



The Brisbane German Club NEWSLETTER



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Monday: Closed

Tues - Thursday: 11:00am - 10pm

Friday & Saturday: 11:00am - Midnight

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



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COMMITTEE

President: Michaela Sowden

Vice President: Chris Fletcher

Treasurer: Reimer Moeller

Board of Directors:

Alex Hyde, Kathy Carseldine, Leanne Langer, Michelle Hughes, Monika Kortz, & Nick Sowden

Brisbane German Club

Dear members,

Please welcome and congratulate our latest Board of Directors for their appointments.



FULL MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

VOLUNTEER AT OUR OKTOBERFEST 2023



This year Oktoberfest is held over 4 weekends in Oktober and are seeking volunteers to help!

The volunteer shifts are about 4 hours long and as a thank you for supporting your Club you'll receive a drink and meal voucher.

Please email admin@brisbanegermanclub.com or call on 07 3391 2434 if you can help!

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Schöne Grüße,

The Board of Directors

Brisbane German Club

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Liebe Mitglieder

Just a short report as we just had the AGM on Sunday 24/09. This year 5 Board positions were up for grabs. The positions that were declared vacant on Sunday were Vice President, Treasurer and 3 Board members. Your Board is now made up of:

President: Michaela Sowden

Vice President: Chris Fletcher

Treasurer: Reimer Moeller

Directors: Kathy Carseldine, Michelle Hughes, Alex Hyde, Leanne Langer, Monika Kortz, and Nicholas Sowden

A big thank you to outgoing Treasurer Paul Alldridge, and directors Kurt Langer and Eloise Sowden for their valuable contributions in the past. Eloise is going on to her most challenging role in January when she will welcome a new addition in her family.

I would like to welcome Reimer, Kathy, Alex and Michelle to the Board.

No doubt some of you may have seen some members on the TV on Tuesday 26/09, when we received an invitation to host the weather on the Today Show. We had a lot of fun with Tim who tried the Bells, danced with the Alpenrosen and tried the food.

Oktoberfest is almost upon us and will go over 4 weekends. We are looking for volunteers to help out on the door. If you can spare a few hours and be part of the fun, please contact the office. You will be rewarded with a food and drink voucher as well as a free entry ticket to come along and enjoy the event on any other day!

In other news the Executive Team with the EPAC members will be exploring future issues regarding the Gabba in a meeting before meeting with Stephen Miles later in October. Then we will finish the year with the Members and Children's Christmas Parties in December.

Bis nächstes Mal,
Michaela Sowden

Michaela Sowden

Brisbane German Club

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Liebe Mitglieder

It's been an eventful two months since the last report. After the elections at the AGM on Sunday 24/09/2023 we have a partially new board. Welcome and congratulations to our new Treasurer Reimer Moeller and new Directors Michelle Hughes and Kathy Carseldine. Alex Hyde was reelected as Director while we sadly say goodbye to former Treasurer Paul Alldridge and former directors Eloise Sowden and Kurt Langer. It's been an absolute pleasure working with all of you. Special thanks go to Paul, as we worked very closely together over the past 2 years. We also said goodbye to our former GM Russell Finney, who resigned at the end of August due to personal reasons. The recruitment process for a new GM is under way and I am sure you will hear from them in the next issue of the newsletter.

On 8th of August the Brisbane German Club Restaurant opened and we welcomed many members and guests. It was a great effort from the new kitchen and service brigade around Chef Tory, Events and Service Manager Hugo and Restaurant Supervisor Maddy to get everything ready to open. The feedback we received in the first six weeks after opening was mostly positive and patrons enjoyed their meals. Admittedly though, not everything went smoothly in the first few weeks, and I'd like to apologize if you didn't have an enjoyable experience. We are committed to getting the food and service quality consistently at the desired standard by improving internal processes while keeping the costs in line. I'd like to thank all the members for your support and patience.

