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Klub Öffnungszeiten/ Opening Hours

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Wurstbude*:	Wednesday Friday Saturday** Sunday	6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.30pm to 10.00pm 4.00pm to 8.00pm

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- * please note opening times may vary for special occasions
- ** on Saturdays we have entertainment and charge a small cover fee

Welcome to our 39 new members!

"HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN" to our new members!

David McKenzie, Joshua Middlewick, Jijin Koid, Andrew Daly, Tamsin Daly, Peter Carr, Ben Morton, Andrew Nairn, Barbara Nairn, Kevin Nairn, Charles Cordingley, Hanna Han, Graeme Price, Stephen Knight, Steve Topic, Shaun Dore, Jude Wright, Stephen Brown, Eike Reichardt, Michael Jonientz, Daniel Crook, Shannan Jones, Janina Sydow, Stephen Roberts, Jason Rustandi, Christa Meyer, Sean Hildebrandt, Natalie Hildebrandt, Dale Leggett, Brock Leggett, Sunaina Sangwan, Anja Bartels, Natalie Honerlage, Kwun Wong, Augosto Divitini, Michael Waine, John Renouf, Anne Galliott, Sybil Rowley

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Annette Guttmann

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, February/March 2024. Entry deadline for the issue is 5th January 2023, please send your contribution to **accounts@rheindonau.com.au**

Thank you-Petra



THE RHEIN-DONAU CLUB INC.

Wir bedauern, bekanntgeben zu müssen dass unser langjähriges Mitglied

Ursula Hess am 6. Oktober 2023

verstorben ist.

Unser aufrichtiges Beileid an ihre Familie.

We regret to announce that our long standing Member

Ursula Hess passed on the 6th of October 2023

Our deepest condolences to her family.



The President, Committee and members of The Rhein-Donau Club Inc.

Spotlight: Wolfgang Leonhardt

Wolfgang Amadeus Leonhardt bekam dieses Jahr ein Abzeichen für 65 Jahre Mitgliedschaft im Rhein Donau Club. Er ist ausserdem ein Gründungsmitglied des Clubs.

Da er aus Gesundheitsgründen am Club Geburtstag nicht dabei sein konnte, haben Frau Dr. Gabriele Maluga, Honorarkonsulin der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und ich, uns entschlossen, Ihn einfach daheim zu besuchen und Ihm seine Badge zu überreichen. Die Freude über diese Auszeichnung war bei Wolfgang sehr groß.

Wolfgang hat viel für den Club geleistet. Er war von 1967 bis 1969 Präsident. Er hat die Lufthansa als Sponsor in den Club geholt. In München hat er sich mit einer Brauerei in Verbindung gesetzt, als er Deutschland besuchte, und hat die Möbel in der Edelweißhalle unentgeltlich plus Versand nach Australien geliefert bekommen.

Er war jahrelang Radiomoderator unseres Radiosender; er gründete die Skat Gruppe. Da er begeisterter Schach Spieler ist, organisierte er viele Schachwettbewerbe im Club. Das ist nur einiges, was er für den Club geleistet hat.



Wir wünschen Wolfgang alles Gute weiterhin und hoffen Ihn und seine Frau auf unserer Weihnachtsfeier begrüssen zu dürfen.

This year Wolfgang Amadeus Leonhardt was awarded a badge honouring his 65 years of membership of The Rhein-Donau Club. He is also a founding member of the Club.

Because of health reasons he was unable to attend the Club Birthday, so Dr Gabriele Maluga, the Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany, and I, decided to simply visit him at home to award him his badge. His pleasure at receiving this recognition was evident.

Wolfgang did a great deal for The Club; he was president from 1967 to 1969; he was able to Introduce Lufthansa as a sponsor for the RDC. In Munich, on a visit there, he contacted a brewery and was able to obtain the Edelweisshalle furniture for free, including delivery.

For years he was the announcer for our radio program; he founded the Skat Group and because he is a passionate chess player, he organised many a chess competition in the Club. And that is only

an example of all that he achieved for us.

We wish Wolfgang all the best for the future and hope to welcome him and his wife to our Christmas Party.

