

AUSTRIA KURIER

55th Jahrgang – July to September 2017

Welcome to the

AUSTRIAN CLUB

The club provides a friendly and lively atmosphere throughout the year with our numerous club functions, live bands, local and international floorshows. Celebrate your birthdays, weddings and other functions at the Austrian Club.

20 Grattan Crescent, Frenchs Forest — 2086

Telephone 02 9452-3304

Patron: Tony Hupfau, Swarovski International



Programme

Saturday 26 th August	Styrian Night
Weekend 9-10 th September	Eurofest
Sunday 8 th October	AGM
Sunday 22 nd October	National Day
Saturday 28 th October	Oktoberfest Dance/Pagger Buam
Tuesday 7 th November	Melbourne Cup Lunch
Saturday 18 th November	Soccer Dance

AUSTRIAN CLUB RESTAURANT OPENING TIMES

Friday, Saturday from 6 pm, Sunday from 12 noon to 8.30 pm.

For restaurant bookings only please ring Steve on 9975-3172 or 0432 588 013 - e-mail: contact@austrianclubrestaurant.com

website: <http://austrianclubrestaurant.com>

For Austrian Club functions please ring Hilde on 9399 3554 or 0406 577 361 or email bookings to bookings@austrianclubsydney.com.au

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Walter Vostarek, Rudi Fressl, Connie Salat, Alena Hughes, Maria Spitzer, Juliette Wippo, Walter Hader, Istvan Toth, Jutte Grabe.

SUB GROUP LEADERS

Austrian Air Rifle Group	Danny Stasenka	Tel: 9975 3383
ACS Golden Oldies Soccer	Peter Graf	Tel: 4981 1827
Walking Group	Ella Leithner	Tel: 9476 0681

ACTIVITIES

Walking: Sunday 3/9/2017, Sunday 1/10/2017, Sunday 29/10/2017 and Sunday 26/11/2017.

Shooting: Every Tuesday from 7.30 pm at the Club.

Soccer: Every Sunday from 10 am at the oval.

To join any of the activities, you must be a member of the Austrian Club. Please contact the Sub Group Leader.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CLUB

Volunteers are always needed: For bar duties, selling raffle tickets, working bees, decorations, and other duties. If you can spare some time for your club, it would be very much appreciated.

For more information, please ring **Jutta Grabe** on Tel: 9818 4083.

CLUB ENTRY

It is the law and the club's responsibility that guests living within a 5 km radius are signed in by a member of the Austrian Club (member's name, address, and his/her card number). Other guests must write their name and address in the temporary member column. Thank you.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Jutta and I had a wonderful holiday in Canada. We came back to find that the club was going very well even though we were shorthanded. Thank you to those who stepped up, filled the gaps in the roster and made sure that the club was running as usual. I am told that some of you were in the club every day it was open.

I am told that the Italian Night went very well. Our Italian friends had a good time, and Mercedes, the Italian songstress enjoyed herself so much that she sang for an hour.

Another nice surprise was to see the new carpet had been laid and the entrance foyer tidied up and painted. We have 100 new chairs looking great and giving a whole new Austrian look to the club. We will be getting more as finances allow. To the right of the door as you come into the club, we have a corner for relaxing with one of our many books on Austria. Your Board and helpers are working hard to bring the club up to date. The last working bee cleaned out the Schnapps Bude to allow for a private birthday party. This room will be a second function room. We need a new name for it. A bottle of wine is on offer to the person who comes up with the best idea!

My wife, Jutta, has accepted a position on the Board and has taken over as Bar Roster Supervisor, following the resignation of Phil Angilley. She was already working in the bar, so knows what is needed and will be an asset to the team of bar volunteers.

We have been having some really good crowds for dinner, thanks to the great food served by our restaurant. Come along and enjoy it. There is nowhere better to go for a good hearty meal!

See you at the Club.

Mark GRABE 9818 4083

Check out our facebook page. Updates and photos of all functions.

Interesting information on the Austrian Community.

<https://www.facebook.com/Austrian-Club-Frenchs-Forest-149436055101039/>

Have you seen our website lately?

Have a look, post a comment on the Forum, keep track of Austrian Club Events.

www.austrianclubsydney.com

GOLDEN OLDIES

Since the last Kurier, our Golden Oldies contingent and games have been steady with most of the games being well attended, even during light rain, though a few games were cancelled everywhere due to soggy fields after consistent heavy rain. Both our teams are ranging between 6 and 10 players per team, even though during the European summer, quite a few players are overseas, which will continue for the next 2 months. In spite of this the remaining players enjoy our games, which are all played with a competitive, but pleasant attitude.



