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Neuigkeiten/ News

Welcome to our new members:

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A warm Welcome to the new Rhein-Donau Club Committee 2021/2022

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New Beginnings!

After several years of running the Club's front office and helping out at our bars, our long standing Office Administrator

Deone Denner

has left the Club! We are very sad to see her go, she has been a real asset to us and she will be sorely missed. We thank her for all the hard work she's done for us and wish her all the best for her future!



We would like to introduce our new Office Assistant

Sandra Evans

who will be greeting you in the front office or on the phone from now on. Sandra is German herself and we think she will be a good fit for the Club. She would like to meet more members, maybe drop in and say "Hi" at some stage!

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, October/November 2021. Entry deadline for the issue is 4th September 2021, please send your contribution to

editor@rheindonau.com.au

Thank you- Petra

President Report

Hallo liebe Mitglieder,

und schon wieder mussten wir wegen Lockdown unseren Club für einige Tage schließen! Ich frage mich was aus unserer Welt nur geworden ist.... Seit 16 Monaten kämpfen alle Länder gegen den Virus. Wir können nur hoffen und beten, dass wir eines Tages alles überstanden haben und in der Lage sind, ohne Bedenken wieder unser normales Leben führen zu können.



Zu unserem tiefsten Bedauern und mit schwerem Herzen müssen wir Ihnen leider mitteilen, dass unsere lebenslustige Fritzi Waters, Mitglied auf Lebenszeit, am 8. Juni 2019 verstorben ist.

Wir hatten aber auch wieder einige fröhliche Stunden im Club, z.B. die Spanische Nacht. Unsere Mitglieder und Gäste waren begeistert von den Spanischen Gerichten, die unser Chef aufzuweisen hatte. Auch die Flamenco Tänzerin mit ihren Kastagnetten trug sehr zur Unterhaltung bei. Die Elvis Nacht war ebenfalls ein voller Erfolg. Die Edelweißhalle war total ausgebucht. Die 2 Showeinlagen von Elvis brachten die Stimmung auf den Höhepunkt.

An diesen kalten Winterabenden haben wir auch wieder die Glühwein Saison eröffnet. Thomas, unser Kellermeister, bietet unseren berühmten "Mulled Wine" jeden Samstag und Sonntag an.

Am 18. September 2021 werden wir unseren 63. Klub Geburtstag feiern. Bitte versäumen Sie nicht, rechtzeitig Ihre Karten zu buchen!

Und natürlich wünsche ich unseren kranken Mitgliedern eine schnelle Genesung!

Dear Members,

unfortunately we needed to close our club again for a few days because of Lockdown. I wonder what is happening to our world? Every country on the planet has been fighting against the Corona Virus in the last 16 months. We can only hope and pray that one day in the future we can live in a happier world again, like we used to.

It is with great sorrow and a heavy heart that we have to let you know of the passing of our life member Fritzi Waters on the 8th of June 2021.

But we also had quite a few happy hours at the Club, starting off with the Spanish Night. Members and Guests were excited about our Chef's Spanish Menu, and the Flamenco dancer with her Castanets was very entertaining. The Elvis Night was also a great Success. We had a fully booked Edelweiss Hall and everyone enjoyed Elvis's 2 Floorshows immensely.

On those cold winter nights we started selling our mulled Wine (Gluehwein) again. Thomas, our Cellar Master, is presenting our famous mulled wine every weekend on Saturdays and Sundays.

On the 18th of September we will celebrate our 63rd Club Birthday. Please remember to book your tickets early so you don't miss out!

Last but not least, I wish our sick members a speedy recovery.

Ursula Deck
President

Treasurer Report

Dear Members,

The new committee has started to work and we already passed the Club's first financial quarter. The year 2021/22 will be a challenging year for all of us. As we have decided in the AGM, a lot of investments have to be organized, the major one financed by the grant of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries - Office of Multicultural Interests. We are also improving the office to comply with safety regulations.

