

The Rhein-Donau Club Inc.

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German Speaking Club Since 1958



HAPPY

Easter

to all our members
and their families

Proud supporters of our Club



Adventure starts in comfort



Australian Adventure Tours



Welcome to our 35 new members!

Alexander Tamblyn, Eva Bellaire, Andre Bellaire, Ethan Roberts, Jona Patito, Court-
nie Joseph, Alan Dodson, Ann Whitaker, Benedict King, Bill Ivory, David Pearce,
John Dutry, Monica Dutry, Georgina Peris, Kiran Peris, Joshua Crowder, Merlin
Ludwig, Saguna Hamilton, Padma Hamilton, Colin Matthey, Kirk Nairn, Camila Nairn,
Ivan Blackwell, Oscar Perrin, Birgit Fritz, Willem van Wyk, Anita van Wyk, Kerstin
Holden, Jeremy Holden, Peter Willis, Bryan Meyer, Tu Phong Du, Dave Wang,
Michele Stuck, Else Haben

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der jeweiligen Autoren.

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Club or the editor but those of the respective authors.

President's Report



Dear Members,

We had a great Karneval party, and the kids Karneval was also very busy, it was great to see so many creative costumes.

Our Club Manager Petra and I visited the WA Multicultural Awards Night at the Ritz Carlton. The Rhein Donau Club Inc. was nominated for CaLD



Community Association Award. We did not receive the award, but it was good to be nominated and put the Club's name out there and strengthen our relationships with the Department of Multicultural Interest and other community organisations.

In late March, SAGSE WA Inc held their Annual Black and White Dance Fundraiser at our beautiful Club. The Edelweiss Hall was packed. The guest where entertained by the Edelweiss Dance Group and the Echo der Berge Bell Ringers. Last year's exchange students were sharing their experiences from Germany. I was happy to present a student from the Goethe Society a Scholarship sponsored by the Rhein-Donau Club. I feel very proud that our Club can support programs like this and help promote the friendship between Australia and Germany.



Our Vice Secretary Maria and I visited founding member Peter Köberl. Peter is 102 years old and lives close to the Club in an age care facility. It was great to meet him and learn about the early history of our Club. A founding member of our Club is a member that has joined the club before 31. October 1958. As far as I am aware there are only two founding members still alive,

Peter Köberl and Wolfgang Leonhardt.

Behind the scenes, the Committee is planning to replace the Karl's Bar/ Sports Hall door and converting existing sliding doors to compliant emergency exit doors.

Works are on the way to upgrade the Club's digital network infrastructure and extensions to our existing security system in relation to new requirements for our Pistol and Rifle groups.

The Emergency light system has also been tested and repaired, and we are updating the fire and emergency procedures and evacuation plans to comply with government regulations.

I would like to thank all members that helped at our last busy bee. If you would like to help at busy bees, please contact the office.



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

The bar renovation is in full swing. The bar has been completely gutted, and new water and wastewater pipes have been installed.

Annette is presenting the sub committee with good design ideas, and many meetings and discussions are taking place every week. We have signed a new contract with Bier 1040 and Weihenstephan as our main beer supplier, and the new bar will have more Weihenstephan tap beer.



We have also removed the old gas heaters from the Edelweiss Hall. The plan is to finish the bar and then do the dance floor.

“Thank you” to the Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group for donating \$1500 to the Club, and to Jason Ryan for donation a brand new TV.

I would also like to welcome our new Club Sponsors “Bonito Camper”, “Otto Tours” “Goethe Society”, “SchwitZen Saunas” and “Smartchoice Realty”.

Annual General Meeting.

I would like to encourage every full member of our Club to come to the AGM.

It is important that we reach a quorum to select the new committee and make important decisions regarding our Club.

President

Steve Schlegel



Refurbishment Report

Edelweiss Hall Refurbishment in Full Swing

Exciting progress is being made on the Essential Repairs of Edelweiss Hall, made possible through the generous support of grant funding from the Office of Multicultural Interests, along with contributions from the Club.

We are pleased to report that the first stage of the project is nearly complete, with the installation of the new windows and bulkhead almost finalised. These upgrades already make a noticeable difference to both the appearance and functionality of the Hall.



Work on the bar refurbishment is now in full swing. This is a major part of the project and will significantly improve both the service area and overall experience for our members and guests. We are hopeful that the bar will be fully completed by the beginning of June.

