The Rhein-Donau Club Inc.

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Öffnungszeiten/Opening Hours

Office:	Monday - Friday	10:00 am to 3:00pm
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Bar*: Wednesday 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Thursday 6:00pm to 10:00pm
Friday 6:00pm to 10:30pm
Saturday** 6:00pm to 11:00pm
Sunday 4:00pm to 8:30pm



Kitchen*: Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday**
Sunday

11:30am to 2pm (Lunch) 6:00pm to 9:00pm (Dinner)

6:00pm to 10:00pm

4:00pm to 8:00pm



^{*} please note opening times may vary for special occasions (see back page)

Welcome to our 29 new members!

Gabby Adam, Rachel Richards, Timothy Southgate, Aaron Elsmore, Anthony Dunne, Aoife Dowd, Mel Dowd, Ian Segui, Jeremy Blake, Rhiannon Blake, James Neil, Leila Neil, Sanjay Kumar, Chandini Kumar, John Peffer, Raphael Pereira, Jet Hartig, Ully Fritsch, Yvonne Henning, Guenther Juhasz, Jake Milner, Andres Llopis Pascual, Paolo Conforti, Christopher Walsh, Curtis Schwoch, Kaleb Landeryou, Kate Berzins, Angus Down, Claudia Pal, Michael Pal



^{**} on Saturdays we have entertainment and possibly charge a small cover fee

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Rhein-Donau Club Committee 2025/26

President	Steve Schlegel	0434 269 944
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Secretary	Pamela Millar	0421 970 089
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Maintenance Coordinator	Jamie Frost (Frosty)	0422 212 147
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	Hermine Wagner	0437 711 127

<u>Trustees:</u> Jeff Cadzow, Debbie Solomon, Stephen Brown

<u>Club Manager | Social Media | Club Magazine | Accounts:</u> Petra Weiss

<u>Office Admin | Social Media | Grants | Bookings:</u> 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, August/September 2025. Entry deadline for the issue is **Friday 4 July 2025**, please send your contribution to **accounts@rheindonau.com.au**

Aktivitäten / Groups at the Club

Group and Group Leader	Phone	Meeting Times
Billiard (Snooker) Paul Muckett	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 Michael Lancaster	400 362 444	Wednesdays from 6pm
Pistol Club Kym Minnis Murray Bow	0434 220 58 0424 160 750	Thursdays from 5pm
Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group Jeff Cadzow	0412 381 373	Fridays from 7pm
Folksingers 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
Table Tennis Group Debbie Solomon	0427 354 153	Tuesdays from 7pm
WA Mandolin Orchestra Jana Buvari	0438 982 389	Weds from 7:30pm to 9:30pm
WA Brick Society Kelly Hanson	0438 593 646	every 3rd Weds/Month (Ladies) every 4th Weds/Month
WA Strategy Boardgamers Greg Colgan	0424 109 976	Every last Sunday per month 10am to 4pm
Neerlandia John Zwartkruis	0434 920 252	Seniors/Bingo/other events please call John for more info

Membership Renewals | Restaurant Bookings

Membership Renewals

Final call for all who have not renewed their membership yet! The deadline is 30 June - if you haven't renewed by then, your membership will expire.

There are several options for you to renew your membership. You can call the office on 9330 6488 or email admin@rheindonau.com.au. You can also simply make a direct deposit of your fees into the Club's bank account (BSB 016-008, Acc 397341822). Please state your full name as reference.

And we are very excited to announce that this year, for the first time, you will also have the option to renew online through our website! Just head to the members section.

Restaurant Bookings

Our new website has been up and running now for a month or so and it's looking good! We can now finally take restaurant bookings through the website. Please be aware though that the bookings come through to the office as an email - and the office is not staffed on weekends from Friday 3pm to Monday morning. For any bookings you want to make after 3pm on Fridays for the weekend you should call Chef Boby directly on 0431 264 890. Emails that reach us during normal office hours will be actioned without delay.



President's Report

Dear Members,





My condolences to Marion and Susan for the loss of their lovely mother Irmgard Birtwistle in December last year. Irmgard was a longstanding and beloved member of the Rhein- Donau Club. She left a bequest of \$5000 to the Club for which we are incredibly grateful.