Our new Club Manager Petra is doing a great job. We already see the improvements in the very efficient way she handling the affairs of the Club administration. Our membership is also increasing and it is very encouraging to see how many new members are accepted into the club at each committee meeting.

Covid-19 is still with us and looking at the development in NSW, Europe etc., the virus will be a threat to our health and the business community for many years to come as the vaccination in Australia does not seem to take off and I hear from a lot of people they do not like the AstraZeneca vaccine and will not get vaccinated until another, more effective vaccine will be made available to all. This may also create a problem in the future as the Government doesn't seem to be prepared to give a choice of different vaccines to the people.

We have seen in the past that our WA Government is very quick in ordering a lockdown if only a few people get affected. With the new Delta strain experts around the world say it is not a question if you get it but if you are vaccinated when you get it. We will face this problem also in WA in the future.

Therefore we have to have a plan B, in case we are facing another lockdown during some major club functions or even during the Oktoberfest which

may affect our income and consequently our financial situation. At the moment we are in a very strong financial position and we are correct to do the needed investments now. But at the same time we have to make sure that we will have enough reserves to get through a year with less income. Without the Oktoberfest, the Club will not be able to reach a positive result by the end of the year. It is therefore very important to look for various options to save some money in the meantime.



I feel in these times we should come back to the original spirit which our Club was built on: VOLUNTARY WORK.

In the last extended committee meeting I asked all group leaders that each group gets involved in assisting with some jobs during the Oktoberfest nights. This alone would save the club approx. AUD 4,000. I have also proposed to the committee some other areas where we will be able to save some money.

Hopefully everything will be ok and we are not facing any restrictions which would mean we have more reserves but we cannot be sure and it is better to be careful now than sorry later. As the treasurer I have to look at all the options and together with the committee we have to assess the risks for the next few years because we are living in a time of uncertainties. Let us work together to ensure that we are prepared for all the challenges we may face in the future.

Dieter Pflaumbaum
Treasurer



A fundraising event for one of the worst affected towns during the current flood disaster in Germany



DISASTER RELIEF FUNDRAISER GEMEINDE SCHULD



**AUGUST 13, 2021 (FRIDAY)
6:30 PM**

**AT THE RHEIN-DONAU CLUB
110 NORTH LAKE ROAD, MYAREE**

*** Lets all pull together in this ***

We can't be there in person but we can help from here!
Every little bit helps!

Please come on the night, be generous and show your support

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HELP THE PEOPLE OF SCHULD TO RECOVER
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- There will be live entertainment

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RIP Friederike Waters

The 8th June 2021 was a very sad day. A most amazing person has moved off to be reunited with her husband who she so dearly loved.



Friederike, or Fritzi as we loved to call her, has been an essential part of the Rhein-Donau Club for over 50 years. She joined in 1970 and enthusiastically involved herself in many roles throughout the decades. She was organizer, coordinator, record keeper, host. She ran the Children's Playgroup and organized the Children's Christmas parties. She loved telling stories and inspiring others. Fritzi was Group leader of the Theatre Group and organized the vibrant Vienna Nights and the spectacular Easter Hat Parade which were much loved by the members.

She was a much-loved member of the Air Rifle Group for over thirty years. She apparently never hit the target and left her marks in the panelling but she inspired every member of the group with her tenacity and determination.

She was the Club's vice secretary for many years and was forever present at club's events. She loved to meet and greet members and guests at the door and made everybody feel welcome.

For her active involvement in the club Fritzi was made a life member.

She had a heart of Gold and would do anything for everybody.

Fritzi was not only the STAR of the party at club events she was the STAR of the Club. She was Lady Rhein Donau and the club will not be the same without her.



Club Manager Report

Dear Members,

It's been about one and a half months now since I started in the position as Club Manager, and what a ride it's been! There is so much to learn and so many things to do, I really take my hat off to the members and staff who have been running the Club in the past. But I can say that I thoroughly enjoy every single aspect of it!



