The Rhein-Donau Club Inc.

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# Klub Nachrichten Club Magazine

**German Speaking Club Since 1958** 





### **Öffnungszeiten/Opening Hours**

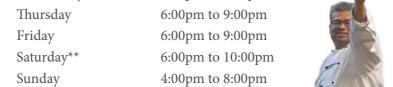
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Bar*:	Wednesday	6:00pm to 10:00pm

Thursday 6:00pm to 10:00pm Friday 6:00pm to 10:30pm Saturday\*\* 6:00pm to 11:00pm

Sunday 4:00pm to 8:30pm





<sup>\*</sup> please note opening times may vary for special occasions

### Welcome to our 24 new members!

Steve West, Irmine Copping, Fabio Giuseppe, Stephen Metcalfe, Christopher Juhasz, Daniel Hines, Ashleigh Fox, Rob Bateman, Sandra Schaefer, Dylan North, Kennedy Arrowsmith, Sarah Snoussi, Mishika Dhull, Kathleen Breuer, Jake Perer, Kate Ananda, Bradley Vikingur, Maria Le Page, Keryn Cook, Michael Oschkinat, Tony Reynen-Slater, Alina Lee, Ryan Lee, Katrina Patchett, Frank Sander, Tamara Watson, Luke Bernhard, Susannah Mathieson, Maciek Wilczynski, Jeongeun Kim, Courtney Ferguson, Astrid Henderson, Gabriela Himstedt, Hans Huber



<sup>\*\*</sup> on Saturdays we have entertainment and possibly charge a small cover fee

### **Rhein-Donau Club Committee 2025/26**

President	Steve Schlegel	0434 269 944
Vice President	not filled	
Secretary	Pamela Millar	0421 970 089
Vice Secretary	Maria Forbrig	0469 575 502
Treasurer	Martin Engel	0447 038 784
Vice Treasurer	David Ramsay	0419 695 234
Cellar Master	David Vieceli	0438 755 156
<b>Entertainment Manager</b>	Brian Muir	0407 479 513
<b>Maintenance Coordinator</b>	Jamie Frost (Frosty)	0422 212 147
Extra Committee	Julianne Pulver	0401 685 268
	Hermine Wagner	0437 711 127

<u>Trustees:</u> Jeff Cadzow, Debbie Solomon, Stephen Brown, Kelly Hanson <u>Club Manager | Website | 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, December/January 2026. Entry deadline for the issue is **Friday 7 November 2025**, please send your contribution to **accounts@rheindonau.com.au** 

#### In Remembrance

It is with great sadness that we advise of the sudden death of Robert Schulz, Musical Director of the West Australian Mandolin Orchestra (WAMO), on 11th September 2025. He suffered a heart attack and passed away at home.

The RDC has been the home of the orchestra since 2009 and they rehearse here every Wednesday night. Robert was a great supporter of the Club, serving as secretary on the committee from 2013 to 2017, and





Robert founded WAMO in 1976 and remained its Musical Director during most of that time. Up until his death he was still conducting the orchestra and making preparations for its 50th anniversary next year.

Robert was internationally known as a composer and his works have been performed in Europe, Japan, United Kingdom as well as around Australia and New Zealand. Many people around the world have been saddened by this news.

A memorial gathering and celebration of his life was held for him at the Club on 1st October, and the concert on 29 November will be dedicated to his memory.

He will be sadly missed by all. May he rest in peace.







### **President's Report**

Dear Members,

First and foremost, my condolences to Marie Schulz and her family on the sudden and unexpected loss of Robert Schulz. The news of his passing has left us all shocked and sad.

I met Robert over 10 years ago and always found him helping at the Club or directing the West Australian Mandolin Orchestra with passion and pride. He was a genuine gentleman and served as the Club Secretary for many years. Robert's last performance conducting WAMO was just a few weeks ago on the 30 of August. We held a minute of silence at the 67th Club Anniversary for Robert and in the weeks to come I will discuss with the Committee on how we can further honour his contribution to the Club.

Thank you and congratulations to the Edelweiss Dance Group for organising their 50th Alpengaudi party. The Event was sold out and once more everybody had a good time.

We also had a Schlager Friday night with only German Hits, that we are planning to run on a regular basis and our Frühschoppen Anniversary.

Also, in September we had the First WAGBA (Western Australian German Business Association) Business After Hour Event at the Club. Thanks to Pamela Millar for organising this event.

We have now replaced the front gate and given the area a fresh new look just in time for Oktoberfest 2025. The new snooker room door has also been installed.

As promised at our AGM, we now have two new beautiful outdoor tables. Both tables have a plaque in memory of Irmgard Birtwistle. Thank you, Irmgard.

#### Community Capital Works Grant- Heating and Cooling Project by OMI

In August we were connected to the new underground power cables and the old overhead powerlines over North Lake Road were removed. Subsequently we were able to install the 4 new air conditioners in the Edelweiss Hall.

The project is now complete, and the grant allowance has been exhausted.

Further works will happen to blend in the new units to the ceiling and the old gas heaters will be removed. Thanks to Russel from Aireflect for organising the complicated power upgrade and thanks again to Annette for organising and handling the grant aspects and overseeing the project.

## Community Capital Works Grant- Rhein Donau Main Hall Refurbishment by OMI

Our builder K2 Build has installed the new windows in the Edelweiss Hall. They will also have internal electric blinds fitted. The new windows are double glazed and the facelift of the front of the Club will be inviting and lead to a much better exposure of our facilities. After Oktoberfest we will start with the second phase of the project and renovate the bar and dancefloor.

It will be a pleasure to see many Club members coming together to help and work hard to give our guests a truly original Oktoberfest experience in Perth. The Club has purchased new T shirts for the Staff to look professional and to make it easier for our guests to identify team members.

