



The Brisbane German Club Newsletter



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Brisbane German Club

IMPORTANT DATES

Oktober
fest
2026

JOIN US FOR FIVE HUGE
WEEKENDS OF CELEBRATION

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

New Member Applications

Please note that no new member applications will be accepted from 01st Oct until 26th November as we enter the nomination period for directors at the AGM.

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING
10AM SUNDAY
29TH NOVEMBER**

President's Report

Liebe Mitglieder,

NEWS

It is with deep regret that I inform our members of the passing of Werner Simke, President of the Skat group and a long-standing Club member. The Board extends its sincere condolences to his wife and family.

EVENTS

Last month, I attended the 2026 Multicultural Communities Reception following an invitation from Premier Crisafulli, where the Brisbane German Club was formally recognized for its community contributions. It was a distinct honour to accept this award on behalf of the Club.

We are currently entering our peak operational period, with preparations well underway for our upcoming Oktoberfest, which will span five weekends this year. I am hoping that some of our members would like to volunteer to support Kathy and the Ladies Group with raffle ticket sales. Please contact the Club if you are available to assist; a roster will be managed, and you will be paired with a member of the Board or the Ladies Group, I look forward to seeing many of you at Oktoberfest. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation in advance to the Alpenrosen and Liedertafel/Liederkrantz for their scheduled performances.

Additionally, the German Club will host several events throughout October as part of German Week; please visit brisbanegermanweek.com.au for further details.

President's Report

BOARD UPDATES

The Kitchen Renovation Committee acknowledges the current economic conditions and is actively assessing proposals to optimize the kitchen's functional design. At present any further improvements to the kitchen has been put on hold due to the upcoming Oktoberfest.

The Marketing Subcommittee is currently prioritizing strategies to enhance attendance at our Tuesday and Thursday evening events.

The soundproofing upgrades for the President's Lounge door and the window replacements in the Members' Lounge and the gaming area have been successfully completed. Initial feedback from the choir regarding the improved soundproofing has been positive. Furthermore, remaining maintenance tasks, including repairs to the President's Lounge exit door, are currently underway.

FINANCES

The year-end financial statements have been finalized and will be distributed in advance of the AGM. Furthermore, we have noted an improvement in our financial performance for July and August of this year.

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

Bis bald
Eure Präsidentin,

Michaela Sowden

Club Manager's Report

Dear Members,

October... I'm not sure how we're at this point again, but understandably it's an exciting time for us here at the Club!

I've just returned from a few weeks in Germany while the team has been busy putting the finishing touches on our Oktoberfest, and it is shaping up to be the biggest and best yet.

With five weekends in October this year, we'll be celebrating across all of them: each Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday.

We have the best lineup of imported Bier imaginable, more extensive than last year even, a feat that is not repeated anywhere else in the world.

Along with a few new exciting additions to our program and some menu refinements it's going to be a memorable month, and I hope to see all of you in the Club during our Oktoberfest – and don't forget that for each full member your entry is free and you will be gifted a 2026 0.5l commemorative stein as well.

It's yours to swap at the bar as required, and take home at the end of the day, or hand it back so it can be credited back to your account if you're planning on coming back on another Oktoberfest day.

Please note that this is restricted to members who attend during the festival times; each weekend after 5:00 pm on Fridays.

This year the Ladies Group will again be raffling 5lt mini kegs, and to keep in the spirit of making things bigger and better, we've secured a major prize of a visit to Oktoberfest in Munich in 2027 with a table reservation and accommodation provided by Paulaner along with return flights for two in partnership with Qatar Airways.

The Ladies Group are looking for volunteers to assist with selling these raffle tickets so if you have some time to spare please reach out. They will not be hard to sell!

Club Manager's Report

We're also fast approaching the silly season and the big man in red will soon be knocking.

If you're looking for the perfect Christmas event venue, whether it be for your loved ones or colleagues, please do keep us in mind. Please reach out to Ebony at events@brisbanegermanclub.com to have a look at what we can offer.

