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	Sunday	4.00pm to 8.30pm
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* please note opening times may vary for special occasions

** on Saturdays we have entertainment and charge a small cover fee

*****The Club will be closed on New Years Eve.*****

Welcome to our new members!

“HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN” to our 32 new members!

Jethro Owen, Stuart Cooper, Melissa Romasz, Benjamin Thornton, Corinne Thronton, David Chapple, Steven Mellon, Gary Danaford, Frank Beesch, Anett Härtwig, Tim Hoff, Jacqui Hoff, Warwick Upton, Lorraine Chalon, Clifford Chalon, Scott Valentine, Umadevi Ayanari, Jillian Worth, Lindsay Hay, Janice Yow, Karl-Heinz Scheider, Ratree Khieongman, Allan Dean, Cambina Dean, Sebastian Tiong, Anne-Catherine Wittwer, Fletcher Heyward, Jane Steele, Jens Renner, Sheila Renner, Spencer Lieberfreund, Lotta Lindblad



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Note from the Editor Dear RDC members, this magazine is here for all members to share their stories and experiences. This is what brings the magazine to life. Therefore we welcome your contributions for the next issue, December/January 2022. Entry deadline for the issue is 4th November 2022, please send your contribution to accounts@rheindonau.com.au

Thank you- Petra

In Remembrance

We are very saddened by the passing of one of our longstanding members.

Brigitta Jones

passed away on Friday, 16th of September 2022.
May she rest in peace.

Our deepest sympathies go to the families in
these difficult times.



*As long as hearts remember
As long as hearts still care
We do not part with those we love
They're with us everywhere*



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Invitation

Dear Members,

We would like to invite you to the annual Members Meeting of the Rhein-Donau Club.

The Meeting will be held on **Sunday, 20th November 2022 from 3pm onwards in the Edelweiss Hall on the Club Premises, 110 North Lake Road, Myaree.**

All **financial** members are entitled to vote at the Members Meeting. Please bring your current membership card with you on the day (**red** in colour for the 2022/23 financial year).

More information will follow.

The Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank those members who have renewed their membership for the 2022/23 financial year. If you have not renewed yet, please ring our office on (08) 9330 6488 to do so as a matter of urgency.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the office or any member of the Committee.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Ursula Deck

President

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Rhein-Donau Club

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Club Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 18:30; Sunday from 16:00 to 20:30

Oktoberfest 2022



Entry: \$20 members / \$30 guests

Doors open 6pm

Sunday starts at 2pm and is free



Purchase tickets online from www.trybooking.com

Sat 1 October	Alpen Duo / Mercury
Fri 7 October	The Boys of Summer / DJ Brian
Sat 8 October	Best Friends/Mercury
Fri 14 October	The Boys of Summer / DJ Brian
Sat 15 October	Alpen Duo / Mercury
Fri 21 October	Alpen Duo / DJ Brian
Sat 22 October	Best Friends / Mercury
Fri 28 October	The Boys of Summer/DJ Brian
Sat 29 October	Alpen Duo / Mercury
Sun 30 October	Alpen Duo



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President Report

Hallo liebe Mitglieder,

der Frühling hat seinen Einzug gehalten und das Wetter zeigt sich von seiner sonnigen Seite.

Da wir in den letzten Monaten einen Einbruch in unser Clubhaus und 2 Einbrüche auf unserem Parkplatz hatten, hat das Committee beschlossen, Kameras anzubringen. Die Überwachung läuft über einen grossen Monitor und wird im Büro aufgezeichnet. Es sind im Moment 4 Kameras auf dem Parkplatz und eine in der Eingangshalle angebracht. Weitere Kameras sind in Planung.

Im August hatten wir einen schweren Hagelschlag. Der Hagel verstopfte die Dachrinne. Die Rhein Donau Halle, die von Dance Power gemietet wird, sowie unser Snooker Raum hatten sehr grosse Wasserschäden. Dank unserem letzten Treasurer, Dieter Pflaumbaum, der letztes Jahr unsere Versicherung um einiges erhöht hat, wurde der Schaden komplett von der Versicherung übernommen.