Our bar has also seen some changes, hidden behind the scenes. I am pleased to let you know that we have an entire new keg room downstairs in the cellar near the car park. Leaking beer lines from our former keg cold room located behind the bar, prompted us to act. Our new keg room is significantly larger and allows us to hook up several kegs at the same time. This means our bar team won't have to change kegs during service anymore and it also smoothens the process of receiving deliveries. Our bottled beers are now stored in the former keg room behind the bar, freeing one of the other cold rooms to use for the kitchen.

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Liebe Mitglieder

The preparations for this year's Oktoberfest are well underway and in their final stages. We had Channel Nine's Today show presenting the weather from the Club and promoting the Brisbane German Club Oktoberfest 2023. Our keg beers arrived last week and we are looking forward to serving you original Munich beers on tap from Augustiner, Hofbräu, Löwenbräu, Paulaner, Spaten amongst our all-time German favourites. The original Oktoberfest bottled Festbier is scheduled to arrive next week.

This year we will celebrate over 4 weekends starting on Friday 6th October. Every Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday in October you are welcome to join us for live entertainment on stage and in the beer garden, games and competitions like beer drinking, sausage eating and yodeling to only name a few. We will also be selling our famous commemorative Oktoberfest Steins as well as Lebkuchenherzen (gingerbread hearts) and you can also buy some new Tracht (traditional dress) . Full members of the Brisbane German Club (including Pensioners and Life members) get free entry to Oktoberfest. If you wish to bring your family and friends, tickets are available online and the link is on our website.

We are also still looking for volunteers to help with the entry. If you have 4 hours to spare on any weekend and would like to receive a free meal and drink as well as free entry after your shift (or on another day of your choice) please contact me.

Liebe Grüße

Simone Galle
Acting Club Manager

Simone Galle

WHAT'S ON: OCTOBER

1ST OCT.

Familihtag

from 11:30am

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

**6TH - 8TH
OCT.**

**Brisbane's Original
Oktoberfest:
Weekend 1**

*Live entertainment,
fun comps, beer, food
and more!*

11TH OCT.

**Brisbane German Week
Trivia!!**

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



**13TH - 15TH
OCT.**

**Brisbane's Original
Oktoberfest:
Weekend 2**

*Live entertainment,
fun comps, beer, food
and more!*



**20TH - 22ND
OCT.**

**Brisbane's Original
Oktoberfest:
Weekend 3**

*Live entertainment,
fun comps, beer, food
and more!*

TUESDAY'S

Schnitzel & Stein

*Chicken Schnitzel with
vegetables and mash or
chips and salad.*

*0.5L Stein of beer from any
of the taps.*

\$20

**27TH - 29TH
OCT.**

**Brisbane's Original
Oktoberfest:
Weekend 4**

*Live entertainment,
fun comps, beer, food
and more!*

**OKTOBER
FEST!**

We need

Volunteers!!

**Please let the
office know if you
are available!**

***Want to hold a Christmas work party or Birthday party
at the Brisbane German Club?***

Contact: events@brisbanegermanclub.com
for details, menu's, availability, and pricing!

WHAT'S ON: NOVEMBER

5TH Nov.

Familiientag

from 11:30am

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

7TH Nov.

Join us for the
Melbourne Cup!

Details to
follow!!!

12TH Nov.

*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



WEDNESDAYS

Think Trivia!

**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

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

Christmas Bookings

Large groups of 20+?

Please contact:

events@
brisbanegermanclub.com



**LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT**

*Every Friday &
Saturday!
From 6pm onwards!*



2ND DEC.

*Children's
Christmas Party!
Form below :)
Return to the
office*

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



GÖTZINGER
SMALL GOODS

Kaffee-Klatsch

REPORT

A friendly "HELLO" to Members and Friends,

Greetings to everyone,

Spring is in the Air and preparations for the one and only" BRISBANE GERMAN CLUB OCTOBERFEST "are in full swing, this year it will continue over 4 weeks and the Club`s Administration, Staff and Volunteers are being kept very busy with preparations. We are looking forward to everyone having a fabulous time, so please get your Dirndl`s and Lederhosen ready to enjoy this unique cultural celebration with many of your friends at the Brisbane German Club.

