



The Brisbane German Club Newsletter



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To our valued members,

Thank you to everyone who supported and made it to our 142nd Anniversary Ball, it was such a fabulous night, definitely one to remember!

Winter is well and truly here and so is our Glühwein, stay warm by having a glass at the Club.

Membership renewals are due on 30 June 2025. You should have received an email explaining the different renewal options but feel free to contact the office.

Keep an eye out on our website and our socials for any updates regarding Oktoberfest 2025!

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Schöne Grüße,

The Board of Directors

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President's Report

Liebe Mitglieder,

Just a short note about what has been happening around the Club, as I have been on a holiday to Austria and Germany and have just returned.

We had a lovely Easter. Thank you to the Ladies Group for organising the Children's activities. It was great to have so many families at the Club. The Easter bunny made an appearance much to the delight of some of the children. The Club was open for the first time on Easter Saturday. It was a fun day overall.

Then it was on to Mother's Day another great day at the Club, again our Ladies Group do us proud. If there are any members who would love to join the Ladies Group, please see Kathy. I am positive she would love to welcome new members to the group.

Then it was off to host Eurovision the following Sunday night. I was told it was a success. JJ, the Austrian representative won the contest.

On Thursday we had another Meet the Brewer. This time we featured Aecht Schlenkerle Brewery with Mattias Trum who gave us some insight into the Brewery and all of its products.

As you are aware the Anniversary Ball was scheduled for Friday, May 23rd. Fun was had by all.

Bis bald,
Euer President,
Michaela Sowden

Michaela Sowden

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CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear members,

It's hard to believe that winter is upon us already. You are now greeted by the irresistible aroma of Glühwein in the bar when you enter the Club and the beergarden heaters are being dragged out of storage.

We've had a busy and exciting few months, and there's much more to look forward to!

For Easter we had the traditional egg hunt with Familientag and the Easter Saturday event received excellent feedback, and I sincerely thank all of you that came in to support this endeavour.

We went through 1,400 plastic easter eggs stuffed with chocolates and/or prize vouchers, and thank you to the Ladies' group and my team for their dedication in putting them all together!

The Club normally closes over Easter and on public holidays given the extra labour costs that we face, so it's on the agenda for our Events Subcommittee to see if we can apply this same model to other holidays to make trade viable.

Our Meet the Brewer event in May with Mathius Trum from Aecht Schlenkerla Brewery in Bamberg was well-received, with demand unfortunately surpassing capacity so some did miss out, but for those present, it was a truly informative and engaging night with a fascinating history lesson on Rauchbier and Bier generally!

We backed this up with our 142nd Anniversary Ball which too was a resounding success, and thanks to the generous support of our suppliers the party did continue well into the night!

A huge thanks to:

- Alpen Liquor, Bier 1040, Oatley Wines, Joval Wines, and Coca-Cola for their generous support which allowed us to keep the ticket price at an exceptional level, approximately half of what you would pay otherwise
- Club Patron, Dr Michael Rosemann, the Honorary Consular of the Federal Republic of Germany (Southern Queensland) and Councillor Penny Wolff, representing Lord Mayor Adrian Schinnerer, for their engaging speeches
- The Club's Liedertafel & Liederkrantz Choir and the Alpenrosen Dance Group for their exceptional performances
- The Ladies' Group for their amazing work in assisting with setting up and decorating the ballroom
- And my team for their dedication in ensuring that every patron had an amazing night

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CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

On the night we were witness to the following recipients:

- Kathy Carseldine – Club Hero Award – voted by the Club's staff for a member who deserves recognition for all that they do, often behind the scenes and mostly unnoticed.
- Monika Kortz – 50 year Gold Needle
- Leo Kellar OAM – 50 year Gold Needle
- Werner Bummer – 50 year Gold Needle
- John Tysoe – 50 year Gold Needle
- Elwyn Schumann – 50 year Gold Needle
- Loraine Keller – 25 year Silver Needle
- Monika Kortz – Liedertafel/Liederkrantz Certificate of Appreciation for Extraordinary Service
- Ron Matlik – Alpenrosen Certificate of Appreciation for Extraordinary Service
- Alice Sowa – Ladies Auxiliary Group Certificate of Appreciation for Extraordinary Service
- Walter Kuhn – Certificate of Appreciation for Extraordinary Service in printing the Club's 140th Anniversary Booklet and supplying the mural of the original Vulture Street clubhouse, which adorns our bistro wall
- Liedertafel/Liederkrantz Choir – the Harry Schober Undergroup Encouragement Award for Recognition for the Undergroup's contributions to the Club community
- Rainer Klose – the Theo Teicher Memorial Trophy, for recognition of excellent work in promoting and supporting the Club
- Werner Simke – the Paul Sowa OAM Volunteer Award – recognition for a Club volunteer that has dedicated their time and efforts to the Club
- Monika Kortz – the President's Trophy - recognition for a volunteer by the President for exemplary service to the club

Congratulations again to all recipients.