A couple of challenges that have been directly affecting the way the administration runs in the past few weeks have been for one the remodeling of the offices – we are so grateful to our equipment warden Steve Schlegel who is putting most of his free time into giving our workspace a new lease on life. But it means a lot of upheaval in the office with the paperwork and archiving, to make room for new furniture, storage and administration systems. We can't wait to see (and work in!) the end result!

The other hurdle has been Deone leaving us. Having been at the Club for 5 years she was a fountain of knowledge, and Sandra and I, both being new now, will have to adjust and learn the way things work in the Club by ourselves. So please be patient with us if we cannot answer all of your questions straight away or if things take a bit longer than usual, but be assured that we are doing our utmost to find an answer to everything and make the transition to a completely new administration of the Club as smooth as possible.

Next time you come in please drop into the office, meet us and see the changes yourself!

Petra
Club Manager

Farewell Dieter and Sieglinde Ducke

Dieter and Sieglinde Ducke have retired from the executive committee.

As the new committee for this year started it was nice to see some young new faces in the committee. Whereas Sieglinde und Dieter Ducke - two of our most knowledgeable members at the Club who have been involved in so many Club activities over the years and have always been part of the committee for nearly 60 years - decided to start their well-earned retirement from their Club involvement.



Dieter und Sieglinde Ducke joined the club in 1962 and Dieter was already actively involved in the committee in 1963.

From the beginning both Dieter and Sieglinde were very much engaged, not only establishing the 'Edelweiss Dance Group' as well as the 'Echo der Berge', growing both groups to what they still are today, two of the back bones of the RDC.

Sieglinde concentrated on the Edelweiss Dance Group, not only being group leader for a significant amount of time but also starting a children's dance group back in the 80s, which again was a big success.

Apart from all these commitments and

whilst still running their own business, Sieglinde was also an active committee member in various positions until 2020.

Dieter was also involved in the Club in various positions, whether it was the Radio, lending a helping hand with all the building developments, taking various positions in the committee and serving as the Club President. When

there was something to do, Dieter was one of the first people to do the work, always on a voluntary basis.

In recognition of all his dedication, Dieter was awarded a life membership.

During the last few years, Dieter was a trustee and with his experience he was a big help for any new committee members.

Dieter turned 80 last year and decided that it was time to pass on the responsibility to the younger members. At the Annual General Meeting in May 2021 he retired from his position as trustee.

I think it's fair to say that for Sieglinde and Dieter the Club was a home away from home. Passing on the passion for the Club to their children, they also became active members in the Edelweiss Dance Group and the Echo der Berge from very early ages.

Again, their daughter Susan has been active in the Club until today and her children have been active members straight from the beginning.

To see Sieglinde and Dieter leave the executive committee after such a long time, and them being involved in forming the club to what it is today is certainly a loss for the Club and we are sad to see them go. On the other hand, it is more than well-deserved and understandable that they now want more time for themselves to enjoy their beautiful estate and just enjoy life. Furthermore we are certain that they will not be strangers to the club and hope to see them participate in the RDC Events!

Dieter and Sieglinde, as the President and the Executive Committee we would like to express our utmost gratitude to both of you for what you have done for the Club and we wish for you to enjoy life at its best.

President and Executive Committee



Elvis Night

ALPENGAUDI 2021

Family friendly Pre-Oktoberfest Party!

- Huge beer hall
- German Restaurant
- Live band and DJ
- Beer-Stein Holding Competition
- Traditional German dancers & bell-ringers

AUGUST 14TH 6:30PM
RHEIN DONAU CLUB
110 NORTHLAKE RD, MYAREE

*Tickets \$10 for members, \$15 for guests
 available from rheindonau.com.au/events*



Our club held a special Elvis tribute night on Saturday 19th June.

The hall looked great with extra lighting and decorations, thanks to Sue and Brian.

Stuey V gave a great performance as Elvis, from a leather clad young Elvis to the more mature white jumpsuit Elvis, and yes, he even performed a few songs standing on the tables.



