



The Brisbane German Club Newsletter



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Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Thursday: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday & Saturday: 11:00 am - 10:30 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10:00 am to 6:00 pm



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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.

Brisbane German Club

IMPORTANT NOTICES



**Oktoberfest tickets are still 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.**

**Our annual Children's Christmas Party
will take place on 29/11/2025
at 11.00am in the Club.**

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

President's Report

Liebe Mitglieder,

As we approach the busiest period of the year, it's worth reflecting on the recent months. August and September have been quite active, especially with the commencement of AFL games, which have positively impacted our revenue. I would like to extend my gratitude to Trent and the staff for their dedication to providing efficient and friendly customer service. Your excellent work is truly appreciated. We are soon to transition into the cricket season.

In addition, Reimer and I participated in the multicultural round table, alongside other ethnic clubs. We were fortunate to receive a presentation from Gigi Lacey, who shared valuable insights on grant applications. It appears that several clubs have successfully secured grants, which could be a helpful avenue for supporting club maintenance.

Financially, the Club appears to be in a favorable position, owing to the strategic placement of the Club's savings into various term deposits with staggered maturity dates. Our treasurer has successfully enhanced the income derived from these savings and is actively investigating additional secure avenues for revenue generation.

As we approach the peak season, specifically Oktoberfest, preparations are well underway. This year, the festivities will span four weeks, commencing with the official launch on Saturday, October 4th. The Alpenrosen and Choir will contribute to the opening celebration. Furthermore, the Ladies Group, under the guidance of Kathy, will once again offer Herzln and other delightful items for sale. I extend my sincere gratitude to all our volunteers, whose dedication will undoubtedly make this Oktoberfest another memorable occasion.

President's Report

The Brisbane German Club is delighted to participate in Brisbane German Week, commencing on October 1st. I will be honored to represent the Club at the 10-year anniversary gala on October 1st. German Unity Day on October 3rd will feature the Story, Victoria, and Kurilpa Bridges illuminated in the colors of Germany. Naturally, Oktoberfest activities will be integrated with German Week, including Anzapfen on October 4th and the Original Oktoberfest Bingo on Sunday, October 5th. A German Trivia night, focusing on all things German, will be held on Wednesday, October 8th. Additionally, a German Heritage Seminar will take place at the Club on Thursday, October 9th, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Eric Kopittke, a distinguished German genealogical expert, will share his extensive knowledge, insights, and tips on researching ancestors in Queensland and Germany. Louise Moeller will also provide guidance on reading Kurrent/Deutscher Schrift/"old German" script. We are also approaching the Annual General Meeting at the end of November. Further details will be sent via email, providing our members with information regarding the schedule and available positions for nomination.

Furthermore, Kathy is coordinating the Children's Christmas Party, which is also planned for the end of November. This will be succeeded by the Members' Christmas Party on Fruhschoppen Sunday in December. The Choir will hold their Christmas concert following the Christmas Party. I certainly hope to see many members staying to enjoy the concert.

If any of our members are interested in joining the Ladies Group, Alpenrosen, or the Choir, please do so, as you will be warmly welcomed.

Overall, it has been a very busy but rewarding time here for all.

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Eure Präsidentin

Michaela Sowden

Club Manager's Report

Dear Members,

It's been a busy few months leading into Oktoberfest and we are almost ready to go! Our advanced planning has paid off and we'll have barely any noticeable impacts on supply chain issues that others are facing. Almost all of our inventory is either already in our cellar or in Brisbane, so we will certainly not run out of Bier!

It was delightful to see many of our life members in for morning tea in August and must pass on a huge thank you to Kathy Carseldine and the Ladies' Group for making this happen.

In September we also hosted the Musica Prohibita concert at the Club which was an astonishing recital marking the 80th anniversary of the end of the holocaust.

We were treated to a magnificent array of works by at-the-time prohibited composers, and wrapped up with a masterpiece composed by the musicians themselves.

Thank you to member Ralf Klepper (SuonaVoce) for bringing Diana Jipa and Stefan Doniga to our stage, and to all who played a part in making the event happen.

Our recent audio upgrades in the hall made this all the more enjoyable, and we hope to be able to bring you more of these events moving forward.

Our team are busy putting the finishing touches on Oktoberfest and we'll be ready to swing the doors open at 5:00 pm on Friday 03 October for the first of 12 days of festivities.

In news hot off the press in conjunction with Eva Air we will be supplementing the Ladies' Group raffles with a major draw of a return economy airfare to any of Eva Air's ports in Europe, which excitedly includes Munich.

