



The Brisbane German Club Newsletter



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Brisbane German Club

IMPORTANT NOTICES

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Oktoberfest tickets are now on sale. Full Financial Members receive free entry. If you'd like to purchase tickets for family & friends at a discounted price contact oktoberfest@brisbanegermanclub.com (see Club Manager's column for details)

We will be closed on 13th August due to the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka).

Committee

**President: Michaela Sowden
Vice President: Chris Fletcher
Treasurer: Reimer Moeller
Board of Directors:
Alex Hyde, Kathy Carseldine,
Michelle Hughes, Nick Sowden,
Paula Hay, Robert Hughes.**

Save the date:

**Annual General Meeting
30/11/2025 at 10:00 am**

President's Report

Liebe Mitglieder,

As we approach the midpoint of 2025, we are entering a very busy time within our operational schedule.

The months of June and July were quite busy, particularly with the commencement of the AFL games. These games certainly contribute to our income, and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Trent and the staff for their excellent work.

Regrettably, our choir will not be presenting a winter concert this year, but we are very much looking forward to their performances following the Frükschoppen after our Christmas party in December. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Rainer Klose for his dedicated service as the choir's conductor over the past year. He has done an outstanding job and is now retiring from this role. Furthermore, Rainer's partner has recently returned from Europe after receiving treatment, and we extend a warm welcome back to her. In the meantime, Beatrice Klepper has kindly taken over the position. Beatrice also leads the German Youth Choir, which now also rehearses at the Club.

The Choir is currently seeking new members. If you have some free time and are looking for a fulfilling hobby, please feel welcome to visit the office for the appropriate contact information to learn more about joining. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

The Ladies Group is busy and would be delighted to welcome new members. If you have a few hours to spare on the third Thursday of each month, please feel free to visit and introduce yourself to Kathy and the group. These ladies make significant contributions through fundraising at Frükschoppen and by decorating the Club.

Furthermore, I recently participated in a round table discussion with other European clubs, including the Polish, Hungarian and Swedish clubs, to discuss shared challenges and explore opportunities for mutual support and the sharing of cultural events. Another meeting is scheduled for September.

President's Report

I have also had two Zoom meetings with several German Clubs e.g. Cairns, Gold Coast, Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne to name some. We are all facing similar problems and again are discussing how to find solutions and to approach the government to assist us.

On that note, Trent has put in for a community benefit grant to help us financially with replacing all the windows in Club. This is a much-needed upgrade with modern double-glazed windows yet ensuring we maintain the facade of the clubhouse. A big thank you to Trina Massey, Councillor for the Gabba Ward, Renee Coffey MP, Member for Griffith, and our Patron Dr Prof. Michael Rosemann for acting as references to support this application. We would be happy to receive any amount, but would of course gladly accept the full amount for redoing the windows.

The team is also getting ready for Oktoberfest, which should be another great one.

On the staffing front, we are amalgamating several positions generally taken up by casual staff into one position that will oversee staff when Trent and Simone are away. This will not be an added cost but will certainly allow us to plan for the future.

Reimer also attended a live interview on the Gold Coast with SBS in July. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend as I was in Sydney. I did have Renate earmarked but unfortunately got busy and didn't get round to contacting her, my apologies. Paula Hay also attended in her capacity as President of GACCQ.

Overall it's been a very busy but rewarding time here for all.

Bis bald
Eure Präsidentin

Michaela Sowden

Club Manager's Report

Dear Members,

We've had a busy few months of general trade for the Club, which was a great way for us to finish the financial year. While we're still awaiting on our tax calculations and audit to be finalised, I'm very happy to report a decent profit for the year ending June 2025 despite us taking advantage of as many asset acquisition write-offs as possible (a scheme made available under previous federal budget measures), over \$50k in the end, to bring forward future expenditure to save us on depreciation in later years.

Hospitality continues to be volatile but we have a great team that are ready to roll up their sleeves and get into it when the busy times are upon us. As we're now in the second half of the calendar year thankfully the busier services are becoming more frequent, so we're ready to make the hay whenever the sun is shining.

And on that note, when you are planning on coming into the Club please ensure you place a reservation in advance. Not only to ensure that we have a table for you, but also so that we can set our staffing levels as efficiently as possible.

Coming up in September, the Club is extremely privileged to be able to host the Brisbane leg of the concert Musica Prohibita.