Looking ahead, the replacement of the dancefloor will follow once the new steel beam for the enlarged bar window has been installed. This next stage is especially important, as the dancefloor is a central feature of the Hall and vital to many of our events and cultural activities.

We thank all members and supporters for their patience during these works and look forward to welcoming you back to an improved and revitalised Edelweiss Hall very soon.

Annette Guttmann
Project Coordinator

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 Winners!



It's official! The following members have
won their membership payments back:

- Elizabeth Neeson
- Stephen Brooks
- Terry Walker



CONGRATULATIONS!



Standard Member	\$ 90
Standard Couple	\$ 160

Pensioner Member	\$ 70
Pensioner Couple	\$ 120
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Jeff Cadzow Birthday Party





Cairo & Ashan Engagement Party







KARNEVAL KARNEVAL KARNEVAL









What's on in May 2026

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

HAPPY HOUR
Fridays 7-8pm
Sundays 5-6pm

APRIL is quiet - no events
HAPPY EASTER

- Sat 2** **May Dance 6 pm - late**
Edelweiss Dance Group
- Sun 3** **WAMO Concert 4 - 5 pm**
West Australian Mandolin Orchestra
- Thu 14** **Männertag 7pm onwards**
- Sat 23** **Schützenfest 5pm - late**
Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group
- Sun 24** **AGM 4 - 5 pm**
Annual General Meeting - please attend

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



Rhein-Donau Club
Oktoberfestperth

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

Join the celebration for

MAY DANCE

2 MAY 2026
DOORS OPEN 6:00PM

Huge Beer Hall
German Restaurant
Live Dance Band and DJ
Traditional German Dance & Bell-ringing by the
EDELWEISS DANCE GROUP



Tickets from
trybooking.com/DKQNC
or the Club office on 9330 6488
or scan the barcode!

Find us on socials @



THE RHEIN-DONAU CLUB

108 NORTH LAKE ROAD, MYAREE

WAMO PRESENTS:

Echoes, Dances & Nightfall



Entry
\$25

Conducted by Ana Milas

FEATURING
WORKS BY:

Masataka Hori
Yasuo Kuwahara
Antonio Vivaldi
John Jooste
Robert Schulz

TICKETS:

Trybooking
or at the door



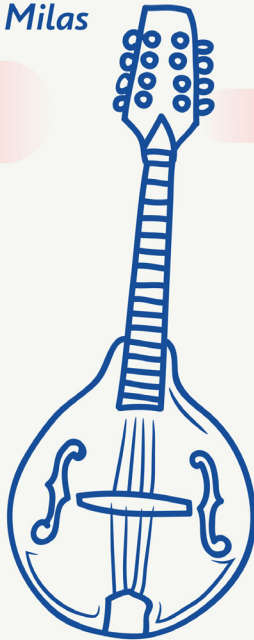
3 May, 2026
at 4:00 pm

Rhein Donau
Club, Myaree

West Australian Mandolin Orchestra presents a diverse concert program celebrating the expressive possibilities of the mandolin orchestra. Featuring works spanning the Baroque era to the present day, this performance highlights the orchestra's ongoing commitment to artistic excellence, tradition, and innovation.

wamo.com.au

facebook.com/WAMO



SCHÜTZENFEST



SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

Members \$10 - Guests \$15

One 10 Shot Target for each guest included in entry



- ➔ Shooting starts 5pm through to 8pm
- ➔ Presentation 9pm | Kitchen & Bar open
- ➔ King and Queen Trophy | Band: Best Friends

ALL WELCOME - no previous shooting experience necessary

Children must be 12 years old to shoot.

Call 9330 6488

rheindonau.com.au/events

trybooking.com/DKRF



Mitgliederversammlung

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Sunday, 24th May 2026, 4pm

The Annual General Meeting of the Rhein-Donau Club will be held on Sunday the 24th of May 2026 at 4pm.

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.



ALL nomination forms must be lodged at the Club by Friday, 8th May 2026, 6pm.

If you are not sure and/or you missed the deadline you can also throw your hat in the ring on the day of the AGM for one of the vacancies.

All ordinary financial 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.

