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CLUB NEWS

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Oktoberfest

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HOUSEKEEPING

Dear Members,

As our Club community continues to grow, we kindly ask that you **please bring your membership card with you whenever you visit the Club.**

Since we now have so many wonderful members, it's becoming harder for our staff to recognise everyone by face. To help us confirm that members are financial and entitled to Club benefits, we will soon begin scanning membership cards at the cash registers.

If you have already been notified that your membership card is ready for collection but haven't picked it up yet, you can collect it from the office or simply ask at the bar during your next visit.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation — we truly appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the Club!

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President's Report

Dear Members,

I have just returned from a trip back to Germany. I was lucky enough to catch our Vice President Mr. David Ramsay and his lovely wife Kay in Berlin.



As usual I have returned with a bag full of German stuff for our beloved Club.

On the 12th of August 2026 I was invited to become a founding member of a **new Football Club**. The “Perth Alemannia FC” is under the competent leadership of Dr. Prof. Gerhard Janssen.

The new founded Football Club is an homage to our Club's soccer history, and the committee has voted to accept the Football Club as a sports group of the Rhein-Donau Club Inc.

I wish the President Gerhard all the best and I am sure that this will be a great benefit for our Club and the German soccer community in Perth.

Exactly one month later we celebrated the **official opening of our Edelweiss Hall**.



Katy Mair, the Mayor of Melville had the honour of cutting the ribbon alongside Annette Guttman (Project Manager), Said S Padshah (Director for Community Engagement and Strategy of OMI) and Martin Engel, David Viecele and myself representing the Project Subcommittee.



The hall was filled with the lovely smell of roasted almonds by Fräulein Sweet. My personal highlight was the wonderful performance of the Australian and German National Anthems by our Folksingers. Thank you very much to Irene Harrop and all the Folksingers.





Another thanks to the Edelweiss Dance Group for another wonderful traditional dance and bell performance. Also, I liked the traditional German music style by Georgina Peris and the Band “Dolomiten”.



Now we are looking forward to our busiest time of the year. Most Oktoberfest tickets have been sold, and we are looking forward to putting our new bar to the stress test.

I am looking forward to each night seeing all our groups and volunteer members coming together working to bring our guests the most authentic Oktoberfest in Perth.

Boby has also reported that the new half meter bratwurst is very popular, and we are working on other highlights to join the menu soon.

Thanks to our Maintenance Manager Frosty for installing the new grease trap cover. Some works are not noticed by many members, but they are equally as important.

We have the right people on the jobs with knowledge, commitment and a hands-on attitude.

Overall, I am very proud walking through our Club seeing all the improvements and renovations we have done over the last years.

While talking to our committee and staff about future events and projects I always notice that they are proud as well and enjoy being part of our amazing team.

I hope all our members are well and happy.

O'zapft is, Auf die Gmiatlichkeit, Oans, zwoa, gsuffa!

  *Steve Schlegel*
President

President's Report - Deutsche Version

Liebe Mitglieder,

ich bin gerade von einer Reise nach Deutschland zurückgekehrt. Ich hatte das Glück, unseren Vizepräsidenten, Herrn David Ramsay, und seine nette Frau Kay in Berlin zu treffen.

Wie üblich bin ich mit einer Tasche voller deutscher Dinge für unseren geliebten Club zurückgekommen.

Am 12. August 2026 wurde ich eingeladen, Gründungsmitglied eines neuen Fußballclubs zu werden. Der „Perth Alemannia FC“ steht unter der kompetenten Leitung von Prof. Dr. Gerhard Janssen.

Dieser neu gegründete Fußballclub ist eine Hommage an die Fußballgeschichte unseres Clubs, und der Vorstand hat beschlossen, den Fußballclub als Sportabteilung des Rhein-Donau Club Inc. aufzunehmen.

Ich wünsche dem Präsidenten Gerhard alles Gute und bin sicher, dass dies eine große Bereicherung für unseren Club und die deutsche Fußballgemeinschaft in Perth sein wird.



Genau einen Monat später feierten wir die offizielle Eröffnung unserer Edelweiss-Halle.