One common theme for the last few club events is that they are becoming increasingly popular and reaching capacity, so I implore you to please book in early to avoid disappointment.

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Coming up we have our usual roster of monthly club events:

Familienstag (1st Sunday)

Live entertainment, kids eat free, with balloon twisting or face painting

Frühschoppen (2nd Sunday)

Member draw and Ladies' Group raffles

Live entertainment

Now serving Weisswurst from 11:00 am

Knuckle Sunday (Last Sunday)

\$28 pork knuckles

As well as we are adding to our regular weekly specials (\$15 Schnitzel Tuesday nights, 2-4-1 Schnitzel & Wurst on weekday lunches) with Parmyfest each Thursday.

This entails a menu of varying Chicken Parmigiana options every Thursday with a deal of two parmies for \$40 (before member discount), featuring our infamous standard Chicken Parmigiana plus a range of other exciting options.

And a reminder that full membership renewals are now open for the 2025-2026 financial year. If you have not received an email from us please contact Kasey at admin@brisbanegermanclub.com to follow this up and ensure your membership does not lapse.

Thank you again for your patronage and I look forward to seeing you around the Club again soon.

Warmest regards,

Trent Boyle
Club Manager

Trent Boyle

What's On: June

1st June Familientag

from 12pm

Join us at the club for
Family Fun Day!
Live entertainment &
Face painting!

Wednesdays

Think Trivia!

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

5th June

DerDieDas

German Language
Classes. 1st Thursday of
the month from 5:30pm -
7pm. [Click here](#) for more
details

8th June

Frühschoppen
from 11am

Raffle prizes, & live
entertainment

Live Music

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

14th June

**AFL GAME @ THE
GABBA - 1:20pm**

Brisbane Lions
vs
GWS Giants



29th June

\$28 Pork Knuckle
Sunday from 12pm
Bookings Essential
07 3391 2434 or
[Click Here to book](#)



What's On: July

3rd July

DerDieDas
German Language
Classes. 1st Thursday of
the month from 5:30pm -
7pm. [Click here](#) for more
details

5th July

AFL GAME @ THE
GABBA - 7:35pm

Brisbane Lions
VS
Port Adelaide

6th July
Familiientag

from 12pm
Join us at the club for
Family Fun Day!
Live entertainment &
balloon twisting!

13th July

Frühschoppen
from 11am

Raffle prizes, & live
entertainment

18th July

AFL GAME @ THE
GABBA - 7:40pm

Brisbane Lions
VS
Western Bulldogs

Live Music

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



27th July

\$28 Pork Knuckle
Sunday
Bookings Essential
07 3391 2434 or
[Click Here to book](#)



Ladies' Group & Kaffee Klatsch Report

Greetings to all!

As I write this report I reflect on what took place during the month of April and May at the club.

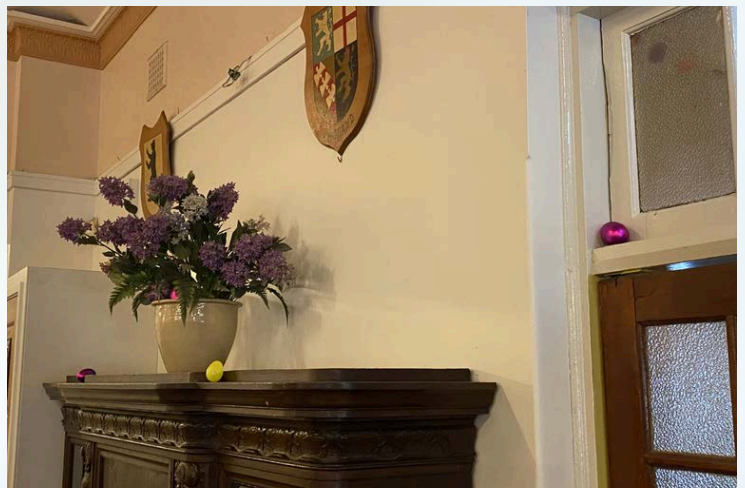
Familienstag - Family Fun Day in April. There was an Easter Egg Hunt for the children as the adults set up in the beer hall. As you can see from the photos, the children and families were ready to find the hundreds of easter eggs hidden all around the beer hall. It was great that the Easter Bunny hopped in for a little while to hand out treats to the children and even received some cuddles as well. Thank you to Trent and staff for your help on the day.

