



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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WELCOME BACK ALL TO 2025!

SAVE THE DATES:

22nd February - Karneval

13th April - Half Yearly Update - Full Members

23rd May - Annual Anniversary Ball

Oktoberfest:

3rd-5th, 10th-12th, 17th-19th, 24th-26th

30th November - Annual General Meeting

14th December - Members Christmas Party

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

COMMITTEE

President: Michaela Sowden

Vice President: Chris Fletcher

Treasurer: Reimer Moeller

Board of Directors:

Alex Hyde, Kathy Carseldine, Michelle Hughes, Nick Sowden, Robert Hughes, Paula Hay.

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Schöne Grüße,

The Board of Directors

*Hello,
2025!*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Liebe Mitglieder,

Willkommen in 2025! Welcome to 2025.

We had a busy end of year with elections. I would like to thank Leanne Langer for her contributions to the board over the past two years. As you are aware Leanne decided not to stand again. I would like to also acknowledge Monika for her long-time contributions as Director and also as a Past President. Serving the Club for over 25 years is certainly a great achievement.

I would like to announce our new/ returning board members. Congratulations to Nicholas Sowden, Rob Hughes and Paula Hay who were elected at the AGM. They will be joining Michelle Hughes, Kathy Carseldine, Alex Hyde, Reimer Moeller, Chris Fletcher and myself after being successfully re-elected as President.

Sadly Mario Zocchi, past president and board member passed away recently. The date for his funeral is February 7th, and his wake will be held at the Club from 2pm. His funeral will be held at the Russian Orthodox Church in Rocklea on February 7th from 10am.

The Ladies Group held a very successful Children's Christmas Party. The children had fun with the activities and the highlight was Santa's appearance. The member's Christmas party was held after the AGM. Once again Kathy and her group excelled themselves with the treats. This year the Christmas party will be back in its traditional spot in December.

December was an excellent month for the Brisbane German Club, which has helped going into the quieter month of January. The Board is busy looking toward the future. We will be again hosting a four-week Oktoberfest. We are also looking at hosting other events, typical of our German heritage. There will be an events subcommittee that will look at events that would be best suited for us in Brisbane. We are also establishing a subcommittee to look at maintenance and renovation planning.

I look forward to another very busy year.

Tschüß,
Michaela Sowden

Michaela Sowden

Brisbane German Club

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Members,

2025 has started with a bang and thanks to a few busy days in January saw us have an OK month off the back of a bumper December. It's great to see the regular faces back in the Club to get the year started again.

If you missed the announcement before Christmas, please keep in mind that your full membership now provides you with 10% off all standard prices at the bar AND restaurant when you present your membership card.

Also, by scanning-in each visit at the front door, you'll receive 100 points (\$1) to be used as a credit towards any purchase that day.

If you have any family or friends who are interested in social membership, we now have an instant sign-up process that will give them a digital membership on their phone for \$5 for 12 months and avail them to 5% off and the same sign-in points credit.

In 2025 our standard Sunday lineup remains and I encourage you to make the most of it:

1st Sunday – Familientag – free kids entertainment (alternating face painting and balloon twisting) and kids eat free with the purchase of corresponding adult meals.

2nd Sunday – Frühschoppen – Member draw and raffles with thanks to the dedicated Ladies Group

Last Sunday – Knuckle Sundays – we're continuing this tradition with a revision to the price of \$28 (but the 10% full member discount now applies of course)

This month the Club will again be hosting Karneval on 22 February, so please ensure you've got your costumes ready and your tickets booked via brisbanekarneval.com.au

March will see the return of the DerDieDas Community German Language classes, to continue being held on the first Thursday of each month, with the first on 06 March starting at 6:00 pm.

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Also, on 06 March will see us have our first AFL match day service with the reigning premiers, the Brisbane Lions, taking on the Geelong Cats. Our usual dinner service and reservations will be suspended for this evening while we convert to our match-day express food service in the Beer Hall.

Please note that we'll no longer apply a surcharge on our menu prices as we did on previous match days, and all member discounts now apply. Our responsible service of alcohol commitments do require that we serve in perspex cups and suspend takeaway sales, however all else remains as-is and I implore you to please continue visiting the Club, and if you're not attending the game time your dinner visit to just as the game commences (in this instance first bounce is at 6:50 pm)

Our team is now deep into the planning of the upcoming Anniversary Ball on 23 May and starting to lock in our Oktoberfest commitments (3-6, 10-12, 17-19, & 24-26 October). Invitations and more details to follow on these, but please save the dates.

We've had a few changes within our team with a few new faces including the addition of Khyle Jenkins as Duty Manager to replace Juan Nehlmeier who unfortunately is reaching the end of his working holiday visa and will soon be commencing his journey back home to Germany, and a familiar face in Pia Agethen who returns as our Food & Beverage Manager after a protracted visa approval process.

Please do make them feel welcome.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club soon.

Warmest regards,
Trent Boyle
Club Manager

Trent Boyle

WHAT'S ON: FEBRUARY

2ND FEB.

Familiientag

from 11:30am

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

*Face Painting will be
here from 11am*

WEDNESDAYS

Think Trivia!

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



9TH FEB.

*Frühschoppen
from 11am*

*Raffle prizes, & live
entertainment*

LIVE MUSIC

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



22ND FEB.

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

*See notices below for
more information!*



23RD FEB.

*\$28 Pork Knuckle
Sunday*

*Bookings Essential
07 3391 2434*

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6TH MAR.

German Language
Classes Resumes!
1st Thursday of the
month from 6pm -
7pm. See notices below
for more information

6TH MAR.