In April we started off with the Black and White Dance by SAGSE. The Club has sponsored a student to go to Germany on an exchange for the second year in a row.

Shortly after we welcomed the Mercedes Benz Club for their Sunday Breakfast in our Beer Garden. It was great to see so many old Mercedes Benz Oldtimers at the Club.

Then we had the May Dance organised by the Edelweiss Dance group. Thanks to Hermine, Debbie and Trevor the "Maibaum" outside looked like new again just in time for the Dance.

My highlight was the Community Reception by Her Excellency Beate Grzeski, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany. It has been many years since a German Ambassador has visited our club. All our past presidents Marlene, Volker, Dieter and Wolfgang where in attendance, together with Dr. Gabriele Maluga the Honorary German Consul for WA, Katy Mair the City of Melville Mayor and many representatives from German Associations and Businesses.











Later in May we had a Fundraiser Event organised by Rotary Canning River with a Beatle Cover Band. The event was sold out and the band was great.

Only one week later we had a full house again for the Schützenfest, organised by the Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group. The Edelweiss Hall and Karl's Bar were beautifully decorated, and it was a very great night.

In my role as President of the Rhein- Donau Club I was invited to attend the 142nd Anniversary Ball of the Brisbane German Club. It was great to meet the President Michaela Sowden, Vice President Chris Fletcher and the Club Manager Trent Boyle. The ball was fantastic, and I also had a good lunch meeting with Trent and discussed shared challenges and potential future collaborations. I also met the Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany for Brisbane and his Head of Consular Service Claudia Lüttringhaus.



The Club held the AGM as planned on the 25.05.2025 and it was great to see that the members have voted in favor for Sophie Baily and Hans Nimmerrichter to become Life Members of the Rhein-Donau Club.

Treasurer Martin Engel presented the Financial Reports. You could tell that a lot of thought went into this professional presentation, and it showed a positive development of the Club's finances over the past 5 years.

We have voted a new committee in, and I would like to welcome Jamie Frost "Frosty" as the new Maintenance Coordinator. Hermine will remain in the committee as an extra committee member and will continue looking after the garden in a paid position. All other members have been nominated and re-elected in their roles.

The Community Capital Works Grant - Heating and Cooling Project from OMI is in full swing but battling with further delays.

We have so far installed new A/C units in the Train Room, WA Brick Society Room and in the Karl's Bar. The outside units for Karl's Bar have been put on the Roof to minimise noise and heat in the Undercroft Area in line with our long-term vision to make the area more welcoming and a nice part of the Club. Furthermore, a new MSB has been built ready for the underground cable to be installed by Western Power.

I also attended the AGMs of the Dance Group, Railway Group and Rifle Group in the past weeks and found everything was in good order.

Liebe Mitglieder,



Mein herzliches Beileid an Marion und Susan zum Verlust ihrer lieben Mutter Irmgard Birtwistle im Dezember letzten Jahres. Irmgard war ein langjähriges und geschätztes Mitglied des Rhein-Donau-Clubs. Sie vermachte dem Rhein-Donau-Club \$5,000 Dollar, wofür wir unglaublich dankbar sind.

Im April starteten wir mit dem Schwarz-Weiß-Tanz, organisiert von SAGSE. Der Club hat zum zweiten Mal in Folge einem Studenten einen Austausch nach Deutschland ermöglicht.

Kurz darauf begrüßten wir den Mercedes-Benz Club zum Sonntagsfrühstück in unserem Biergarten. Es war schön, so viele alte Mercedes-Benz Oldtimer im Club zu sehen.







Dann gab es den Maitanz, organisiert von der Edelweiß-Tanzgruppe. Dank Hermine, Debbie und Trevor sah der "Maibaum" draußen pünktlich zum Tanz wieder wie neu aus.

Mein Höhepunkt war der Empfang durch Beate Grzeski, Botschafterin der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Es ist viele Jahre her, dass eine deutsche Botschafterin unseren Club besucht hat. Alle unsere ehemaligen Präsidenten, Marlene, Volker, Dieter und Wolfgang, Dr. Gabriele Maluga, die deutsche Honorarkonsulin für WA, Katy Mair, die Bürgermeisterin der Stadt Melville, und viele Vertreter deutscher Verbände und Unternehmen waren anwesend.