This year, for the first time the club opened on Easter Saturday with lots of prizes to be won. The weather was perfect and lots of people were hoping in to win vouchers enclosed in plastic easter eggs that you received with every \$10 you spent. Some of the prizes to win were a pork knuckle, pretzel, felt hat or a chocolate. Well done all!!

A day to keep in mind for next year.

Moving on from April, comes our busy month of May. Yes, Mother's Day and our May Fruhschoppen. A big THANK YOU to the Ladies Group and the many volunteers who gave freely of their time to come early and help set up the club up to make it special for Mother's Day by doing some floral arrangements for the tables and handing out the roses to the mothers entering the club.

A special mention to my youngest helpers, Elke and Addison, who handed out the chocolate and biscuits to the mothers and letting them know where they could find their glass of champagne. (report continued on next page)



Ladies' Group & Kaffee Klatsch Report

The raffle table looked amazing with many donated prizes from some of our generous members and suppliers. I am certain all winners were thrilled with their prize/prizes. The Ladies Group really appreciate the support our members and guests give to our small group.

At the time of writing this report, the Club is preparing for the celebrations of the 142nd Anniversary Ball. What a great achievement. We congratulate all the winners who receive an award on the evening and to our members receiving special pins for their long years of service and being members of this amazing club. May the club continue to prosper and be here for many more years to come.

Before closing, I would like to wish our members who have not been keeping good health a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back at the club soon.

The next Fruhschoppen is taking place on June 8th, with the members Jackpot is now at \$400.00.

If anyone feels they would like to be part of the Ladies Group or would like to volunteer at various functions held at the club, please contact me via the details below.

Keep well, keep safe.
Prost!!



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!

As previously reported, Rainer has chosen some new songs for the choir to practice on Tuesday nights. I hope that everyone will enjoy those new songs that Rainer has chosen.

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

Our leading soprano Teresa Boyce has returned from Russia and is looking forward to joining the choir again soon. Welcome back!

Don't be shy to come and visit the club on Tuesday nights to see what the choir is practising.

We are still looking for some new singers to join our choir. So please feel free to contact Rainer or Monika via the details below.

We are looking forward to meeting you.



Pictured: Teresa having a great time in Moskau, Russia.

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: 0421 631 914

Email: mariakortz@bigpond.com

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

Zum Geburtstag, Choir!

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

Brisbane German Club Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

What a whirlwind month April was. It is hard to believe that the 25th National Dancefest has been and gone... 18 months of rehearsals and practices to refine our skills and after a short break to recover we will prepare ourselves all over again.

We are very grateful to the Cairns Edelweiss group for their hospitality and amazing organisational efforts. We felt like we were living on a Pacific Island such was the atmosphere of the Palm Cove Resort community. The event took place at the Surf Lifesaving Club and it was transformed to our own piece of Germany for the weekend with decorations, backdrops, menus, German beers and schnapps!!

It was announced that the next Dancefest in 2027 will take place in... Canberra! While they have a wonderful clubhouse, the hosting duties will be taken on by a combination of the three dance groups based in NSW.

We were very proud of our efforts and received many compliments for our performances across the two days and a few additional dance spot moments occurring randomly on dance floors!!

In particular, we would like to acknowledge Justin, our newest member. After only three months of honing his dancing skills, he was kitted out and very enthusiastically took to the floor in Cairns.

We have enough spark left in the tank for the upcoming Anniversary Ball performance.



The full attendance on the Palm Cove Pier – drone photo. We are arrowed!!

Brisbane German Club Alpenrosen Report

We are farewelling two of our long-standing members, Jordan and Ashton Hay. After 16 years as active members of the Alpenrosen, starting at 8 years and 6 years old respectively life commitments are moving on. We hope that we may see them appearing at weekend events in the future.

