best wishes and try to enjoy Life!



In friendship,
Gerda Schulz

Gerda Schulz



Ladies' Group

REPORT

Greetings to all!

On behalf of the Ladies Group, I would like to thank our members and guests for their continued support to our monthly Frühschoppen Sundays. We are grateful to our various suppliers to the club who so willingly provide various items for our monthly raffle table. The various items entice our visitors to the club keen to purchase raffle tickets and hopefully take home a great prize.

On behalf of the Ladies Group, I would like to publicly thank Katie and Dale for their generous donation to our raffle over the past 16 years of a voucher for 2 to eat from their Zum Kaiser Restaurants. The Ladies group thank you both for being so supportive of our group and wish you and your family all the very best in your next venture.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Frühschoppen on Sunday 13th August.

In the meantime,
Keep well and happy.

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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Brisbane German Club

Liedertafel & Liederkrantz

Hello Everyone!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Concert on Sunday, 23 July 2023 at the Brisbane German Club. Our Motto "Freunde, lasst uns singen" was well received by the Audience, as were our guest artists. We all had lots of fun and there was a wonderful ambience in the beautifully decorated hall.

Our next Concert will be our Christmas Concert which will be held on Sunday, 3 December 2023 at 2pm. More information will be available in the next Newsletter.

As part of the Club's renovation, the former Tuesday night choir practice room has recently been renovated and is now called "The President's Room" in which general meetings for members and visiting groups can be held. The Brisbane German Club Board has made this room once again available for Tuesday night choir rehearsals from 6.30pm-9.00pm. Should the room be booked for another reason, the Choir has agreed to hold their rehearsals in the hall at the agreed times with the Alpenrosen Dance Group.

It's never too late to have some fun and entertain others with your singing! We welcome new members who love to sing traditional German music in harmony. We are a happy bunch and love to entertain the members and visitors to the Club with our songs.

Happy Birthday in August and September 2023 to the following lucky Ladies of the Choir;

Colleen; Margaret; Teresa and Bette. Lots of well wishes and Birthday Gifts.



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Email: mariakortz@bigpond.com

Zum Geburtstag, Choir!

Colleen, Margaret, Teresa, Bette

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

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Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

Time flies – and Perth seems so long ago now. That's not to say we have slowed down!! We were pleased to join with members and friends of the German Club for Family Day. The Alpenrosen performed bell numbers and Schuhplattler dances and then invited interested patrons to join us on the floor to 'have a go' – enthusiastically we had boys plattlering, girls twirling and lots of willing bell players – although not all in tune (yet!). They had lots of fun with the Chicken Dance and Fliegerlied also – thanks Andrew! We have enthused a few new dancers to join us at trainings!!



We were warmly welcomed to the Gold Coast German Club for their Beerfest celebrations in June.



Thank you to the Brisbane German Club for hosting a German Teachers' Workshop ... the teachers were rewarded for their efforts with fun and games and a tasty lunch!



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Alpenrosen Report

FIFA Women's World Cup Soccer fever is upon us!! It was a pleasure to be invited to a pre-competition German Community event by Cultural Pulse and facilitated by the German Consulate.

I was honoured to represent the GACCQ association and the MLTAQ German Teachers' Branch, joined by the Club President Michaela Sowden, fellow dancer Jonathan and Club Secretary and UQ President Josie, amongst the guests. It was exciting to share our stories of connection with German and soccer.



Finally, the Alpenrosen family send our deepest sympathies and thoughts to the Zocchi family on their loss of Tania. Mario served as a very supportive President of the Alpenrosen Dance group for many years and Tania was a shining light at the club and close friend. It was a lovely gathering of long-time friends.



We continue to train on the first two Tuesdays of the month from 6 pm in the hall. Before we know it, the Oktoberfest season will be upon us, with bookings in Pimpama and at the Brisbane and Gold Coast German Clubs.

Yours in Dancing,
Paula, on behalf of the Alpenrosen Dancers and Bell Ringers

Paula Hay
for the Alpenrosen
Folk Dance Group

Paula Hay

Brisbane German Club

Skat Report

Skatbericht...

Hello Skat Friends,

At our June Skat Competition, there were 10 Players present.

The First Prize went to W. Simke with 2739 Points.

2...W. Bummer 2416 Points.

3...Th Wittkopf 2078 Points.

4...S. Svarbic 2045 Points.

At our July Skat Competition, there were 11 Players present.

The first Prize went to W. Bummer with 2564 Points.

2...M. Mehlert 2429 Points.

3...W. Simke 2159 Points.

4...S. Svarbic 2133 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

Our newly renovated Club Entry Area



Annual
Choir
Concert!

NOTICE BOARD

Willkommen New Full Members!

Nicole Hobden, Patrick Hobden, Renee Krueger, Steven Weier, Harrison Wall, Liam Puchala, Ralf Klepper, Anthony Tonkin, Susie Cupitt, Clayton Payne, Torsten Von Minden, Aidan Cutler, Malcolm Marshall

Tune into our Facebook, Instagram and Website for further information on when our tickets will be available!!

Full & Pensioner Members will have free access to any day of Oktoberfest!



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BRISBANE GERMAN CLUB
PRESENTS:

12 FESTIVAL DAYS

PERFORMANCES
EATING COMPETITIONS
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
DRINKING COMPETITIONS
AND MUCH MORE!

BEST DRESSED
MARKET STALLS
KEG TAPPING
OKTOBERFEST OLYMPICS

Oktoberfest
Brisbane German Club 2023

HELD OVER 4 WEEKENDS!

<u>WEEKEND 1</u>	<u>WEEKEND 3</u>
FRI OCT. 6TH: 4PM - LATE	FRI OCT. 20TH: 4PM - LATE
SAT OCT. 7TH: 10AM - LATE	SAT OCT. 21ST: 10AM - LATE
SUN OCT. 8TH: 10AM - 9PM	SUN OCT. 22ND: 10AM - 9AM

<u>WEEKEND 2</u>	<u>WEEKEND 4</u>
FRI OCT. 13TH: 4PM - LATE	FRI OCT. 27TH: 4PM - LATE
SAT OCT. 14TH: 10AM - LATE	SAT OCT. 28TH: 10AM - LATE
SUN OCT. 15TH: 10AM - 9PM	SUN OCT. 29TH: 10AM - LATE

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NOTICE BOARD



Upcoming Games @ The Gabba

11/08/2023 - Brisbane Broncos VS Parramatta Eels @ 8:00pm

12/08/2023 - Brisbane Lions VS Adelaide Crows @ 4:35pm

25 or 27/08/2023 - Brisbane Lions VS St Kilda @ TBC

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Memberships are now past renewal date.

Please note: as per our current constitution we are unable to accept any membership renewals until Thursday 21st September. Please put this date in your diary if you still need to renew your membership.

Note: If you have not paid your membership fee prior to the day of the AGM you will be unable to vote.

185 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FREE SETTLERS IN NUNDAH FROM GERMANY

A long time, local resident, Mr Paul Sowa is organising a small event at the Nundah Free Settlers Memorial Cairn, Wood St Park Nundah on Saturday 2 September 2023 from 10am to 11am to commemorate the 185-year anniversary of the Free Settlers in Nundah from Germany.

If you would like to assist, attend or have any questions, please contact Mr Sowa directly.

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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.

Chase McMullen

Tatianna Zocchi

Gerhard Wichura

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





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