

The Rhein-Donau Club Inc.

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Klub Öffnungszeiten/ Opening Hours

Office:	Monday- Friday	10.00 am to 3.00pm
Bar*:	Tuesday	7.00pm to 10.00pm
	Wednesday	6.00pm to 10.30pm
	Friday	*3.00pm to 10.30pm (till 31st March)
	Saturday**	6.30pm to 11.00pm
	Sunday	4.00pm to 8.30pm
Kitchen*:	Wednesday	6.00pm to 9.00pm
	Friday	6.00pm to 9.00pm
	Saturday**	6.30pm to 10.00pm
	Sunday	4.00pm to 8.00pm

* please note opening times may vary for special occasions

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

Welcome to our new members!

“HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN” to our 13 new members!

Mike and Janie Whitley, Jessica Green, Ryan Coutinho, Subir Ghosh, Tony Dilizia, Ryan Masters, Robert Victor Veenendaal, Jat Lan Lie, Kelly Hanson, Jamie Frost, Tim Forster, Brady Jausel



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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, April/May 2023. Entry deadline for the issue is 3rd March 2023, 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.

Ernest Grose

passed away on Friday, 6th January 2023.

May he rest in peace.



“Ernie” was a member of the Rhein Donau Club for many years, dancing until the end and enjoying himself always. He will be missed by his Geraldine.

Our deepest sympathies go to his family in these difficult times.



We are now supporting Companion Card WA!

Since November 2022 the Club has become a supporter of the Companion Card here in WA!

The Companion Card Program supports Western Australians with a significant and permanent disability who require attendant care support to participate at community venues and events.

Companion Cardholders show their card when booking or purchasing a ticket from a participating business, called an Affiliate (like the Rhein-Donau Club!). Affiliates will recognise the Companion Card and issue the cardholder with a second ticket for their companion **at no charge**.

Companion Card WA is funded by the Western Australian Government through the Department of Communities and administered by National Disability Services.

Our first event with participants from Companion Card was our AC/DC performance night here at the Club in early November. We had a big group of Companion Card holders come and they all had an absolutely wonderful night.

We are proud to be helping with such a good cause!

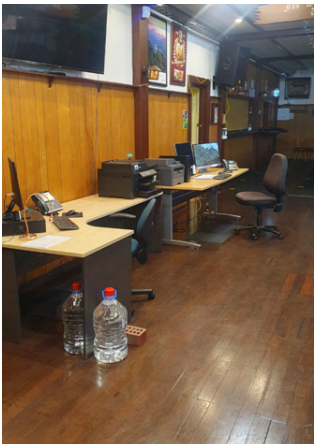


Kitchen Renovation

Our big kitchen renovation which was planned for January through to March has had to be postponed once again due to a variety of factors. It is now planned around April/May/June if everything goes to plan. This means that for the first few months of this year, everything will still be the same as always, and we will have a fully functioning kitchen.

Office Renovation

The Office of the Rhein-Donau Club has been in dire need for renovations for a while. We started the renovations 2 years ago by removing old furniture and replacing it with more modern pieces which our Vice President Steve was able to secure for free. Back then we also started to remove redundant electronic equipment and some of the old green carpet tiles that had been with the Club for a long time! Then the renovation stalled because we had to tend to other, more pressing matters. Throughout the middle of last year we started the security system upgrade which saw us installing security cameras in several locations around the Club. The security and network cabinets were relocated.

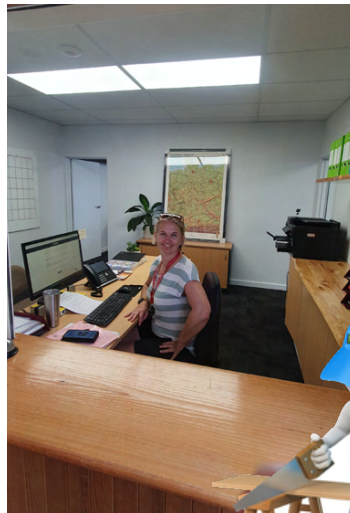
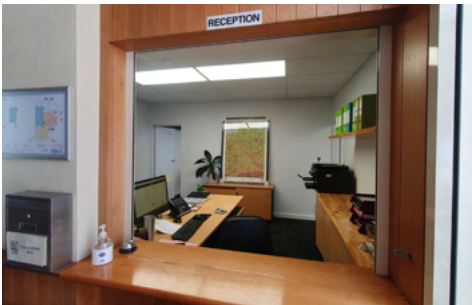
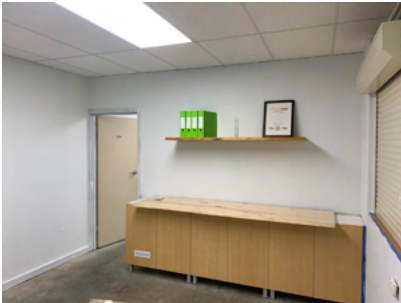


A lot of cabling had to be laid!! Then, throughout January, we finally managed to finish the bulk of the renovations by replacing the whole ceiling in the office area, painting the 3 rooms and laying new carpet. Our interim office was in the Edelweiss Hall!

