



# The Brisbane German Club NEWSLETTER



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## **Club Trading Hours:**

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**

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## Brisbane German Club



### KARNEVAL 2024

February 24 @ 6:24 pm - 11:24 pm

#### Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday, 24 Feb 24, starting at the whimsical time of 6.24pm.

#### DETAILS

Dress in your most creative costumes!

Live Entertainment

Authentic German Food

Best German Bier in Brisbane

Best Dressed Awards (Time to shine!)

Raffle Prizes

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To all our members, we look forward to another fantastic year!

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**Schöne Grüße,**

*The Board of Directors*

# Brisbane German Club

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Willkommen zum 2024 im Deutschen Turnverein

Welcome to 2024 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. 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.

Next on our agenda will be our Members' Half Yearly Update, which will be an informal gathering 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 11th February free. The update will start at 10am, with Frühschoppen to follow on after.

We have had a quiet start to the new year, however we will end the month with a bang due to the fact we stayed open for the Test Match. I would like to thank Trent and his team for the hard work during this period.

I would like to thank Tory for ensuring the masses were fed, and Gabor, our very own Würstlkönig (sausage king) for making the sausage stand a success.

Planning has already started for our Anniversary Ball and Oktoberfest, which again will be held over 4 weekends.

We are also delighted to be able to accommodate Martina Todd from Der Die Das, who will be providing Community Classes at the Club, starting 7th March.

Lastly, if you have any concerns please contact the office to speak to Trent or myself.

Freundliche Grüße

Eurer President

**Michaela Sowden**

*Michaela Sowden*



# Brisbane German Club

## CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

*Dear Members,*

Christmas seems like a distant memory now, but I trust you all had an enjoyable festive season and 2024 is fruitful thus far!

Our team had some well-earned rest and then back into the swing of things well and truly with a few record-breaking days over the January Cricket Test Match, which has provided a very welcome boost to an otherwise quiet trading month for the Club.

We're now firmly focused on the Karneval event on 24 February, upcoming Club events, and deep into the Oktoberfest planning.

With the new year comes some revisions to the Club's promotions, which moving forward will entail:

- \$15 Schnitzel Tuesday dinner
- Two-for-one Wurst & Schnitzel weekday lunches
- \$25 Pork Knuckles on the last Sunday of each month

With the addition of a "Sunday Session" on the third Sunday of each month with a covers musician in the beer garden, we'll have a full Sunday calendar:

- 1st Sunday - Familientag
- 2nd Sunday - Frühschoppen
- 3rd Sunday - Sunday Session
- Last Sunday - Knuckle Sunday

Coming up in February we will be getting some sewer upgrade works completed which will see part of the Club's carpark closed for a few weeks and reduced to one entry/exit at times. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding while we hopefully get this completed before the AFL season commences.

**Warmest regards,  
Trent Boyle  
Club Manager**

*Trent Boyle*

# WHAT'S ON: FEBRUARY

**4TH FEB.**

**Familiientag**

*from 11:30am*

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

**WEDNESDAYS**

*Think Trivia!*

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

**11TH FEB.**

*Half Yearly  
Informal Update to  
notify our members  
on all things Club!*

*10am start*

**11TH FEB.**

*Frühschoppen  
from 11am*

*Raffle prizes, & live  
entertainment*

**LIVE MUSIC**

*Live entertainment  
every Friday and  
Saturday night from  
6:30pm in our Beer  
Hall!*

**TUESDAY  
NIGHTS!  
SCHNITZEL  
SPECIAL**

**ONLY  
\$15**



**24TH FEB.**

*Karneval returns!  
Fancy dress + prizes  
+ good times!*

*See notices below for  
more information!*

**18TH FEB.**

*Sunday Sesh!  
Join us from 12pm  
in the beer garden  
for some live tunes!*



**25TH FEB.**

*\$25 Pork Knuckle  
Sunday*

*Bookings Essential  
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# WHAT'S ON: MARCH

## 3RD MAR.

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

## WEDNESDAYS

**Think Trivia!**

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

## 7TH MAR.

**German Language  
Classes.**

1st Thursday of the  
month from 6pm -  
7pm. See notices  
below for more  
information

## 10TH MAR.

**Frühschoppen**  
from 11am

Raffle prizes, & live  
entertainment

## WEEK DAY LUNCH SPECIAL!

*Chicken  
Schnitzel*

2 FOR 1



## 17TH MAR.

**Sunday Sesh!**

Join us from 12pm  
in the beer garden  
for some live tunes!



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## 31ST MAR.

**\$25 Pork Knuckle  
Sunday**

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# Kaffee-Klatsch

## REPORT

### ***Dear Members & Friends of Kaffee-Klatsch,***

In the hope that you've had a good start to the New Year I wish you well for the rest of the Year as it unfolds with happy times and good health for everyone.

