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10.00 am to 3.00pm

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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 9 new members!

James Maguire, Fanny Prentice, Thomas Prentice, Nele Johnson, Mel Caceres, Keith Nairn, Carolyn Nairn, Karin Klicker, Erich Klicker



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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, June/July 2023. Entry deadline for the issue is 5th May 2023, please send your contribution to **accounts@rheindonau.com.au**

Thank you- Petra

In Rememberance

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

GÜNTER BEST

passed away on Friday, 17th March 2023. May he rest in peace.

Günter was a very active, well liked and respected member of the Club since he joined in 1970. He was Club President from 1993 to 1994 and became a Honorary Life Member in 2015.

He took part in a lot of events over the years, and made sure he always came to the Oktoberfest, Karneval and Club Anniversary.



The news of his passing came in just a short time before this magazine had to go to print so we will publish an obituary in the next edition.

Our deepest condolences go to Günters family and friends, and to all those who were close to him. He certainly had a big influence on the Club and its members over many years.



Membership Renewals

Once again we want to remind you that the current membership year comes to an end on 31 March 2023. Please call the office on 9330 6488 or email admin@rheindonau.com.au to renew your membership. An email with all details attached has been sent out to all of you who have an email address.

Please remember - to be part of one of our sub-groups, you also NEED to be a member of our Club. This has caused some confusion in the past.

We hope that you will decide to stay on and help us see the Club moving forward.

Model Railway currently not running

Due to extensive re-wiring to make it bigger and better the Model Railway is currently not operating. We will let you know when the upgrade is finished and the trains are on display again. We appreciate your understanding in the meantime and hope you will all come and visit when they are back up and running!



Annual General Meeting

Mitgliederversammlung ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, 21st May 2023, 3pm

The Annual General Meeting of the Rhein-Donau Club will be held on Sunday the 21st of May 2023.

All positions on the Committee will be open for nomination. Please consider joining the Committee and contributing to the future of our Club.

Nomination forms and role descriptions for each position are available from the office, or you can have a chat to one of the existing Committee members for more details (contact details on page 4).

ALL nomination forms must be lodged at the Club by Friday, 28th April 2023, 6pm.

All ordinary members are eligible to be nominated and eligible to vote. Your presence at the meeting is very important. Please make every effort to attend your Club's AGM.



President Report

Hallo liebe Mitglieder,

Oh was für ein großartiges Karneval Wochenende wir hatten. An beiden Tagen hatten wir volles Haus. Es war so schön, die vielen Verkleidungen und Kostüme zu sehen. Was mich sehr überrascht und erfreute, waren die vielen jüngeren Leute, die da waren. Die Gugge Barras haben auch ihr bestes zum Abend beigetragen und somit war der Abend ein voller Erfolg.

Am Sonntagnachmittag war der Andrang von den kleinen kostümierten Kindern groß. Es waren über 70 Kinder anwesend und mit Mama, Papa und einigen Omas und Opas, war auch an diesem Tag die Halle voll. Es war ganz toll, Mamas und Papas kamen ebenfalls maskiert, was zum Kindermaskenball viel beitrug. Die Spiele, Tanze und Preise trugen sehr zur Freude und Spaß bei.

Alles in allem ein gelungenes Wochenende und so soll Karneval sein.

Unsere Küchenrenovierung ist mit Baugenehmigung, Bauplänen usw. in vollen Gang. Somit können wir nach dem Volkstanzfest voraussichtlich gleich nach Ostern mit den Arbeiten beginnen. So ist es geplant.

Bitte lassen Sie es sich nicht nehmen die Tänzer zum 24. Volkstanzfest zu bewundern. Ich kann Ihnen versichern, es wird ein großartiges Volkstanz Wochenende werden.



Dieses Jahr müssen wir leider unseren beliebten Muttertags Lunch aus Renovierungsgründen ausfallen lassen, was uns sehr leid tut.

Vergessen Sie bitte nicht am 21.Mai 2023 zur Jahresversammlung (AGM) zu kommen, es ist wichtig, dass genug Mitglieder anwesend sind, falls wichtige Entscheidungen zu treffen sind und eventuell ein neues Komitee gewählt wird.

