



The Brisbane German Club Newsletter



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Kathy Carseldine, Markus Stepin,
Michelle Hughes, Nick Sowden, Paula
Hay, Robert Hughes.

Brisbane German Club

IMPORTANT DATES



JOIN US FOR FIVE HUGE WEEKENDS OF CELEBRATION

WEEKEND 1

FRIDAY 2ND - SUNDAY 4TH

WEEKEND 2

FRIDAY 9TH - SUNDAY 11TH

WEEKEND 3

FRIDAY 16TH - SUNDAY 18TH

WEEKEND 4

FRIDAY 23RD - SUNDAY 25TH

WEEKEND 5

FRIDAY 30TH - SATURDAY 31ST

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

AGM

10AM SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

President's Report

Liebe Mitglieder,

EVENTS

The Liedertafel/Liederkrantz delivered an exceptional afternoon concert in July. The choir's vocal performance was outstanding, and the selection of songs, including a solo and two duets, was thoughtfully curated. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Liedertafel/Liederkrantz for a highly engaging afternoon.

Kathy Carseldine, our Ladies Group leader and Board member, successfully organised a gathering for Life Members and Senior members in June. We understand this event was once again a resounding success, and we appreciate Kathy's initiative in facilitating this connection.

As you may be aware, we have introduced several new events, such as a disco night, to enhance member engagement at the Club. Our Family Sundays also provide entertainment for the young generation.

I would like to announce the Board approved a new undergroup which will meet on Family Sundays. The Brisbane German Families group will meet on the Family Sunday and introduce children to German language and activities.

The Skat group announced that their President Werner Simpke is unwell and unfortunately will not be able to continue in his position. My thoughts go out to both Werner and his wife.

BOARD UPDATES

The Kitchen Renovation Committee acknowledges the current economic conditions and is actively assessing proposals to optimise the kitchen's functional design. We will provide updates as they become available.

The Marketing Subcommittee is currently prioritising strategies to enhance attendance at our Tuesday and Thursday evening events. Additionally, they are exploring the feasibility of scheduling an event to mark the beginning of the upcoming year.

The soundproofing of the door to the President's Lounge and the replacement of windows in the Members' Lounge and the Pokies area should have commenced by now. We extend our gratitude to the Maintenance Subcommittee for ensuring these upgrades are implemented.

President's Report

FINANCES

May's returns demonstrated an increase, although accompanied by elevated expenses. June exhibited a marginal improvement. We maintain optimism regarding the anticipated improvement of the economic climate. The Board, in collaboration with Trent, is actively implementing strategic initiatives to enhance our financial performance. As our term deposits reach maturity, we are diligently working to secure favorable yields on renewed investments.

We're currently working with Trent and the Team to make sure Oktoberfest is a success. I hope to see many of you at Frühschoppen. I would like to thank Kathy and the Ladies Group for their wonderful prizes.

A big thank you as well to Trent, Simone, Tobi, and all our dedicated staff for their hard work and effort over the past two months.

Bis bald
Euer President,

Michaela Sowden

Club Manager's Report

Dear Members,

As we move through the heart of a Brisbane 'winter', there is no better place to beat the chill than inside the Club with a hearty meal, a warm Glühwein or a crisp Bier in hand, and the endless Gemütlichkeit we provide so well.

It has been fantastic to see the Club buzzing with this energy.

Our team is currently putting the finishing touches on the planning for Oktoberfest and will soon be set to transform the Club into our very own Theresienwiese. It's hard to believe we're already at that point of the year again.

This year, of course, Oktoberfest is going to be bigger and better than ever.

Bigger in the sense that we have five weekends in October, so the logical thing to do is celebrate Oktoberfest over all five weekends!

And better because we're building on previous year's historic milestones, from being the only venue in the world to serve Bier on tap from all six Munich Oktoberfest breweries side-by-side on one bar, to adding the next big thing into the rotation.

We're very excited to welcome Giesinger Bräu to our taps, which is slated to become the 7th Oktoberfest brewery. We'll have all seven here before they're even invited into the Oktoberfest grounds!