Full details are included later in this newsletter, but in essence, it is a free concert as part of the world tour of Diana Jipa (violin) and Stefan Doniga (piano), commemorating 80 years since the end of the Holocaust. The recital features works from persecuted composers and is set to run for 75 minutes without intermission.

It is being held at 6:30 pm on Tues 23 Sept 2023. Please book in early as we expect the seating allocation will be exhausted quite quickly, and if you would like to join us for dinner please place a restaurant reservation for 5:00 pm (dining afterwards will unfortunately not be an option).

On to October, our Oktoberfest tickets are now on sale to the general public, and this year we're tweaking our offering slightly so that entry tickets include a commemorative 0.5lt stein (while stocks last) and the first fill of that stein.

Club Manager's Report

Full members of course receive free entry at any time during the festival upon presentation of your current membership card. And this year we will also be providing you each with a commemorative 0.5lt stein when you visit (but not the fill, sorry).

This will be available only if you visit the Club during festival times, from 5:00 pm Fridays, 11:00 am Saturdays, and 11:00 am Sundays, over the first four weekends in October.

Should you plan on returning another day you're welcome to hand your stein back at the bar and the credit will be placed back on your account for you to redeem next time. Or otherwise, it's yours to keep and take home.

For friends and family who are not full members and may wish to attend, now is the time to get their membership proposal submitted so that it's processed in time for Oktoberfest. You can find the necessary form on our website or in-person at the bar, where payment should also be processed when the application is submitted. Please keep in mind that these applications need formal approval from the Club's Board, which will only happen in the third week of each month.

Alternatively, you can contact me via email at oktoberfest@brisbanegermanclub.com for a discount code which I will provide that will allow for \$10 off each purchased Oktoberfest ticket, for up to 10 persons per full member, so that your friends and family can accompany you.

Under 18s remain free, but they must be accompanied by their parent or guardian at all times and leave the club by 10:00 pm.

The festival is shaping up to be bigger and better than previous years, and this year for the very first time we'll be having Bier from all six Munich Oktoberfest breweries on tap over the month. This is a truly exciting offering that I hope those outside our membership will properly appreciate as well.

Club Manager's Report

Along with everything else that you should expect; several performances from our choir & dance group, all the usual rotation of bands and entertainment, festival games and prizes, an abundance of food, merchandise, and on the third weekend we're bringing Phat Brass, a band from Sydney, for performances over the three days to keep the engagement at an all-time high.

The team and I look forward to sharing the culmination of the many many months of work leading up to the festival with you all.

Generally, I implore you all to keep engaged with the Club and keep it in mind for regular outings. Our undergroups are always looking for new participants and I encourage you to please attend any scheduled rehearsals to find out more or join-in.

Please refer to their respective columns in this newsletter for details, or if you would like me or our admin team to make the introduction, then please don't hesitate to reach out.

The German Youth Choir is also now practising here at the Club and will, excitedly, be more involved in our Club events. They are rehearsing fortnightly, including the first Sunday of each month to coincide with Family Day, so if you have young ones between 10 & 18 interested, please do come along to experience the magic first-hand. Or visit gycbrisbane.com.au for more details.

Warmest regards,

Trent Boyle
Club Manager
clubmanager@brisbanegermanclub.com

What's On: August

3rd Aug

Familihtag

with face painting
from 11:30 am

Join us at the club for
Family Fun Day!

Wednesdays

Think Trivia!

Registrations at
6:30 pm for a
7:00 pm start.

7th Aug

*German Language
Class DerDieDas*

9th Aug

AFL @ THE GABBA
First Bounce 4:15 pm

Brisbane Lions
vs
Sydney Swans

Live Music

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

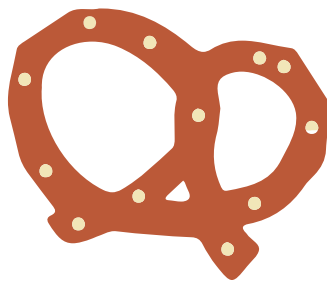
10th Aug

*Frühschoppen
from 11:00 am*

*Raffle prizes, & live
entertainment*

13th Aug

*Club is closed on
13th August due to the
Royal Queensland
Show (Ekka).*



31th Aug

*\$28 Pork Knuckle
Sunday*

*Bookings essential
[book here](#)*

What's On: September

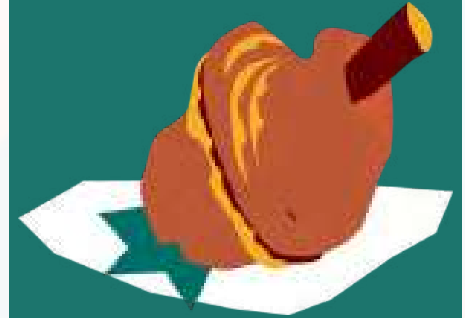
Wednesdays

Think Trivia!

