



The Brisbane German Club Newsletter



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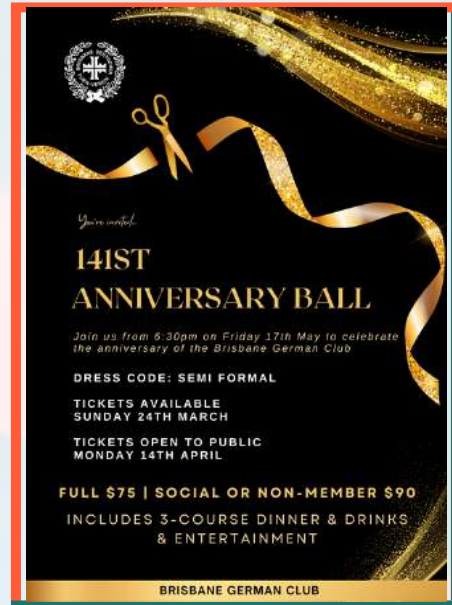
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Board of Directors:

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

Brisbane German Club



To our valued members,

You are invited to our 141st Anniversary Ball,
to be held on:

Friday, 17th May
6:30 pm - midnight

The Club will provide guests with live entertainment, a three-course meal and premium selected beverages, & present our coveted Needle & Volunteer Awards.

Tickets are on sale now at the bar!

Early Member Release Tickets - \$75

We look forward to seeing you all
at this wonderful event!

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Schöne Grüße,

**The Board of
Directors**

Brisbane German Club

President's Report

Liebe Mitglieder,

Its amazing how fast things can change, whilst officially the Gabba Rebuild is off the cards, we still have concerns regarding the future of the Gabba and its impact on the Brisbane German Club. However, the Board is aware that we cannot just rely on the Gabba to survive and need to ensure we embrace change, in order to be here in the future. This does not mean we become another pub but that we utilise our traditions and culture in a positive manner. It is those traditions, cultural aspects and the uniqueness of our building that make our Club unique. We are also very aware of the need to attract new members who will join our Choir, the Alpenrosen, Skat group and of course our Ladies Group.

I would also like to inform you all that we are reviewing all aspects of membership, from the application process to payment as well as looking at any discounts. This a very complex process but a necessary one as the changes to the requirement to sign in brought on by COVID, may be here to stay.

The past two months have been relatively quiet, most likely due to the economic downturn affecting everyone. We did receive a financial boost from the Australia Day Test Match in January and the AFL games in March. As mentioned above we do need to look at other ways to increase our income stream without relying on the Gabba, however, Trent and his team are looking into ways to increase trading.

Tory has settled into his role as head chef. He has prepared a new menu, with some old favourites, and some new dishes joining the line-up. This new menu will be slowly introduced in April.

Although our strategic plan marked January as the time for further renovations, these have been put on hold due to unexpected expenses such as fixing our sewerage system and making some minor upgrades to the serving area in the hall. There will be some inconvenience to members due to work in the carpark to repair the pipes, however, there will be savings when we entertain large crowds at the Club.

Brisbane German Club

President's Report

March 24 saw the Easter Bunny visit the Club. Thank you to our wonderful Ladies Group for organising this event. We also had a full house due to our pork knuckle Sunday.

On the cultural side DerDieDas has started holding German conversational classes at the Club. I do hope this partnership will be successful as it does fulfil the strategic goal of spreading the German language.

As mentioned at our half yearly update, the Board has decided to move the AGM to the end of November, early December. The decision to move the AGM was based on several factors, the change in the nomination process, ensuring we have the financial and audit reports on hand, all while planning for our biggest event, Oktoberfest. There was also concern raised regarding continuity of planning for the event when new Directors were elected. The move is in keeping with legislation, which requires an AGM to be held within six months of the end of the financial year and also our Constitution, which does not name a month but sets out the process.

Overall, although the past few months have been a challenge not only due to Club related events but also to economic pressures on the community, the Club is in a good position financially.

With Easter upon us, I hope everyone has a Happy Easter. Stay safe !

Frohe Ostern!

Eurer President

Michaela Sowden

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Brisbane German Club

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I trust you and your loved ones have had an enjoyable Easter.

It was great to see the Club filled with families for our Easter egg hunt on 24 March, along with a full house for \$25 Knuckle Sunday. Sorry for those members that couldn't be accommodated as our tables did book out – so please remember to get in early with your reservation next time.