Ursula Deck President





President's Report

Hallo liebe Mitglieder,

Oktober ist vorüber und somit auch unser Oktoberfest. Zehn Abende und ein Familientag waren anstrengend. Ich bedanke mich bei unserem Committee, den Gruppen und Mitgliedern, die vor oder im Hintergrund so eifrig mitgeholfen haben. Wir waren jeden Abend fast ausgebucht und mir wurden so einige Komplimente zugetragen wie "Euer Oktoberfest wird von Jahr zu Jahr besser". Es freut einen sehr, wenn man so etwas gesagt bekommt. Da lohnt sich die viele Arbeit.



Der Familientag war auch gut besucht und es war schön zu sehen, dass viele unserer Kleinen in Lederhosen und Dirndl erschienen. Nach der Stein Kompetition erfreuten sich die Kleinen Gäste über Drinks, Lebkuchenherzen und übergroße Bretzel.

Am sechsten November haben wir mit unserer grossen Küchenrenovierung begonnen. Wenn alles nach Plan geht, wird diese Ende Januar fertig sein.

Gleichzeitig renovieren wir den Kühlraum in der Edelweißbar.

Am dritten Dezember haben wir auch wieder unsere beliebte Kinderweihnachtsfeier. Santa freut sich schon, unsere Kinder besuchen zu dürfen.

Dieses Jahr haben wir wegen den Renovierungen unsere Mitgliedsweihnachtsfeier schon auf den neunten Dezember gelegt. Wir werden Sie nicht enttäuschen und ein gutes Essen, sowie den traditionellen Stollen servieren. Es wird dieses Jahr etwas anders gestaltet, aber trotzdem wird es ein schöner weihnachtlicher Abend. Ich hoffe, Sie alle an diesem Abend begrüßen zu dürfen.

Ich wünsche Ihnen alle ein frohes und besinnliches Weihnachtsfest und einen guten Start in ein hoffentlich friedliches Jahr 2024.



October has come and gone, as has our Oktoberfest.

Ten evenings and a family day were rather exhausting.

I would like to thank our committee, the groups and the members who helped so enthusiastically, either in the foreground or behind the scenes. We were booked out almost every evening and I received many compliments, such as "Your Oktoberfest gets better and better every year". It is very pleasing to have people say such things as it makes all the hard work worthwhile.

The Family Day was also well attended and it was lovely to see that many of the young ones came in Dirndl or Lederhosen. After the Stein holding competition, our small guests were delighted to be presented with drinks, gingerbread hearts and giant pretzels.

On the sixth of November we began with the kitchen renovations. If everything goes to plan, these should be finished by the end of January. At the same time, we are renovating the cool room in the Edelweißbar.

On the third of December we will celebrate our much-loved Children's Christmas Party. Santa is already looking forward to being allowed to visit our children.

This year, because of the kitchen renovations we have moved our Members' Christmas Party forward to the ninth of December. We won't disappoint you and will serve a good meal plus the traditional Christmas Stollen. It will be a bit different this year, but nevertheless a beautiful Christmassy evening, I hope to be able to welcome you all to share the evening with us.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and hopefully peaceful start to the year 2024.

Ursula Deck President

Oktoberfest 2023































































































Club Closure over Christmas and New Year

The Club will officially close after our Members Christmas Party, from Sunday 10 December until the official opening again on Saturday 3 February.

The office will be sporadically manned in those 8 weeks. As we have a few events planned in February we ask you to go online for bookings so you don't miss out (please see booking links on the posters in this magazine). You can also call the office of course but we cannot guarantee we will be there! We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Gardening for the Club

After many years of tending to the grounds here at the Club, our gardening volunteer Marie would like to hand this fulfilling task over to somebody else. If you have a green thumb (or even if you don't) and you find you can possibly spare 10-12 hours a month please give the office a call on 9330 6488 or email us on admin@rheindonau.com.au. Marie is of course more than happy to go through everything with you. You will be paid a gratuity for your efforts.