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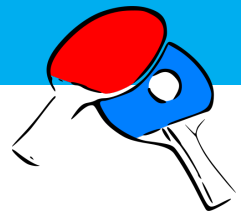
German Film Festival 2026

PALACE  

We are delighted to announce the return of the HSBC German Film Festival, Australia's only dedicated celebration of German language cinema, that will screen **in Perth from 7 May – 27 May** at Palace Cinemas and Luna Palace Cinemas.

Put the festival dates in your diary now!

Table Tennis Group



We are getting busy on a Tuesday night with quite a bit of interest from new players/members. Our group is lucky to have the use of the shed as well so everyone can get plenty of playing time. Paul Robson (Robbo) has kindly sent through a short article on his recent trip to New Zealand. He is one of 6 brothers!



“My brother Jeff, who lives just outside of Brisbane, decided for his 60th to spend it in New Zealand with Mum & Dad and invited us to celebrate his birthday there as well. Of course we all said yes because not only was it Jeff’s 60th, five days later it was my Dad’s 94th birthday. We were lucky enough to stay at

our youngest brother’s place who happened to have a table tennis table. Now, we all grew up playing social table tennis at home. Dad being a carpenter built the table tennis table out of tongue & groove floorboards. He was a very good carpenter, there was hardly any gap/groove between each bit of floorboard, and we would sit it on 2 saw horses. We had endless hours of fun and of course mum and dad would play as well. To keep active they played quite a lot together when we all left home, never finding out who was the better player! LOL. So at Jeff’s



60th and the following days we all had a lot of fun having a hit and we even got dad up for a hit as well which for a 94 year old is amazing. “ Never a truer saying, “to live long, play ping pong”! Cheers, Robbo



SEVEN BENEFITS OF TABLE TENNIS

1. The ultimate brain workout - increases activity in the brain after only 10 minutes.
2. Sociable - a great way to play and exercise with friends of all levels.
3. Coordination - improves hand to eye coordination with practice.
4. Good for the heart - increases your heart rate while playing for overall health
5. Can play anytime - all you need is a table, ball and bats to play inside or out.
6. Gentle fitness - does not put a strain on your body as you play and increase fitness.
7. For everyone - no age limit or fitness minimum to get started!

Thanks Paul for your article and for highlighting the benefits of table tennis!

Don't forget to mark Saturday the 25 July as our Christmas in July fundraiser. It will come up fast!

Debbie Solomon
Group Leader

WAMO (Mandolin Orchestra)

WAMO welcomes Ross Daghish as our new president, elected at our AGM in February this year.

Ross plays double bass in the orchestra, and is also accomplished as a player of Bluegrass music – although we must admit that Bluegrass style music does not feature heavily in our repertoire.

We have begun our first year without our founder, the redoubtable Robert Schulz. He is sadly missed but he would have hoped and expected that the show will go on.

Rehearsals have begun for our concert scheduled for Sunday 3 May at the Rhein Donau Club. As ever, the program is an eclectic mix that our audience will enjoy. The program features a piece by Robert Schulz, as well as items from a wide range of nations. We hope many members of the RDC can attend. Details on times and tickets will be accessible in a short while on the WAMO website at www.wamo.com.au

Jim Elliott
Orchestra member



Edelweiss Dance Group

Hello to all Members

The members of the Edelweiss Dance Group are back from their break and practicing for the upcoming May Dance. We will be celebrating the coming of Spring in Germany and the rest of Europe with the Edelweiss Dance Group performing the Traditional Bandltanz (dancing around the May pole) as well as Bells and the Schuhplattler. The night will be fantastic so please come along and have a good time with good Food and German Beer

Also a Happy Birthday to Sieglinde which was on the 15 March.

So till next time - Wir sehen uns im Club

David Vieceli
Group Leader



MÄNNERTAG

EST. 2024

THURSDAY 14.MAY 2026, 7PM

Book your seat at our Gentlemen's Table
for the third time and lets have a beer together for Christi Himmelfahrt.

\$60-Member/ \$65- Guest Ticket includes: A Pork Knuckle meal, 0.5L Weihenstephaner Beer and a German Schnaps



Let's get
crack(l)ing!

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Bookings close on Tuesday, 12 May, 6pm





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Liebe Mitglieder!

Das wichtigste Ereignis im Leben eines jeden Klubs ist die Jahreshauptversammlung, oder Generalversammlung. Auf dieser wird der Mitgliedschaft ein Rückblick über die Geschehnisse im Klubleben und der Rechenschaftsbericht der finanziellen Geschäfte neben vielen anderen wichtigen Informationen gegeben.