Our head chef Tory is putting his finishing touches on our new restaurant menu which will see the shifting of a few favourites to a rotating specials menu, and the addition of a few seasonal new items that I'm sure will become new favourites in no time.

By now we were hoping to have some clarity on the future of the Woolloongabba Stadium, but unsurprisingly this is yet to crystallise so we're pushing on with our planning to firm up the Club's standing with or without major events taking place across the street. As Michaela has mentioned this includes a full review of membership structure and process along with keeping the business of the club agile to ensure we're here for at least another 140 years without losing sight of our purpose and culture.

On that note the Anniversary Ball is coming up on 17 May and you would have received your invitation to this via email last week. First-release tickets are now available for Full Members only over the bar for \$75 each, and will be available to all other members and guests from 14 April at \$90.

Also coming up we'll be hosting the third annual Eurovision cocktail night on Sunday 12 May so please secure your tickets and start assembling your finest Eurotrash attire for an eventful night!

And a reminder that on the first Thursday of each month we're continuing to host DerDieDas for beginner's community German language classes. But again, please reserve your spot early as it too is booking-out.

**Warmest regards,
Trent Boyle
Club Manager**

Trent Boyle

What's On: April

4th April.

*German Language
Classes.*

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

Wednesdays

Think Trivia!

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

7th April.

Familihtag

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

14th April.

*Frühschoppen
from 11am*

*Raffle prizes, & live
entertainment*

Live Music

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

20th April.

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

*Brisbane Lions
vs
Geelong Cats*

21st April.

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



25th April.

**Closed for
ANZAC Day!**



28th April.

*\$25 Pork Knuckle
Sunday*

*Bookings Essential
07 3391 2434*

What's On: May

3rd May.

*German Language
Classes.*

*1st Thursday of the
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5th May.

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Join us at the club for
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12th May.

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12th May.

*Mother's Day at the
Club!*

*Stay tuned for more
information!*

12th May.

*Our Annual Third
Eurovision Party!*

*Tickets now available!
See Below Notice Board
on page 16.*



17th May

**141st Anniversary
Ball!**

*Pop into the Club to
get your tickets,
they are selling fast!*

Kaffee-Klatsch Report

Dear Members & Friends of Kaffee-Klatsch,

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter Celebration, we hope that all Children that attended the Easter Celebration held at the Club on Sunday 24th of March enjoyed a happy surprise visit from our very own Club`s "Easter Bunny"organised by our dear Kathy.

The Volunteers are very excited over the purchase of 4 unique season hangings to enhance the background on stage to coincide with the season decoration in the hall which our very diligent Kathy is able to prepare and mount for each new season, in overall this new addition will make an enormous improvement when entering our hall!

I hereby wish to thank my Ladies & fellow Volunteers for enjoying a most wonderful Birthday Celebration on March 21st our normal monthly Kaffee - Klatsch.

Coming up Birthday Girls are Elke Sanders on April 1st followed by her Mum Heidi on April 8th. "Happy Birthday" and much happiness and good health to both of you from all of us!

The next big Event for our Volunteers will be Mother's Day preparation Mai 12th coinciding with the Clubs monthly Frueschoppen. We are looking forward to greeting many of you as we will decorate the hall for this exciting event, please don`t forget to book your table with the restaurant, till then please keep safe and try to enjoy life.

In friendship,

Gerda Schulz

Gerda Schulz



Ladies' Group Report

Greetings to all!

The season of Autumn is here, and the Beer Hall decorated.

In March our Ladies group were busy decorating and packing Easter treats for the Easter Egg Hunt for children and adults that took place at the club on 24th March. Was great to see so many enthusiastic children and adults ready to partake in the easter egg hunt which was set up around the club. There were Pork Knuckle vouchers and drink vouchers to be found by the adults and treat bags and chocolates for the children. The Presidents Room was set up for the children to do craft. A face painter was kept busy painting beautiful designs on the children's faces. Well done Hugo and staff for making this day a fun time for all. The children were also treated with a visit from the Easter Bunny. (Thank you Scarlet).

April Fruehschoppen will be held on Sunday 14th April. There are many prizes to be won, including a 5litre Fruh Kolsch Keg, meat tray, voucher for the restaurant and many more. The full members prize draw still stands at \$500.00.

The month of May will be a busy time for the Ladies Group, as we plan for Mother's Day celebrations taking place on the 12th May at the club and also being our May Fruehschoppen Day. We will again have some wonderful prizes to be won from the raffle table. We will also be helping to set up and decorate the hall for our Brisbane German Club 141 years Anniversary Ball. The Anniversary Ball is being held at the Club on Friday 17th May commencing at 6.30pm. Don't forget to purchase your ticket from the bar.