Da COVID nun soweit überstanden ist, haben wir viele neue Events und auch private Functions. Sehr zu unserer Freude bekommen wir auch monatlich sehr viel Zulauf mit neuen Mitgliedern.



Da das Oktoberfest ab 1. August 22 seinen Ticketverkauf startete, konnten wir nach 8 Stunden schon einen Ticketverkauf von

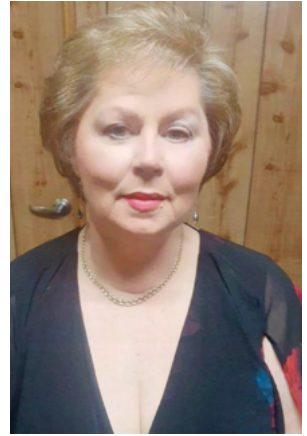
\$19.000.00 an Tickets verzeichnen. Ende August wurden \$95.000.00 an Tickets verkauft. Wir können für jedes Oktoberfest Wochenende mit einem vollen Haus rechnen.

Nun wünsche ich unseren kranken Mitgliedern eine baldige Genesung, damit wir Sie bald wieder im Club begrüßen dürfen.

Dear Members,

Spring has begun and the weather is starting to show its sunny side.

Because we have had a break-in in the Club and two thefts in the car park, the Committee has decided to install security cameras throughout. The surveillance is conducted by a large monitor which has been installed in the office. At the moment there are four cameras in the car park and one installed in the entrance foyer. There are plans to install more cameras in the future.



In August we had a severe hailstorm which resulted in the hail blocking the gutters on the Rhein-Donau Hall (which is rented out to Dance Power), causing severe water damage to the hall and to the pool room below. Thanks to our former treasurer, Dieter Pflaumbaum, who last year increased our insurance by a considerable margin, the cost of repairing the damage is completely covered.

Since COVID is now practically a thing of the past, we are having many new events and private functions in the club. Much to our delight we are also welcoming many new members every month.

When Oktoberfest tickets went on sale on 1 August, we were able to confirm that we had already sold \$19 000 worth of tickets in the first eight hours! By the end of August, we had sold \$95 000 worth, so we are expecting to have every night of the Oktoberfest weekends sold out.

I would like to wish all our members who are not feeling well a quick recovery, so that we may see them back again soon in the Club.

Ursula Deck
President

Rückblicke / Looking Back

The Rhein Donau **“Christmas in July”** was held on Saturday 30th July. Debbie and her team from the Table Tennis Group organised and hosted this event as their fundraiser for the year. Fairy lights and tinsel made a festive atmosphere and the band Rhythm Deluxe entertained with great music and a wide selection of Christmas carols. A special Christmas menu was available at the Restaurant and there was plenty of Gluehwein at the bar. A raffle table was set up in the hall entrance and this proved very popular. There were prize giveaways courtesy of “Happy “Cakes” and a few of our members and children entertained with Christmas carols. It was great to see some of the guests and children dressed in their Christmas



out-fits and joining in the festivities.

Once again the table tennis group put on a special skit to liven up the night. David Ramsay and



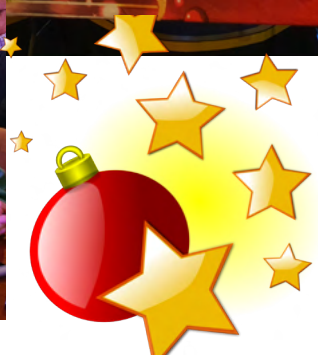
Paul Robson stole the show with their Abba rendition, and backup dancers were





Debbie, Kellie & Izzy. It was a terrific night for the club and a successful fundraiser for the group.

Debbie





*Happy
40th
times 3!*

*Steve, Ingo and Jen
Happy Birthday!!!*



*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY*



Disney
Disco



64th Club Anniversary





Honoring our very long standing members with badges

Black Forest Cake from "Prinz of Vienna"



60 Years Rhein-Donau Club Members!

Dieter and Sieglinde Duche

1962 - 2022

Dear members, I have a bit of history for you. I arrived in Australia on the ship Fairsee in April 1962 in Fremantle Harbour. I will never forget when my fiancée Dieter Duche picked me up, the first thing he mentioned was that there is a German speaking club in Myaree and they have a folk dancing group, would I like to join?