In closing, I mentioned my travel to Germany earlier, which was a truly amazing experience forging relationships with existing and new partners with many more exciting things to come.

But I think the biggest take-home message for me was what a truly wonderful Club we have here. There really is nothing else like it anywhere else, and it is perhaps something that we take for granted.

Whether it's Oktoberfest or any other time of the year please ensure you visit and support the Club as often as you can to ensure we prosper and help us continually refine our offering.

Trent Boyle
Club Manager
clubmanager@brisbanegermanclub.com

Our deepest Sympathy

Sadly, we have been advised of the passing of
Werner Simke, Skat President and Club Member 152
Our hearts are with the families during these difficult times.

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



What's On: October

**1ST THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH**

DerDieDas

**German
Language Class**

WEDNESDAY

Think Trivia!

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

03 OCT

**Oktoberfest
2026 Official
Opening
Ceremony**

14 OCT

**Brisbane
German Week
Trivia Night**

BOOK NOW



18 OCT

**Oktoberfest
Family
Fun Day**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW



**29 OCT
OPEN
MIC
COMEDY**

BOOK NOW



What's On: November

01 NOV

**Familiientag
Family
Fun day!**

[BOOK NOW](#)

**FRIDAYS
FROM 3PM**

**SCHNAPPI
TIME!**



WEDNESDAY

Think Trivia!

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

08 NOV

Frühschoppen

**FROM 11AM
LIVE MUSIC
RAFFLES
MEMBER DRAW**

LIVE MUSIC

**Friday &
Saturday
Nights**

16 NOV

**SUNDAY
SESSION**

*Live Music
in the Biergarten:
Alejandro Adams*

21 NOV

**Gabba Game
Day:T20
International
Cricket**

22 NOV

***Knuckle
Sunday!***

BOOK NOW

29 NOV

**Bonus
Sunday!**

[BOOK NOW](#)

Ladies' Group & Kaffeeklatsch Report

October / November Ladies Group Report

Spring has sprung!! Footy finals are nearly over for 2026. The Calendar is ready to be turned over to another month.

Yes Oktoberfest is here for 2026. The Ladies group is gearing up for lots of raffle sales over the 5 weekends in October. We have 60 x 5 litre kegs to win. This means our goal is to run 60 raffles over this period with the prize being the keg. For our goal to be reached, we need your support. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Once the 100 tickets are sold we will do the draw and commence the sale of the next 100 tickets throughout each day. We look forward to greeting you at the entry door. This year we will have an EFPOS facility to purchase your tickets but will still be happy to receive payment with cash.

The normal monthly members' draw will take place on the second Sunday 11th October at 1.30pm. We will have the sign in members sheet at the front door on this day. The members jackpot stands at \$300.00. You have to be at the club on that day to win.

The Kaffeeklatsch/Ladies

Group will be hosting the next Life Members morning tea on the 17th November at 10.30am. Save this date, a reminder will be sent out later in the month. These mornings teas have been well received and we are always looking for more life members to join us.

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 & Kaffeeklatsch Report

Our next event we are planning is the Members' Children's Christmas party to be held on the 5th December, commencing at 11am. This year, the new undergroup to the club, Brisbane German Families will be assisting with the activities and entertainment for the children. Yes, Santa will be coming for a visit at around 1pm so I hope all the girls and boys have been good this year. To our full members with children 12 years and under please complete the wish list for your child/ren and return to the club by the due date. A copy of the form can be found towards the end of the Newsletter and is also available to download here: [2026 Wish List](#)

Until our next newsletter, keep well, keep safe and I look forward to seeing you at our clubs Oktoberfest.

Prost!!!