Wie bereits angekündigt findet unsere diesjährige Generalversammlung am Sonntag den 7. April um 15 Uhr statt und ich möchte hiermit an jedes einzelne Mitglied appellieren zu dieser Versammlung zu erscheinen.

Die Bedeutung der Versammlung wird natürlich noch durch die stattfindenden Neuwahlen von Vorstandschaft, Ausschuss, Buchprüfern usw. hervorgehoben, weshalb ich nochmals und verstärkt an Sie alle appelliere zu kommen und von Ihrem Wahlrecht Gebrauch zu machen. Es liegt also gänzlich in Ihrer Hand eine Klubleitung zu wählen, die Ihr volles Vertrauen besitzt und in der Lage ist die Geschicke des Klubs für die kommenden 12 Monate zu führen.

In der angenehmen Hoffnung recht viele von Ihnen am Sonntag den 7. April begrüßen zu dürfen verabschiede ich mich für heute

mit den herzlichsten Grüßen und Ihnen allen
Recht Frohe OSTERN wünschend,

Ihr

Founding Member of the Club Wolfgang Leonhardt
President 1967, 1968

PROGRAMM FÜR APRIL

- 1.4. Kabarett-Abend
Cabaret Night 20.00
8 p.m.
- 4.4. Vorstandssitzung
Executive Committee Meeting 20.00
8 p.m.
- 6.4. Eine Dampferfahrt auf dem "Swan"
Bar und Kantinebetrieb auf
dem Schiff - bringen Sie Ihre
Freunde mit 19.00
River Cruise; Barrack St. Jetty 7 p.m.
- 7.4. Generalversammlung
Annual General Meeting 15.00
3 p.m.
- 11.4. Vorstandssitzung
Executive Committee Meeting 20.00
8 p.m.
- 14.4. Ostereier-Suchen und Gemüthlicher
Nachmittag 15.00
Family Afternoon 3 p.m.
- 19.4. Dekorieren der Halle
Decorating of Clubhall 19.30
7.30 p.m.
- 20.4. Tanzabend "1000 und eine Nacht"
Kostümierung willkommen 20.00
Dance "1000 and one Night" 8 p.m.
- 25.4. Vorstandssitzung
Executive Committee Meeting 20.00
8 p.m.
- 28.4. Romme Nachmittag und andere
Spiele 15.00
Games Afternoon and Cards 3 p.m.

VOARSCHAU FÜR MAI

- 2.5. Komitee-Sitzung
Committee Meeting 20.00
8 p.m.
- 25.5. Grosser Maitanz
May-Dance 20.00
8 p.m.

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Frank H. Sotzik

erblickte am 16. März das Licht dieser Welt. Dem stolzen
Elternpaar Kurt und Pamela Sotzik unsere herzlichsten
Glückwünsche zum Stammhalter.

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HUMOR

Drei alte Weiblein sitzen im Park und lassen sich von der
Sonne bescheinen. Sagt die erste: Ich bin nun schon 75
Jahre alt und habe noch alle meine Zähne und keine einzige
Plombe. Sagt die zweite: Mit meinen 80 Jahren kann ich
noch ohne Brille lesen und in der Ferne erkenne ich sofort
alle Bekannten. Sagt die dritte: Ich bin 85 Jahre alt
und noch Jungfrau toi, toi, toi.

- - -

War es nicht schon dort draussen auf dem See? sagte er
zu seinem Liebchen als sie mit dem Boot zurück kamen. "
Mit einem glücklichen Lacheln sagte sie: Oh, es ist schon
überall.

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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 Vieceli	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

Opening Times | Committee

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 sometimes have entertainment and possibly charge a small cover fee

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
Entertainment Manager	Brian Muir	0407 479 513
Maintenance Manager	Jamie Frost (Frosty)	0422 212 147
Extra Committee	Julianne Pulver	0401 685 268
	Hermine Wagner	0437 711 127

Trustees: Jeff Cadzow, Debbie Solomon, Stephen Brown, Kelly Hanson

Club Manager | Website | Club Magazine | Accounts: Petra Weiss 0402.991 818

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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 2026. Entry deadline for the issue is **Friday 8 May 2026**, please send your contribution to accounts@rheindonau.com.au

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