We like to send special Birthday wishes to our dear friend Pauline Fritz for October 16th and our lovely Kathy Carseldine for November 21st. Congratulations and much happiness and good health for the next Year are going your way from all of us!

On a very sad note, we had to say "GOODBYE to our dearest friend ULLA HARNISCH, a loyal and dedicated Member of the Brisbane German Club for the past 35 Years. Ulla was a Director - Vice President and a very active and conscientious Volunteer, she will be remembered by everyone and we will treasure the many wonderful memories as well as her lovely smile.



Ulla Harnisch at
the Club's 131st
Anniversary Ball.

Welcome to the new Restaurant Management and sous-Chefs, we are looking forward to appreciating your new German Menus on offer!

Meantime, please keep safe everyone and try to enjoy Life!

In friendship,

Gerda Schulz

Gerda Schulz



Ladies' Group

REPORT

Greetings to all!

Winter is over, Spring is here. Always an exciting time of year with Oktoberfest fast approaching.



The Ladies group would like to thank the support of members and guests who come to the club on Frührschoppen Sunday (second Sunday of every month) and purchase raffle tickets. From the sale of the raffle tickets, not only have we provided a rose and chocolates for Mother's Day this year, we have also been able to make a donation of \$6,500.00 to the club for the purchase of new stage curtains. These curtains will be installed early November.

With Oktoberfest taking place at the club over 4 weekends, there will be no Frührschoppen this month. But wait!! The Ladies group have purchased several 5 litre kegs for raffle prizes throughout the festive weekends in October. We will be selling 100 tickets in each raffle at a cost of \$2.00 a ticket, so make certain you bring some change with you as it will be cash only. The Ladies will also be selling the gingerbread hearts for \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00. This year the hearts have been made at the German Bakehouse located in Coolum.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist at Oktoberfest, so if you have any spare time we would love to hear from you. Please contact the office and advise your availability.

How quickly this year is moving, that we are already planning for Christmas. This year the Ladies group are purchasing the gifts for full members children 12 years and under from Mr Toys, up to the value of \$30.00. Parents, please go to My Toys website www.mrtoys.com to choose your child/children's gift. A form is at the end of this newsletter with details. We are planning to hold the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, 2nd December. Please note this date in your diary.



Ladies' Group

REPORT

Greetings to all!

As you would be aware, the AGM was held at the club last Sunday and I was a successful nominee to be voted onto the committee, along with Michelle Hughes and Reimer Moeller as the clubs new Treasurer. I am looking forward to working with the committee and serving the club to the best of my ability.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Allridge for his years of service as Treasurer and to Eloise Sowden and Kurt Langer for freely giving of their time to serve the club well as directors. Thank You.

While thanking people, a BIG THANK YOU goes to all the staff here at the Brisbane German Club. You have done well over these past couple of months with all the changes taking place to keep the club a happy environment, a place where people come to enjoy good food, beers and entertainment. Keep up the good work!!

Prost!!! Look forward to seeing you at Oktoberfest.

Keep safe, Keep well,
Kind regards,

Kathy Carseldine
President – Ladies Group

Kathy Carseldine

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

Kathy's Mobile: 0419 779 110

Email: aca56177@bigpond.net.au

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Liedertafel & Liederkrantz

Hello Everyone!

The Choir had a fantastic Concert at the Gold Coast German Club on Sunday the 27.8.2023. The songs that were chosen for the Concert were well received by everyone. The previous Music Duo Partner (Zoltan) of our Club Musician Andrew, was playing there as he is the In-House Musician of the Gold Coast German Club.