The Ladies are looking forward to continuing the monthly meetings by making new connection of friendships with Gemuetlichkeit and Frohsinn and you are invited herzlichst!

We finished 2023 with a wonderful Christmas Party, and I wish to introduce 11-month-old sweet little Addison – May in the arms of her lovely “OMA” Kathy. We enjoy her unique little personality very much and being part of our little Group to watch her progress growing up much too quickly.

Momentarily there is not much need in our Volunteers work within the Club, except for the monthly Fruehschoppen Raffle and we thank Kathy for having this Event well organised! We are looking forward to meeting up with friends and guests on this occasion, it's the best opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal as well as a well-deserved drink from a wide collection available at the bar.

Greetings and Best Wishes.

***In friendship,***

**Gerda Schulz**



*Gerda Schulz*

# Ladies' Group

## REPORT

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

Happy New Year!!

In this newsletter I thought I would share some highlights of the Ladies Group involvement with the club over the past year.

At the start of 2023 we had to find storage space for our various stock as the club was having the choir room renovated and renamed "The President's Room", where small groups can book this area for private functions.

A big thank you to Will for helping to clean up the back area and find space for our two new cupboards.

The second Sunday of every month we run a raffle at Fruhschoppen which helps increase our funds to provide support in various areas to the club.

Our group was happy to donate to the club - \$6,500.00 to replace the existing stage curtains and tracks. This was possible thanks to all who generously donate to our raffles and especially you who support us by purchasing tickets. Our plan this year is to update the curtains in the restaurant.

Each year for Mother's Day, our group provide the ladies with a rose and chocolate on entering the club, complimented with a glass of champagne kindly donated by the club. It is wonderful to see the surprised look on the ladies faces. Very heartwarming

We had a fun and busy time at the 4 weekends of Oktoberfest. Thank you to all who supported our raffle of the 5 litre kegs and the purchasing of the Gingerbread hearts, made at the German Bakehouse at Mt Coolum.

The Ladies group each Christmas provide full financial members child/ren a gift to the value of \$30.00. For the first time last year we purchased gifts from Mr Toys. The choices made by parents on behalf of the child/ren was well received. It worked well approaching Mr Toys as everything was ready for the Childrens Christmas party with little stress. It was good that we were able to wrap the gifts at our November Ladies Kaffee Klatsch.

***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](mailto:aca56177@bigpond.net.au)



# Ladies' Group

## REPORT

Thank you to Paula, Karin, Andrew and Rueben for assisting with entertaining the children and for the club providing the children with chicken nuggets and chips and a soft drink. Our group did purchase some poppers. The age of the children varied from 10 weeks to 12 years of age. There were 30 children in attendance.

The last event for our Ladies group was not only the December Fruhschoppen but members Christmas Party, where we made 200 bowls filled with Christmas cheer to distributed among our members and guests.

I have highlighted some of the activities the Ladies Group are involved with at the club, so if you wouldlike to be part of our Ladies Group, we meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month around 10.30am in the Presidents Room, joining the Kaffee Klatsch group. If interested, please do not hesitate to contact me, all are welcome.

Wishing you all the very best in this New Year. I look forward to meeting with you at the Club.

Dates to Remember:

Fruhschoppen 11th February 2024 (members draw jackpot still stands at \$500.00)  
and Brisbane Karneval being held at German Club 24th February 2024.

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

*Kathy Carseldine*

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# Brisbane German Club

## Liedertafel & Liederkrantz

### Hello Everyone!

The Choir's Christmas Concert on Sunday the 3rd December 2023 was fantastic. The songs that were chosen for the Concert were well received by everyone.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024



Secretary of the Choir Monika Kortz at the German Club with the Diversicare Group Members Jutta, Kerry, Marjon, Walter, George, Trudi, Lisa, Susanna and Maria celebrating Christmas with a Party.

*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 in the last Newsletter were finally answered and we now have 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.*

### Choir Practice of the Liedertafel/Liederkrantz Choir

The Choir is practicing every Tuesday Evening from 6.30pm till approx. 9.00pm. For information please ring: Rainer: 3821 5223 or Monika: 3397 0971 or 0421 631 914 - Email: [mariakortz@bigpond.com](mailto:mariakortz@bigpond.com)

Our current Conductor Leo Keller who has conducted the Mixed Choir since 2003, announced to the Choir that he has decided to retire.

The Choir starts practicing again on Tuesday, 20 February 2024 at 6.30pm.

## Zum Geburtstag, Choir!

Aija Brzozouskis [8.2.]; Kurt Pitzer [22.2.]; Vera Windau [1.3.]; Peter Gerber [7.3.]; Helen Müller [16.3.]; Gerda Schulz [21.3.].

