



The Brisbane German Club Newsletter



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Brisbane German Club

IMPORTANT DATES

FULL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE ON 30TH JUNE 2026

Renew online

You can complete your renewal online and download your digital membership card instantly to your digital wallet. This is the quickest way to stay current and ensures you always have your card with you.

Click [here](#) to renew online.

If you would like a physical card in addition to your digital card, instructions on how to request this will be provided once you've completed the online renewal process.

Renew at the Club

You may fill out the paper form at the Club and pay at the bar.

Renew via email

You can download the renewal form using the link below and return the completed form via email to admin@brisbanegermanclub.com, and pay by card over the phone. Click [here](#) to download the form.

**2026 CHOIR
CONCERT
SUNDAY 19TH JULY
TICKETS HERE**

President's Report

Liebe Mitglieder,

EVENTS

The Ladies Group, under Kathy's leadership, has diligently organised raffles for Fröhshoppen and meticulously decorated the venue for our Easter events and the 143rd Anniversary Ball. We extend our sincere gratitude to Kathy for her exceptional efforts in enhancing the ambience of our Anniversary Ball.

Easter Saturday proved to be a delightful occasion, as the Club welcomed numerous families who participated in the Easter egg hunt and other planned activities.

The "Meet the Brewer" event on Easter Saturday was a resounding success. We commemorated the 510th anniversary of the Reinheitsgebot, celebrating the purity of German beer, with Marcus Englet from Weihenstephaner Brewery. In recognition of his invaluable support in educating our members, both locally and internationally, about beer, Marcus Englet was honoured with an Honorary Brisbane German Club membership.

Mother's Day proved to be another highly successful event. Although I was unable to attend, I understand that all mothers were thoroughly celebrated.

Eurovision also delivered a dazzling and enjoyable experience at the Club, which was subsequently followed by our 143rd Anniversary Ball. The venue was resplendent, the catering was outstanding, and the camaraderie was excellent.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Liedertafel/Liederkranz for their rendition of both national anthems and to our Alpenrosen and bell ringers for providing engaging entertainment.

We particularly wish to acknowledge our esteemed guests: Renee Coffey MP, Dr Barbara O'Shea MP, Joe Kelly MP, Professor Dr Michael Rosemann (Honorary German Consul), Councillor Penny Wolff, and John Krause MP, for their insightful contributions during their speeches. We were especially pleased to receive a certificate from Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner, commemorating our Anniversary. It was truly gratifying to observe everyone's enjoyment throughout the event.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Lymuel for curating an exceptional menu; the culinary offerings were truly delightful. Our gratitude also extends to the bar and kitchen staff for their outstanding service.

President's Report

Furthermore, I wish to commend Trent, Ebony, Tobi, Pia, and Simone for their invaluable contributions. Their meticulous organisation was instrumental in the success of the event.

Finally, congratulations to our award recipients:

Harry Schober Undergroup Encouragement Award: Alpenrosen

Theo Teicher Memorial Trophy: Louise Moeller

Volunteer Award: Renate Waldock

President's Award: Rae Onger

BOARD UPDATES

The Kitchen Renovation Committee acknowledges the prevailing economic climate and is actively evaluating proposals to optimise the kitchen's functional design. We will keep you updated.

The Marketing Subcommittee is currently prioritising strategies to enhance attendance at our Tuesday and Thursday evening events. Furthermore, they are investigating the feasibility of scheduling an event for the commencement of the upcoming year.

Our Maintenance Subcommittee has reviewed quotations for the replacement of dining room windows and the soundproofing of the door leading to the President's Lounge. These projects are now proceeding as planned.

FINANCES

Regrettably, April's financial performance did not meet expectations. However, projections for May indicate a positive improvement. We have strategically allocated our cash reserves into term deposits to enhance their yield, which is positively influencing our financial performance.

We are also actively exploring alternative funding avenues for potential upgrades, including grant opportunities.

I hope you will enjoy the upcoming events

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Eure Präsidentin,

Michaela Sowden



MESSAGE FROM

**The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Brisbane
Councillor Adrian Schrinner**

What a fantastic milestone for the Brisbane German Club and our long-standing German community.