If anyone would like to help the Ladies Group with setting up for any of the functions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are always looking for people to join our group. We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Presidents Room from 10am onwards.

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

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!

It's that time again for our Annual Concert this Year which will be held on Sunday the 7th July 2024 at 2pm in the Hall of the Club. For Bookings, contact the Office on 3391 2434 or Monika on 0421 631 914.

HAVING A GREAT TIME AT THE CLUB



The Choir with their Patron Paul Sowa OAM and the Honorary Consul Professor Michael Rosemann at the July 2023 Annual Concert.



The Paul Sowa OAM Family Clan at Family Day in the Club on 3.3.2024. The Clan consists of: Paul & Alice; 1 Daughter; 3 Granddaughters; 10 Great-Grand-Children (all under 7 Years old). They all had a top time at the Club.

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

The Choir is practicing every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the President's Room.

Zum Geburtstag, Choir!

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

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

Brisbane German Club Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

We're all home, we've all tuned our bells and shaken out the legs and we're back at training!

Planning is underway already for the 2025 National Dancefest, to be held in Cairns next Easter. The countdown is on.

We have now met our newest team member – CILLIAN FRANZ MORRIS – who arrived in December. Congrats to mum and dad Eloise and Jonathan. He regularly attends training (with earmuffs) for scheduled cuddles.

We have also celebrated Jordan's birthday at training ... always great to have a reason for cake! Birthday wishes also went to Jonathan!



Members of Alpenrosen energetically participated in an amazing celebration of KARNEVAL. Congratulations to Claudia and her team.



Alpenrosen were pleased to give an impromptu rehearsal for the Honorary German Consul when he hosted a large delegation of educators from Hessen at the Brisbane German Club. Monika addressed the gathering about the history of the Club and I spoke briefly about the contribution made by the Alpenrosen group. Our performance was well received.



Brisbane German Club Alpenrosen Report

The Alpenrosen Folk Dance Group were invited to perform at the WAMCI Multicultural Festival for Harmony Week at Calamvale. Ollly was very popular!!



The adventures will continue for the Mädls with an invitation to attend the German Cultural Day in Sydney, organised by the Goethe Institut. It is a free family-friendly community event celebrating German culture in all its diversity: a vibrant mix of food, drink, music, dance, language, information, and lots of activities for kids. We will be joined by St Raphael's Dance Group.



We will be sure to return promptly as we look forward to performing for the members and friends of the Brisbane German Club at the upcoming 141st Anniversary Ball.

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

Paula Hay

Brisbane German Club

Skat Report

Skartbericht...

Hello Skat Friends,

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

The First Prize went to A. Doehler with 3259 Points.

2...W. Simke	2886 Points
3...M. Clohessy	1879 Points
4...M. Mehlert	1753 Points

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

The First Prize went to S. Svarbic with 2395 Points.

2...W. Simke	2234 Points
3...J. Gleeson	2154 Points
4...A. Cameron	2009 Points

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

Easter at the Club! 2024



Delegation Visit from Hessen



Between 11-15 March, a delegation of Presidents and senior representatives from universities in Hessen, Germany, visited Brisbane to discuss and further develop the partnership arrangements between the states of Queensland and Hessen.

On invitation of our Patron, Prof Michael Rosemann, the delegation visited the Brisbane German Club on Tuesday, 12 March. During their time at our Club, they did not only enjoy a wonderful dinner, but also were welcome by Monika Kortz, who provided an overview about our history, and could watch a performance by the Alpenrosen who were practicing that evening.

Notice Board

Willkommen New Full Members!

*Philip Abraham, Florian Ardian, Colleen Lock, Donna Mulroney,
Ron Pennekamp, Patrick Hinz, Daniel Francis Dillion, Robert Bailey*

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Cocktail Night

Hosted by
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SUNDAY, MAY 12TH
At Brisbane German Club
Doors open at 5pm

Notice Board



You're invited...

141ST ANNIVERSARY BALL

*Join us from 6:30pm on Friday 17th May to celebrate
the anniversary of the Brisbane German Club*

DRESS CODE: SEMI FORMAL

**TICKETS AVAILABLE
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH**

**TICKETS OPEN TO PUBLIC
MONDAY 14TH APRIL**

FULL \$75 | SOCIAL OR NON-MEMBER \$90

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

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