

The Rhein-Donau Club Inc.

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Klub Nachrichten Club Magazine

German Speaking Club Since 1958



*Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!*



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	6.00pm to 10.30pm
	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

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

Welcome to our new members!

“HERZLICH WILLKOMMEN” to our 12 new members!

Spencer Lieberfreund, Leticia Lorkiewicz, Nathan Deery, Ellie Steele, Charlotte Miller, Caitlin Simcock, Luke Ryan, Ann Choong, Neda Pelajic, Rita Spano, Michael David Rosenberg, Hendrik Duwe



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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, Februar/March 2023. Entry deadline for the issue is 6th January 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.

Angela Mittermayer

passed away on Tuesday, 11th October 2022.
May she rest in peace.



Angela used to administer the Club's library and was an active member of our Seniors Group and Volkssinger Group until just recently. She will be sorely missed by all.

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

*Deine Stimme, so vertraut, schweigt.
Deine Nähe, so gewohnt, ist nicht mehr da.
Du fehlst!
Was bleibt,
sind dankbare Erinnerungen.*

Club Closure

The Club will officially be closed for the Christmas/New Year Period starting on Monday, 19 December 2022 and will be closed until including Tuesday, 31 January 2023. The office will be attended from Monday 30 January 2023. The Groups can still use the Club Premises as usual but we will not have the bars or the restaurant open.



New Years Eve

Unfortunately there will be no New Years Eve/Silvesterparty this year. We do apologize for any inconvenience and still **wish you all a good start into a very Happy New Year!**

Kitchen Renovation

It looks like it is finally going to happen – we do have a big kitchen renovation planned for early in the new year. Obviously this means interruptions in what we can offer regarding food when the Club is open. The renovations are likely to carry over until the end of March, so please be prepared for a couple of months without the restaurant. We are in the process of figuring out how to cater for when we have events on during that time (we certainly will try not to have to cancel our Karneval or any other bigger events!). We will probably have some limited food options available.

We hope for your understanding and support. This is going to be a big but necessary renovation and we – and our chef Boby! - are very much looking forward to the new and improved kitchen!

On a very positive note:

Boby has received the **5-Star “Scores on the Doors” Award for food hygiene standards** from the

City of Melville a few times in a row now!

Congratulations, Boby!



President Report

Hallo liebe Mitglieder, hello dear Members,

es ist wieder soweit; Weihnachten steht vor der Tür und das Jahr neigt sich dem Ende zu.

Mit unserem Oktoberfest waren wir wieder sehr erfolgreich. Jeden Abend hatten wir ein ausverkauftes Haus. Unsere Gäste waren in guter Stimmung und die Feedbacks waren alle sehr vielversprechend. Alles in allem war es ein sehr guter Oktober für den Club. Ein grosses Dankeschön geht vor allem an die vielen Helfer, nicht nur bei denen, die man jeden Abend sah, sondern auch insbesondere bei denen, die im Hintergrund wirkten. Ohne diese Helfer wäre vieles nicht möglich gewesen.

Nun gehen wir wieder auf Weihnachten zu. Am 11. Dezember haben wir wieder unsere beliebte Kinderweihnachtsfeier. Der Eintritt für unsere Mitglieder ist frei, aber bitte rufen Sie im Büro an, damit wir wissen, wieviele Kinder kommen. Wenn der Nikolaus ein Geschenk Ihrem Kind übergeben soll, dann schreiben Sie bitte den Namen deutlich auf das Geschenk, damit keine Verwechslungen entstehen und geben Sie es am Eingang ab.

Buchen Sie auch bitte rechtzeitig für unsere Mitgliederweihnachtsfeier, die am 17.12.22 stattfindet, bevor alle Plätze ausgebucht sind.

Leider werden wir dieses Jahr keine Silvesterfeier hier im Club abhalten. Das tut uns sehr leid.

Im Januar werden wir mit sehr überfälligen Renovierungsarbeiten in der Küche beginnen. Es ist sehr wahrscheinlich, dass sich die Renovierungsarbeiten bis in den März ziehen werden. Wir planen trotzdem, unser normales Programm durchzuführen, nur eben mit eingeschränkter Essensauswahl.

Wie Sie ja vielleicht wissen, hat die Fussballweltmeisterschaft begonnen. Wir werden mehrere Spiele hier im Club übertragen. Sollte Deutschland im Endspiel sein am 18.12.22, was wir ja alle hoffen, dann ist trotz Weihnachtsferien der Club an diesem Tag offen für die Übertragung.