If anyone is interested in the performance of our Annual Concert held on the 23.7.2023, a DVD is available from Vicki Dunn in our Choir. All you have to do is place an order with her for the DVD which costs only \$5.00. Please contact Monika for details.



Club and Choir members Maria, Pauline, Monika, Heidi, Gerda and Kathy at the Kaffee-Klatsch getting Prizes ready to be won by the members and visitors to the Club.

The Club held their AGM on Sunday 24.9.2023 and Kathy Carseldine from our Choir was voted in as a new Director of the German Club for 2023-24. Congratulation Kathy and keep up the good work. We also have some more exciting news. Our next Performances will be at the first and last Saturday at the Oktoberfest 2023 (7.10. and 28.10.) at the Club. Next up will be our Christmas Concert which will be held on Sunday the 3 December 2023 starting at 2pm. Check the Advertisement in the Clubs Newsletter.

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. Our wishes for new participants were finally answered and are now joined by three new singers in our choir. We are a happy bunch and love to entertain the members and visitors to the Club with our songs.

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

Email: mariakortz@bigpond.com

Zum Geburtstag, Choir!

Norbert Bergel & Vicki Dunn [13.11.]; Bernd Rehm [17.11.]; Kathy Carseldine [21.11.]; Paul Sowa OAM our Choir Patron [22.11.]; Rainer Klose [28.11.];

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

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Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

It has been a very busy time preparing for the upcoming season of bellringing and dancing. We acknowledged the contribution of the Norris family – Ben, Nikki, Mindy, Ollie and Dre – as they were presented with their 10 year Life Membership with the Alpenrosen family. Ben and Mindy have been dancing for 10 years, with Mindy also tinkling the bells. Ollie has recently started to join the boys on the floor and Dre is very keen to follow. Mum Nikki is a great support to all of her family as well as the group as a whole. We have farewelled a much loved and valued member of the Group, Wolfhardt Schreiber. Wolfhardt danced with the Alpeecho and his family Karin and Nik, with grandsons Matt and Max have also performed with the Alpenrosen for many years.



He regularly attended our performances. Wolfhardt will be missed.

We also farewelled a long-time friend and supporter of the Alpenrosen team, Ulla Harnish. Ulla served the club for many years in many roles – a woman of many talents.



The Friends of Nundah acknowledged the 185th Anniversary of German settlement in Queensland with a service at Nundah. Organised by our own Paul Sowa, bell players Karin, Katrina and I were honoured to be asked to perform at the ceremony.

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Alpenrosen Report

Rae, Ashton and I have been very busy attending a number of retirement villages and nursing homes as they embrace the Oktoberfest fever. Ashton danced for his Oma and her friends and the girls belled for Paul and Alice Sowa with friends.

We have attended:

Palm Lakes Care at Mt Warren Park, New Direction at Bellmere, Taigum Village at Taigum and Opal Care at Springwood.



It has also been a busy month for birthday celebrations ... for Ashton, Ollie and Dre – which means lots of cake at training!!



The highlight to our Oktoberfest preparations was definitely the visit to the Brisbane German Club by the Channel 9 Today Show weather crew.

Michala welcomed the host and audience to the Club and outlined the Oktoberfest event; Paula introduced the bells, Ashton gave Tim some plattling tips and Maddy showcased the fine offerings of the club restaurant.

There was also a chicken dance and Fliegerlied performance thrown in.

It was enjoyed by the studio and the TV audience alike. Thank you to the Alpenrosen members who attended to promote the Brisbane German Club with friends.

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Alpenrosen Report

We have to recharge our batteries quickly as our official Oktoberfest performances kick off this weekend:

Saturday Sept 30	Halcyon Greens, Pimpama
Friday Oct 6	Brisbane German Club 6.45 pm
Saturday Oct 7	Brisbane German Club 3 pm and 5.45 pm
Wednesday Oct 11	Trivia Night at the Club with Bell ringers
Friday Oct 20 – Sunday Oct 22	Gold Coast German Club
Friday Oct 27 – Sunday Oct 29	

We look forward to seeing our members and guests somewhere during the Oktoberfest season!