Of course I was all for it as I love dancing. So we became members and our first performance with the Edelweiss group was Oktoberfest at the Claremont Showgrounds in 1962. We loved our time with the dance group and every Sunday was a family gathering at the "Old House".

From left to right standing:



Our first Club house "Das Alte Haus" 1962



Anni & Sepp Zweidick, Herta Gaudlitz & Steve Wallner, Anni Krispler & Peppi Krifta, Sieglinde & Dieter Duche

Kneeling: Erich Smollengruber, group leader and musician

We ladies would bring home made cakes and the gents provided a BBQ as well as original food from the old homeland like Cevapcici. Hans Schneiker and Sepp Zweidick were very good with that. Unfortunately, in 1970 the original dance group folded. In 1972 Dieter started the new Edelweiss Dance Group.

In 1963 Dieter joined the Committee. As the years progressed, he had many different hats on like Minute Keeper, Vice Secretary, Secretary, President and finally Trustee. He was also the groupleader of the new Edelweiss Dance Group for many years.

I tried to do my best to help in the Committee as Vice Treasurer and Vice Secretary but most of all I enjoyed being an active member of the dance group.

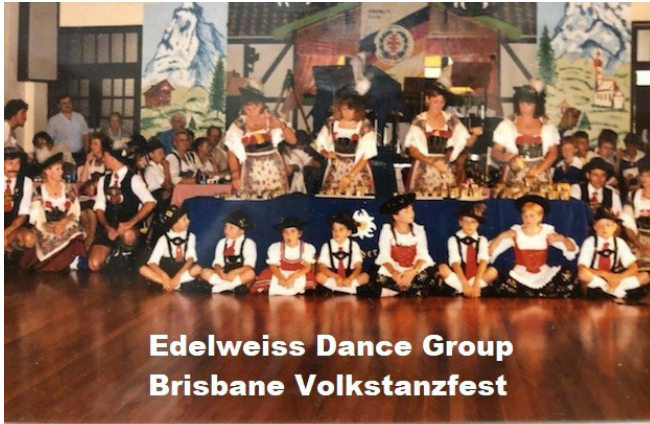


Some of the past Presidents of our Club

I really loved my children's group which was formed in 1983. The best of all is that now, those grown up children, some of them

still perform in our dance group and so their children along with our children and grandchildren.





My dancing is not so
crash hot anymore
but I still very much
enjoy playing the
cowbells.



I'm looking forward to see what
the future holds for our dance
group and the club.

Sincerely yours,
Sieglinde Ducke



What's on in November 2022



HAPPY HOUR every SUNDAY
5pm - 6pm

Sat 5th
6:30pm



The Australian
AC/DC EXPERIENCE
at the Club!

Members \$20
Non-Members \$30



Sat 12th Best Friends DUO

6:30pm Members \$5 | Non-Members \$10

Sat 19th Rockin' Rodney

6:30pm Members FREE | Non-Members \$5

Sat 26th Cedric

6:30pm Members FREE | Non-Members \$5

Bar and Restaurant open
6:30pm Weds, Fri, Sat, 4pm Sun



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THE RHEIN-DONAU CLUB PRESENTS

T H E
A U S T R A L I A N

AC/DC

E X P E R I E N C E

SATURDAY 5th Nov
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM
SHOW STARTS @ 8PM

TICKETS

\$20 members | \$30 non-members

Scan the QR Code or go to
rheindonau.com.au/events to book online



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Perth Miniature Gaming Group

Perth Miniatures Gamers Group (PMGG) held our first Open Day at the Rhein Donau on Sunday 21st August. The event was open to all the public and well received with many a gamer and non-gamer alike coming through the doors over the day to enjoy a sample of the games the group plays.

Three open participation & demonstration games were enjoyed by many visitors, and the demonstrators were kept busy all day: 'In Her Majesty's Name', a steampunk fantasy game involving two factions clashing on the streets of Venice. 'Gaslands', a post-apocalyptic, vehicle arena game using modified Hot Wheels toys was popular among the younger crowd; and 'What a Tanker!' featuring historical tank battles and what if scenarios in WWII NW Europe.