He was backed by the band Indiana and their songs had everyone up dancing. Our chef Bobby made a special effort with the menu and guests tucked into buffalo wings, sticky barbecue ribs and an Elvis burger just to mention a few.



It was a great turnout, and the night was a real success for the Club!

Spanish Night



There was quite a good turnout for our Spanish Night on 5th June. Our chef Bobby had created a special Spanish menu for the event and this was well received. The paella was certainly popular and sold out. Our lovely guest Flamenco dancer Claire entertained the crowd and it didn't take much encouragement for members & guests to join her on the dance floor. Rockin' Rodney sang a selection of Spanish songs and of course his usual repertoire.



Our first "theme" night went well!

Keep your eye out for a possible French night in the near future!

You are invited to join in our

RDC Anniversary Celebration **Saturday the 18th of September**

Welcome Drinks - Dinner - Coffee & Cake

Music by Rosie & The Commitments

Members \$25 - Guests \$45

Doors open 5:30pm, dinner starts at 6:30pm

To reserve your seat, please phone 9330 6488 by 15/9/2021 during office hours

The Rhein-Donau Club, 110 North Lake Rd, Myaree

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.



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with DJ Brian

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5pm till late

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Guests \$10

The Rhein-Donau Club
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Members \$20 - Guests \$30



Christmas in July!



The Rhein Donau "Christmas in July" was held on Saturday 24th July.

It was organised by our table tennis group as their main fundraiser for the year. They decorated the hall with hundreds of Christmas lights. It was a great success with over 200 people attending. The band "Rhythm Deluxe" played fantastic songs, including many well known Christmas carols. There were prize giveaways, courtesy of "Happy Cakes" and a successful raffle.

We were then entertained with a funny "Grease" movie compilation played by David Ramsay as Sandy, Paul Robson as Danny and featuring the pink ladies, T birds and headmistress of Rydell High. Our chef Boby did a special menu which included the traditional roast Turkey and Ham, and the Gluehwein was flowing.



All in all a wonderful night!





What's on at the Rhein-Donau Club

*** HAPPY HOUR every Sunday ***
5pm - 6pm

August 2021

Sat 7 6:30pm	Duo - Double Track Entry: Members \$5 / Guests \$10
Sat 14 6:30pm 	Alpengaudi with The Edelweiss Dance Group Band - Mr Accordion Man & Boys of Summer Entry: Members \$10 / Guests \$15
Sat 21 5:00pm	Disney Disco Fun for the whole family with DJ Brian Entry per Family: Members \$5 / Guests \$10 
Sat 28 6:30pm	Rockin' Rodney Entry: Members \$5 / Guests \$10

Bar and Restaurant open from
6:30pm Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 4pm Sundays



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September 2021

Sat 4 6:30pm	DJ Brian Entry: Members Free / Guests \$5
Sat 11 6:30pm	Rockin' Rodney Entry: Members \$5 / Guests \$10
RDC Anniversary Celebration	
Sat 18 5:30pm 	music by Rosie & The Commitments Entry \$25 members / \$45 guests Includes Welcome Drinks - Dinner Coffee & Cake - Entertainment
Sat 26 6:30pm	Duo - Double Track Entry: Members \$5 / Guests \$10

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Turning 50 in style (aka seeing Abraham or Sarah)

Dutch birthdays are a big thing and very hard work for the person whose birthday it is. Family and friends, even acquaintances come to visit, shake hands with all other guests, sit down and wait to be served by the birthday boy or girl.

The Dutch 50th birthday, however, is something different: full of eccentricities, nonsense, and good old fashion fun!



When Dutch people turn fifty they are said to be either “seeing Abraham” or “seeing Sara”.

In this case, to “see” Sarah or Abraham is a biblical reference. The original meaning is still up for debate, but it seems to include adultery, stoning, barren-women,

seeing ghosts, ageing, death, and sinning – yes, all the elements necessary for a rousing bible story!! Somewhere amidst the judgements and morals there is a rather literal reference to turning 50 years old and “seeing Abraham”. How it then made its way into the Dutch lexicon is anyone’s guess...

