

The Rhein-Donau Club Inc.

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Klub Nachrichten Club Magazine

German Speaking Club Since 1958



Öffnungszeiten/ Opening Hours

Office:	Monday - Friday	10:00 am to 3:00pm
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	6:00pm to 9:00pm
	Thursday	6:00pm to 9:00pm
	Friday	6:00pm to 9:00pm
	Saturday**	6:00pm to 10:00pm
	Sunday	4:00pm to 8:00pm



* please note opening times may vary for special occasions

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

Welcome to our 26 new members!

Gino Pisciali, Peter Zhao, Caroline & Josh Sweetman, Dave Metcalfe, Katie Marsh, Annette Snook-Zacher, David Zacher, Tomislav Sostaric, Iris Evans, Lee Daffin, Lisa Engele, John Sanders, Cairo Coventry, Patrick Bricocoli, Dale Wetherhill, Scott O'Callaghan, Jared Cole, Nicholas Zhao, Kai Linke, Emily Linke, Max Linke, Dennis Preston, Lev Vykopal, Simon Hutchison, Adam Stone, Martin Bolanca, Sebastian Doose, Lawrence George, Stuart Milliken, Brett Koeberl, Jennifer Heart, David Sweeting, Chris Dodson, Anthony Eisentrager, Barry Cooper

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Rhein-Donau Club Committee 2025/26

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	Hermine Wagner	0437 711 127

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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, April/May 2026. Entry deadline for the issue is **Friday 6 March 2026**, please send your contribution to **accounts@rheindonau.com.au**

Aktivitäten / Groups at the Club

Group and Group Leader	Phone	Meeting Times
<u>Billiard (Snooker)</u> Paul Muckett	0417 918 309	Weds & Fri 7pm
<u>Edelweiss Dance Group</u> David Viecei	0438 755 156	Sun from 5-7
<u>Model Railway</u> Bret Hummel	0412 939 699	Fridays from 6pm
<u>Perth Miniature Gamers</u> Michael Lancaster	400 362 444	Wednesdays from 6pm
<u>Pistol Club</u> Kym Minnis Murray Bow	0434 220 589 0424 160 750	Thursdays from 5pm Sundays from 4pm
<u>Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group</u> Jeff Cadzow	0412 381 373	Fridays from 7pm
<u>Folksingers</u> Irene Harrop	0488 585 850	Fridays 1:30pm to 3pm
<u>Senior Group</u> Rita Zeller	0419 331 601	Fortnightly on a Wednesday from 10am to 1pm
<u>Table Tennis Group</u> Debbie Solomon	0427 354 153	Tuesdays from 7pm
<u>WA Mandolin Orchestra</u> Ana Milas	0412 227 484	Weds from 7:30pm to 9:30pm
<u>WA Brick Society</u> Kelly Hanson	0438 593 646	every 3rd Weds/Month (Ladies) every 4th Weds/Month
<u>WA Strategy Boardgamers</u> Greg Colgan	0424 109 976	Every last Sunday per month 10am to 4pm
<u>Neerlandia</u> John Zwartkruis	0434 920 252	Seniors/Bingo/other events please call John for more info

Walter “Wally” Doetsch

31 October 1939 - 4 January 2026



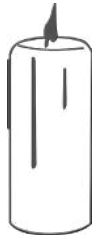
Walter was an active member back in the 70's and 80's, and he actually met his wife here at the Club. He was beloved father of our Dance Group member Erika Doetsch-Wilson. A wake was held in his memory here at the Club.



May he rest in peace.



**“Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on,
and cherished memories never fade because
a loved one’s gone.”
(Author Unknown)**



William Dufour (Bill)

6 September 1937 - 16 January 2026

William was a long standing member of the Club. He was active as a member of the Snooker Group and the Chess Group when it was still in existence. He passed away peacefully at home at the age of 88 and will be sadly missed by his family. May he also rest in peace.



President's Report

Dear Members,

I hope that all our members had a good start into 2026.

My condolences to Erika Doetsch for the loss of her beloved father Walter (Wally) Doetsch. Walter was a member for many years and even met his wife here at the Club. My condolences also to the family of William Dufour, who was a longstanding member and very active in the chess and snooker groups.

After Nikolaus and Santa Claus visited us at the Club in December, we wrapped up for the year and everybody left for a well-deserved Christmas holiday time.

Thanks to all the helpers who decorated for Christmas and removed the decorations again early this year.