Meine Familie und Ich wünschen Ihnen ein Frohes und Gesegnetes Weihnachtsfest und einen guten Rutsch in ein hoffentlich friedvolles und besseres Jahr 2023.





It is that time of the year again, Christmas is just around the corner and the year is gradually coming to a close.

Our Oktoberfest was once again very successful this year. Every evening was a sell-out. Our guests were in great spirits and the feedback from everyone was most positive. All in all, it was a very good October for the Club. A very big thank you goes to all the helpers, not only those whom one saw every evening, but especially those who worked in the background. Without all these helpers many things would not have been possible.



Now we are moving towards Christmas. On 11th December we will celebrate our much-loved Children's Christmas Party. Entry for our members is free, but please ring the office, so that we know how many children are attending. If Saint Nicholas is to give a present to your child/children, then please write the name clearly on the gift, so that no mistakes are made, and hand it in at the entrance.

Please reserve your tickets early for our Members' Christmas Party, which is set for Saturday 17th December, before all the places are booked out.

Unfortunately, we will not have a New Year's Eve celebration at the Club this year, and we are very sorry for any inconvenience.

In January we will start on some very overdue kitchen renovations. It is very likely that disruptions from the renovations will continue well into March. We are still planning to have our usual events but with limited meal choices.

As you perhaps already know, the Football World Championships has begun. If Germany reaches the final on 18th December, which we all hope will be the case, then in spite of the Christmas break, the Club will be open on that day for the telecast.

My family and I wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas and a hopefully peaceful and better year in 2023.

Ursula Deck, President

Rückblicke / Looking Back - Oktoberfest 2022









What's on in December 2022



HAPPY HOUR every SUNDAY
5pm - 6pm

Sat 3rd **DJ Brian**

6.30pm

Members FREE | Non-Members \$5

Sat 10th **Rockin' Rodney**

6:30pm

Members FREE | Non-Members \$5

Sun 11th **St Nicholas Day**

2 pm

Childrens Entertainment and a visit from St Nicholas.

Member Families FREE | Non-Member Families \$10

Extra Visitors \$3 per person

Sat 17th **RDC Christmas Party with Sway**

6:30pm

Members \$28 | Non-Members \$38

Unfortunately there will be

NO New Years Eve Party this year

Club closed from Dec 19th - Jan 31st incl.



Rhein-Donau Club



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SANKT NIKOLAUS TAG CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS



Sunday, December 11th, 2022, 2 pm

Rhein-Donau Club, 110 North Lake Road, Myaree

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



**Member Families FREE,
Non-Member 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.**



Please join us for our annual



MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday Dec 17, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Members \$28

Non-Members \$38

Entertainment by Perth Cover Band

"SWAY"

playing a variety of dance music

Price includes dinner, coffee/tea and

Christmas Stollen

Bookings required by
Monday 12th December

9330 6488 or

admin@rheindonau.com.au

THE RHEIN-DONAU CLUB - 110 NORTH LAKE RD, MYAREE
LICENSED VENUE WITH RESTAURANT AND BAR



MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

MENU

*Roast Turkey Breast
Maple glazed Ham
Sage and Onion Stuffing
Pigs in Blanket
Garlic & Rosemary Potatoes
Roasted Root Vegetables
Cranberry Jus*

VEGETARIAN OPTION

*Wild Mushroom Stroganoff
Canadian wild Rice and Butternut Squash Pilaf
Small Salad*

Tea, Coffee, Christmas Stollen



What's on in February 2023

HAPPY HOUR every SUNDAY
5pm - 6pm



Sat 11th **Private Function**

Austrian Stammtisch Karneval

Sat 18th **German Karneval**

6:30pm **Ticket Prices To be determined**

Sun 19th **Kinder Karneval**

2 pm **Member Families FREE | Non-Member Families \$10**

Sat 25th **Band**

6:30pm **More info to come**



Due to Kitchen Renovation limited Food options available



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Karneval Facts

Carnival in Germany is the time of year where Germans are allowed to lose control. There is an excess of parades, costumes, parties, balls, music, and beer during this time. In some cities, this celebration is the biggest of the year. It trumps Halloween, Christmas, or New Year's.

Germans love rules, so it does not come as a surprise to find that there is also a rule which allows Germans to go wild 😊.

Depending on the region you are in, you might not notice people celebrating carnival at all. In Berlin, for example, you need to look hard for carnival celebrations, as they are not known to many.

In other regions, like in the *Rheinland*, carnival plays a significant role in the culture, so you would have to be living under a rock to not notice this season.

Every region in Germany celebrates carnival one way or the other. Depending on the area you live in, you might hear different names for this season. The three most common names for carnival in Germany are ***Karneval, Fastnacht, and Fasching***.