The Dutch clearly decided to put their own spin on the biblical tale. When Dutch people hit the big 5-0 in the Lowlands, the birthday celebrations tend to include either a cake or pastry symbolising the ageing birthday boy or girl.

Somehow, over time, the tradition evolved and that little pastry person morphed into a life-size doll in the likeness of the guest of honour! Think scarecrow-esque figures on front lawns, human paper-mâché travesties and five-meter-tall blow-up balloons of greying women (aka Sarah) or balding men (aka Abraham).

Celebrations in the Lowlands are not complete without some witty poems - such ditties, written by friends and family, often accompany the festivities.

Admittedly, this particular tradition has lost some steam in recent years yet, as both Neerlandia’s President and vice-President have or will soon have their 50th birthdays we thought remembering this old Dutch tradition is



an appropriate subject for this magazine’s contribution.

Lianna Parker
Machiel vd Stelt

Source:
Stuff Dutch People Like

Table Tennis Group

As I write this article we are on another lockdown but hopefully a short one. We are still hoping our Christmas in July event can go ahead. Rehearsals are going well for our skit.

Player numbers have reduced a bit lately but this is probably due to the winter weather, however membership is still strong.

Taka Wild has sent in a story of her fishing holiday in Carnarvon:

I recently had a two-week fishing holiday in Carnarvon with my husband away from work and table tennis! Three friends joined us for the first week.



The weather was absolutely magnificent: warm and calm and perfect for fishing offshore. It took almost 12 hours to drive to Carnarvon towing our boat. We rented a house through Airbnb and were having a perfect start to holiday; until I had an accident on day two! When launching our boat, a rope got caught on my wedding ring and snapped my ring finger as the boat slid off the trailer!!!

I was not going to spoil the holiday for everyone, so returning to Perth was not an option I considered. My husband took me to the emergency department in Carnarvon Hospital. Being a nurse, I expected to wait for a long time but was soon met by a Dr Nigel, originally from Zambia. After an X-ray to confirm my broken finger, he performed a brilliant, closed reduction and put a back slab plaster on my arm. I was discharged about 1 hour later. He was such an outstanding doctor and visiting Carnarvon Hospital was an excellent experience!

After the accident, I became the official fish identifier, while everyone else caught great fish. I love fishing but I also love watching good fishing. We had



a good variety of fish each day and caught plenty in 2 to 3 hours each day. After cleaning the fish we went back to our accommodation and enjoyed beer and wine each day. Preparing and cooking same day caught fish is also something I absolutely love!

We also tried some crabbing for Blue Manna. After all, Shark Bay (Carnarvon is a part of Shark Bay) is famous for professional crabbing. We caught quite a lot, but they were rather skinny at this time of the year and needed to grow into their new shells!



We also tried mud crabbing in the local creek. Carnarvon is one of the few places where you can catch

Blue Manna and Mud crabs. We caught 3 huge muddies within a short amount of time! They were absolute monsters! There was so much meat and they were absolutely delicious!

Although things didn't go exactly as planned I had a great holiday! I love Carnarvon! There is a lot you can do in Carnarvon. Most people think it is a town where you just get supplies on the way further north. But there is a wide range of fishing opportunities, as well as blue manna and mud crabs to catch. If the weather isn't suitable for fishing you can take off to the blowholes and Kennedy Range. We went to the Carnarvon Space Museum for the first time too. It was brilliant! I can strongly recommend.



Thanks Taka, and we have missed you at table tennis! Nasty finger break, hope it heals fast!
Debbie Solomon - Group Leader

Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group

It seems a long time ago now, but the Schutzenfest 2021 was a great event held in May. I like to thank the members of the Eagle Eye Air Rifle group for volunteering their time and helping make this a fun event for the Rhein-Donau Club. Occurring between COVID lockdowns it was very pleasing to have so many people turn up and celebrate the “shooters festival”. Thanks to club members for their help in promoting this event and other volunteers for decorating tables and selling tickets at the door.