Sat 18th DUO Best Friends

6:30pm Members \$5, Guests \$10

<u>Sat 25th Rockin' Rodney</u>

6:30pm Members Free, Guests \$5



Sun 3rd Childrens Christmas Party

2pm-8pm Member Families Free, Guest Families \$10 additional Guests \$2

Sat 9th Members Christmas Party

Doors open 6.30 for a 7pm start, Music by Duo "Best Friends"

Members \$20, Guests \$30

Club closes 10th December; Office opens 29th of January; 1st event 3rd of February



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Childrens Christmas Party

Childrens Craft Activities, Games and a visit from St. Nicholas

Sunday 3rd of December 2023

2pm-8pm

Due to Kitchen Reno we will offer uncomplicated food from the Wurstbude

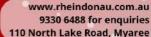
Member Families FREE, Guest Families \$10

Family = up to 2 adults plus children. Additional guests \$3 p/p

Please register your child/ren by calling the office on 9330 6488 -Mon to Fri 10am to 3pm

*please provide a clearly labelled present for each child. Only registered children can attend.





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Member's Christmas Party

Saturday 9th December 2023

Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm start

Due to Kitchen Reno we will offer a tasty and uncomplicated Buffet!

Entry and Buffet

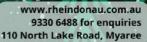
Member \$20

Guest \$30

Please book by calling the office on 9330 6488 Mon to Fri 10am to 3pm







What's on in February 2024

HAPPY HOUR every SUNDAY 5pm - 6pm



Summer Party

www.trybooking.com/CNJID





Sat 10th

Private Function

Austrian Stammtisch Karneval

Sat 17th

6:30pm

2:00pm

German Karneval

Members \$10, Guests \$15 www.trybooking.com/CNJBB



Sun 18th

Kinder Karneval

Members FREE, Guests \$5 www.trybooking.com/CNJGM



Sat 24th

6:30pm

Club open for Dinner + Drinks

Entertainment to be confirmed



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Come and join us for the 2024 Opening of the Club

Saturday
February 3rd 2024
From 5pm 'till late



COOKED BRISKET
GERMAN BEER

Live Band and DJ

www.trybooking.com/CNJID

Members \$5 Guests \$10

Please book your tickets early so we know for how many people we need to cater for.





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Sunday 18th of February

2pm-8pm

MEMBER - FREE Entry

GUESTS - \$5 per Adult

- Children 12 and under FREE Bookings via Trybooking required by all trybooking.com/CNJGM





Seniors Group

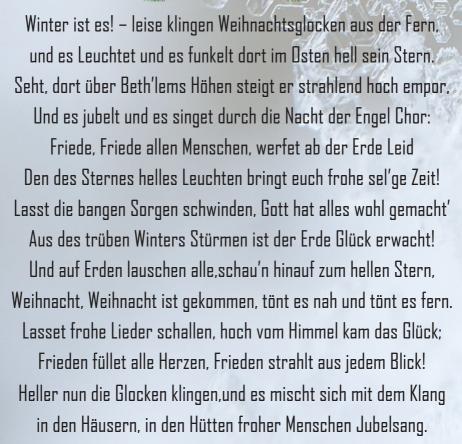
Liebe Senioren

Das Jahr geht langsam zu Ende. Am 6. Dezember werden wir unser letztes Treffen haben und nachher ist Ferien bis Anfang Februar 2024.

Ich bedanke mich bei allen, dass Sie immer so fleissig erschienen sind.

So wünsche ich allen eine Frohe Weihnacht und ein glückliches Neues Jahr.

Rita



Edelweiss Dance Group

Hello to all Members

The Dance Group has had a busy Oktoberfest and I would like to thank them all for their support. We will be having a well deserved break.

The Echo Der Berge Bell Players will be performing at this years Christmas Party.

Practice will commence again in the New Year.

The Group and myself would like to wish all the Members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wir Sehen uns alle im Club - See you all in the Club!

David Vieceli Group Leader



Our beautiful girls during the Oktober-fest

Pistol Group

Congratulations to our four Rhein Donau Club members who recently competed at the Oceania Championships representing Australia. Katie and Siobhy Nicholls, Bailey Groves and Scott Anderson.