Alongside these events was an elimination tournament for Battletech, a futuristic battle royale between massive robots controlled by some of the best pilots in the galaxy in a duel to determine who is the best in the cosmos. Congratulations to all participants.

The event was sponsored by Alphastrike Games who also brought along Marvel "Crisis Protocol" showcasing a clash between classic heroes & villains of the Marvel Universe. The event was a huge success and the club is looking forward to the next open day in 2023.





Seniors Group

Dear Seniors,

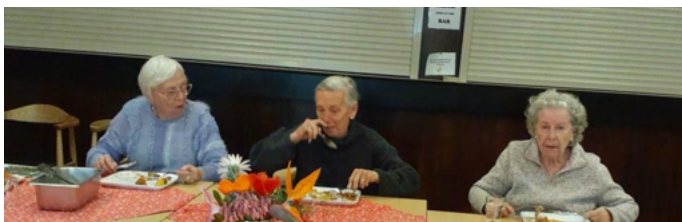
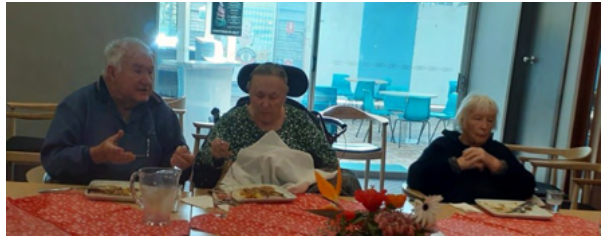
A few weeks ago we had a nice lunch together. We invited our member Lola and her husband to come along. Lola is recovering in a home in Melville.

Boby made us a Pork Roast with Crackles. Everybody liked this Menu.

So we want to do this every few months, since we have not enough people in the group to go out with a bus. New members are very welcome.

Please come and visit us.

Rita Zeller
Group Leader



WA Mandolin Orchestra WAMO

As many members know, the WA Mandolin Orchestra rehearses at the club on Wednesday evening. The orchestra is busily preparing for two events at this point.

First, we have our own concert at 3 pm on November 20th. At this point, we have not yet set up ticketing information - so more to follow on that. This concert will feature a substantial number of works by Western Australian composers, some of whom are orchestra members. We have some very creative people in our ranks and we can truly claim to not just be pretty faces!

Second, the orchestra will be hosting the FAME festival in mid January. This event brings together members from mandolin ensembles across Australia. There is a great deal of admin work to be done in organizing accommodation and meals for our interstate guests. As well, there will be an intensive week of rehearsals leading up to the concert on January 14th.

We hope RDC members will be able to get to either or both of our upcoming concerts. If you have not heard a mandolin orchestra in action, you are in for a treat.

Jim Elliott
WAMO member



Railway Group

Over the last couple of months the Model Train Group has had numerous absent members, with work commitments, illness and others on holiday. This has resulted in not much work being done on updating the Railway.



We are endeavouring to complete as much of the new harbour and the new Money Train Line by the time Oktoberfest starts.

The new harbour now incorporates a canal with lock gates and a new Petrochemical Refinery with a railway petroleum loading dock.



The new Money Train Line should be operational, this train is a good source of income to the Train Club as visitors seem to enjoy putting money in the passing trains.

We are currently cleaning the layout for this years Oktoberfest. Scenery and buildings all need to be dusted delicately so not to damage the models. All the railway lines need cleaning to facilitate the smooth operation of running the trains. The pictures accompanying this article give one some idea as to what the final results will look like.



Please visit the Rolf de Groot Model Train Room during the Oktoberfest.

Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group

Report from Germany by Jeff Cadzow.

In the last magazine there were a few pictures of our sister club in Arbergen but I was not able to deliver the text before the deadline, so here it is and a bit more.



Maria and I, and our two boys Joseph and Dieter went to Germany in June. The summer months in Germany are full of festivals and events. Joseph and I managed to meet with our sister club in Arbergen (Bremen) and we were lucky that we could coordinate our visit with their Marksman event, equivalent to Schützenfest.

Norbert, the President of the club met us at the station, gave us a walking tour of Bremen and provided a lot of insight and information about the city.