Just before the re-opening of the Club on 1st February we moved back into the offices and are very very happy with the result. We are looking forward to working from a modern office.

A big THANK YOU from the President, Committee and Office Staff goes to Michael, Brian, Daniel and Steve for their time and getting the reno done in time and on budget. Also thank you to Richard and Kris from “Cavalier Security”, Patrick from “German Interior Solutions” and Nick from “PNM Superior Floors” too for a job well done! We would not have been able to do this without your help.





President Report

Ein frohes Neues Jahr liebe Mitglieder.

Wir haben mit einer sehr schönen Weihnachtsfeier unser altes Jahr verabschiedet. Der Nikolaus, der unerwartet zu Besuch kam und Schokolade verteilte, wurde mit Freude begrüßt. Die Damenwelt fand es auch sehr schön, als er mit Ihnen einige Tänzchen auf dem Tanzboden absolvierte.

In diesem Jahr müssen einige große und auch kleinere Reparaturen und Erneuerungen vorgenommen werden. Im Moment wird das Büro und der Konferenzraum neu renoviert.

Als nächstes muß die Küche gemacht werden. Darüber wurde ja schon ausgiebig gesprochen. Da wir jetzt doch eine Baugenehmigung brauchen, zieht sich alles etwas in die Länge und wir werden mit dem Umbau nach dem Volkstanzfest, das an Ostern stattfindet, anfangen.

Vergessen Sie bitte nicht; der Club öffnet seine Türen in der ersten Woche im Februar wieder. Am 18. Februar ist am Samstag Abend Maskenball und Sonntag mittags ist der Kinderkarneval. Kommen Sie bitte alle kostümiert. Erwachsene, sowie Kinder, erhalten für die schönsten Kostüme Preise.

Schon mal im Voraus möchte ich vermerken, über Ostern findet im Club das Volkstanzfest statt. Über 100 Tänzer aus ganz Australien werden in den Club kommen, und Ihre Tänze vortragen. Der genaue Plan über die Veranstaltungen wird Ihnen noch mitgeteilt werden.

Lassen Sie es sich gutgehen, ich hoffe wir werden uns bald einmal im Club treffen. Unseren Kranken wünsche ich eine baldige Genesung.

A Happy New Year dear members!

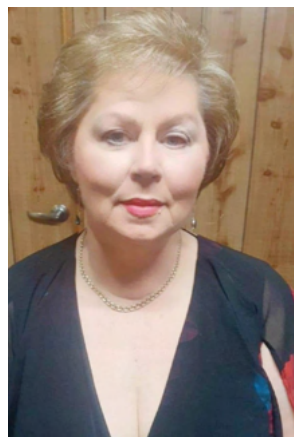
We farewelled the old year with a marvellous Christmas party. St Nicholas, who unexpectedly turned up at the party and handed out chocolates was enthusiastically greeted and the ladies found it delightful that he shared a few dances on the dance floor with them.

This year we are planning to undertake several major and minor repairs and renovations in the Club. At the moment the front office and the conference room are being freshly renovated and then the kitchen is next on the list. That has already been extensively discussed. As we need a builder's permit, this means an extension of time so that will all begin after the Folk Dance Festival in April.

Please don't forget that the Club will reopen in the first week of February. On the 18. February we will be holding the traditional Karneval Fancy Dress Ball with Kinderkarneval to be held on Sunday 19. February. Please all come along in fancy dress. There will be prizes for the best costumes for both adults and children.

I would like to give advance mention to the Folk Dance Festival that will be held at the RDC over the Easter weekend. More than 100 dancers from throughout Australia will be coming to our Club to perform their special dances. The exact plan for this event will be sent to you in due course.

Look after yourselves and I hope to see you in the Club again soon. To all our members who are unwell I wish you a speedy recovery.



**Ursula Deck
President**

Rückblicke/Looking Back



AC/DC

One of the most spectacular performances we've had at the Club!
"The Australian AC/DC Experience"!



Everybody got up and had a ball! It was impossible to sit still and just listen.