Später im Mai veranstaltete Rotary Canning River eine Spendenveranstaltung mit einer Beatle-Coverband "Fab Four". Die Veranstaltung war ausverkauft, und die Band war großartig.

Nur eine Woche später hatten wir wieder volles Haus beim Schützenfest, organisiert von der Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group. Der Edelweiss-Saal und Karl's Bar waren wunderschön dekoriert, und es war ein großartiger Abend.

In meiner Funktion als Präsident des Rhein-Donau-Clubs wurde ich zum 142. Jubiläumsball des Brisbane German Clubs eingeladen. Es war schön, Präsidentin Michaela Sowden, Vizepräsident Chris Fletcher und Clubmanager Trent Boyle kennenzulernen. Der Ball war fantastisch, und ich hatte auch ein nettes Mittagessen mit Trent, bei dem wir gemeinsame Herausforderungen und mögliche zukünftige Kooperationen besprachen. Außerdem traf ich den Honorarkonsul der Bundesrepublik Deutschland für Brisbane und seine Leiterin des Konsulardienstes, Claudia Lüttringhaus.

Der Club hielt die Jahreshauptversammlung wie geplant am 25.05.2025 ab, und es war erfreulich zu sehen, dass die Mitglieder Sophia Bayley und Hans Nimmerrichter als lebenslange Mitglieder des Rhein-Donau-Clubs wählten

Schatzmeister Martin Engel präsentierte die Finanzberichte. Man merkte, dass in diese professionelle Präsentation viel Sorgfalt geflossen war, und sie zeigte die positive Entwicklung der Clubfinanzen in den letzten fünf Jahren.

Wir haben einen neuen Vorstand gewählt, und ich möchte Jamie Frost "Frosty" als neuen Zeugwart begrüßen. Hermine bleibt dem Vorstand als zusätzliches Vorstandsmitglied erhalten und wird den Garten weiterhin in bezahlter Position betreuen. Alle anderen Mitglieder wurden nominiert und in ihren Ämtern wiedergewählt.

Unser Projekt für die Aufrüstung unserer Heizungen und Kühlanlagen, unterstützt mit einer Subvention vom Office of Multicultural Interests OMI, ist in vollem Gange, kämpft aber mit weiteren Verzögerungen.

Wir haben bisher neue Klimaanlagen im Modelleisenbahnzimmer, im WA Brick Society Zimmer und in der Karl's Bar installiert. Die Außenanlagen von Karl's Bar wurden auf dem Dach installiert, um Lärm und Hitze in der Undercroft zu minimieren. Dies entspricht unserer langfristigen Vision, den Bereich einladender und zu einem schönen Teil des Clubs zu machen. Darüber hinaus wurde ein neuer SMB-Bereich für die Verlegung des Erdkabels durch Western Power errichtet.

Ich habe in den vergangenen Wochen auch an den Jahreshauptversammlungen der Tanzgruppe, der Eisenbahngruppe und der Schützengruppe teilgenommen und festgestellt, dass alles in Ordnung ist.

Rückblicke













Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany H. E. Beate Grzeski visits the Rhein-Donau Club!















AGM (Annual General Meeting)















Schuetzenfest





What's on in June 2025



HAPPY HOUR Fridays and Sundays 5 - 6pm



6 pm

<u> Latin Night- Candela Band</u>

Members \$10, Guests \$15



DUO Best Friends

FREE Entry, great entertainment 6 pm



Kinder Winter Wonderland

3pm-6pm Members Kids \$5. Guests Kids \$10

Sat 21

7 pm



Apres Ski

Members \$10, Guests \$15, Teens 12-17 \$5

Sat 28

<u>Laternenlauf- St. Martin</u>

more info to follow 4.30 pm









Rhein-Donau Club









6pm

What's on in July 2025

HAPPY HOUR Fridays and Sundays 5 - 6pm

Sat 5 Rockin' Rodney LIVE

Free Entry - come along and have a good

time!