Nun möchte ich unseren kranken Mitgliedern eine baldige Genesung wünschen, damit wir Sie recht bald wieder in unserem Club begrüßen dürfen.

Hello dear Members,

What a wonderful Karneval weekend we had! On both days the Hall was packed out. It was so lovely to see the many costumes and funny outfits. What surprised and pleased me was to see the number of young people who came along.

The Gugge Barras also added their best efforts to the evening and so ensured that it was a total success.

On Sunday afternoon there was a huge influx of small children in costume. There were over 70



children who came, and with Mums, Dads and several grandparents, the hall was also full on this day. It was great fun; even the parents came dressed up, which really added to the atmosphere. The games, dances and prizes all contributed to make it a fun afternoon for all.

All in all, a very successful weekend and that is just how Karneval should be.

Our kitchen renovations are well underway with seeking building permission and getting the plans organised. It is planned to begin with the actual work as soon as the Folkdance Festival is finished, straight after Easter.

Please don't forget to come to the 24th Folkdance Festival to admire the many dancers. I can assure you that it will be an amazing weekend of dancing.

This year we are unfortunately having to cancel our beloved Mother's Day lunch because of the impending renovations, for which we apologise.

Don't forget to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) this year! It is important that we have enough members present, in case important decisions need to be made and a new committee needs to be elected.

Now I would like to wish a speedy recovery to all our members who are unwell, so that we will be able to welcome them back in to our Club.

Ursula Deck

President

Rückblicke/Looking Back























































What's on in April 2023

HAPPY HOUR every SUNDAY

5pm - 6pm

Sat 1st Black & White Dance (SAGSE)

6:30pm General Admission \$10

SAGSE Members and Students \$10

<u>Sat 8th, Sun 9th Volkstanzfest</u>

Doors open 12:30pm on each day with restaurant and bar service Festival starts at 2:00pm



<u>Sat 15th Cedric</u>

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

Sat 22th Billy on Guitar

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

Sat 29th Rockin' Rodney

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



Rhein-Donau Club



Oktoberfestperth



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HAPPY HOUR every SUNDAY 5pm - 6pm



Sat 6th May Dance with the Alpen Duo

6:30pm presented by the Edelweiss Pance Group

Sat 13th Schützenfest

6:30pm presented by the

Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group



Sat 20th Mario

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

German songs and entertainment

Sun 21st AGM (Annual General Meeting)

3:00pm We urge all our members to come along

Sat 27th Duo Best Friends

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





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May Dance 2023

Celebrate the new season!

Huge beer hall
German Restaurant
Live dance band and DJ
Traditional German dancers & bell-ringers

6.May 2023 Doors open 6:30pm

Tickets from trybooking.com/CGSEM or call 9330 6488 or SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK

Members \$10 Guests \$15



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



SAT 13 MAY 2023

Members \$10 - Guests \$15

Entry includes token for your first shoot

ALL WELCOME - no previous shooting experience necessary



Shooting starts 5pm | Presentation 8:30pm | Kitchen & Bar open \$5 for 12 Shots | King and Queen Trophy | Band: Duo Best Friends

Scan the barcode or call 9330 6488 rheindonau.com.au/events trybooking.com/CGXVK

Further Info: Matt 0413 514 510 Jeff 0412 381 373

Seniors Group



Liebe Senioren

Ich hoffe, dass Euch das gemeinsame Mittagessen gut gemundet hat. Es freut mich besonders, dass Lola und Heinz auch dabei sein konnten.

Wir hoffen immer noch, dass sich neue Mitglieder bei uns anschliessen. Im Moment sind wir nur noch 10 Senioren, aber wir haben immer noch viel Spass zusammen.

Wir treffen uns jeden Mittwoch von 9.30 bis 1 Uhr.

Allen Senioren, die ihren Geburtstag feiern, wünsche ich viel Glück und alles Gute.

Rita, Group Leader

TRAUM

Es ist immer derselbe Traum: Ein rotblühender Kastanienbaum, Ein Garten,voll von Sommerfloor, Einsam ein altes Haus davor.