On the social calendar, there is not much to report until the next Kurier, and until then I wish everyone injury free games or a safe and pleasant stay overseas. Our mid-year meeting will now be in August due to too many of the old guard being away in July, including myself.

Your Captain **Pim RAVESTIJN** (mob. 0407021669)

WORKING BEES

A big thanks to the following members who worked hard on the 8th July to transform the Schnapps Bude (back room) into an attractive venue for a private birthday party. Thanks to Maria Spitzer, Judith Dlask, Louise and Graeme Smith, Jutta and Mark Grabe, Jan Faustman, Sylvia and Steve Miller, Jenny Wandl for a job well done. This room will now be available for private functions. We need to rename it. A bottle of wine to the person who comes up with the best name!!!!

The next working bee will be on Saturday September 16th from 9am.

YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Start around 9am. Lunch is provided



90th Birthday at the club



Maria, Ella and Gerhard at the Annual ball



Fancy dress birthday party at the club with the theme "M"



Greg Aghayan and Terry McCracken both winning Gold from air rifle postal competition



Steve and Kathleen Birrell (father and daughter air rifle team)



Steirerabend

Saturday 26th August, 2017

Music by SOUND INVESTMENT

Floor show by the St. Raphael Dance group

Members \$12.00

Guests \$15.00



EUROFEST

10am till 8pm **Saturday September 9th** and
10am till 5pm **Sunday September 10th, 2017**

Two days of family fun; Non-stop music and dancing
(including the Hubertus dance group and the St. Raphael
German Dance group)

Children's amusement park, lots of rides

Austrian Club food stall in the marquee

Giant marquee with beer from all over Europe

Fireworks at on Saturday at 7.30pm and Sunday 6.30 pm



Help is needed for this stall. Contact Hilde 9399 3554. Be at the club at 12.15 in your national costume to join the parade



NATIONAL DAY

Sunday, 22nd October, 2017

Entry free

Lunch from 12.30 (at own expense)

Entertainment for the children

For all Austrian Club functions please ring Hilde
on 9399 3554 or 0406 577 361
or Sylvia on 0414 973 959

or email bookings to bookings@austrianclubsydney.com.au

OKTOBERFEST DANCE

Saturday October 28th, 2017

Dinner from 6 pm

Be entertained by the

PAGGER BUAM

Direct from Austria from 7.30 until 11.30

mit Armdrücken Wettbewerb

Members \$15.00

Guests \$20.00



MELBOURNE CUP

at the Austrian Club

Tuesday, 7th November, 2017

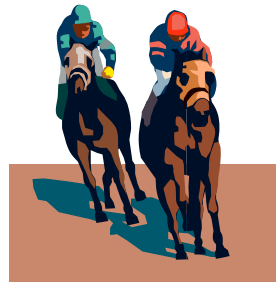
from 12 noon

Watch the Cup on TV

Try your luck in the sweeps

Wear your best race day gear and a HAT

A la carte lunch menu



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Lunch bookings - Telephone 9975 3172



SOCCER DANCE

Saturday 18th November

Dancing to the TIROLEAN ECHOS
from 7.30 until 11.30 pm.

Details in the next Kurier



Walter Roth, Graeme & Louise Smith try their alpenhorn skills



Lunch at the April working bee



Mercedes and her volunteer backing group



Invited guests at the Annual Ball



More Annual Ball guests



Minerva Pool- visited by the walking group

THE AUSTRIAN AIR RIFLE CLUB

Monthly competition results were:

	May	June	July
1	Phil Angilley 408.2	Kathleen Birrell 405.7	Phil Angilley 416.2
2	Larissa Kalt 399.6	Stephen Birrell 394.1	Greg Aghayan 393.1
3	Stephen Birrell 397.5	Danny Stasenka 394.0	Stephen Birrell 388.0

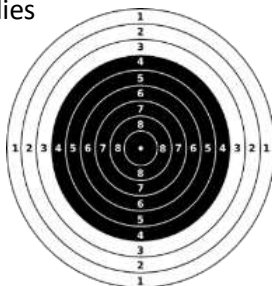
The competition in May was The Young Guns/Golden Oldies competition with the winners being Larissa Kalt on 346 and Walter Roth on 316 respectively. Shields engraved with their names have been added to each trophy.

Our Winter Championship was held on 13 June 2017 with Phil Angilley coming out on top with a handicapped score of 409.8.

Air Rifle Clubs around NSW hold postal shooting competitions where targets can be shot at the home club and mailed to the club holding the competition. There are strict guidelines to submit these targets for a competition. This allows members to compete against other clubs without needing to travel. Recently Greg Aghayan and Terry McCracken both won Gold in postal shoots.