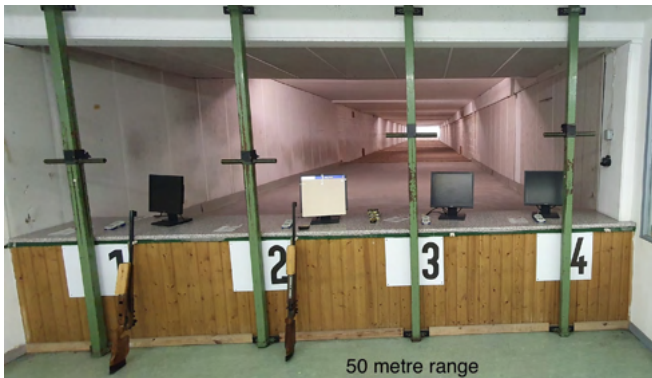
The next day we met at the Club House at 9.00 am and we were welcomed with the offer of a beer as soon as we arrived.



We were shown around the facilities of the club, which were amazing. Entering the clubhouse, there was a 9 bay, 10 meter air rifle range, with 4 MEC electronic targets. They have a great setup, a kitchen and bar, with the club room



looking onto the range. Trophies are all around the room with a special area for the Australian Adlerauge (Eagle Eye) Group.



Norbert then took us downstairs where they have 2 x 4 stand 50 meter ranges, and a 4 stand 25 meter range, all underground. What an impressive facility they have!



The marksman shooting starts at 9.00 and goes through to 12.00. The new Schützenkönig is decided by just one shot only, with no practice shots, on a rifle sighted by someone else and the shooter doesn't get to see anyone's score.

The shooting is followed by a BBQ lunch and then the trophies are presented. Unlike our very brief presentation, Norbert held the floor and the attention of the members for quite a while. I didn't understand all the speeches but it was clear that there was a lot of banter and good humour being shared. There was a lot of German spoken, not all

of it understood but it was a great day and Norbert was a fantastic host. I can't thank him enough for his hospitality. And thanks Norbert for the bottle of Booncamp (schnapps) which we plan to share during Octobertfest.



Not all of our members will be aware that we used to have regular competitions with the Arbergen club. Since my visit to Arbergen and having had the opportunity of meeting many of their members in person, both Norbert and I are very keen to work together to recommence our long distance shooting competitions.

We hope that one day in the near future some of their members will be able to come and visit us.

Jeff.



Table Tennis Group

Our Christmas in July fundraising event on the 30 July this year was very successful. I would like to thank the table tennis members who were able to help out, attend on the night or donate to the raffle. I especially want to thank David Ramsay and Paul Robson, this night would not be the same without them. They helped decorate the hall (with my husband Trevor) and spent a lot of hours rehearsing for our Abba Skit. David took on the role of Agnetha, and Paul was Frida of the Abba group, and the three backup dancers were myself,



my daughter Kellie and Bella (fondly known as Izzy). The boys looked great in their outfits and Paul even got a few wolf whistles on the night. And those hours of rehearsals paid off, the dancing was great! Also, the skit would not have been possible without the help of Charlie Ramsay who spent hours on the editing of the music and the video presentation. Many thanks go to Izzy for helping with the choreography. I would also like to thank Greg Dodd for helping to sell the raffle tickets together with Dave and my

friend Vale. The sale of the raffle tickets just about covered the cost of the band and this was a great help toward our fundraising.

We were entertained by a terrific band Rhythm Deluxe, and there were some

mini Christmas cake giveaways courtesy of my daughter Teegan from Happy Cakes. Teegan also made Trev's birthday cake as we celebrated his birthday on this night too. We had some carollers and a performance by a few of the children. All in all a great night! The funds from this event will go towards new equipment and we are currently looking at quotes and availability of good quality tables.



Oktoberfest will mean a bit of disruption in the set up of our tables in the sports hall however we can use the shed tables for extra playing. As this year is quickly drawing to a close we have to organise our Christmas breakup party, and this will be on Tuesday the 13 December so please put this date in your calendar. We will play from 7pm till around 8.30/9 then finish the night with the Christmas festivities. The Rhein Donau Club is normally closed over the month of January for repairs and maintenance. Our table tennis will resume in 2023 on a date to be advised.