Sat 12 <u>Club open for dinner and drinks</u>

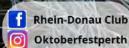
Sat 19 <u>Christmas in July</u>

6pm Music by band "Indiana Members \$10, Guests \$15,

Children under 13 free

Sat 26 Kev & Dan LIVE

Free Entry - dance the night away!



www.rheindonau.com.au 9330 6488 for enquiries 108 North Lake Road, Myaree



The Rhein-Donau Club - 108 North Lake Road, Myaree
Bar & Restaurant Licensed Venue No BYO



Restaurant and Bar open from 6pm 108-110 North lake Road, MYAREE WA 6154 9330 6488 admin@rheindonau.com.au



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





SATURDAY
JUNE 21
7pm till late

with Dj Brian

COMPED ORESOUS IN SKITS

Mulled Wine German beer \$10

German beer on tap

Guests \$15



Tickets

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THE RHEIN-DONAU CLUB- 108 NORTH LAKE RD, MYAREE
LICENSED VENUE WITH RESTAURANT AND BAR



Restaurant and Bar will be open from 5.30pm!!!

<u>Organised by</u>







Please make a booking and refer to trybooking for further details.



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The Rhein-Donau Club

108 NORTH LAKE ROAD, MYAREE

Saturday 26th July 2025

Doors open at 6pm, Music starts at 7pm

*For members and their guests. Introductory membership rules apply for non-members More Info: rheindonau.com.au/members



ENJOY A GREAT NIGHT OF MUSIC FOOD AND FESTIVE CHEER

HOSTED BY THE TABLE TENNIS GROUP

Christmas M. Huy

MUSIC BYTHE BAND "INDIANA"

Saturday 19th July 2025

6pm-till late

\$10 FOR MEMBERS, \$15 FOR GUESTS
CHILDREN UNDER 13 FREE

RAFFLE AND SOME PRIZE GIVE AWAYS

For bookings please scan the barcode or head to trybooking.com/DBUHB





Christmas in Tuly MENU

WINTER VEGETABLE SOUP, BREAD & BUTTER \$10

WILD MUSHROOM CROSTINI, WHIPPED GOAT CHEESE, ROCKET, BALSAMIC REDUCTION \$18

BAKED ATLANTIC COD MORNAY, POTATO GRATIN, BUTTERED GREENS \$32

SLOW BRAISED FEATHER BLADE OF BEEF W/ SILVER SKIN ONION, MUSHROOMS, BACON, POTATO GRATIN, ROAST VEG \$31

SPICED SWEET POTATO, CHICKPEA,KALE & COCONUT MILK STEW, BULGUR PILAF \$28

SCHWEINE SCHNITZEL, CHIPS, SALAD, AIOLI \$29

FESTIVE ROAST TURKEY, SAGE & ONION STUFFING, POTATO GRATIN, HERB ROASTED VEG, ROASTING JUS, CRANBERRY SAUCE \$31

RDC'S FAMOUS SCHWEINEHAXE, POTATO GRATIN, SAUERKRAUT, GERMAN MUSTARD \$50

SWEETS

WHITE CHOCOLATE BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING, BAILEYS CUSTARD \$8

APPLE & RHUBARB CRUMBLE, BAILEYS CUSTARD \$10

CLASSIC SHERRY TRIFLE \$10

Edelweiss Dance Group

Hello to all Members

The Edelweiss Dance Group has returned from Palm Cove Volkstanzfest 25 in North Queensland.

There were 8 Groups from around the East Coast: the Hubertus Volkstanz-gruppe, AlpenlanderVolkstanzgruppe, St Raphael Juniors, St Raphael Seniors, Alpenrosen Volkstanzgruppe, Oberlander Bayrische Tanzpaar and Edelweiss Dance Group Cairns, our Host Group.

The Event went perfectly and everyone had a great time catching up with all the dancers. The performances were great to see! Our Group breezed through our Dances with ease.



Many thanks to the Host Group (Edelweiss Dance Group Cairns), they did a fantastic job putting on the Event as this was their first one, the venue (The Palm Cove Surf Lifesaving Club) was perfect with ocean views

The MC Peter West did a fantastic job of keeping the program running he has been a stalwart of the Volkstanzfest for a very long time

The Music was supplied by our very own DJ Brian who also kept the party mood going after all the performances had finished

Many thanks to Alex our maestro on Accordion for playing for our dancers.

For those who have never been to Palm Cove it is a Tropical Paradise easy to get around lots of eateries and Bars all in all nice place to visit.