The Austrian Air Rifle Club occasionally have families who shoot together, husband and wife, father and son but rarely is it father and daughter. Steve Birrell has been shooting targets since joining Manly Small Bore Club at age 14 (44 years ago) and has represented City, NSW and Australia at target rifle shooting. This is his second time as a member, now bringing 13 year old Kathleen with him. Kathleen is somewhat unique as her first shoot was at the National Championships in Queensland at age 11. Some frantic coaching on practice day saw some success and she has been hooked ever since. She finds the "different" physical and mental challenges of shooting is what attracts her to the sport. At a recent competition at the Hubertus Club Kathleen finished third in her grade and big sister Eileen, who shoots with the Cabramatta Shooting Club, won the "C" Grade Championship. Dad (aka the taxi driver) is truly happy that the girls have a love of the sport that has given him so much.

Louise SMITH (0411 157 527)



"OVER THE HILLS" SOCIAL WALKING GROUP

On Sunday, 30/4/2017, we went from Woy Woy by ferry to Lintern Street wharf, then walked around waterfront and down to Davistown RSL. Had a nice lunch at RSL before returning by bus, ferry and train to Hornsby. A very enjoyable day out.

On Sunday, 28/5/2017, we did the heritage walk around Hunters Hill and afterwards had lunch at the Woolwich Pier Hotel. Easy and interesting walk on a very pleasant day for walking.

On Sunday, 25/6/2017, we did the Minerva Pool Walking Track in the Dharawal National Park, Wedderburn. After a picnic lunch we did another easy walk to a lookout. First visit to Dharawal NP.

On **Sunday, 30/7/2017**, we will do a walk around Dangar Island. Meet at 9:45 AM at Brooklyn Jetty ready to catch the 10:00 AM ferry. Bring a picnic lunch or have lunch at the Café or Bowling Club.

Please phone Ella by 28/7/2017 if coming on this walk.

On **Sunday, 3/9/2017**, we will walk in Riverview from Tambourine Bay to Warraroon Reserve. Meet at 10:00 AM at end of Tambourine Bay Road. Bring a picnic lunch.

Please phone Ella by 1/9/17 if coming on this walk.

On **Sunday, 1/10/17**, we will do the Wulugul Walk from Walsh Bay to Darling Harbour. Meet at 10:00 AM at Wynyard, at the start of the Wynyard Walk (a pedestrian link – Exit 4). We will find somewhere nice at Darling Harbour to have lunch.

Please phone Ella by 29/9/2017 if coming on this walk.



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BAR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Austrian Club relies on Volunteers to run the BAR.
Would you have some time to help run the BAR on a casual basis?
Do you have a current RSA (Responsible Serving of Alcohol) Certificate or be prepared to do the course to obtain your certificate (paid for by the club)?

Helpers are always needed, just let me know how often you can help and what day suits, Friday, Saturday or Sunday lunch or dinner.

Contact Jutta on 9818 4083

On **Sunday, 29/10/2017**, we will walk from Tascott to Woy Woy. Be at Hornsby in time for the 9:22 AM train to Tascott. As Tascott station is small, need to be in back of last carriage. There is an enjoyable walk along the Brisbane Waters back to Woy Woy. Will have lunch at the fisherman's wharf before catching train back to Hornsby.

Please phone Ella by 27/10/2017 if coming on this walk.

Other walks will be on **Sundays 26/11/2017 & 29/1/2018**. Please mark these dates in your diary now and keep them free so that you can join us on our walks.

Due to the popularity of our trips to Thredbo in the last eleven years, we are organising another trip from **Thursday, 22/2/2018 to Thursday, 1/3/2018** (or until Sunday 4/3/18 if you wish to stay 10 nights). Costs & further details will be included in next Kurier but we need to know numbers by the end of October.

Please phone Ella by 31/10/2017 if coming on this trip.

Ella LEITHNER (9476 0681 or 0427 460 681)

In Loving Memory of our Swiss friend

ARMIN ROTH

14/7/1936 – 13/7/2017

a long-time member of this club and Past President of the Swiss Club and President of the Swiss Community Care Society.
Our sympathy goes to his wife, Elisabeth and his family.



Some interesting facts about Austria

(<http://www.eupedia.com/austria/trivia.shtml>)

The Austrian flag is one of the oldest national flags in the world. It dates from 1191, when Duke Leopold V fought in the Battle of Acre during the Third Crusade.

The sewing machine was invented in 1818 by the Austrian, Josef Madersperger.

The Austrian Club welcomes the following new members

Stuart & Susan ALCOCK, Martin SMITH, Daniel PIERCE & Philipa MURPHY, Terry & Anne-Marie MOSSE-ROBINSON, Pino BUANNE, David KAZERIAN, Mark & Julia RAVAGNANI, Simon KIPROVICH and Sam HOUSTON

Willkommen

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