Katy Mair, die Bürgermeisterin von Melville, hatte die Ehre, das Eröffnungsband zu durchschneiden – gemeinsam mit Annette Guttman (Projektleiterin), Said S. Padshah (Direktor für Community Engagement und Strategie bei OMI) sowie Martin Engel, David Viecele und mir selbst als Vertretern des Projekt-Unterausschusses.

Die Halle war erfüllt vom herrlichen Duft gebrannter Mandeln von „Fräulein Sweet“. Mein persönliches Highlight war die wunderbare Darbietung der australischen und deutschen Nationalhymne durch unsere Folksingers. Ein herzliches Dankeschön an Irene Harrop und alle Mitglieder der Folksingers.

Ein weiterer Dank geht an die Edelweiss-Tanzgruppe für eine erneute wunderbare Vorführung traditioneller Tänze und Glockenspiele. Auch die traditionelle deutsche Musik von Georgina Peris und der Band „Dolomiten“ hat mir sehr gut gefallen.

Nun freuen wir uns auf die geschäftigste Zeit des Jahres. Die meisten Tickets für das Oktoberfest sind bereits verkauft, und wir sind gespannt darauf, unsere neue Bar einem Härtetest zu unterziehen.

Ich freue mich darauf, an jedem Abend zu sehen, wie all unsere Gruppen und ehrenamtlichen Mitglieder zusammenarbeiten, um unseren Gästen das authentischste Oktoberfest in Perth zu bieten.

Boby hat zudem berichtet, dass die neue „Halbmeter-Bratwurst“ sehr beliebt ist; wir arbeiten bereits an weiteren Highlights, die bald auf die Speisekarte kommen sollen.

Ein Dankeschön geht an unseren Instandhaltungsleiter Frosty für die Installation der neuen Abdeckung für den Fettabscheider. Manche Arbeiten bleiben vielen Mitgliedern verborgen, sind aber dennoch genauso wichtig.

Wir haben die richtigen Leute für diese Aufgaben – mit Fachwissen, Engagement und einer tatkräftigen Mentalität.

Insgesamt bin ich sehr stolz, wenn ich durch unseren Club gehe und all die Verbesserungen und Renovierungen sehe, die wir in den letzten Jahren umgesetzt haben.

Im Gespräch mit unserem Ausschuss und den Mitarbeitern über künftige Veranstaltungen und Projekte merke ich stets, dass auch sie stolz sind und Freude daran haben, Teil unseres großartigen Teams zu sein.

Ich hoffe, dass es all unseren Mitgliedern gut geht und sie glücklich sind.

O'zapft is – auf die Gemütlichkeit! Oans, zwoa, gsuffa!

  Steve Schlegel
President



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1

BEGINNERS
(COMPREHENSION)

4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Deutsch verstehen und sprechen

Alter: Kinder in den Schulklassen
Pre-Primary – Year 1



LEVEL
2

INTERMEDIATE
(ADVANCED READING /
WRITING)

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Alter: Kinder in den Schulklassen
Year 2 – Year 5



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(members)



Rückblicke | Looking Back



Christmas in July









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Dockers vs Lions

SATURDAY | 26.09.26

CLUB OPENS | 11.15AM

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German

Word of the Month

Feuertaufe

[FOY-er-tow-fuh] noun

A real test or **baptism by fire** – usually the first big challenge in a new role or situation.



In a sentence:

„Sein erster Tag im neuen Job war seine Feuertaufe.“

“His first day in the new job was his baptism by fire.”

The story behind the word

Feuertaufe combines Feuer, meaning “fire”, with Taufe, meaning “baptism”.

In earlier times, the phrase referred to a literal trial by fire, often linked to courage and survival. Over time, it came to mean a figurative “baptism by fire” – a first major test that shows what someone is really made of.

Fun fact:

A Feuertaufe is often a tough experience, but a **positive** one – because if you pass it, you gain valuable experience and **confidence** for the future.



Manchmal führt dich die Feuertaufe zu neuen Stärken.



Dear Members,
Dear Football Lovers,

On Wednesday, 12th August 2026, a group of friends and Football enthusiasts met at the German Club to finalise the founding of the new German based football club in Western Australia. They agreed on the name Perth Alemannia FC. This is a reminiscence to the former club, called Melville Alemanian which was founded more than 50 years ago in our German Club as well.