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

Due to complications in design and architectural approval we only applied for the construction permit in January and the start of the bar renovation has therefore been delayed.

Thank you to Kellermeister David for clearing out the bar and cool room.

Annette has been put in charge of the management of the bar renovations under the guidance of the project subcommittee.

The Karl's bar is set to allow for the service of more members and guests during the construction phase. Apart from minimal longer waiting times when it is busy, due to the fact that we have only one tap, we should be able to manage all events.

The works on the new bulkhead above the new windows will start early February.

For the second time we will host the German Wirtschaftsstammtisch by Prof Dr Gerhard Janssen L.L.B on Monday 9 February 2026. Every member is welcome to join.

We are looking forward to our Karneval weekend on the 14 and 15 February, and SAGSE have their annual Black and White Dance on Saturday 21 March.

I would like to thank Kim for doing a great job as the president of the Pistol Group for the past year and congratulate Uma for being the new president.



I am also happy to report that our German Language classes are in such high demand that we have to open another adult beginner class in the first term of 2026.

President
Steve Schlegel

Membership Fees 2026/27

Just a quick heads up that Membership Fees are due again on
1 April this year.

It's easier than ever to renew - you can jump straight onto our website and renew there or simply scan the QR code on this page. Otherwise, you can also call us on 9330 6488 to pay with Credit Card, come to the Club to pay cash or pay via EFT to our account BSB 016-008 Acc 397341822. Please state your name as reference.



Early Bird Draw!

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.....
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Social Member \$ 70

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Provisional (18-24) \$25

Junior/Student (12-17) \$25

Rückblicke



CHRISTMAS PARTY!











What's on in February 2026

*Introductory Membership
applies to all Non-Members,
see website

HAPPY HOUR
Sundays 5 - 6pm

Edelweiss Bar + Hall are being renovated.
Bar Service will be available through Karl's Bar

Sat 14 Karneval 6:30 - late



Sun 15 Kinder Karneval 2 - 5pm

Restaurant and Bar will be open until 8pm



Rhein-Donau Club
Oktoberfestperth

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**Sun 29 Miniature and Strategy
Board Gamers Day**
10am - 4pm (approx)



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Swiss Gugge Burras Karneval Performance



German Karneval

SAT 14 FEB

2026

6:30pm till late

*Kitchen and Bar open all evening
Best Costume Competition!*

Club Members \$10

Guests \$15



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Swiss Gugge Burras
Karneval Performance



Kinder Karneval



SUN 15 FEB
2026

2pm to 5pm



Club Member Families FREE

(bookings still required)

Non-Members \$5 per person

Best Costume Competition!
Kitchen and Bar open
till 8pm!

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AUSTRALIAN-GERMAN
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STUDENTS TO GERMANY!**

**MEET OUR NEW
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!**

**WIN AMAZING
RAFFLE PRIZES**

Saturday 21st March

6:30pm-11:00pm

The Rhein Donau Club

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TRADITIONAL GERMAN FOOD

**MEET OUR NEWLY
RETURNED GASSIES!**

General Admission \$15

SAGSE Members and Students \$10

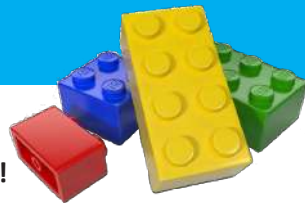
RDC Club Members \$10

<https://www.trybooking.com/DIQSI>

Enquiries: Pamela Millar

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Happy New Year from the West Australian Brick Society!

December was a fantastic month for us. Why? Well, we held our AGM of course!

Now, I know what you're thinking... *AGMs are so exciting, I wish I could have more of them!* Am I right? Okay, maybe not. But if they were WABS AGMs, you might change your tune.

For starters, we're a LEGO club. None of our meetings are complete without a bit of LEGO on the table. Tinkering with your bricks definitely makes a dull meeting go faster – in fact I highly recommend suggesting this to your boss at work. Meetings are always more popular with LEGO – that's just a fact. Whether they're more productive or not... well, the jury is still out on that one.

We did manage to re-elect most of our fantastic committee members, with a few people swapping jobs for the sake of variety. Kelly Hanson, whose job title is something innocuous like 'Treasurer', but whose job description reads more like 'DOES LITERALLY EVERYTHING AND THEN SOME!' – managed to share some of her burden amongst the other members.

As a result, a complete lunatic from England was asked to write the newsletter. Sorry about that ;)

On a slightly more exciting note, WABS also held our Christmas dance.