So till next time!

Wir sehen uns im Club. David Vieceli













Table Tennis Group

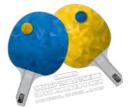
Plans are underway for our annual table tennis fundraising event "Christmas in July" on Saturday 19 July. Volunteers/helpers are always welcome and of course donations for our popular raffle. Rehearsals are underway for our bit of entertainment on the night plus there will be a band, dancing and a special menu from the kitchen. It is normally a popular night so get in quick with bookings! I've included a photo of the winners of last year's raffle. They scored a huge Toblerone!

Attendance is steady with some new faces in our group.

Did you know that Ping Pong - or table tennis - evolved as an after dinner game in 19th Century England? The balls were fashioned from a champagne or wine cork, the paddles or bats were the wooden tops of cigar boxes and the table was the dinner table itself, cleared of the remnants of the meal. Also the game was initially called "whiff-whaff".

Debbie Solomon

Group Leader









WA Brick Society (Lego Club)

As we kick off the year, the WA Brick Society LEGO Club has had a somewhat quiet start, but we're definitely gearing up for some exciting events in the coming months.

One of the highlights has been our LEGO LADIES NIGHTS, which have now moved to the third Wednesday of every month. These nights have proven to be a great opportunity for our members to relax, chat, and build together, and with the added convenience of the club's restaurant being open on Wednesday nights, it's the perfect chance to enjoy a meal before diving into some serious LEGO building. We've seen a steady turnout, and it's always fantastic to see everyone getting creative

with their builds.



Alongside the Ladies Nights, we also have our Members Night on the fourth Wednesday of the month. This is another fun-filled evening where we come together as a community, enjoy a casual dinner, and get building on our latest LEGO creations. It's a great way to catch up with fellow members

and make new connections while indulging in our shared passion for LEGO.

In addition to our regular nights, we continue our tradition with the LEGO DANCE, which is always a blast and a wonderful way to have fun with fellow LEGO enthusiasts.

We're thrilled to see our membership growing, and we'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members: Johanna Mitchell, Gabby Clements, Brandon Richardson, Matthew Williams (Spud), Rachel Richards, Aoife Dowd, Mel Dowd and Liam Phillips, who have joined as Full Members, as well as William Millard, who has joined as a General Member. It's great to have you all on board, and we look forward to seeing you at the club.

We'd also like to send out a huge thank you to Graeme Price, Jude



Wright, and Frosty for their hard work finishing up a few key touches to the clubroom. The door has been beautifully painted, the ceiling is looking great, and the curtain is now up, making our space even more welcoming for our events. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

A massive thank you as well to the Rhein Donau Club for installing the new air conditioner and arranging the replacement of the window. Everyone is absolutely loving the cooler room, making it even more comfortable to enjoy our LEGO catch-ups.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that we have a couple of events coming up where our members will be displaying their incredible LEGO creations. First up is B Sheds in Fremantle, followed by AMRA at Claremont Showgrounds. These events provide a fantastic opportunity for our members to showcase their builds to a wider audience, and we're all looking forward to seeing the incredible displays that will be put together.

Lastly, we're pleased to announce that our Secretary Role has been officially filled by Jodie Sparks. If you have any questions or need any assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to Jodie at info@wabricksociety.

org.au. Jodie will be happy to help with any queries you may have.

Looking forward to another fantastic year of LEGO building, creativity, and community.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to grow and build together.

Kelly Hanson Group Leader





RDC Küche

Anno 1958





- A la carte menu including a selection of authentic German, Swiss and Austrian meals.
- Catering for private functions for 30 220 guests

We have rooms available for your private functions, conventions or meetings, in the Karl's Bar, Sports Hall, Edelweiss Hall and Beer Garden.

For bookings please call the Club Office Phone: 9330 6488 (weekdays 10am - 3pm)



Opening Hours of Restaurant

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for lunch 11:30am to 2pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings from 6pm to 9pm

Saturdays 6pm to 10pm Sundays 4pm to 8pm

The Restaurant is now also selling packaged German goods for you to take home! Spätzle, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, German Mustard and a variety of German Sausages from Elmar's for you to enjoy at home.

Please come and get some!

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