The carnival season in Germany, a.k.a. 'The Fifth season of the year', **starts on November 11th at 11:11, and it finishes at 23:59 on the day before Ash Wednesday.**

Even though Ash Wednesday falls on a different date every year, carnival season always starts on 11.11 at 11:11am.

**SAVE THE DATE for our FASCHING/
KARNEVAL Celebrations on the
18th of February 2023!**



Liebe Senioren.

Als wir vor ein paar Wochen ein gemeinsames Mittagessen geniessen konnten, hatten wir keine Ahnung, dass es für Angela Mittermayer das letzte war.

Angela war Mitglied im Heimat Chor und in verschiedenen anderen Gruppen.

Herzliches Mitleid an ihre Tochter Angie.

Wir werden ihr Andenken in unseren Herzen bewahren.

So ist unsere Seniorengruppe um eine liebe Person ärmer geworden.

Neue Mitglieder sind jederzeit willkommen. Wir treffen uns jeden Mittwoch von 9.30 am bis 1 pm in der Karls Bar.

Wenn diese Nachricht erscheint, dann steht Weihnachten vor der Türe. Ich wünsche allen ein Frohes Fest und viel Glück im neuen Jahr.

Rita Zeller
Group Leader



Weihnachten

*In der Ferne hört man schon
Ein leises Glöckchen klingen,
es soll Dir eine Nachricht
zur Weihnacht überbringen,
Lad' Dir Deine Lieben ein,
zu einem grossen Feste
und gönne Dir an diesem Tag
von allem nur das Beste.*





FAME MANDOLIN + GUITAR FESTIVAL PERTH 2023

Saturday 14 January, 3pm

Concert tickets \$30 at the door and via Trybooking
<https://www.trybooking.com/959019> (scan QR code)

**Perth Modern School
Beasley Hall
Roberts Road, Subiaco**

This concert is the culmination of a week-long music festival bringing together 60+ players of plucked stringed instruments from across the country. A unique and inspiring concert showcasing the creativity and kinship among community music-making ensembles in Australia.



Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group

Congratulations and many thanks to our members for another successful Oktoberfest.

A huge vote of thanks to all those who contributed over the month. It is an enormous effort for our small group and your participation is hugely appreciated. Special thanks go out to Digby and Jian who are not current members.

It is only because of your commitment that we are able to keep our membership fees so low and provide the modern targets and rifles that we do. Speaking of equipment, we have already begun the process of obtaining 3 or 4 new rifles. When they arrive we should have enough rifles for some to be custom fitted for particular shooters or disciplines.

On the first Saturday of October, we raised our glasses to our sister club Arbergen who provided us with a bottle of Boonecamp Schnaps. A herbal liqueur that can take some getting used to . . . which we managed to do over the following weeks.

So many people marvelled at the unique experience that Oktoberfest at the RDC offers. The Traditional Dancing and Bell Ringing, the Railway Display, the Entertainment, Competitions and not least the range of liquors, schnaps, traditional brews and wines on sale accompanied by hearty German Food.

Many patrons expressed surprise to find that we had a shooting range at the club and gratitude that they were actually able to shoot air rifles at Oktoberfest. We had several people show interest in becoming members so we hope to see a few of them on our regular Friday nights over the coming weeks.

Ending the Oktoberfest activities was our traditional Oktoberfest Family Day which was all about the next generation. Our young shooters kept coming back to the range for more and the prizes were fiercely fought over. There was some amazing talent and we would love to see some of you drop in on a Friday with your parents for a meal and a shoot.



Jeff Cadzow



Table Tennis Group

Well, there might be money in table tennis! An Applecross mansion was just purchased for a record \$19.5 million by a family keen on table tennis. The gym is to be converted into a proper table tennis facility for the Wu



daughters who are hoping to be Australia's future table tennis Olympians. They have already won national and international championships and are triple State champions for their age groups. Best of luck girls.

I would also like to congratulate an Aussie

duo of Lina Lei and Qian Yang who won gold in the Women's Doubles 20 event at the World Para Championships. This is a tremendous achievement for Lina and Qian and for Australian table tennis.

Our Christmas breakup will be on Tuesday 13th December so I hope all our members can make it on the night. We will have a few games of table tennis first, then enjoy some light refreshments.