To enter this draw you will just need to purchase five or more tickets (\$2 each) in the mini keg raffles that the Ladies Group will be conducting throughout the month. It will be drawn on the final day of our Oktoberfest Sunday 26 October 2025.

Club Manager's Report

A reminder that this year Full Members will be receiving a 0.5l 2025 commemorative stein to use and keep, but there are a few important points:

- You must register at the entrance (side door) with your membership card so that the electronic voucher can be applied to your account
- You can then collect your stein at the main bar or garden bar by scanning your card. The gift is the stein only, you will need to purchase the fill.
- The stein is yours to take home, but if you do plan on coming back again during Oktoberfest you can return the stein to the bar and we'll place it back on your account for you to redeem another glass next time
- Steins can only be redeemed during festival times; from 5:00 pm Friday, 11:00 am Saturdays, and 11:00 am Sundays between 03 & 26 October 2025.
- As with everything it's first-in first-served. Although we did acquire an extra 2,000 steins this year if we do use the full allocation then this offer may be withdrawn. So please do get in early!

Coming up the Club also plays host to quite a few activities as part of Brisbane German week, including our Oktoberfest festivities and German Trivia night on Wed 08 Oct, and German Heritage Seminar on Thu 09 Oct.

Please head to brisbanegermanweek.com.au for all the details and to register.

I look forward to seeing you all this month!

Warmest regards,

Trent Boyle
Club Manager
clubmanager@brisbanegermanclub.com

What's On: October

2nd Oct

*German Language
Class DerDieDas*



4th Oct

*Official Opening of
Oktoberfest
including keg tapping*

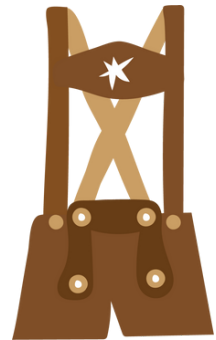
Entry from 11.00 am



3rd -25th Oct

OKTOBERFEST

*first four weekends of
the month*



German Week

*08th Oct
German Trivia*

*09th Oct
GACCQ German
Heritage Seminar*

19th Oct

**Oktoberfest -
Familientag**
with puppet show
face painting and
other kids activities



Wednesdays

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

What's On: November

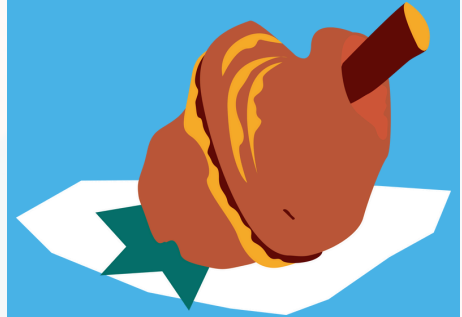
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02th Nov

*Familihtag
with ballon twisting
from 11.30 am
Join us at the Club for
Family Fun Day!*



09th Nov

*Frühschoppen
from 11:00 am*

*Raffle prizes, & live
entertainment*



23th Nov

*\$28 Pork Knuckle
Sunday*

*Bookings essential
[book here](#)*

29th Nov

*Children's
Christmas
Party
from 11:00 am*



Live Music

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

30rd Nov

*Annual General
Meeting
at 10:00 am*

Ladies' Group & Kaffee Klatsch Report

Greetings to all!

Our Ladies Group with the assistance of the club hosted a morning tea for life members of the club - 35 years plus on 26th August. There were 26 people in attendance who enjoyed the fellowship and the hospitality of both the Ladies Group and the Club. It was so well received that we are planning to do it again in mid-November. We look forward to seeing more life members take up the opportunity to meet with fellow club members. Check out the photos included in this newsletter.

How fast the year goes when you become involved in the Brisbane German Club. It was great seeing so many full members attend the September Fruhschoppen. A big thank you to the club, German Liquor and Stones Ginger Beer for their continued support and donations to our raffle table. Yes, Spring is here, and Oktoberfest planning is well underway. The ladies' group will be assisting with the selling of the very popular Lebkuchen Herzen's and of course running several raffles over the 4 weekends in October with the prize being a 5 litre Beer Keg. Perfect prize to win for Christmas. We have several kegs so make certain you bring coins/notes as tickets will be \$2.00 each (Cash only). There will only be 100 tickets sold each raffle, so a fast raffle is a good raffle. Please support the Ladies Group as this is our biggest fund raiser for the year.

There will be no Fruhschoppen during October, but on the second Sunday 12th October, we will do the members draw at 1.30pm. Make certain all full members sign the sheet on entry that day and be around for the draw. The Jackpot is \$300.00.