We wish our Vorplattler, Kurt, 'eine Gute Besserung' as he recovers from injury.

Prost! Zum Wohl!

Paula for the Alpenrosen team

Paula Hay
*for the Alpenrosen
Folk Dance Group*

Paula Hay

Brisbane German Club

Skat Report

Skatbericht...

Hello Skat Friends,

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

The first Prize went to A. Doehler with 3042 Points.

2...M. Mehlert	2208 Points.
3...S. Svarbic	2173 Points.

At our September Skat Competition, there were 14 Players present.

The first Prize went to H. Unger with 2894 Points.

2...A. Doehler	2776 Points.
3...W. Bummer	2413 Points.
4...S. Svarbic	2374 Points.
5...W. Simke	2276 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

Phone: 3300 2565

Mobile: 0410 118 371



*Skat is Germany's
National Cards Game*

Fotogallerie



Did you catch us
live on the
Today Show! on
26/09/2023



Game Days are
always fun!



NOTICE BOARD

Tickets are now available!! Scan the QR code to secure yours now!

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



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BRISBANE GERMAN CLUB

PRESENTS:



12 FESTIVAL DAYS

HELD OVER 4 WEEKENDS!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE:

AUTHENTIC LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, MOUTH-WATERING GERMAN FOOD,

BRISBANE'S LARGEST RANGE OF IMPORTED GERMAN BEER,

FUN OKTOBERFEST COMPETITIONS

& SO MUCH MORE!

WEEKEND 1

FRI OCT. 6TH: 4PM - LATE

SAT OCT. 7TH: 10AM - LATE

SUN OCT. 8TH: 10AM - 9PM

WEEKEND 2

FRI OCT. 13TH: 4PM - LATE

SAT OCT. 14TH: 10AM - LATE

SUN OCT. 15TH: 10AM - 9PM

PURCHASE TIX:



WEEKEND 3

FRI OCT. 20TH: 4PM - LATE

SAT OCT. 21ST: 10AM - LATE

SUN OCT. 22ND: 10AM - 9PM

WEEKEND 4

FRI OCT. 27TH: 4PM - LATE

SAT OCT. 28TH: 10AM - LATE

SUN OCT. 29TH: 10AM - LATE

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NOTICE BOARD



AVAILABLE: Tables & Chairs

The Brisbane German Club is offering for sale a collection of dining tables and chairs which are now surplus to the club's needs.

The condition of this furniture is structurally sound and all we ask for is a donation to the club for these items. You can take the lot or a table and chairs.

The furniture is available for immediate pick up. On a first in, first served basis.

Please contact the Club on admin@brisbanegermanclub.com to arrange pick up or pop into the club to enquire.



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.

Wolfhardt Schreiber
Ursula Harnisch
Gerd Kramer

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



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children's Christmas Party

At the Brisbane German Club

416 Vulture Street, East Brisbane

Saturday 2nd December 2023 at 11:30am



This year the Ladies Group are purchasing the children's gifts from Mr Toy's!

Please go to www.mrtoys.com.au and select the gift you would like purchased for your child/children up to the suggested amount of \$30.

Please be sure to put in two choices in case the first is not available.

Anmeldung/ Application

Kinder bis 12 Jahre/ Children 12 years and under (Bitte in Druckschrift ausfüllen – Please Print)

Familiennamen Surname	Name des Kindes Name of Child	Alter Age	Geschlecht Sex	Suggested gift to \$30

Bitte bis zum **03.11.2023** im Büro oder an der Bar abgeben!

Please hand in to office or at the bar by **03.11.2023**

Or Email to admin@brisbanegermanclub.com or

call 07 3349 2434.



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Unterschrift & Nummer des Mitglieds
Signature of member & Member Number



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