We hope you enjoy the gallery of photos from Dancefest.



Mum (Paula) will miss her dancing partners!!



Everyone gathered on the stairs. Can you find us?



All Bell players from Perth and Brisbane played together in finale.



Chaos of the 'all-in' Zillertaler ... los geht's!!



Good friendships - Tassie, Perth and Our Brissie boys.

Alles Gute ...
Paula for the Alpenrosen

Paula Hay

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Skat Report

Skatbericht...

Hello Skat Friends,

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

The first Prize went to A. Doehler with 2617 Points.

2...S. Svarbic	2533 Points
3...W. Simke	2366 Points

At our May Skat Competition, there were 9 Players present.

The first Prize went to A. Doehler with 3259 Points

2...M. Mehlert	2806 Points
3...W. Simke	2172 Points

**We play Prize Skat every second Sunday of the Month, start time 11-00 am.
Every second Wednesday we play Friendly Skat, start time 12-00 Noon.**

The event is open to everyone; early bookings are encouraged.

For further Information or to register to play, please contact Skat President Werner Simke via details below.

Gut Blatt,



**Skat is Germany's
National Cards Game**

Werner Simke

Phone: 3300 2565

Mobile: 0410 118 371

Werner Simke

Fotogallerie

Mothers Day 2025



Fotogalerie

142nd Anniversary Ball 2025



Fotogalerie

142nd Anniversary Ball 2025



GOLD NEEDLES 50 YEARS - MONIKA KORTZ - LEO KELLER OAM - ELWYN SCHUMANN (NOT PRESENT) - JOHN TYSOE (NOT PRESENT) WERNER BUMMER (NOT PRESENT)
SILVER NEEDLE 25 YEARS - LORRAINE KELLER
STAFF CHOICE - CLUB HERO - KATHY CARSELDINE
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - ALPENROSEN - RON MATLIK (NOT PRESENT) - LADIES GROUP - ALICE SOWA - LIEDERTAFEL/LIEDERKRANZ - MONIKA KORTZ - WALTER KUHN
HARRY SCHOBER UNDERGROUP ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - RECOGNITION FOR THE UNDERGROUP'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLUB COMMUNITY - LIEDERTAFEL/LIEDERKRANZ
THE (PAUL SOWA OAM) VOLUNTEER TROPHY - RECOGNITION FOR A CLUB'S VOLUNTEER THAT DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS TO THE CLUB - WERNER SIMKE
THEO TEICHER TROPHY - RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENT WORK IN PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING THE CLUB -RAINER KLOSE
PRESIDENT'S TROPHY - MONIKA KORTZ

Notice Board


Willkommen New Full Members!

Shaun Hadrill, Carsten Balzereit, Josef Barth, Cameran Brown


\$5

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- Learn about German language, culture and music.
- Listen and choose songs like German pop songs that you would like to sing at your next concert.

Year-Round Performances - Join, Sing, Return!

- German Unity Day, Christmas Concerts, Oktoberfest & more
- Join in whenever it works for you. Stay as long as you like, and return when your schedule allows!
- It costs only time, commitment, a smile, and spreading the word - your voice is priceless!







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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.

Johann Arnold

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



Our Stories Board

On Saturday 24th May 2025 Christine McCormack brought her dad (Kurt Stache) and mum (Karin Stache) into the club to celebrate Karin's 87th birthday with us.

This wasn't the first time they have visited us. They actually met here at the club back in 1961 and one year later they married.

Their wedding reception was actually held here at the club. (Photos below) Kurt Stache along with Günter Pfuhl (friend of the couple) used to play for the Club's Soccer team Germania. Günter Pfuhl is also pictured below handing a giant saw to Karin so she may cut their wedding cake.

Kurt was a builder so I'm sure there were a few laughs. The couple celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary back 2023 and we hope many more to come.

A special thank you to Christine for sharing her parent's story with us and also thank you to the couple for having a lovely story to share.



Picture taken:1962:
Karin Stache - Left Kurt Stache - Right



Picture taken 1962:
Günter Pfuhl - Left Karin Stache - Middle Kurt Stache - Far Right



Picture taken 24/05/2025:
Front left - Kurt Stache Back left - Karin Stache Right - Christine McCormack



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