Regular shooting has been good, and we have seen our new members Victor, Traecy, Charles and Isabella exploring and developing their shooting skills. Well done also to Terry who has shot a Rifle Group record of 577 (out of 600). We wish Terry safe travels in his job and look forward to his return. Good luck to members who have also entered a recent postal shoot. Our next event is the Octoberfest. We will be starting preparations now.

Matt Dhue
Group Leader



Edelweiss Dance Group

Hi All,

Well, thanks to Covid, things have been a bit up and down with being able to practice. Hopefully we won't have to endure too many additional lockdowns (fingers crossed).



We are starting to prepare for the Volkstanzfest which will see dance groups from around Australia visit Perth at Easter 2022. This is a major event which spans the whole weekend. You will be able to see lots of beautiful costumes, wonderful dancers and musicians. It really is something worth putting in your diary.

Our annual "Alpengaudi" will be on August 14th. Our gorgeous juniors will once again be joining us to provide you with an entertainment-filled evening. Please come along and support us.



See you on the dancefloor!

Julianne Pulver
Secretary

Seniors Group

Liebe Senioren

Wie Ihr seht, die Seniorengruppe ist immer noch am Leben. Wir kommen jeden Mittwoch zusammen in der neurenovierten Karls Bar. Leider ist es einigen Senioren nicht mehr möglich zu kommen.

Wir möchten unbedingt neue Mitglieder begrüßen.

Den kranken wünschen wir recht baldige Besserung.

Leider mussten wir Abschied nehmen von unserer lieben Fritzi. Sie war unser Sonnenschein. Wenn sie kam hat sie immer gesagt: Rita, ich muss Dir was erzählen.

Sie hatte immer viel zu erzählen. Wir vermissen Dich sehr Fritzi und werden Dein Andenken in unseren Herzen bewahren.

Fritzi war viele Jahre Vize-Sekretär, sie war in der Theatergruppe, Schuetzengruppe, Pool Gruppe und sogar früher am Deutschen Radio tätig.

Fritzi: Ruhe im Frieden! Fritzi dieser Poem ist für Dich:

Weisse Wolken
O schau, sie schweben wieder
Wie leise Melodien
Vergessener schöner Lieder
Am blauen Himmel hin!

Kein Herz kann sie verstehen,
Dem nicht auf langer Fahrt
Ein Wissen von allen Wehen
Und Freuden des Wanderns ward.

Hermann Hesse

Rita Zeller
Group Leader



Pistol Group



Our members continue to raise the profile of the Rhein Donau Club competing in local and national competitions. Congratulations to the members who competed at the recent Northam Pistol Club Invitational winning both the Off-Pistol and Handicap Shields.

The last few months have been busy for the club with an increasing membership, (we recently welcomed our 30th member), running 2 Open competitions at the club and members competing in video matches to provide competition for the Australian Olympic pistol team members.

We have also hosted 2 fathers' groups from a local primary and high school to visit the club and try shooting. This was a great opportunity to welcome 35 local community members and showcase the Rhein Donau Club.

The second fathers' group were able to try their hand at shooting using the club's new Steyr air pistols. A special thank you to the Rhein Donau Club and its members who assisted the pistol group by providing a loan to purchase the modern world class equipment which we can hire to new members, run come and try events and continue to expand our junior programme further increasing membership of the pistol group and the club.

Our members will be competing regularly over the coming months with an Open at Whiteman Park, two Opens here at the club in September and November, our own Club Championships, travelling to Geraldton for the State Championships before a team of our more senior members compete at the Australian Masters Games in October.

As I write this, Australia is watching and celebrating with athletes from all around the world competing at the Tokyo Olympics. In just 11 years, 2032 it will be happening on home soil in Brisbane and the Rhein Donau Club has 3 groups whose sports are represented at the Olympics. Could there be a club member, son, daughter or grandchild of a member who might just be playing table tennis, air rifle or pistol shooting who will be competing at the 2032 Olympics?