We invite everybody to join us and to follow our passion for football. Perth Alemannia FC will start in 2027 with a Men's team in Amateurs and a Women's team. Latest in 2028 we will start with the Junior Department and will integrate an Inclusion Football Team.



The founding members are from left to the right:
Steve Schlegel (German Club Perth), Mirza Hodzic (Coach), Daniel Gros (Coach), Peter Koulizos (Vice-President), Gerhard Janssen (President), Karl Maluga, Ben Gatzlaff, Dr Gabriele Maluga (Honorary Consul Germany for Western Australia), Gabriele Irmela Maria Maluga (Head of Women's Football).

We are competitive and Perth Alemannia FC wants to be the home of all football fans. We will keep you updated about our activities during the next month. We are currently negotiating our new home ground, which should be close to our German Club in the Myaree.

All the best,



Gerhard Janssen
President
Perth Alemannia FC



"The Lions Club of East Fremantle welcomes new members!"

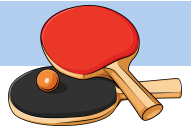
Our club is small, but very active in community service around the local area. We meet at the Rhein-Donau Club on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month, getting together at 6:00pm for a meal and a beer(s).



It is an informal and fun get together, to plan and discuss our activities, which usually involves our now famous 'Kiddies Train', that, remarkably, happens to look like Thomas the Tank Engine 😊

Simply stop and say hello, or you are welcome to ring Alan (0402 499 049).

Table Tennis Group



Our table tennis fundraiser “Christmas in July” event is always popular and this year was no exception. It was held on 25th July and all the funds raised will go towards new equipment and rubber flooring in the shed.

Our huge raffle was well supported and the raffle ticket sales alone covered the band hire and incidental costs. Many thanks to all the people who donated items for this raffle, your generosity is much appreciated.

I collect all year for our raffle so am happy to receive donations or unwanted gifts at any time. Duo Best Friends were fantastic and really got into the Christmas spirit. There was some terrific line dancing going on towards the end of the night too.

Our skit went well and I would like to thank Dave, Paul, Brodie and Ralph for their time and effort in our practice runs. Ralph in particular made a great banana J, much to the amusement of his family. Ralph also celebrated his birthday on the night.

Thanks again to my daughter Kellie and 2 granddaughters Kimmi & Kyla who have supported all of our skits over the years.



We have a lot of fun in our practices and it is all for a good cause. Also many thanks to our honorary table tennis member Annette, she made a great compere and judge in the skit.





Christmas is fast approaching so details of our breakup party will be in the next magazine.

Debbie Solomon

Table Tennis Group



Edelweiss Tanzgruppe



Hello to all Members,

The Dance Group help their Alpengaudi on the 5th September which was well attended. We had a full house, and we also had Daniel Chrulaw there from Bier 1040 (Weihenstephaner), our main German Bier supplier who kindly donated a 500ml Krug from the Company as part of a beer promotion, which was won by David Gresll.

We also celebrated Brian Muir's Birthday on the night as he was away on holidays travelling around Europe when it was his birthday.

We are now getting ready for Oktoberfest then we will also be practising for Volkstanzfest in Canberra next Easter were we will representing the Rhein-Donau Club again as we have done every two years

So till next time - Wir sehen uns alle im Club

  David Viecele
Group Leader
Edelweiss Dance Group





Hello all, from the West Australian Brick Society!

Now, it's no secret that we're entering a very exciting time in our calendar. September is nearly over...and we all know what October is famous for, right?

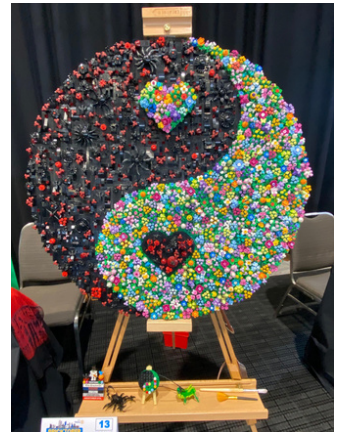
LEGO!

Wait, what? Whaddaya mean...?
Oh, right! I get it. Yes, there's that Oktoberfest thing, too, with beer and lederhosen and stuff. Yeah, we'll be going to that, too. But for us, October means:



BRICKTOBER!