With Olympic quota positions available for Australia, Siobhy, Bailey and Scott all won their individual events shooting against competitors who had represented Australia in the 2021Tokyo Olympics and gained Australia 3 valuable Olympic quota's. Now the hard work starts for them, competing for places in the Australian Olympic team for Paris 2024

We are back into interclub competitions now that our electronic targets have been reinstalled (having been removed to accommodate the Oktoberfest shooting gallery), our last open for the year was held on the 18 and 19 of November. With a record 50 plus entries we had to extend to two days starting on the Saturday. With only 8 bays in the shooting range, we may have to hold all future events over two days to accommodate the increasing popularity of our events.

Members were busy throughout October helping at the Oktoberfest and running the popular shooting gallery with laser pistols to support the club holding an extra night by opening Friday on the first weekend.

Our club continues to grow and in November we welcomed 4 new members. If any Rhein Donau members or their families would like to come and try pistol shooting you are always welcome. It's a family friendly sport and the club has modern equipment suitable for all ages.

Murray Bow Pistol Club



Bailey Groves Gold 10m Air Pistol



Scott Anderson Gold Bailey Groves Bronze Rapid Fire



Siobhy Nicholls Gold 25m Pistol

WA Brick Society



Our club (WA Brick Society) has been extremely busy over the last few months running events all around the place.

The events we have run are:

- 1. Corrigin 100th Agricultural Show in Sept
- 2. Promotion days for Bricktober at Karrinyup and Booragoon in Sept
- 3. Bricktopia in Bunbury Sept
- 4. Bricktober Curtin Stadium Oct (Lots of our members displayed there)
- 5. Telethon Mosaic set up for the kids to do
- 6. Gidgegannup Agricultural Show
- 7. Family day at the Rhein Donau Club
- 8. Astrofest Curtin Stadium

Some of our members display at Bricktober, run by Ascot Rotary, once a year.

With all these events running over the last two months our clubroom at the Rhein-Donau Club can now get some TLC! We've acquired a lot of cupboards, tables and chairs, now we can spend some time setting it up and turning it into a clubroom, for our members to enjoy.

Hopefully by the New Year 2024, we will have an official opening and cutting of the Red Ribbon.

We will then start to be able to invite visitors to the clubroom.

Kelly Hanson Group Leader



Aaron Gibson

Mount Clutchmore

Camping Ground and

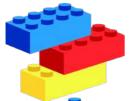
Waterfall



Braith Garden
Cyberpunks



Chris McRae Perth Heat





<u>Graeme Price</u> Nostalgia Trains









Table Tennis Group

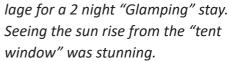
Well this year has just about come to a close, a good year where we have welcomed back some old members and signed up some new members. Our two new table tennis tables arrived in October together with a stock of balls, nets and bat cleaner courtesy of the funds raised through our Christmas in July event. I hope everyone is enjoying using the new tables. We have managed to sell two of our second hand tables and the money from the sales will go back into our funds.

One of our favourite TT members, Christina Apfel, has kindly written an article on her latest trip:



It was time to revisit the Pilbara after previously living in mining towns in the 1970's and 80's. This time it was in the comfort of an air conditioned coach and enjoying all the area has to offer with everything else taken care of!

We travelled via Dalwallinu and Meekatharra to Newman. There we did the very impressive mine tour and explored the town. Next morning off to Karijini and the Eco Vil-





Spectacular scenery, walks, swimming in the gorges, it was every bit as good as I remembered. On the road again to Exmouth, which never ceases to amaze with its pristine beaches, breathtaking views and a

special highlight was seeing the cute black tailed rock wallabies on a boat tour of Yardie Creek.

Then it was homeward bound via Carnarvon and Geraldton with a final lunch stop at Jurien Bay. Finally Perth after a fantastic glimpse of this truly impressive part of our state.

Thanks Christine, your article makes me want to travel to the Pilbara!

I would like to thank David Ramsay for his support and help throughout the year, and to the players who help set up and put away all the equipment week after week. And of course to all the players that support our group and club. Our Christmas windup for this year will be on Tuesday 12 December. We will finish





playing around 8.30pm and enjoy a bit of festive cheer with a light supper and a few drinks. The club will be closed for most of January and we will resume on Tuesday 30 January, however the shed is available for our table tennis members to use over the break.