As someone who's very proud of my own German heritage, it's especially wonderful to see the club still going strong 143 years after it was founded.

For generations, this club has been a place of friendship, tradition, laughter and community spirit.

Tonight is a chance to celebrate that incredible legacy together.

Thank you to all the members, volunteers and supporters who've helped keep the club thriving for well over a century.

Your passion and pride have built something truly special for Brisbane.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Adrian Schrinner".

Adrian Schrinner
Lord Mayor

Club Manager's Report

Dear Members,

What a magnificent evening we had celebrating our Anniversary Ball.

It was certainly a night filled with Gemütlichkeit. Perhaps a little too much. But I take no responsibility for any Katerstimmung the following day!

As I mentioned on the evening, if the walls of this club could talk, the stories from the past 143 years would outlast us all. They would speak of thousands of celebrations, a resilient community, and a conservative estimate of 10 million litres of beer poured across our bar to date.

A massive thank you to everyone who made the night so special. We were treated to brilliant performances by the Liedertafel & Liederkranz Choir and the Alpenrosen Dance Group. It was also an honour to host our distinguished guests, including Cr Penny Wolff, Mr Jon Krause MP, and our honorary consul, Professor Dr Michael Rosemann, alongside our vital beverage suppliers who generously supported the event.

While our community spirit holds strong, this year has certainly been character-building. Like many in the hospitality industry, we have noticed a drop in casual dining due to economic uncertainty, coupled with the ever-increasing costs of sales, labour, and maintenance.

To combat this, we are innovating and exploring new revenue streams. I am thrilled to announce that we have commenced importing our own beer directly from Germany.

The Paulaner now on tap is the first success of this venture. By importing directly, our landed costs are significantly cheaper, allowing us to lower/hold prices at the bar while improving our margins, and eventually wholesale to other venues across Queensland and to other German clubs in Australia.

There will also be a greater range and a few Australian firsts exclusively available to us, which I will keep you updated on as the containers near!

The ball was also the perfect backdrop to celebrate some wonderful personal milestones. We raised a glass to Paul and Alice Sowa for their incredible 65th wedding anniversary, and congratulated (slightly) younger Tahlia and Harry Robinson-Wall on tying the knot. Tahlia & Harry have promised that they will match the Sowa's achievement and celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with us too!

Club Manager's Report

We also honoured the dedication of our long-standing members:

- Manfred Dimont was awarded his gold needle, celebrating an incredible 50 years of continuous membership since 1976.
- Luke Mathers, Roy Pederson, and Donald McPate all received their silver needles, cementing their status as life members after 25 years of continuous membership.

Congratulations to our major award winners:

- Alpenrosen Dance Group took home the Harry Schober Undergroup Encouragement Award for upholding crucial club traditions and sharing German culture widely across the community.
- Louise Moeller received the Theo Teicher Memorial Trophy for her tireless work promoting and supporting the Club and the wider German community.
- Renate Waldock was awarded the Paul Sowa OAM Volunteer Trophy for her great efforts with the Ladies Group and the Club more widely over many many years.
- Rae Onger was recognised with both a Certificate of Appreciation from Alpenrosen, and the prestigious President's Trophy for her exemplary 47 years of dedication to the Alpenrosen as a dancer, bell ringer, and treasurer.

The rest of May and April was also a hive of activity with all of our regular events along with Easter, Meet the Brewer with Marcus Englet from Weihenstephan, Eurovision, game days, and also quite a few public holidays to contend with, which has absolutely kept us on our toes.

Coming up in the next few days, you will receive communications from us regarding upgrades to digital membership cards.

To keep everything secure and up to date with our digital membership provider, we'll have a mandatory switchover on June 8, where you will be asked to re-download your digital membership card to your smartphone. It will be a simple process of following the instructions and link sent via SMS, and there will be a few emails to alert you to this so you can be assured that it is legitimate.

If you're uncertain, or don't get around to completing the update, you can just scan the QR code at the front door or bar next time you're in the Club to retrieve your digital membership instead.