Kathy Carseldine



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Brisbane German Choir Report

Liedertafel /Liederkrantz

The Choir voted unanimously on 8 Sep 2026, for a revised Constitution. We will now operate under the name of "Brisbane German Choir", with the former name "Liedertafel/Liederkrantz" appearing in subtext. This new name, like the now familiar name "Brisbane German Club" formerly known as the "Deutscher Turnverein", will be easily relatable and self-explanatory.

A big 'thank you' to the Club for the new soundproof door to the President's Room, where we hold our Tuesday evening practice sessions. It allows both the Alpenrosen in the hall, and the Choir in the room, to practice without competing sounds. We only hope that Tuesday diners in the Hall won't feel overly deprived of the pleasure of hearing us rehearse!

Over the past few weeks we practiced rousing beer drinking songs for the Oktoberfest, where we are performing briefly at the opening on 3 Oct, and closing ceremony on 31 Oct. So, to hear a short potpourri of traditional Oktoberfest songs, the opening and closing is the place to be.

We have also started to plan and practice for the Christmas Concert, for which the date is yet to be confirmed. Keep a look out for more information on Posters in the Club and on the Club Website.

If you enjoy singing, this choir may be your first step to greatness. Singers of all voice ranges and ability are welcome. You can email your interest (see contact details below) or visit us on rehearsal evenings each Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Monika Kortz

Choir Secretary

Alpenrosen Report

Our Oktoberfest season is off and running – and we haven't even got to the Brisbane German Club yet!

The Mädls (girls) have four performances under our Dirndls already – we returned to Eat Streets Northshore again this year, with two performances on two stages Friday and Sunday. The crowds were very enthusiastic in appreciating the bell ringing and participating in the interactive dances



Alpenrosen Report

On Saturday the team combined to open the Oktoberfest season at the German Biergarten. We did very well to compete with the AFL Grand Final!

But as we all know ... it is a bit hard to ignore 4 tables of bells ringing!
And lucky for us, the Brisbane Lions won (after our performance), so the atmosphere was one of celebration



Alpenrosen Report

We have welcomed a new dancer to the Alpenrosen ...
Mihkel (and little Rudi).

Both are energetic dancers and Mihkel is eagerly learning
the ropes (or plattlers!)

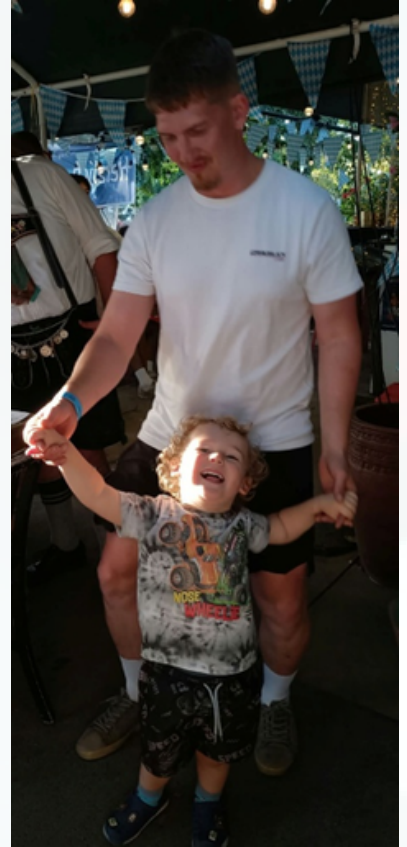
The Alpenrosen Crew are looking forward to joining
friends, members and visitors to the Brisbane German
Club for the upcoming 5 weekends of Oktoberfest.
We will be performing at 12 noon each Saturday and
presenting our new routines for the upcoming National
Dancefest in 2027.

We will also be combining our Club shows with
performances at Plainlands Tavern in the west, the
Hungarian Club and Brookfield State School

Prost!!