For the last year, dozens of builders all over WA have been working like fury on their next display. Bricktober, held in Curtin Uni again this year, is the biggest and brightest event in the Lego calendar. It's a giant Lego exhibition that brings in thousands of visitors, and many of our members will be there to show off their skills.



We're talking models that fill tables, models that move, giant art pieces and of course the infamous Great Ball Contraption.

There's fun for all the family, with competitions like the Speed Build, Duplo pits for the younger ones to play in, food vans and the occasional celebrity appearance.

The show gets bigger every year and it really has to be experienced.

There's no other day out like it!

Tickets are on sale right now and are selling out fast!

And if that didn't sound enough like an infomercial, here's the TL,DR ("Too Long, Didn't Read"):

BUY A TICKET TO BRICKTOBER RIGHT NOW!

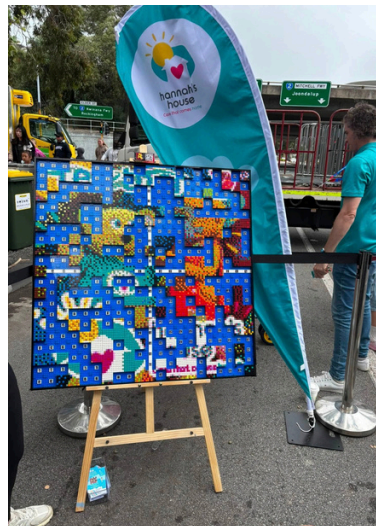
It's on 10th & 11th October.

Grab your tickets from: www.bricktober.au

So, what else is going on?

Well, Telethon is back this year, on October 17th & 18th. We'll be there, bringing the Lego fun, most likely in the form of a mosaic that members of the public will help us build throughout the day.

And that about wraps it up for this month. Oh, we'll probably sink a few beers, too, because apparently there's some kind of German festival going on... You heard anything about that?
See you there!



  *Tony Slater*
WA Brick Society

A Little LEGO History

Did you know that LEGO comes from **Denmark**? The company was founded in the small town of Billund in **1932** by carpenter Ole Kirk Kristiansen, who initially made wooden toys. The name LEGO comes from the Danish words "leg godt", meaning "play well." The LEGO brick as we know it today was introduced in 1958 – and bricks made according to this system still fit together today!

 **And the German connection?** Germany played an important role in LEGO's international expansion. In the 1950s, LEGO regarded Germany as a crucial gateway to the European toy market. After initially receiving a rather chilly response at the 1955 Nuremberg Toy Fair, LEGO nevertheless found retailers willing to give the little bricks a try. In 1956, the company established LEGO Spielwaren GmbH in northern Germany – its first foreign sales subsidiary.

Fun fact: When Ole Kirk Kristiansen chose the name LEGO, he apparently didn't know that lego can also be translated from Latin as "I gather" or "I collect" – rather fitting for a toy that would eventually become famous for putting little pieces together!





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What's on in Nov | Dec 2026

HAPPY HOUR Fridays 7-8, Sundays 5-6

November

- Sat 7** **Possible Chess Tournament** 12pm
to be confirmed
- Sat 14** **Restaurant and Bar open** 6pm
- Sat 21** **Neerlandia Christmas Lunch** 11am
Restaurant and Bar open 6pm
- Sat 28** **Restaurant and Bar open** 6pm
- Sun 29** **Member's Meeting** 4pm
SAVE THE DATE!

December

- Sat 5** **Restaurant and Bar Open** 6pm
- Sun 6** **Nikolaus** 2pm
- Sat 12** **Club Christmas Party** 6pm
Details to follow. Call the office to book
- Sat 19** **Restaurant and Bar Open** 6pm



Club Closure 21 December 2026 - 8 January 2027 inclusive
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Office Dweller



Annette
Mädchen für Alles

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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 Viecei

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

Uma Ayanari

0411 342 659

Murray Bow

0424 160 750

Thursdays from 5pm &
Sundays from 4pm

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

Ana Milas

0412 227 484

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

Opening Times

<u>Office:</u>	Monday - Friday	10:00am to 3:00pm
<u>Bar*:</u>	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
<u>Kitchen*:</u>	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

Oktoberfest Opening Times



The Office will still be open every
Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm

Bar and Restaurant will be open every



Wednesday
Thursday
Sunday

as per usual opening times!



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