Club Manager's Report

There are no changes to member numbers, expiry dates, credentials, or points. There is no change to physical cards.

On the topic of membership, full member subscriptions are due for renewal by 30 June. To ensure seamless access to member discounts and promotions in the Club please ensure that you renew prior to 30 June. There are details on page two of this newsletter for the renewal.

There is a three-month grace period to renew after 30 June, but depending on how you pay, there may be a slight delay in reactivating your membership.

Please note that after 30 September, you will not be able to renew full memberships, and you will need to apply to rejoin the Club as a new member. This restriction is embedded in our constitution and cannot be waived; my team have no discretion for leniency or special dispensation here.

We're also pleased to announce that we've set up a WhatsApp community where we will post announcements about events and what's coming up at the Club. For those that are not active on Social Media, I recommend this as a way to be kept abreast of what is happening in your Club in between these newsletters and our emailed What's On bulletins.

There is an announcements channel that we will publish in a few times per week, as well as chat groups that you can optionally join that will be established as appropriate.

You can [click here](#) to join or scan the QR Code:



And finally, we're calling for volunteers that have some time and passion to spare, to help us with the upkeep of our grand clubhouse.

Items for example such as repainting, gardening, outdoor cleaning etc., that cost a considerable amount to be completed professionally (if we can actually find someone reputable to help that is), whereas if members have some spare time and are willing to be paid in Schnitzel & Bier, then everyone wins! [Click here](#) to register or scan:



Trent Boyle

Club Manager

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What's On: June

07th June

Familihtag

*Join us for
Family Fun Day with
Circa Acadamy
Perfromanc & Workshop*

Wednesdays

Think Trivia!

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

11th June

**Balls Out
Bingo**

7pm

[Tickets Here](#)

14th June

Frühschoppen
*from 11:00 am
Raffle prizes & live
entertainment*



Live Music

**Friday &
Saturday
Nights**

21st June

Sunday Session

**Live Music
in the Biergarten:
Dennis Comino**

25th June

AFL Game Day
**Brisbane Lions v
Sydney Swans**

27th June

**70' Disco Inferno
with DJ Frank LP
7pm - 11pm**

28th June

**Knuckle
Sunday!**

[Bookings required](#)

What's On: July

02nd July

**The Sit Down
Open - Mic
Comedy Club**

Free Event



05th July

**Familienstag
from 12pm**

**Join us for Family Fun Day
with Honey Hip Hop
Dance Party!**



12th July

AFL Game Day

**Brisbane Lions
v Essendon**

12th July

**Frühschoppen
from 11:00 am
Raffle prizes & live
entertainment**

19th July

Sunday Session

**Live Music
in the Biergarten:
Zane Taylor**

19th July

**2026 CHOIR
CONCERT**

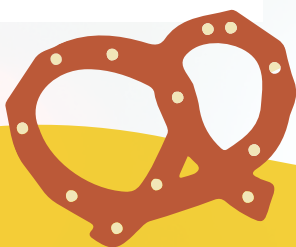
[Tickets Here](#)

25th July

**Party Night with
DJ Frank LP
7pm - 11pm**

26th July

**AFL Game Day
Brisbane Lions
v Port Adelaide**



Ladies' Group & Kaffee Klatsch Report

Greeting members!

The Ladies Group have been kept busy these past couple of months helping to gather treats for the children to enjoy during the Easter festivities. In May, we again gifted each Mother who came to the Club to celebrate Mother's Day with a rose, some chocolates and a glass of bubbly. Thank you to everyone who donated to our raffle table on this day, it looked amazing. We had 30 prizes to hand out to the lucky winners.



After Mother's Day came the time to help the Club set up and decorate the hall for the 143rd Anniversary Ball celebrations of our wonderful Brisbane German Club.

The evening was very well received thanks to the contribution of the Liedertafel/Liederkrantz and the Alpenrosen Team helping to enhance the evening program. Well done, Trent, administration staff, the bar and kitchen staff. The food and service were superb.