I hope all members are happy and healthy.

President Steve Schlegel





### <u>Invitation</u> <u>Members' Meeting</u>

Dear Members.

We would like to invite you to the annual Members' Meeting of the Rhein-Donau Club.

The Meeting will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>16 November 2025 from 4pm onwards in</u> the Edelweiss Hall on the Club Premises, <u>108 North Lake Road</u>, <u>Myaree</u>.

All financial members are entitled to vote at the Members' Meeting. Please bring your current membership card with you on the day. If you are a member for this financial year, you should have either picked up your new plastic membership card already, or it will be waiting for you at the door before the meeting.

The Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank those members who have renewed their membership for the 2025/26 financial year. If you have not renewed yet, please ring our office on (08) 9330 6488 to do so as a matter of urgency.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office or any member of the Committee.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Steve Schlegel

President

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Rhein-Donau Club

### Rückblicke

## **Schlager Friday**





























## WAGBA Business After Hours

























**Club Anniversary** 



















# Happy Birthday, Rita!











Aricon/Heating Upgrade (Aireflect)







Renovations Undercroft Door (Nu-Look Windows)





















Undercroft Walls - new paint (Valentine's Painting Servie)











# What's on in October 2025

- Restaurant and Bar open every
   WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY from 6pm
- SUNDAYS open from 4pm

Open every Friday and Saturday 6pm for



18+ event, Tickets required

Family day Oktoberfest Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November









# What's on in November 2025

HAPPY HOUR Sundays 5 - 6pm \*Introductory Membership still applies to all Non-Members, see website

**Oktoberfest** Oktoberfest Sat 1 Sun 2 **Family Day** Oktoberfest **Quiz Night Neerlandia** Sat 8 Main Hall open for dinner and drinks **Sat 15** Best Friends 6 pm \*Free Entry **Sun 16** Members Meeting 4 pm **Sat 22** Paint and Sip 2 pm Sat 22 Fantasy Masquerade 6:30pm with Latin Band Candela Neerlandia XMas Lunch 12 pm **Sun 23** Sat 29 WAMO Concert 4 pm **Sat 29 BEST Friends** 6 pm

Edelweiss Bar and Hall are being renovated. Drinks can only be served hrough Karl's Bar





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Sat 6 Private Event

Karl's Bar open for dinner and drinks

Sun 7 St. Nikolaus - Kinder Christmas 2-8pm

Sat 13 <u>Club Christmas</u> 6 pm

Last day Bar | Restaurant on Friday 19th Re-opens Wednesday 14.1

Office closure from 22.12-12.01











# Google review

Please share your experience about the Club. It will help our online exposure. Thank you!







New outdoor furniture, donated by the late Irmgard Birtwistle

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## Childrens **Nikolaus Party**

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

## Sunday 7th of December 2025

2pm-8pm

Member Families FREE, **Guest Families \$20** 

Family = up to 2 adults plus children. Additional guests \$5 p/p

Please register your child/ren by calling the office on 9330 6488 -Mon to Fri 10am to 3pm \*please provide a clearly labelled present for each child. Only registered children can attend.



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## Club Christmas Party

Saturday 13 December 2025 Doors open 6 pm

> Music by Rhythm Deluxe Visit from Santa Lucky Door Prizes

Members \$5, Guests \$10

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





German Club Perth Oktoberfestperth

### **Edelweiss Dance Group**

#### Hello to all Members

The Edelweiss dance Group had a fantastic 50th Alpengaudi. We had past members in attendance which brought back memories for everyone and it was good to catch up with them.



We also had badge presentations - two of our Members received their 50 year badges (Hans Nimmerichter and Susan Muir), Hermine Wagner her 25 year badge, and Rebecca Watson her 20 year badge. That shows dedication to the group!

We would also like to thank the late Robert Schulz for helping at the Alpengaudi. He will be sorely missed.

By the time this comes out we will be in full swing with Oktoberfest, and then a well earned rest.

So till next time - wir sehen uns im Club!



### **Table Tennis Group**

Our players are looking smart! A new order of table tennis shirts was received and handed out. The delivery came through of our three new Donic table tennis tables, courtesy of funds raised at the Christmas in July event. The tables were quickly assembled by our group in a joint effort. Some of our older tables will be sold second hand.

Happy 13th birthday to Jake, one of our youngest table tennis members and a keen player.

Michael Jonientz celebrated his 50th birthday in the Edelweiss hall on the 16th August with family and friends, and he entertained us with his rendition of "I am Woman" (Yes I have it on video). It was a busy night that night with 3 other birthdays, visitors Lindsay for his 79th and Grant for his 40th, and our favourite table tennis supporter Wally Spaniol who turned 70.

The Christmas breakup for our group will be on Tuesday 16th December so save the date. Details to follow in December magazine.

Debbie Solomon Group Leader











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Support the Club - grow your business!

### Calling All Helping Hands!

Want to get more involved in the life of your Club?
We want to start a new "Helping Hands" Group — and we'd love to welcome members who want to lend a hand with planning and setting up decorations for events, assisting during the evening, or just being part of the action behind the scenes!

Whether you're great with decorations, enjoy welcoming guests, or just want to be part of a friendly and rewarding team, this is a fun and social way to support the Club and help make our events extra special.

You don't have to commit to every event— just lend a hand when you can. You'll be helping preserve the Club's vibrant culture while making new friends along the way.

This could grow into a regular group of Club members passionate about creating great experiences for others.

Interested in joining the Helping Hands Group?

Pop your name down at the bar or email us at admin@rheindonau.com.au

Let's make magic happen — together!

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