Along with a few other specials that we've been able to exclusively secure, including Oktoberfestbier from Paulaner and Hofbräu München, and the return of a few hard-to-get favourites that will be returning in the coming weeks, our Bier offering truly is world-class and not something you can find anywhere else.

Again this year, for our full members, we will be gifting each of you a 2026 commemorative stein (the stein only, not the contents) when you attend Oktoberfest.

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, during the month of 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.

Club Manager's Report

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. Provided the prerequisites are met and the application is submitted within the next month, the membership will be assessed by the Club's Board and finalised in time for Oktoberfest. You can apply online via our website, or submit forms and payment at the bar.

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.

This year we're also offering group bookings on Fridays and Sundays which will provide all the usual inclusions, \$50 venue voucher per person, a table reservation, and a Bayrisches Brotzeitbrett to share. There is no discount available on this for Full Members.

Otherwise, for us it's very much business as usual in the lead-up to October, with all of our regular events and Sunday offerings that I implore you to take advantage of, especially Frühschoppen, which the Ladies Group do a magnificent job of showcasing what the Club is all about.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club again soon.

Trent Boyle
Club Manager



What's On: August

02 AUG

Familiientag

Join us for
Family Fun Day with
Circa Academy
Perfromanc & Workshop

**1ST THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH**

DerDieDas

German
Language Class

09 AUG

Frühschoppen

FROM 11AM
LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLES
MEMBER DRAW

15 AUG

GAME DAY Heritage Round

Brisbane Bears V
Gold Coast Suns

WEDNESDAY

Think Trivia!

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

16 AUG

SUNDAY SESSION

Live Music
in the Biergarten:
ZANE TAYLOR

23 AUG

KNUCKLE SUNDAY

BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL

27 AUG

Improv Comedy Night

TICKETS HERE

30 AUG

**BONUS
SUNDAY!
\$5 MEMBER
SPECIALS**



What's On: September

06 SEP

Familiientag

**FATHER'S
DAY**

FRIDAYS
FROM 3PM

**SCHNAPPI
TIME!**



WEDNESDAY

Think Trivia!

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

13 SEP

Frühschoppen

FROM 11AM
LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLES
MEMBER DRAW

LIVE MUSIC

**Friday &
Saturday
Nights**

20 SEP
**SUNDAY
SESSION**

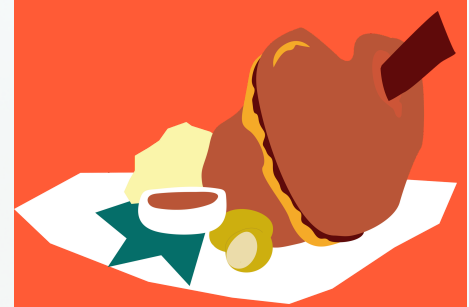
Live Music
in the Biergarten:
DEVAN MAC



27 SEP

**KNUCKLE
SUNDAY!**

Bookings required



Ladies' Group & Kaffee Klatsch Report

Greeting members!

At our June Kaffee Klatsch we had some special friends come and join us. It was lovely having Zoe and her beautiful little Anika, Nicole and her 2 beautiful girls, Addison and Summer as well as Pauline visit us. Sadly, our dear friend Gerda has not been keeping good health and has been unable to join us for many months. We send her our love and look forward to her joining us again.

As you can see,
Paul Sowa was in his
element getting lots
of cuddles from Anika.



We substituted our July gathering to host a morning tea for our Life Members on Tuesday 14th July. We had around 18 people accept our invitation, with 3 new comers. The morning teas are well received, and I thank Ebony and the club for assisting/supporting the Ladies Group in making this event happen. Our next gathering will be in November with a Christmas Theme. More details to follow in our next bi-monthly newsletter.

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

The attendance at the June Fruehschoppen was low, but I thank all those who came and supported the day. We are only a small group but have a big heart for our Club. With the busyness at the club at our July Fruehschoppen, with the World Soccer Game screened in the Beer Hall, and AFL Game taking place across the road later in the afternoon, we still managed to finally have a member attending the day to win \$500.00 jackpot. Congratulations!! Lucas, coming to the club and celebrating your birthday was so worth it. The members jackpot is back to \$100.00 for August Fruehschoppen on 9th August. The major prize for the raffle each month is a voucher donated by the club which has been increased from \$80.00 to \$100.00. So worth buying tickets in our monthly raffle. Thank you to the Brisbane German Club for your continued support to our Ladies Group as well as Stone's Ginger Beer and German Liquor.