Children's Christmas





Christmas Party



What's on in February 2023

HAPPY HOUR every SUNDAY
5pm - 6pm



Sat 4th

DIPFISCH Summer Party

6:00pm

www.trybooking.com/CFGMJ

Fundraiser - Tickets \$5



Sat 11th

Private Function

Austrian Stammtisch Karneval

Sat 18th

German Karneval

6:30pm

Members \$10

Non-Members \$15

www.trybooking.com/CEVTT



Sun 19th

Kinder Karneval

2:00pm Member Families FREE | Non-Member Families \$10

Sat 25th

Rockin' Rodney

6:30pm

Members FREE Non-Members \$5



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German Karneval



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From 2pm till 5pm

110 North Lake Road, Myaree

Member Families FREE

Non-Member Families \$10

Family = up to 2 adults and 4 children.

Additional guests \$3 p/p

Bookings Required via Trybooking
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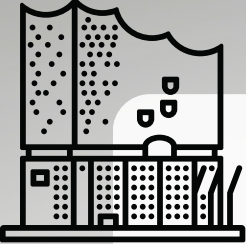
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Beer Stein \$7

Wine \$5

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*Small \$2 session membership fee per visit applies for non-members of the Club



What's on in March 2023



HAPPY HOUR every SUNDAY
5pm - 6pm

Sat 4th

DJ Brian

6:30pm

Members FREE Non-Members \$5

Sat 11th

Duo Best Friends

6:30pm

Members \$5 Non-Members \$10

Sat 18th

Cedric

6:30pm

Members FREE Non-Members \$5

Sat 25th

Billy on Guitar

6:30pm

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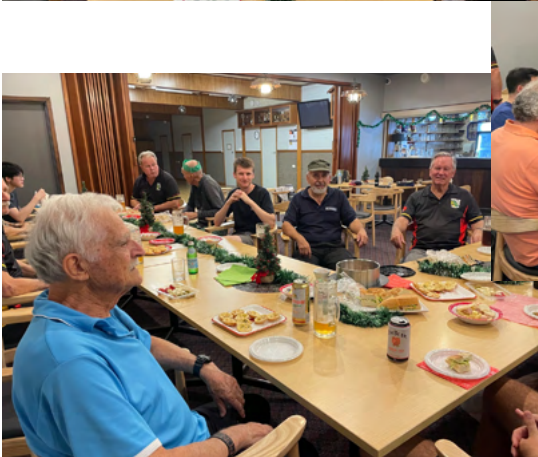
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Table Tennis Group

Welcome back to our regular Tuesday night table tennis, hope everyone had a good break over the festive season. The Christmas get together on Tuesday 13th December went well and there was plenty to eat and drink after a few games. Just a reminder that the shed is available for use by our members, and it was good to hear it was well used over the holidays.

If any of our members had a trip away or anything they would like to add to our bi monthly magazine please let me know as I would love to include any stories and photos for the enjoyment of our group.

Debbie Solomon, Group Leader





David and Kay Ramsay - Trip to Europe - Chapter 2

You will recall that Kay and I flew into Munich and did a small loop, taking in Neuschwanstein Castle, the Bernina Express across the Swiss Alps, train travel along the shores of Lake Como, a few days in Milan where we soaked up the local culture, a little time in Venice (can you ever spend too long in Venice?), and finally three days in Salzburg which we absolutely loved.. I am no fan of shopping , but the Getreidegasse in Salzburg is the prettiest street I have ever seen.

We are now flying out of Munich to Tromsø, Norway where we hope to catch a glimpse (or more) of the Northern Lights. It is on Kay's 'bucket list', so here's hoping we get to see them. To see the lights, firstly they need to be happening, and the sky needs to be clear (no cloud), so that they can be seen. Basically, you need a bit of luck, but if you set aside enough time you should see them. Tromsø is dubbed 'The Paris of the North', and while it is a very pretty town set on the water, I think the marketing people have got a little ahead of themselves. We had a fun few days, we went to the Arctic Cathedral, which is a very beautiful, modern church and the Polarium, which is a museum of Arctic exploration, as well as enjoying ourselves walking and soaking up the view of the glorious forests and their autumn colours. Three nights in Tromsø, but no Northern Lights, but it isn't time to panic, as we have 4 nights on the Hurtigruten ferry which runs down the coast of Norway to Bergen. If the gods are kind, we should see them.

We really enjoyed the ferry. It all happens at a pretty relaxed pace, with plenty of time to make a cup of tea and read while watching the stunning scenery glide by. There are on board activities/lectures for those who want some



stimulation, as well as walking tours at the ports where we have an extended stop. Two tours were exceptional. One was our hike to the top of Torghatten Rock, which is a spectacular formation. The mountain has a hole running through it, which you can climb to and explore.