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

# Brisbane German Club Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

Frohes Neues!! We hope that all Club members have had 'einen Guten Rutsch' into 2024, as many of the Alpenrosen Team have.

Our performance year concluded with the Mädls performing bells at the German Exhibition held at the Sunnybank Multicultural Gallery in December. It was very well received. Thank you to Paula, Karin and Rae for the extra time and travel to represent the Alpenrosen.



There has been overseas travel for Karin and Max (still missing in action in Bayern!!), who were also able to catch up with Ruth and Nick in Munich, cruising for the Langers and Ron, house renovations for the Hays ... and we are still awaiting baby news from Jonathan.



We are restarting training on Tuesday January 30th ... and will be continuing each Tuesday in negotiation with the choir.

Our first performance will take place shortly at a Multicultural Festival in March. As well as preparations for Oktoberfest (yes, already!) we also need to look ahead to plan for the National Tanzfest 2025 which will be held in Cairns, Qld!!

As always, new members are welcome to come along and have a try

As a last note .... We celebrated a milestone with member Kirby ... Alles Gute zum 50. Geburtstag!!!

The Alpenrosen Team are looking forward to another successful year ahead!!

Yours in plattlering,  
Paula, for the Alpenrosen Folk Dance Group

*Paula Hay*





# Brisbane German Club

## Skat Report

### Skartbericht...

**Hello Skat Friends,**

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

The first Prize went to A. Doehler with 2640 Points.

2...W. Simke	2246 Points
3...J. Gleeson	2219 Points
4...M. Mehlert	2162 Points

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

The first Prize went to W. Simke with	2540 Points.
2...A. Doehler	2451 Points
3...M. Clohessy	2133 Points
4...M. Mehlert	1950 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*



# Fotogalerie

Children's Christmas Party 2024

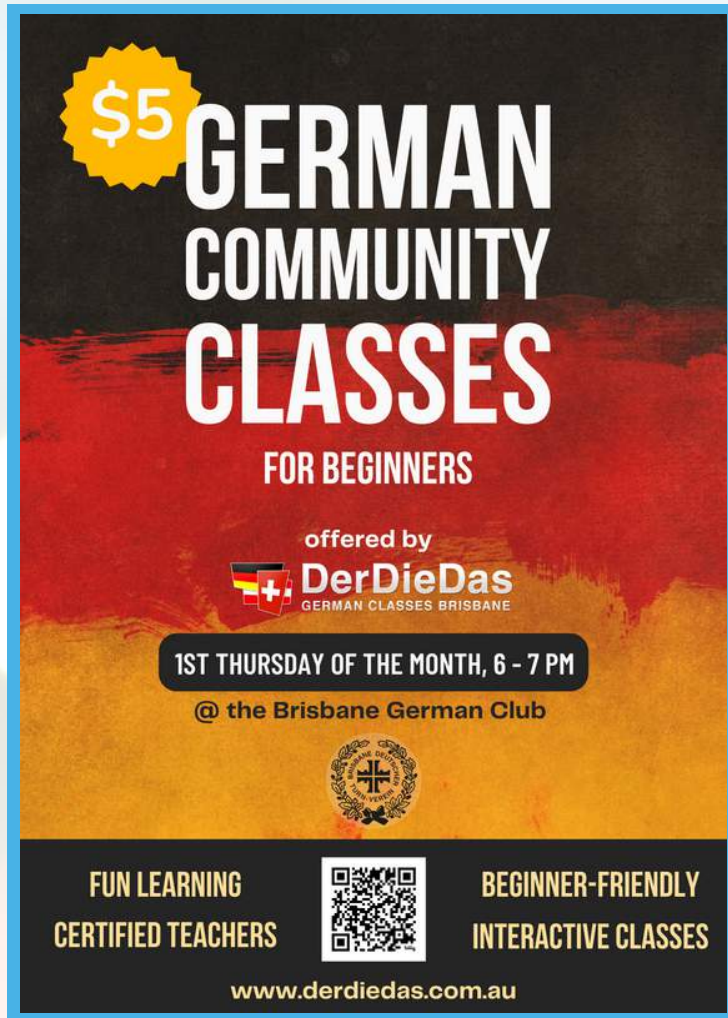





# NOTICE BOARD

## *Willkommen New Full Members!*


***Stirling Patterson, Jennifer Smith, David Greig, Helmut Stumpf, Damien Allen, Thomas, Morris, Scott Baker, Daniel Koitka, Luke Colwell, Peter Falkenburg, Matthew Kassulke, Edita Marschall, Michael Donelly, Michael Loughlin, Darryl McNeill, Louise McNeil, Luke Elliott***




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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.

Wolfgang Espig  
Alfred Krueger

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







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*February - March 2024*