AFL Game!
Lions vs Geelong

Express Menu
available from
5pm



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Ladies' Group

REPORT

Greetings to all!

Happy New Year to all our members and guests, I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas celebrating with family and friends. Now to continue the good times with members and guests at the Brisbane German Club.

Our January Frühschoppen was well patronised even though it was school holidays. Thank you to all who were at the club to support our Ladies Group monthly raffle. Also, one of our lucky members, who was present for the members draw won the \$500.00 jackpot. Congratulations Matthias.

Due to some of our ladies dealing with family issues and being an extremely hot day our Ladies Group/Kaffee Klatsch meeting in January was cancelled. Everything going well we will meet on the 20th February, being the 3rd Thursday of the month. If you have spare time on this Thursday, please come and join our group for coffee and a chat and stay for lunch. We meet at 10am in the President room found at the back of the Beer Hall.

The next Frühschoppen Sunday will be 9th February. The Ladies group are grateful to Gotzinger Smallgoods, German Liquor, Stones Corner Ginger Beer and the Brisbane German Club for their continued support providing exceptional prizes to our raffle table each month.

In this bi-monthly report I would like to feature German Liquor.

"Germanliquor.com.au is your go-to-boutique online store for an authentic taste of German, offering an exceptional selection of premium German beers, schnapps, and other traditional alcoholic beverages. Whether you're craving the robust flavours of festbiers, the smooth finish of classic schnapps, or any specialty drink from Germany, we've got you covered. Dedicated to serving the German community and enthusiasts of German culture, we take pride in connection people with the rich traditions and craftsmanship of German alcohol. With a passion for quality and authenticity, GermanLiquor.com.au celebrates the spirit of German one sip at a time."

Please keep a watch for any updates or events taking place at the Brisbane German Club through social media. Don't forget to purchase your tickets to "Karneval" taking place on 22nd February at the club. Sure to be a fun and colourful evening.

In the meantime, enjoy the cricket and tennis before the AFL season starts up again. Take care, and I look forward to meeting with you at the February Frühschoppen if not before.

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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Liedertafel & Liederkrantz

Hello Everyone!

Christmas and New Year Celebrations are over and everything back to normal we hope.

The Choir is starting to get ready for their first rehearsal of the New Year which will happen on Tuesday, the 11th of February 2025 at 6.30pm sharp in the Presidents Room.

Rainer has chosen some old and new songs for the Choir to practice on Tuesday Night, the 11th of February 2025. I hope that everyone will enjoy those new songs that Rainer has chosen.

Some of our Choir Members are not feeling great after all the activities over the holidays but are determined to carry on as usual.

We are still looking for a new conductor which is not easy. Therefore Rainer will still have to do the conducting of the Choir.

Our leading soprano Teresa Boyce has gone overseas for a little while but will be back hopefully for our proposed July 2025 Concert?



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

Don't be shy to come and visit the Club on Tuesday Nights to see what the Choir is practising for the upcoming Concert sometime in July 2025.

We are still looking for some new Singers to join our Choir.

Zum Geburtstag, Choir!

Brisbane German Club Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

The Alpenrosen crew have enjoyed a relaxing break enabling us all to recharge our batteries in the final push in the preparations for the upcoming National Dancefest to be held in Cairns over the Easter weekend. Werner will again be joining us with a performance on the Zither.

Five national German teams from around Australia will gather in friendship to perform for each other, our families and friends and interested visitors and locals. It is also a great opportunity for us to catch up with Peter West from Hobart, who danced with Alpenrosen for many years while living in Brisbane.

With the addition of our newest dancer, Justin, we plan to attend with 6 couples to represent the Brisbane German Club.



We were greatly saddened to hear of the passing of the Alpenrosen Past President, Mario Zocchi.

Mario was a member of the Alpen Echo Dance team, joining in 1993. He was a supportive and enthusiastic President of Alpenrosen for many years and was recognised as a life member. Mario attended many National Dancefests as a proud member of the Team.

Our thoughts are with his family and friends!



We look forward to representing the Brisbane German Club in Cairns – and having some tourist time for some of us as well!!

MfG

Paula, for the Alpenrosen Team

Paula Hay

Brisbane German Club

Skat Report

Skartbericht...

Hello Skat Friends,

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

The first Prize went to W. Simke with 2207 Points.

2...A. Doehler	2093 Points
3...A. Cameron	2073 Points
4...W. Bummer	1995 Points

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

The first Prize went to W. Simke with 2707 Points.

2...A. Cameron	2349 Points
3...I. Clohessy	2307 Points
4...J. Gleeson	2232 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*

NOTICE BOARD

Willkommen New Full Members!

**David Paul Hamilton, Vera Windau, Ned Sparkes, Lydia Rüsç, Regina Schusdzarra,
Katherine Marcus-Andrews, Kris Plummer, Nicholas Holt**



The poster features logos for Brisbane Karneval, Brisbane City Council, and the Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany in Brisbane. It includes the website www.brisbanekarneval.com.au and the event details: **BRISBANE KARNEVAL 2025** on Saturday, 22 Feb 25 at 5:55pm at the Brisbane German Club. A collage of photos shows people in various costumes and outfits.

KARNEVAL 2025

February 22 @ 5:55 pm - midnight

**Mark Your Calendars:
Saturday, 22 Feb 25, starting at the
whimsical time of 5:55pm.**

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**

**Tickets just \$15!
Brisbane German Club
Purchase your Tickets via
www.brisbanekarneval.com.au**

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.

Mario Zocchi

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





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