Our next Ladies Group/Kaffee Klatsch meeting is on the 20th August 10.00am in the Presidents Room. All are welcome as you can see from photos.

It is only a couple months until we will be celebrating 5 big weekends at the club for Oktoberfest. The Ladies Group run regular raffles throughout the days with the prizes being a 5litre keg. I am reaching out to anyone who may have a few hours spare over these weekends to assist our Ladies Group with the selling of raffle tickets. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are able to help.

I look forward to meeting and seeing our members and friends at the Brisbane German Club for our next Fruehschoppen in August.

Take Care, Keep safe and well.

Prost!!

Kathy Carseldine

President Ladies Group

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Liedertafel & Liederkrantz Report

Hello Everyone!

Another rousing concert on 19 July under the theme of 'Songs of Love, Joy and Longing' caused some moist eyes in the audience. The programme that dug deep into the German folklore tradition of the German Enlightenment and the early Middle Ages, and was beautifully illustrated by our Alto, Dr Regina Ganter, with an overhead PowerPoint presentation that supplied texts and some explanation of the songs. Olga Lipsky on piano supported the singers and a solo performance by our conductor Rainer Klose. Duets were performed by Rainer Klose and Daniel Dillon on guitar; and Julius Schmidt on accordion with Peter Gerber on the harmonica.



Club manager Trent Boyle smoothed the proceedings with his expert MC skills and technical support. Thanks to Peter and Bette Jansen for organising the front of house ticketing and raffles. The proceeds go toward helping keep our Choir Membership Fees modest. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped to make this event a success. You will be duly acknowledged at our End of Year function.

Please note that the previous issue advising the Choir was looking for a Conductor, was an error. The Choir is not looking for a Conductor. The Choir is quite happy with Rainer Klose our present Conductor. We apologise to Rainer and Club Members for this error.

Regards,

Michael Boehm

Choir President

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

Rehearsals are continuing each Tuesday night. We welcomed two new faces this week who came to give it a try. All are welcome.

We had the opportunity to perform again at the Wheller on the Park Retirement Village, as they were very impressed last year. We love it – it is the only time that Kurt will dance the Fliegerlied and Chicken dance!



Alpenrosen Report

In between dinner and dessert courses, this week we were able to offer an impromptu evening of entertainment to an enthusiastic group of students from Year 9 Hillbrook College. They mobbed us on the floor – and were enthusiastic to participate in Plattler and the Hat dance as well as the Fliegerlied. They were excellent ambassadors for their school! The Year 10s will join us next week – and the year 8s will follow in the next few weeks.



Fun times for the teachers too!! We appreciated the great audience!

Yours in Belling,

Paula Hay

Skat Report

Hello Skat Friends

Im Juni waren 7 Spieler anwesend, Plaetze wie folgend:

1. Doehler, A. 2916 Punkte
2. Wittkopf, T. 1923 Punkte
3. Swarbic, S. 1849 Punkte

Im Juli waren 10 Spieler anwesend, Plaetze wie folgend:

1. Doehler, A. 3109 Punkte
2. Mehlert, M. 2363 Punkte
3. Clohessy, M. 2268 Punkte
4. Wittkopf, T. 2117 Punkte

Jahresmeister (Juli bis Juni) wurde

1. Doehler, A. mit 22506 Punkten
2. Swarbic, S. 2231,8 Punkte
3. Bummer, W. 20436 Punkte

Werner Simke ist jetzt in einem "Nursing home" und wir wuenschen ihm alles Gute.

Preis Skat ist jeden 2. Sonntag im Monat, um 11.00 Uhr.

Mittwochs Skat ist jeden 2. Mittwoch

Werner Bummer



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

Brisbane German Families

Brisbane German Families – A New Home for German Families Across Brisbane

We are delighted to introduce Brisbane German Families, a new family-focused undergroup of the Brisbane German Club dedicated to bringing together German families and those with German heritage from across Brisbane.