As the club is closed most of January for maintenance, our return date for table tennis is Tuesday 31st January.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members and their families a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Debbie Solomon, Group Leader



David Ramsay enjoyed a trip to Europe in September and has sent through a summary for our readers, thanks Dave. (This will be in two parts, the second section will be in next month's magazine)

Our planned trip to Europe for our 20th wedding anniversary was delayed because of COVID, but my wife Kay and I finally headed off in September to see a small circle around Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and then fly up to Norway to see the Northern Lights. Apart from our flights and a Hurtigruten ferry trip, we travelled entirely by train. This was a great way to travel, enjoyable and relaxing and you could take your own food and drink on board. Great to sit back and relax with a meal, beer or wine after a day of sightseeing.

From Munich we travelled down to Neuschwanstein Castle. It is beautiful, and is really a 'fairy-tale' castle with its many viewing look-outs. One of our highlights was travelling in special scenic cars with full height windows on the Bernina Express across the Swiss Alps from Chur to Tirano, stopping at almost every village on the way.

In Milan we were lucky enough to join a tour to see Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece painting 'The Last Supper'. Another highlight was an outdoor concert where the orchestra from La Scala Opera were playing. On to Venice, where we did what all the tourists do and that is to catch a 'vaporetto' down The Grand Canal, very





touristy, but beautiful. The 'trick' to enjoying Venice is to get away from the main tourist haunts and walk the many side streets, and enjoy some 'chicchetti' (the Venetian lunch time snack) with a glass of wine. We loved Italy.

Next stop was Salzburg where we did a self guided walking tour of the old town which took in the Dom, the fortress, Mozartplatz, Felsenreitschule, St Peter's and of course, that most beautiful of shopping promenades, Getreidegasse and the many arcades that run off it. If there is a more beautiful shopping strip in the world, I have not seen it. The next day we joined The Sound of Music Tour. I understand that The Sound of Music is not that popular in Europe but it is EXTREMELY popular with English speakers and this trip was proof of that. The tour takes in all the places that the movie was filmed, and along the way the passengers get to sing along to the songs from the movie. The tour ends at the Mirabell Palace gardens where we all had a chance to re-create the scenes from the song Do-Re-Mi, BEST fun we had on the trip in my opinion! Our stay in Salzburg coincided with St. Rupert's Day, with lively local entertainment & plenty to eat and drink.

The train ride from Salzburg to Munich is magnificent as the train line meanders along the valley with the mountains as a back drop. Despite the fact that it was a 9.15am train there were plenty of locals dressed in their 'trachten' on their way to Oktoberfest in Munich. Just in case there wasn't enough to drink at Oktoberfest, everybody was carrying cans of beer and cider to keep them going on the one hour trip! It is pretty amusing as an Australian where consuming alcohol in public is 'verboten' to see whole train carriages full of Salzburgers enthusiastically drinking alcohol that



they had brought on to the train.

The airport at Tromso was extremely busy, it appears that Europe has well and truly forgotten about COVID-19 and people are getting back to travelling. In the next edition of the magazine, I will tell you about our trip to Norway and our short stay in Amsterdam before returning to Perth.





Hi Everyone,

Well, the Oktoberfest is behind us now and we are having a well-earned break at the moment.

On behalf of the group, I would like to express our gratitude to David Vieceli our cellarmaster who helped us out greatly by playing for the bells and also dancing as well as working terribly hard behind the bar.

We were also fortunate to have our erstwhile musician, John Krizman, visit us from Slovenia and play for us during the Oktoberfest. Another former group member, Mark Bozikovich, came along and accompanied him. It was wonderful to hear the spirited playing and it brought back many fond memories.

Two of our younger members made their debut as “senior” dancers this year. Jemima and Hannah were there, week in, week out. Thank you so much gorgeous girls, we could not have done it without you! Thank you to Bruce for making sure they arrived safe and sound.

Monica managed to tear herself away from beautiful Broome to play the bells and dance one weekend. It was so lovely to see her smiling face.

Recuperating from surgery, Susan, with the aid of crutches, also came and played bells whilst Bev also made time to help us out.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the entire group for the sterling effort they made throughout the Oktoberfest.

I am pleased to announce that the Volkstanzfest will take place next year over the Easter weekend at the Rhein Donau Club. We will be welcoming dancers and musicians from around Australia. Mark this in your calendars as it will be a wonderful event.



Wishing you a beautiful Christmas and terrific New Year from everyone in the Edelweiss Dance Group.

See you on the dance floor!

Julianne Pulver
Group Leader



2022/2023

Wir wünschen allen unseren
Mitgliedern ein gesegnetes
Weihnachtsfest und
einen guten Rutsch ins Neue Jahr!

We wish all our members a
Merry Christmas and
a great start into the New Year!

President
Committee
Club Manager



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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