The Olympics aside the pistol club welcomes members and their families to come and try pistol shooting, it's a great family sport and fun.

Murray Bow



WA Mandolin Orchestra

Dear Members,

Despite the cold evenings our rehearsals are going well and we are busy preparing for our next concert on Saturday August 7th at 3pm at the Rhein-Donau Club. We are featuring all Australian composers and three world premieres. The orchestra will perform 3 to 5 pm with afternoon tea available in the interval and the kitchen open for dinner 6pm.

One rehearsal night mid-June saw half the orchestra plus our conductor laid low with head colds leaving half an orchestra to 'hold the fort'. On the second Wednesday of each month some orchestra members arrive early to enjoy a social dinner together. This is particularly pleasant on cold winter evenings with the soup of the day being my favourite. Tickets for our Café Concert can be easily made through Try Bookings at 20 dollars each. We hope to see you there!

Elizabeth Neeson



The West Australian Mandolin Orchestra



*Invites you to our Cafe Concert
To be held at the Rhein-Donau Club
On Saturday August 7th at 3 PM*

*A Covid Safe Affair -
Keeping the borders closed - A program
featuring all Australian composers, including
3 world premieres!*

*Kitchen and bar facilities will be available.
Enjoy afternoon tea during interval and stay
for dinner afterwards.*

*Tickets are available through Trybooking
www.trybooking.com/BDSII
One ticket price of \$20. No concessions.*

Conductor: Mathew Laurensen.



Life Story-telling: A Workshop to get you started

The Fellowship of Australian Writers WA (FAWWA) will run a five-session workshop on Life Story-telling on Saturday mornings from 8 October-5 November 2021. This interactive workshop will be held at FAWWA's Mattie House in Swanbourne. Sessions will run for three hours at a cost of \$75 for the workshop overall (or \$15 a session). Morning tea will be provided.

Dr Helena Studdert and Mr Machiel van der Stelt will facilitate the sessions. Helena has recently published her father's life story, **no bed of roses: Teo's Story**, and Machiel has drawn on Dutch history to write a series of young adult short stories, Surf of Liberty, Chocolate for Anne Frank and The Framed Van Gogh Paradox. Both our facilitators believe in the importance of sharing life and writing experiences and are keen to help people to record their story. If you have always wanted to tell your own tale, this supportive and encouraging workshop is for you. Join us at Mattie House and learn how you might record your life's journey.

Expressions of interest should be sent to
fellowshipaustralianwriterswa@gmail.com by mid-end of August.

Snapshots



Rhein-Donau Club's new
"SCHNAPPSKISTE" in use!



Steve Schlegel in Action

Petra and Elvis close up!



Decorated for German Language Classes WA



Aktivitäten / Groups at the Club

Group Leader	Phone	Meeting Times
Billiard (Snooker) Sanjay Kumar	0415 292 536	Tues & Fri 7pm
Edelweiss Dance Group Rebecca Watson	0428 190 412	Sun from 5-7pm Juniors Sun from 4pm
Model Railway Bret Hummel	0412 939 699	Fri from 6pm
Perth Miniature Gamers Michael Walsh	0402 408 778	Wed at 6pm
Eagle Eye Pistols Philip Kroczek	0467 787 857	Fri from 5pm
Chess Sanjay Kumar	0415 292 536	Wed at 7pm
Eagle Eye Air Rifle Matthew Dhue	0413 514 510	Fri at 7pm
Seniors Rita Zeller	08 9457 2784	Wed 10am to 3pm
Table Tennis Debbie Solomon	0427 354 153	Tues at 7pm
Mandolin Orchestra Robert Schulz	0490 868 344	Wed 7.30 to 9.30pm
Volkssingen Irene Harrop	0488 585 850	Fri 1.30 to 3pm

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 9 pm

Saturday from 6.30pm to 10pm

Sunday 4pm to 8.00pm



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