As parents raising bilingual children ourselves, we understand how valuable it is for children to hear, use and enjoy the German language to stay connected with German culture, traditions and family. Therefore Brisbane German Families was created to provide opportunities for families to connect through language, culture and friendship.

Each month, we host a family meet-up featuring German songs, crafts, and stories. We also look forward to celebrating German seasonal traditions and cultural events throughout the year, helping children build meaningful connections to their language and heritage while having fun with other families.

One exciting initiative currently underway is the development of a small German Children's Library, which will provide members of the undergroup with access to German children books to support language learning and encourage reading at home.

Whether your family has German roots, speaks German at home, is new to Brisbane, or is simply looking to connect with other German families, we warmly welcome you to join us.



Brisbane German Families

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As we continue to grow, we would greatly appreciate the support of Brisbane German Club members in helping spread the word. If you know a family who may be interested, please share our details and encourage them to come along to a meet-up.

Membership is \$50 per year per family unit, with at least one adult family member required to be a full Brisbane German Club member (or on the pathway to full membership through a 12-month social membership). This helps cover costs for events, craft materials, activity resources, as well as access to the small German children's library. Families are welcome to attend an event before deciding whether to join.

Interested in joining Brisbane German Families? We'd love to hear from you! Email us at brisbanegermanfamilies@gmail.com, join our [WhatsApp Community](#) to stay up to date with events and announcements, and complete our [online membership form](#) to become a member.

Herzliche Grüße,

Abigail Ferguson, Svenja Wakhaf & Heike Bell

Brisbane German Families Team

*Congratulations
Paul & Alice Sowa
on their
65th Wedding Anniversary*



NOTICE BOARD

Willkommen New Full Members!

Marie-Christine Arnold, Dylan Atkinson,
Petra Gittmaier, Wendy Jinks, Kevin Keller, Allan Peck,
Amanda Roosmalen, Ryan Wesener, Alexander Wheatley

**FRI
07
AUG**

GABBA GAME DAY



OPEN 11AM
EXPRESS DINNER
FROM 5PM
FIRST BOUNCE
7:40PM

**BRISBANE
LIONS** **HAWKS**
HAWTHORN FOOTBALL CLUB

**SAT
15
AUG**

GABBA GAME DAY



OPEN 11AM
LUNCH 12-1:30PM
EXPRESS LUNCH
1:30PM-4:30PM
FIRST BOUNCE
4:15PM

**BRISBANE
FOOTBALL CLUB
BEARS** **SUNS**

\$5 **BONUS SUNDAY** **SUNDAY
30TH AUG**

MEMBERS' \$PECIALS

NOTICE BOARD

BIG FORK THEATRE
PRESENTS



Improv Comedy Night

IMPROV COMEDY
AT
THE BRISBANE GERMAN CLUB
THURSDAY 27 AUGUST, 2026 - 7:00PM



[TICKETS HERE](#)

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**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

23RD AUGUST

**MEMBERS SPECIAL
DINE IN ONLY**



\$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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\$5 **GERMAN COMMUNITY CLASSES**
FOR BEGINNERS

offered by
 **DerDieDas**
GERMAN CLASSES BRISBANE

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 6 - 7 PM
@ the Brisbane German Club



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BEGINNER-FRIENDLY
INTERACTIVE CLASSES

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About you:

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

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT & REGISTER HERE





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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*Culture at the
BRISBANE
GERMAN CLUB*

NOTICE BOARD

Oktober fest

A white banner with a black border and a slight 3D effect, containing the year '2026' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Every Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday in October

Main bar serving only German Bier (24 taps)
featuring a rotation of 40+ imported draught Bier,
including all six Munich Oktoberfest Breweries
+ the next big thing: Giesinger Bräu
+ our usual full bar

Beer Garden Bar ▪ Live Music & Entertainment
Competitions ▪ Merchandise ▪ Raffles
The finest German fare

Free entry for Full Club Members

Tickets on sale now:
oktoberfest.brisbanegermanclub.com

Door tickets available (subject to venue capacity)



FOTOGALLERIE

Performances and Circus Skills, take a look at some of the events happening at the Club





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