Assistance Needed

If anyone has an hour or two spare to assist the Ladies Group with the selling of the hearts or selling of raffle tickets over the 4 weekends of Oktoberfest. Please contact me.

I look forward to meeting and even celebrating with you over the 4 weekends of Oktoberfest at our club.

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

Ladies' Group & Kaffee Klatsch Report

Save the Date

Children's Christmas party is being planned for the 29th November 2025, commencing at 11 am at the Club in the Beer Hall.

Prost!

Kathy Carseldine

President - Ladies Group



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Liedertafel & Liederkrantz Report

Hello Everyone!

The Choir currently is practising their Oktoberfest Songs each Tuesday Night to perform a variety of songs that hopefully everyone is familiar with. The Choir will perform on the first Saturday on the 4th of October 2025 and the last Saturday on the 25th of October 2025 starting about 12'oclock to celebrate Oktoberfest.

We are also starting soon practising our songs for the Christmas Concert for the afternoon of 14th December 2025 which is the third Advent of Christmas, starting at 2.30pm straight after the monthly Frühschoppen.

We are still looking for anyone interested who would like to join our Choir to sing and enjoy performing the songs in our repertoire.

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:



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.

Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

Alpenrosen had a lovely team building afternoon/evening when our newest member – Justin – invited us to join him for Riverfire – on the 33rd floor of a riverside apartment!! (He's a keeper!)

It was as exciting and impressive as promised!! A great welcome home for me!



The crew are jumping back into Oktoberfest preparations. Although I made it to the Munich Oktoberfest Wiesen – it was still under construction!



Alpenrosen Report

Training has been incorporating regular routines as well as new dances.

Our upcoming performances are:

Oct 3 – 5	German Club Opening Weekend
Oct 5	Eat Street Northshore Hamilton
Oct 10 and 12	German Club
Oct 16	Beenleigh Historical Village – Oktoberfest for Mini Teens
Oct 18	German Club
Oct 24	Oktoberfest Brookfield State School
Oct 25	German Club

We look forward to seeing our friends and supporters again as we come together to celebrate the biggest Volksfest of the world ... bringing our piece of Bayern to Brisbane!

Alles Gute...

Paula Hay



Skat Report

Hello Skat Friends

At our August Skat competition, there were 6 players present.

The First Prize went to K. Wittkopf with 2218 Points,

2. W. Simke 2182 Points,

3. S. Svarbic 1999 Points.

At our September Skat competition, there were 7 players present.

The First Prize went to A. Doehler with 2392 Points,

2. S. Svarbic 2367 Points,

3. W. Simke 1925 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**

Photo Gallery

Musica Prohibita Concert



Photo Gallery

Musica Prohibita Concert



NOTICE BOARD

Willkommen New Full Members!

Philip Andrews, Sam Hansen

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.

Important Dates

<i>Nominations open</i>	05/10/2025
<i>Nominations close COB</i>	02/11/2025
<i>Submission for agenda resolutions close</i>	09/11/2025
<i>AGM agenda sent</i>	21/11/2025
<i>Office opens to accept member subscriptions</i>	27/11/2025
<i>AGM</i>	30/11/2025

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.*

*Michael Fendl
Maria Schober*

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

Children's Christmas Party

Children's Christmas Party

at the Brisbane German Club
416 Vulture Street, Kangaroo Point
on Saturday, 29th November at 11:00am



This year the Ladies Group is purchasing the children's gifts from Mr Toy's!
Please go to www.mrtoys.com.au and select the gift, you would like purchased for your child/children up to the suggested amount of \$35.

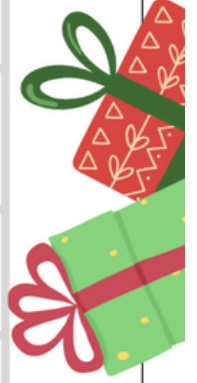
Please be sure to put in two choices in case the first is not available.

Application

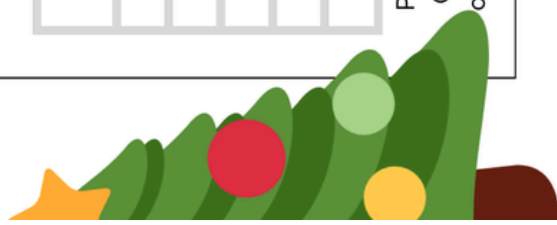
Children 12 years and under (please print)

Surname	Name of Child	Age	Sex	Suggested gift up to \$35

Please hand in to office or at the bar by **14/11/2025**.
Or email it to admin@brisbanegermanclub.com or
call 07 3391 2434.



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Signature of Member & Member Number





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