Congratulations to all the recipients of awards. A special mention goes to our very active Ladies Group member Renate Waldock, receiving the Volunteers Award for her many years of support not only to the Ladies Group but to the Club. Congratulations Renate and thank you for always being so willing to volunteer when required.

For more information or to get in touch with the Ladies Group, please contact:

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Email: aca56177@bigpond.net.au

Ladies' Group & Kaffee Klatsch Report

Okay, we are now moving into the cooler season, so time to come to the Club and enjoy some Glühwein with your fellow members especially on the Frühschoppen Sundays. The next Frühschoppen will be on June 14th followed by July 12th. The Members Jackpot still stands at \$500.00, so I suggest you mark the 14th June on your calendar. You must be at the Club to claim the prize.

The Ladies Group, as always, appreciate each of you who come on the 2nd Sunday of every month and support the Club and our raffle table. We love seeing you. Last year we organised, with the help of the Club, a couple of gatherings for our Life Members. These mornings were well attended. The Ladies Group are presently planning to hold another morning tea soon, so please keep watch for more information.

Keep coming and supporting your Club, it would be great to see it around and still thriving for another 100 plus years. (Sadly, I won't be here) Let's encourage our young members to keep the vision and traditions alive.

Our next Ladies Group/ Kaffee Klatsch gathering will be on 18th June 2026 commencing at 10.30am. We look forward to seeing you there for a coffee/tea and a chat and maybe some jokes.

Keep well, until we meet again.

Kathy Carseldine

President Ladies Group



For more information or to get in touch with the Ladies Group, please contact:

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Liedertafel & Liederkrantz Report

Hello Everyone!

As previously mentioned, our Annual Concert date needed to be confirmed which we have done now. The Annual Choir Concert this year will be held on Sunday the 19th July 2026 at 1:30pm.

We have some great songs chosen which we hope you all enjoy listening to. We are still looking for a new conductor which is not easy. Therefore Rainer will still have to do the conducting of the Choir.

Regards,

Monika Kortz

Choir Secretary



New singers for 2026+ most welcome.

For more information, please contact our Choir Secretary at mariakortz@bigpond.com or her mobile phone on 0421 631 914. You can also visit the Club on Tuesday evenings when the Choir is having their singing practice from 6.30pm-9.00pm

Alpenrosen Report

Hello all,

Alpenrosen News

It was a wonderful weekend of celebrations – the two sides of Alpenrosen – At work performing at the Anniversary Ball! We proudly performed for our home crowd of supporters. Danke vielmals to Ashton for jumping in to balance out the team.



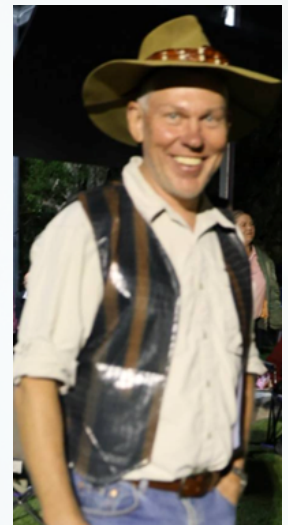
The Alpenrosen Team were awarded the Harry Schober Undergroup Encouragement Award in recognition of their representation of the Club at the National Tanzfest in Cairns in 2025 and their contributions to the many performances at the Club's Oktoberfest 2025.

Rae received the Alpenrosen Certificate of Appreciation and Presidents Trophy.

Alpenrosen Report



At play – The Alpenrosen then backed up to celebrate Leanne’s golden moment!
Alles Gute zum Geburtstag Leanne! Can you guess the movie moments?



The Alpenrosen would also like to send “Congratulations” to our Life Member Paul Sowa, and his wife Alice, on their 65th Anniversary.

You may have noticed our newest dancer take to the floor at Anniversary – Justin no longer wears the newbie tag – he has passed this to Wendy! Welcome!

Training continues on Tuesday nights at the Club for upcoming community and Club performances.

Paula Hay

Frohe Ostern!

from the Alpenrosen team

Skat Report

Hello Skat Friends

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

The prizes were as follows:

1. W. Bummer
2. S. Svarbic
3. M. Mehlert

Unfortunately the game was interrupted by Werner Simke taking ill and had to go to hospital by ambulance. We wish him speedy recovery.