*Registrations at
6:30 pm for a
7:00 pm start.*

07th Sept

**Familienstag &
Vatertag**
*from 11:30 am
with ballon twister*



14th Sept

Frühschoppen
from 11:00 am

*Raffle prizes, & live
entertainment*

*A free beer for DAD
on fathers day!*



23rd Sept

**Musica Prohibita
Commemoration**
*concert marking 80
years since the end
of the Holocaust*



Live Music

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

28th Sept

*\$28 Pork Knuckle
Sunday*
*Bookings essential
[book here](#)*

Ladies' Group & Kaffee Klatsch Report

Greetings to all!

Our group had a wonderful attendance at its June meeting with 12 people present. It was so good to see Gerda back after being absent for the past 7 months plus having Pauline and Alex join us on their visit to Brisbane. It was lovely that we could all be together to help Gerda celebrate her birthday. Unfortunately, our numbers were low for July. At our July meeting we discussed starting an evening Ladies Group. We would still hold our normal Ladies Group/Kaffee Klatsch on the 3rd Thursday of every month commencing at around 10.30am with the evening group meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month commencing at 6pm. Depending on the response, we are planning to commence the evening gathering on the 2nd Thursday in September. If anyone is interested in joining our evening Ladies Group or even our daytime group, please contact either Elke Sanders or myself, Kathy Carseldine. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter.

In addition to the possibility of an evening Ladies Group commencing, our group is organising a morning tea for our club members of 35 years plus membership on Tuesday 26th August. I personally am excited that the club has been very supportive of helping our group to organise this special morning tea. I look forward to meeting with these members.

The July Fruhschoppen saw the members draw jackpot of \$500.00 won. Congratulations to our lucky member Werner Simke. This means the members draw will start again at \$100.00 for August Fruhschoppen.

The Ladies Group thank Franz Smallgoods-Caloundra, Wolff Coffee -Hendra, German Liquor, Stones Ginger Beer and the Brisbane German Club for their support and generous donations to make our raffle prizes very enticing.

Until next time, keep well and warm. I look forward to meeting up with you at the club or seeing you at our next monthly Frühschoppen on the 10th August.

Prost!

Kathy Carseldine

President - Ladies Group

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Ladies' Group & Kaffee Klatsch Report



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Liedertafel & Liederkrantz Report

Hello Everyone!

The Choir is on a short break in July, recommencing on Tuesday 12th August, when the choir will work towards another brief performance during the Oktoberfest.

For the last few weeks Rainer has been joined by German-trained classical vocalist and educator Beatrice Klepper, the conductor of the German Youth Choir formed in 2019, and who also introduced voice training.

We will soon commence planning for the Christmas Concert on the afternoon of 14th December 2025, which is the Third Advent. We hope to be joined by the German Youth Choir for the Christmas Concert.



We still have singing spots for new members!!

If you like singing and would like to try singing with the choir, please contact us through the Choir Secretary, Monika Kortz at her email address:

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 in December 2025.

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

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

Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

Moin! Moin! Greetings ... aus Hamburg!

The Alpenrosen have taken some recovery time from our exertions after the National Tanzfest in Cairns at Easter time.

The team were delighted to enjoy the festivities of the Anniversary Ball and we were proud to present pieces from our Tanzfest repertoire.



Alpenrosen Report



Rehearsals have now recommenced on Tuesday nights – we are looking forward to new interests from any males who may be interested in joining the team.

Our September/October schedule for Oktoberfest is filling up fast – so you'll be hearing more of the bells and stomping.

Meanwhile – I am in Germany for 7 weeks in a combination working/holiday mode – travelling from Lübeck in the north to München in the south and visiting a number of cities in between! I'll be back in time to don my Dirndl (hopefully it will still fit!), lift my bells and join for the upcoming Oktoberfest festivities.



(Memories for our members aus Hamburg and their childhood! Maybe not the beer!)

Alles Gute...