On behalf of Dave and myself I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in 2024.

Debbie Solomon Group Leader

Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group

Another Oktoberfest over, and so good to get back to regular shooting.

A ton of thanks to all our members for their hard work and a special thanks to Peter and Matt who held the reins while I have been away. You may not think so but I was thinking of you all, while we were cruising on the Adriatic Sea and riding bikes around Croatian islands. And I can also tell you that I was feeling very guilty.

Having the shooting range helps make the Oktoberfest at the Rhein Donau Club the best experience. The Oktoberfest is a huge benefit to the RDC and to our group as well. And again, I thank all our members for your enthusiasm and commitment to the club.

While in Germany I did get a chance to go to a couple of manufacturers of Shooting badges and medals. Fortunately, both manufacturers were in the same town and only 200m apart. They were both very helpful and quite happy for us to walk around the over 100 year old factories.

It seems like the production methods haven't changed in all those years and that also seems to be reflected in the cost. Nevertheless we have purchased quite a few which will bring us up to date and carry us forward for a number of years.





Jeff Cadzow Group Leader

















Appeal to Members



Dear Members

Thank you for allowing the committee to apply for a loan of \$100,000 towards the renovation of the RDC kitchen. After many months of negotiation and hard work by our treasurer, Martin Engel, this has finally been approved by the ANZ.

Meanwhile everything has become more expensive.

At the last members' meeting, there were some of you who expressed a desire to either donate or lend some money to the RDC to further help with the many urgent projects that are vital to the continued successful running of the Club.

Recently an Energy Efficiency Grant from the Department of Industry, Science and Resources was obtained to renovate the cool room in the Edelweißbar, which is of some help. There are, however, many other repairs and improvements the committee would like to make. For example:

- Replacement of the air-conditioning/heating throughout the entire building. *
- 2. Introduction of a POS system for the bars and the restaurant.
- 3. Replacement of both dance floors and refurbishment of the Sports Hall floor.
- 4. Completion of the new storeroom in the undercroft.
- 5. Completion of the Karl's Bar renovations.
- 6. Completion of the Snooker Room renovations.
- * Annette, our Admin, has submitted a grant request for this very expensive undertaking and is looking into more grant options.

Please contact the Office to discuss, if you are interested in helping out financially in any way, either by

- Donation (anonymous or acknowledged)
- Bequest
- Business Sponsorship (we can offer a variety of options)

How we implement such ideas very much depends on you, our loyal club members and the committee.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Your Committee

Aktivitäten / Groups at the Club

Group and

Group Leader	Phone	Meeting Times
<u>Billiard (Snooker)</u> Paul Muckett, Jerry Rogers	0417 918 309	Weds & Fri 7pm
Edelweiss Dance Group David Vieceli	0438 755 156	Sun from 5-7
Model Railway Bret Hummel	0412 939 699	Fridays from 6pm
Perth Miniature Gamers Peter Ware	0437 691 315	Wednesdays from 6pm
Pistol Club Philip Kroczek Murray Bow	0467 787 857 0424 160 750	Thursdays from 5pm
Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group Jeff Cadzow	0412 381 373	Fridays from 7pm
<u>Folksingers</u> Irene Harrop	0488 585 850	Fridays 1:30pm to 3pm
Senior Group Rita Zeller	0419 331 601	Fortnightly on a Wednesday from 10am to 1pm
<u>Table Tennis Group</u> Debbie Solomon	0427 354 153	Tuesdays from 7pm
WA Mandolin Orchestra Robert Schulz	0490 868 344	Weds from 7:30pm to 9:30pm
WA Brick Society Kelly Hanson	0438 593 646	To be determined
WA Strategy Boardgamers Greg Colgan	0424 109 976	Once a month on a Sunday from 10am to 4pm
Neerlandia John Zwartkruis	0434 920 252	Seniors/Bingo/other events please call John for more info

The Rhein-Donau Club Inc. Restaurant is currently closed for renovations. We are offering food from our WURSTBUDE in the meantime.



Opening hours and menu of the WURSTBUDE until the closure of the Club for summer on 10th December

Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6pm to 9pm Saturday from 6.30pm to 10pm Sunday 4pm to 8.00pm



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