We play *Prize Skat* every second Sunday of the month, start time 11.00am.

Every second Wednesday we play *Friendly Skat*, start time 12.00pm.

Gut Blatt...

Werner Bummer



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

A word from our friends



Hello everyone,

The German Youth Choir Brisbane has been continuing its fortnightly rehearsals at the Brisbane German Club, and we are very grateful to call the Club our rehearsal home. The young singers are working on German songs, vocal confidence and performance skills under the guidance of Beatrice Klepper, Artistic Director and Conductor of the GYC.

Beatrice gives her time and expertise to the choir entirely on a voluntary basis and brings a wonderful combination of musical professionalism, patience and warmth to the children. As a Germany-trained classical vocalist and educator, she works carefully with the singers on breathing, vocal technique, pronunciation, musical phrasing and ensemble singing. At the same time, she helps them connect naturally with German language and culture through music.

The choir is looking forward to continuing its contribution to the Club community through performances at special occasions such as Oktoberfest and Christmas events. These appearances are important for the children, as they give them real performance experience and confidence, while also helping to keep German musical traditions visible for the next generation.

We are also pleased to share that Singkreis at the German Club has now started for younger children aged 4–8. After each GYC rehearsal, Beatrice offers around 30 minutes of German children's songs, accompanied by her classical guitar. Children can sit and listen, join in gently or sing along when they feel ready. Parents are very welcome to stay with their children, especially at the beginning.

New singers for the German Youth Choir are welcome to enquire. No German language skills or formal music experience are required — just curiosity, a love of music and the willingness to try.

Kind regards,
Ralf Klepper
Choir Manager
German Youth Choir Brisbane



NOTICE BOARD

Willkommen New Full Members!

Dr. Ryan Windish

FAMILIENTAG FAMILY FUN DAY



CIRCA CIRCUS
PERFORMANCE &
WORKSHOP FROM 12NOON

Kids Eat Free*

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE

SUNDAY SESSION

IN THE
BIERGARTEN



LIVE MUSIC

DENNIS
COMINO

12PM - 3PM

 SUNDAY 21ST JUNE



DJ FRANK LP

7PM-11PM

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

PRIZES FOR BEST 70'S OUTFIT
AND DANCE MOVES

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OPEN MIC COMEDY

FREE ENTRY!
FROM 7PM



THURS 02 JULY
Hosted by LINDSAY WEBB

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Sit Down Comedy

18+
WARNING
MAY CONTAIN DRUGS

FAMILIENTAG
FAMILY FUN DAY



HIP HOP DANCE PARTY
FROM 12:30PM

Kids Eat Free*

SUNDAY 5TH JULY



2026 CONCERT

German Songs of Love, Joy and Longing

By the Brisbane German Choir
Liedertafel/Liederkrantz

Under the musical direction of Rainer Klose
With piano accompaniment by Olga Lipsky

1:30PM SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2026
\$20 EARLY BIRD TICKETS HERE

BRISBANE GERMAN CLUB

NOTICE BOARD



SCHNAPPI TIME!

From 3:00 pm Fridays, receive a free Schnapps with every Schnitzel purchased

And each time you hear Schnappi played, half-price select Schnapps for ten minutes at the bar

Members Only ~ not available on game days



\$28 KNUCKLE SUNDAY

MEMBERS SPECIAL
DINE IN ONLY

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
28TH JUNE



\$15 Tuesday night Schnitzel

MEMBERS SPECIAL
DINE-IN ONLY



2-FOR-1 SCHNITZEL & WURST

WEEKDAY LUNCH
MEMBER'S SPECIAL
DINE-IN ONLY



PARMY FEST


2 FOR \$40

THURSDAY MEMBER'S SPECIAL
DINE-IN ONLY




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FOR BEGINNERS

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- Some spare time in your week ✓
- An interest in gardening, painting, outdoor cleaning, organising or decorating ✓
- Love Schnitzel & Bier ✓

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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



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143rd Club Anniversary Ball



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