Paula for Alpenrosen

Paula Hay



Skat Report

Im August waren 9 Spieler anwesend, Plätze wie folgend:

1. Doehler, A 2842 Punkte
2. Mehlert, M 2504 Punkte
3. Svarbic, S 2273 Punkte

Im September waren 9 Spieler anwesend, Plätze wie folgend:

1. Doehler, A 2326 Punkte
2. Bummer, W 2169 Punkte
3. Ward, s 2123 Punkte

Leider haben wir eine traurige Nachricht, Werner Simke ist am 12. September verstorben. Er war für sehr viele Jahre Mitglied des Skat Clubs und Präsident des Skat Clubs. Ruhe in Frieden, lieber Skat Bruder.

Preis Skat jeden 2. Sonntag im Monat, Anfang um 11 Uhr, Gäste sind sehr willkommen.

Werner Bummer



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

Brisbane German Families

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

As a new undergroup of the German Club, we are so excited to share everything the Brisbane German Families has gotten up to since officially forming!



We have already held three fantastic gatherings, bringing our German community together through language, culture, and fun:

We kicked things off with our first gathering on the 5 July with 8 families and 12 kids attending! We sang German rhymes, played games, and eagerly dove into crafting a German flag.

Our winter-themed gathering on the 2 August was a real hit, drawing 9 families and 16 kids who enjoyed a fun snowman craft activity.



Brisbane German Families

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



On the 13 September we celebrated Frühlingsfest with 4 families and 6 kids featuring a special talk from the famous bee lady all the way from Toowoomba. The kids learned how hard bees work and enjoyed a tasting of locally grown honey!

We warmly welcome any and all families to join our next event on 01 November. We have lots of exciting monthly gatherings planned. Come along and connect with other German-speaking families in our community.

We would also like to say thanks and appreciation to the board, Ebony and Simone for all of their support and assistance they have given us to get this undergroup set up.



Abigail Ferguson, Svenja Wakhab & Heike Bell

NOTICE BOARD

Willkommen New Full Members!

Bernard Carroll, Sophie Penchova, James Gillespie,
Beatrice Klepper, Louise Raben



We're looking for Club members who would like to volunteer their time to support Kathy and the Ladies Group with raffle ticket sales during Oktoberfest.

Whether you can help once or multiple times, your support will make a real difference.

You will be paired with a member of the Board or the Ladies Group, ensuring you feel welcome and supported.

INTERESTED? CONTACT
ADMIN@BRISBANEGERMANCLUB.COM OR CALL THE
CLUB ON 07 3391 2434

Oktoberfest 

NOTICE BOARD



GERMAN TRIVIA NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 7PM

BRISBANE GERMAN WEEK SPECIAL EVENT. BOOK NOW!

The poster features a blue background with a stylized German flag on the left and three yellow question marks on the right.



OPEN mic COMEDY

THURSDAY 29 OCT 7PM - 9PM

FREE ENTRY! BOOK NOW!

THE SIT DOWN OPEN-MIC COMEDY CLUB
BRISBANE'S COMEDY NURSERY

The poster has a dark brown background with white text. A logo for 'The Sit Down Open-Mic Comedy Club' is in the top right corner.



\$15

Tuesday night Schnitzel

MEMBERS SPECIAL
DINE-IN ONLY

The poster is orange with a white diamond shape in the center. It features an illustration of a schnitzel with a lemon wedge and a bowl of sauce at the bottom.



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SCHNITZEL & WURST

WEEKDAY LUNCH
MEMBER'S SPECIAL
DINE-IN ONLY

The poster is orange with a white diamond shape in the center. It features an illustration of a schnitzel with a red sausage on top and a bowl of sauce at the bottom.



PARMY FEST

2 FOR \$40

THURSDAY MEMBER'S SPECIAL
DINE-IN ONLY

The poster is orange with a white diamond shape in the center. It features an illustration of a large, golden-brown fried cheese sandwich with a bowl of sauce at the bottom.

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)



Children's Christmas Party



at the Brisbane German Club
416 Vulture Street, Kangaroo Point
on Saturday, 5th December 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 **21/11/2026**,
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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