Debbie Solomon
Group Leader



Edelweiss Dance Group



Thank you to everyone who came to the Alpengaudi. We had a wonderful evening and I think everyone, guests and dancers enjoyed it thoroughly. A big thank you to the pistol group who opened up their range so our guests could try their luck at achieving a bull's eye and also to our cellarmaster David

Vieceli who played for the bells. What would we do without you David?

Away from the club, one of our "boys" Mason got married to his gorgeous Jo. What a beautiful ceremony in a lovely setting. We wish the newlyweds a lifetime of happiness together.



More congratulations are in order to our longstanding members, Dieter and Sieglinde who received their 60-year membership badge from the club at the recent anniversary celebrations.

But not only that, in November, they will be celebrating 60 years of marriage. What an outstanding achievement. The group wishes you both continued love and joy together.

TANZEN IST
LÄCHELN MIT
DEM GANZEN
KÖRPER.

Another longstanding member, Susan Muir, has had surgery to fix a problematic hip. It is a long recuperation period and we wish her the speediest recovery possible (and hope that her darling husband doesn't drive her mad).

The Oktoberfest is just around the corner and we are practising and trying to get into condition for the month ahead. Unfortunately, our group is somewhat depleted right now, so



we are hoping for an injection of new members. If you know anyone who might be interested in dancing, bell playing or who can make music with an accordion, please send them our way.

Auf Geht's!
Julianne Pulver
Group Leader



Pistol Group

It's been a quiet time for our members as the competition year draws to a close with only our club open event scheduled for November to go in 2022.

We have been active supporting the club and community, firstly, the Edelweiss Dance Group with a shooting gallery at their annual Alpengaudi. Those attending the pre-Octoberfest party were able to test their skills using a laser pistol with the 4 highest scorers competing for prizes in a final shoot-off in the Edelweiss Hall. The Alpengaudi crowd obviously had their favourites to support as there was loud cheering and clapping which added to the entertainment.

The next event was an evening of shooting with the Booragoon Primary School Fathers Group who regularly get together so the Dads can meet and socialise, supporting each other during their children's schooling.



Our club continues to grow after the difficulties of our forced closure during the Covid-19 issues with 3 Mums taking up shooting and joining their junior children at the club as well as 2 new juniors. The pistol club now has more female members than male and that is another first for WA pistol shooting and we are very likely the only shooting club in Australia with equal gender diversity.

It's a great sport for women and juniors so come along and pay us a visit and try pistol shooting.

Murray Bow

Aktivitäten / Groups at the Club

Group Leader	Phone	Meeting Times
Billiard (Snooker) Paul Muckett	0417 918 309	Tues & Fri 7pm
Edelweiss Dance Group Julianne Pulver	0401 685 268	Sun from 5-7pm Juniors Sun from 4pm
Model Railway Bret Hummel	0412 939 699	Fri from 6pm
Perth Miniature Gamers Graham Riddle	0431 250 222	Wed from 6pm
Eagle Eye Pistols Philip Kroczek	0467 787 857	Thurs from 5pm
Volkssingen Irene Harrop	0488 585 850	Fri 1.30 tp 3pm
Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group Matthew Dhue	0413 514 510	Fri from 7pm
Seniors Rita Zeller	08 9457 2784	Wed 10am to 3pm
Table Tennis Debbie Solomon	0427 354 153	Tues from 7pm
WA Mandolin Orchestra Robert Schulz	0490 868 344	Wed 7.30 to 9.30pm

NOTE: To join a group you MUST be a member of the Rhein-Donau Club. Please contact the Group Leader for any enquiries.

The Rhein-Donau Club Inc. Restaurant



- A la carte menu including a selection of authentic German and Dutch meals
- Catering for private functions for 30 - 220 guests

We have rooms available for your private functions, conventions or meetings, in the Lounge, Sports Hall, Edelweiss Dance Hall and Beer Garden.

For bookings please contact our Club Office

Ph: 9330 6488 (weekdays 10am -3pm)

Opening hours of Restaurant

Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6pm to 9pm

Saturday from 6.30pm to 10pm

Sunday 4pm to 8.00pm



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