Dort, wo der stille Garten liegt, Hat meine Mutter mich gewiegt; Vielleicht – es ist so lange her – Steht Garten, Haus und Baum nicht mehr.

Vielleicht geht jetzt ein Wiesenweg Und Pflug und Egge drüber weg, Von Heimat, Garten, Haus und Baum Ist nichts geblieben als mein Traum.



WAMO (West Australian Mandolin Orchestra)

The WA Mandolin Orchestra (WAMO) had a busy summer hosting the Festival of Australian Mandolin Ensembles (known as FAME). We had intended to host this event for the past couple of years, but the problems associated with Covid obliged us to postpone several times. Finally, it all came to fruition in early 2023! For this event, we had a large number of interstate and international guests stay with us for a week at St Catherine's College Nedlands, followed by a well-attended concert at Perth Modern School on 14th January. The attached photographs show the final rehearsal in the school auditorium on the morning of the concert. Needless to say, there was a great deal of work to be done to prepare for this once-in-a-decade event, and the organising committee (ably led by Robert Schulz) is to be commended.

There is no rest for the wicked. WAMO is now busy preparing for our first concert of the year, to take place at the Rhein-Donau Club on April 30th. This will (naturally) be on a slightly smaller scale than the large FAME event. Our program is a particularly tuneful one, and we hope many club members will



come along to enjoy the music. Further details about ticketing will be available on the WAMO website a few weeks before the concert – see http://www.wamo.com.au/.

Best wishes to all club members.





Model Railway Group

Over the Xmas break and the last couple of months the Model Train Group has been hard at work removing old electical and digital cabling from the layout so that we can install new wiring to make the system more compatible with the latest digital technology.

This is an enormous task and is expected to take 4 to 6 months to complete. We can still run trains on the Marklin line but the DCC line has a limited capacity, however when the upgrade is completed the DCC line will operate up to ten trains running at once. This will give the layout the ability to operate upwards of 18 trains at once plus still having 7 commuter trains running.

Numerous items on the layout are in repair, most of the fair ground rides are being repaired as well as the ski lifts. Most repairs are just due to the age and wear on the tiny motors used to operate the rides. New areas around the harbour and the Refinery Area are still in the construction phase.

The availablity of working members has been limited in recent months due to unforeseen circumstances. This has slowed the progress on upgrading the layout. Once all members are hands on, work should progress a faster pace.

The photos attached are of the new canal area.







Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group

We have had a fairly slow start to the year. But it is good to see Mario and Cheryl back at the club. Mario has 2 new knees and a new lease on life. We hope to see them shooting again soon.

We are about to order 2 or 3 new Feinwerkbau 800W Hybrid rifles, depending on cost. This will bring the number of our PCP rifles up to 8. It may take some time to get to Perth from Germany, but the modern pre-charged pneumatics



(PCP) with recoil stability, along with the custom adjusted abilities to suit our shooters will be a great benefit and should show in higher scores.

We had two entries for the Australia Day Postal shoot and pleased to acknowledge that Jeff got 1 in B grade and Terry got 2 in Master

grade. Well done. Our next postal shoot is the "Monaro Postal".

We encourage all members no matter what the skill level enter in competions and particularly the postal shoots as they have a real chance to win.

Just a reminder, our Club AGM will be held on Friday 31st March and we will also be collecting membership renewals.

Schützenfest is coming up on 13th May, plan-



ning is underway we are not sure what will be happening with the kitchen but we will ensure that there will be food available no matter what.

See you all at the Club - Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group.

Pistol Group

Our regular shooting is well underway for 2023 and with a growing membership the club has been busy three evenings a week.

With several of our members travelling to Darwin for the National Championships in May as WA State Team members, local competitions are well attended. Our first Open shoot at the club in February had 38 entries and with supporting friends and families it was a busy day at Rhein Donau.



Our members competed successfully at the State Championships held over the March long weekend winning several state titles in both senior and junior events as well as in individual grades.