Now, you'd be forgiven for thinking that a bunch of LEGO obsessives aren't the most likely dancers. And you'd be right. However, the monthly WABS dance features little to no actual dancing. Instead, we all buy a specific LEGO set, then sit together for at least an hour dividing those sets up into their individual pieces. With hundreds of tubs lining a pair of tables, we then begin to circle like sharks, eyeing up which pots of pieces we like best.

When the dance itself starts, each dancer is assigned a number, and on their

turn they pounce on a tub of LEGO bits and add it to their stash. Play proceeds to the next person, and continues until every last brick is claimed. It's a great way to get the pieces we really want from a set, and for some of us (no names mentioned), this is actually the most exercise we get all month.

So next time, if you feel like dancing, come on down! But wear sturdy shoes, because sometimes bits get spilled... If you get a 27266 stuck in your foot, you won't be dancing for a while ;)



Part 27266 Brick, Round 2 x 2 with Spikes and Axle Hole

Earlier this week, nine intrepid souls set out for Brickvention in Melbourne. They would be set against the nine ring-wraiths of Minas Morgul representing the WA LEGO scene; Aaron, Braithe, Graeme, Jodie, John, Jude, Simon, Stephen and Spud.

None returned.

But only because Brickvention isn't over yet! I'm sure they'll make their way back here... eventually.

Melbourne is our version of Texas. Everything is bigger over there, including the LEGO models, some of which contained hundreds of thousands of bricks. I guess we'll have to up our game for our own convention, Bricktober, this year!

Before that, several of our members will be taking their displays to the B-Sheds Build in April. At the time of writing, expressions of interest are still open for this – get in quick! The excitement is building...

And that's about it, from us. We are still in the early stages of filling our events calendar for the coming year, so stay tuned for details of what we'll be up to.

Whatever happens, rest assured there will be LEGO involved.



And I've now typed LEGO so often that the word has lost all meaning to me.

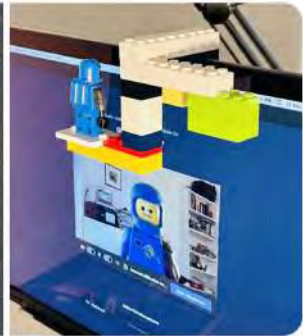
Which means it's probably time to go.

Till next time – keep brickin' it ;)

Tony

Today I reached the next level of remote work excellence. 🏆

A healthy work - LEGO
balance



Amazing Mosaic at Brickvention

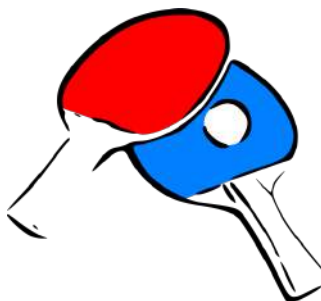
WABS Dance

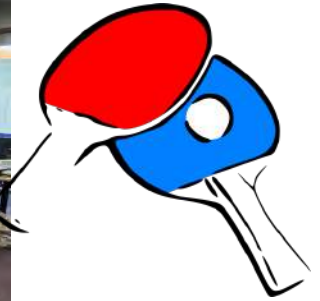


Table Tennis Group

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and are keen to get back into playing on a Tuesday night. I hear the shed has been well used over the holiday break, which is great news. We will be organising an in-house table tennis competition in the next month or so, and Dave Ramsay has kindly volunteered (or been pressured) to organise it. Let's hope everyone participates and we get to engrave the winners on our table tennis trophy which is currently on display in the glass cabinet in the back area. It has not been used for a few years unfortunately.

Debbie Solomon
Group Leader





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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

The Rhein-Donau Club is more than just a venue – it's a community, built by its members, for its members. With more and more events happening, we need your help to keep things running smoothly.

Our Club relies on the enthusiasm and dedication of **volunteers**, and while our regular helpers do an amazing job, it's getting a bit much for them to carry the load alone. That's where you come in! Whether you can **lend a hand** at events, **help with planning**, or even step up for a **Committee position**, your contribution will make a huge difference.

We're a great bunch of people working behind the scenes, and we'd love to welcome some new faces to the team. It's a fantastic way to meet people, learn new skills, and be part of something special.

If you have a little time and a lot of passion for the Club, **put your hand up and get involved**. Every little bit helps, and together, we can keep the Rhein-Donau Club thriving!

For more info or to express interest, reach out to us – we'd love to hear from you!



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