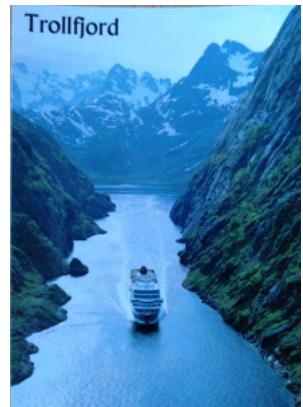
Of course, it was formed by erosion of the softer rocks, but the Norwegians have a long, convoluted myth about the formation involving princes, warriors, maidens and giants. The tale covers the formation of a range of mountains, with Torghatten being the last in the line. I can't remember all the details, but it was a much more fun explanation that 'erosion'...!

Another interesting trip was our stop at Trondheim.

It is a pretty city set on canals and a cathedral.

I assumed that Norway's history was of lawless Vikings that would have no time for religion, but I was wrong! The 3 hour stop at Trondheim is a great opportunity to explore this beautiful city.

Of course the fjords are what the cruise is all about, and the ship goes into them so you can see their majesty up close. I have attached a postcard of our ferry in the Trollfjord.



Our final stop was Bergen, which friends had told me is a stunning city, and they were right. The old town is built on the side of a hill (mountain) and comes down to the old port area. They have done a really good job of ensuring the area still has a 'working' feel to it, as opposed to just becoming a tourist trap. We enjoyed our time in Bergen, my plan was to walk up and down the mountain, but when we saw how steep it was we decided to catch



the funicular up and walk down. Still good exercise and I was ready for a beer at the end...We found Norway to be considerably more expensive than the rest of Europe, but the quality of the food and accommodation was exceptional, so that makes it a little more bearable!

Despite our best efforts we didn't get to see the Northern Lights, but it is an excellent excuse to return to Norway.

The last leg of our trip was in Amsterdam. Originally we were only supposed to have two days in Amsterdam, but due to a change by the airline we ended up staying four. Initially I thought this would be too long, but we were wrong. We loved walking the streets, the galleries, the sight-seeing, the canals and soaking up the history. We did a number of self-guided walking tours, and these were excellent. You really do find little corners of interest that you would not possibly find unless you were directed.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time away, and I am already planning the next trip. The plan is to visit Paris, travel the Orient Express, walk in The Dolomites and a Rhine River cruise from Basel to Amsterdam. I will post a report, but first I have to earn the money to pay for it! Bon appetit and safe travels, David..



24th National Volkstanzfest Perth WA 7th - 10th April 2023

Easter 2023 sees the 24th Volkstanzfest hosted in Perth, WA.

The first Volkstanzfest was hosted in 1977 in Adelaide, SA. Since then, folk dance groups celebrating German, Austrian and Swiss dances have come together across Australia every two years to celebrate our culture. The last Volkstanzfest hosted in Perth was in 2001.

This Volkstanzfest we welcome:

- Alpenländler Dance Group of Croyden, NSW
- Alpenrosen Dance Group of Brisbane, QLD
- St Raphaels German Folk Dancing Group of Frenchs Forest, NSW
- Oberlander Tanzpaar of Cairns, QLD, and
- Hosting this Volkstanzfest, The Edelweiss Dance Group and Echo der Berge of Perth, WA.



Tickets will be available for club members and guests to experience the fantastic dancers on Saturday the 8th and Sunday the 9th of April via Trybooking. Sessions will start from approximately 2pm. Watch your inboxes for when ticket sales open!



Firstly, Happy New Year everyone! We are back practising hard for the upcoming Volkstanzfest at Easter time this April. Due to Covid, we have had many delays but finally we are able to welcome groups from different parts of Australia. So, it will be a fun-filled weekend with lots of different dancing. Hope you will be able to join us.

We are looking forward to welcoming back the gorgeous Zara to the bell group and we are hoping that her wonderful dad, Michael, might don some Lederhosen and join us too. Of course maybe her gorgeous mum, Vanessa, might like to trip the light fantastic with us as well.

See you on the dance floor,

Julianne Pulver
Group Leader





Donations welcome!

Have you ever thought of making a donation to your Club?

The Rhein-Donau Club is a not-for-profit organisation run mainly by volunteers. We rely mostly on income from events held here at the Club and the regular patronage of members and friends on the evenings the Club is open.

In recent years we have come to realize that the Club premises are in need of a lot of major and minor repairs, maintenance or replacements. With the income we receive we can unfortunately not make great leaps forward.

So if you have ever thought of making a single or even a regular donation - now is the time to do so!

Your donation will go towards upgrading, maintaining, improving or renovating our beloved Club's premises and facilities so our valued members can keep enjoying all that the Club has to offer.

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Please use the words **"RDC Donation"** as a reference.



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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