State Title winners were Katie Nicholls - 10m Women's Air, Siobhy Nicholls - 25m Pistol, Scott Anderson - 25m Centre Fire, Mike Giustiniano - 25m Standard Pistol and our juniors Caity Worth – 10m Air and Arvin Nair – 25m Pistol and 25m Standard Pistol

All our State Title winners won silver and bronze medals in other events and our recently returned member Jessie Kao in her first State Championship won bronze in 10m Women's Air.

Our Women's teams, Jo Muir, Siobhy and Katie Nicholls won 25m Pistol, Jessie Kao joined Siobhy and Katie to win Women's 10m Air, Juniors Campbell Black, Caity Worth and Arvin Nair 10m Junior Air, Caity and Arvin won 25m Pistol and 25m Standard Pistol.

Siobhy Nicholls won the Women's 3 Match Aggregate, Scott Anderson the Men's 5 Shot Aggregate and Arvin Nair the 3 Match Junior Aggregate.

All in all, a very good weekend for the Rhein Donau Pistol Club. The next event is in April at the Kalamunda Pistol Club before the May Nationals.

Congratulations to the Rhein Donau Club members who were selected in the WA State Team, Siobhy and Katie Nichols, Mike Knapp, Scott Anderson, Mike Giustiniano and juniors Caity Worth and Arvin Nair. Jenni Bowman will be travelling as the assistant team manager.

Want to be part of a great Rhein Donau group? You and your family members are welcome to come and try pistol shooting.



Rhein Donau Pistol Club





Table Tennis Group

Our bi-monthly Rhein Donau club magazine includes a section for our table tennis members. Please let me know if anyone would like to include a piece on their holiday adventure, personal articles or interesting table tennis stories. All contributions are gratefully received.

On a personal note, we were all saddened to hear of the passing of Paul & Kerry Miller's cherished daughter Samantha (Sammy) late last year. Sammy was only 25 years old, loved life, was non judgemental and always there for her friends and family, a beautiful soul. Paul is a long standing and much loved member of our table tennis team and adds greatly by his presence. We would like him to know that he has our condolences and ongoing support.

Paul Banister has kindly sent through an article on his trip last November:

My mother's health had been deteriorating during September/October last year, so in November I headed back to North of England to take care of her and hopefully improve her health. I was fortunate that my employer allowed me to work remotely from the UK. Post Covid, it appears the health system in the UK is still trying to catch up on the delay to non-Covid treatments. This makes timely access for assessment/testing and treatment challenging. With a lot of exercise, good food, access to the right medical care and TLC, my mother is now doing a lot better. So much so that I now hear on the phone "There's nothing wrong with me anymore", which is very welcome (though not quite true).

The thought of returning to England in winter was one of trepidation. The memory lingers with pictures of grey skies, lashing rain and nightfall coming at 4.00pm. The prayer was for a white Xmas of course! The visit did not start well when I got soaked walking from the train station to my brother's



car – wearing a t-shirt was a bit optimistic! Miraculously the following 2 weeks were dry and sunny, though cold, with winds from the North. Even more surprising, there was little wind, so even -2 deg C daytime temperatures didn't feel cold – not until that light breeze appeared, causing the cold to slice right



through you. The weather was ideal hiking weather and on one hike in the Peak District, we came across a dining table! Very peculiar. It wasn't until we saw some pheasants later on, that we realised this had been put there to serve food and drinks for shooting parties in the summer!

In the middle of December, it started snowing one Saturday. Very exciting! It doesn't snow very much anymore in England, with the warming climate. I was going to watch a rugby match, which ended up being postponed, so I drove into the hills to see how much snow had fallen. I met a man going mountain biking in the snow – it seems the mountain bikers are made of sterner stuff than the rugby players!

The next day I had planned to drive to Kent in the South of England. There was prediction of fog and snow, but I thought "She'll be right", what could possibly go wrong! I had forgotten how totally unprepared England (including myself) is for snow. A 3 hour



queue on the main road till the turn off (those that didn't turn off were stuck



for up to 17 hrs) and then a lot of sliding and pushing/towing cars up hills until

finally arriving at my friend's house. A long trip, but very exciting!