Paula Hay

Skat Report

Hello Skat Friends

At our June Skat competition, there were 8 players present.

The First Prize went to A. Doehler with 2569 Points,
2. A. Cameron 2290 Points,
3. T. Wittkopf 1999 Points.

At our July Skat competition, there were 8 players present.

The First Prize went to A. Doehler with 2612 Points,
2. S. Svarbic 2553 Points,
3. A. Cameron 2173 Points.

We play *Price Skat* every **second** Sunday of the month, start time *11.00am*.
Every second Wednesday we play *Friendly Skat*, start time *12.00pm*.

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

Gut Blatt,

Werner Simke



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

NOTICE BOARD

Willkommen New Full Members!

Christopher Zilm, Dr. Regina Ganter, Ryan Edwards

Do you know the difference between Bier and Beer?

Do you know where to find the best Bier?

Would you like a Free Bier?

If you answered correctly, we want you!

We are looking for volunteers for this year's Oktoberfest to help patrons find their way around the Club, act as a point of contact and provide general information, especially for new visitors.

Please contact events@brisbanegermanclub.com if you would like to be involved.



Culture at the
BRISBANE
GERMAN CLUB

CONCERTS & EVENTS

GERMAN UNIFICATION DAY

OKTOBERFEST SHOW

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

JOIN US!

Participation: Free

Language or music skills: not required.

Concerts: Prime Events

Music: Singers Choose Songs

Rehearsals: Fortnight, Sundays

Hours: 10:30AM - 12:00PM





**BRISBANE
GERMAN CLUB**

Ladies Group

Evening Group

2nd Thursday of the Month

The Ladies Group are seeking expressions of interest from Club members interested in joining a Ladies Group - Evening Group. Meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 6pm in the Presidents Lounge, commencing in September, this is an extension of our existing Daytime Ladies Group.

This is an excellent opportunity for ladies to become involved in the Club who may otherwise have been unable to due to work or other commitments. It is also a wonderful way to meet new members and enjoy a relaxing evening at the Club.

The Ladies Group provide a valuable service to the Club by assisting where needed at our Club events, such as Oktoberfest, Mother's Day, Members' and Children's Christmas Parties and other functions held throughout the year. They also engage in fundraising activities including raffles held at our monthly Fröhschoppen.

If you would like to be involved in this rewarding opportunity,
please contact:

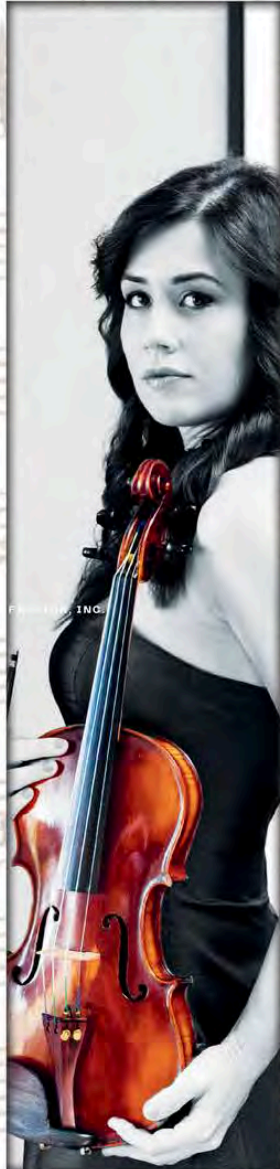
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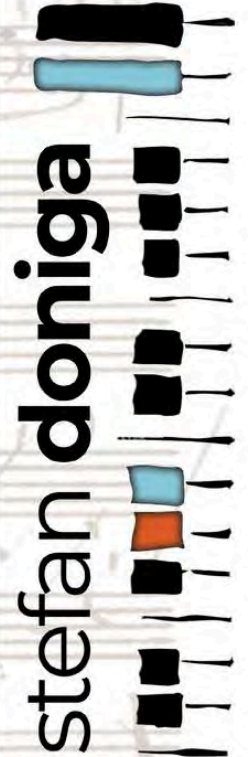
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80th commemoration of the end of the
Holocaust

diana jipa



stefan doniga



**Geneva - Vienna - Nairobi
Brisbane - New York**

MUSICA PROHIBITA

works for violin and piano by
persecuted composers from the 20th Century



WORLD TOUR URL

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FREE ENTRANCE - RESERVATION REQUIRED



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