The wonderful part of snowing overnight is the beautiful change you see in the morning. I was

told that they had not seen snow like this in England since 2010. The next 2 days were spent enjoying the snow – long walks, building snowmen, having snowball fights and seeing the dogs having so much fun.



Unfortuntaly the snow only stayed for 5 days and that dashed any hopes for a white christ-

mas. It is still special having a christmas in the cold, even after hearing about such a mild christmas day in Perth. We had the christmas runners out early in the morning and a lovely fire in the evening.

An interesting sight was seeing the new trial



delivery robots finding their way around the suburban streets. They even ask you to press the cross-walk button

if needed! Finally, a visit to the UK is not complete without a visit to the pub (games night) and a rugby match — I had no idea how many warm clothes you need to stay warm watching the game!

The weather had turned grey and drizzly in the new year. Thankfully my mother's health was a lot better by then and I could escape



back to the Perth summer. I was very lucky with the weather and with the return of my mother's health, so happily a successful winter visit.

Debbie Solomon

Group Leader



Edelweiss Dance Group



Edelweiss Dance Group Report

As I write this, we are busy preparing for the Volkstanzfest which will take place over the Easter weekend (Sat 8th and Sun 9th April). It is hard to put into words what the festival means to us. Over the years we have made some wonderful friends and although we only see each other every two years (this time it has been longer due to Covid) it's like we saw each other yesterday. To be able to dance for and with each other brings us so much joy. I hope you will take the opportunity to join with us in this celebration of folk dancing. It really does keep you young!

On Saturday 6th May, we will be holding our annual May Dance. The celebration symbolises the shift from cold, dreary weather to a season which is delightfully warmer, in the northern hemisphere that is. Of course, being in Perth, our weather is pretty glorious most of the time, so we are going to celebrate anyway.

I am very pleased to say that we have Zara back with us practising bells. Now if we could only get her parents, Vanessa and Michael on the dance floor, my job would be done. We are also happy to have Robert playing the accordion for us again. How wonderful it is to dance to live music. Many thanks Robert. David is accompanying the girls playing the bells and is also dancing. And all the way over from sunny Queensland, Werner will be joining us to perform at the Volkstanzfest. We are extremely grateful.

Our longstanding honorary member, Sieglinde, is recovering from hip surgery and we miss her already. We wish her the speediest of recoveries and look forward to seeing her again.

And remember:

"There are shortcuts to happiness and dancing is one of them."

Julianne Pulver



EDG Canberra



Boys just want to have fun!



Brisbane 2019



Werner 29

Looking for Volunteers

The Rhein-Donau Club is currently looking for Volunteers who can help with the gathering and organising of historical Club documents. We would like to create a display or book for the Club's 70th birthday in 2028 and think it would be wise to start with the collation and sorting of historical data, documents and photos already.

If you want to be part of a group to dive into the history of the Club and make it happen, please let Petra or Annette in the Office know on 9330 6488 or send us an email to admin@rheindonau.com.au



Aktivitäten / Groups at the Club

Group Leader	Phone	Meeting Times
Billiard (Snooker)	0417 918 309	Tues & Fri 7pm
Paul Muckett		
Edelweiss Dance Group	0401 685 268	Sun from 5-7pm
Julianne Pulver		Juniors Sun from 4pm
Model Railway	0412 939 699	Fri from 6pm
Bret Hummel		
Perth Miniature Gamers	0431 250 222	Wed from 6pm
Graham Riddle		
Pistol Club	0467 787 857	Thurs from 5pm
Philip Kroczek		
Volksssingen	0488 585 850	Fri 1.30 tp 3pm
Irene Harrop		
Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group	0413 514 510	Fri from 7pm
Matthew Dhue		
Seniors	08 9457 2784	Wed 9am to 1pm
Rita Zeller	000.07 =70.	
Table Tennis	0427 354 153	Tues from 7pm
Debbie Solomon		
WA Mandolin Orchestra	0490 868 344	Wed 7.30 to 9.30pm
Robert Schulz		

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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