

AUSTRIA KURIER

55th Jahrgang – January to March 2017

Welcome to the

AUSTRIAN CLUB SYDNEY

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

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Patron: Tony Hupfau, Swarovski International

Programme

Saturday 4 th February	Club re-opens after January closure (NB IT WILL NOT BE OPEN ON FRIDAY 3 rd)
Saturday 18 th February	The Great Gatsby Dance
Saturday 18 th March	Tirolean Night Dance
Saturday 20 th May	Country & Western Night
Saturday 17 th June	Italian Night
Saturday 22 nd July	Annual Ball
Saturday 26 th August	Styrian Night

AUSTRIAN CLUB RESTAURANT

OPENING TIMES

NOW ALSO OPEN Friday lunch from 12 until 3pm

Friday, Saturday from 6 pm, Sunday from 12 noon to 8 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 hall bookings and Austrian Club functions please ring Hilde on 9399 3554 or 0406 577 361 or email bookings to

bookings@austrianclubsydney.com.au

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President	Mark Grabe	Tel. 9818 4083
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Treasurer	VACANT	
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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
Bush Walking Group	Ella Leithner	Tel: 9476 0681

ACTIVITIES

Bushwalking: Sunday 29/1/2017, Thursday 23/2/2017 to Thursday, 2/3/2017, weekend of 25-26/03/2017 and Sunday 30/4/2017

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 **Phil Angilley** on Tel: 9939 7319.

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 (members name, address, and his/her card number). Other guests must write their name and address in the temporary member column. Thank you.

BROADBAND for Seniors - "NECs" internet kiosk here at the club

For more details please contact Istvan Toth - Mob. 0407 246 296 or 9957 3085.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

In this New Year 2017 I hope to be able to welcome you all to the Club early and often. We are opening on Saturday February 4th, and I am sure you are all looking forward to a good Austrian meal. The New Year's Eve party saw a good turnout of members and their friends welcoming in the New Year. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a good time.

I would like to thank all Members of the Club for their patronage. Remember the club exists for you, but we need to see you there from time to time. The committee members and volunteers all work very hard to keep the club going. We couldn't do it without them. The kitchen team served up excellent meals over the busy period before Christmas and are looking forward to pleasing you with their traditional meals cooked the Austrian way in 2017.

We are planning new events and improved services this year. Watch out for the Fröhshoppen starting in March! In February we have a Gatsby 20s dance night. An opportunity to dress up and have fun. The New Orleanians play fast twenties jazz music which will keep the floor jumping. In March we go traditional for the Tirolean Night, but come for the Hubertus Dancers floor show. Schuplattler to the YMCA – can you imagine?

Our Treasurer, Andi Stollwitzer resigned last year. We need someone to replace him as soon as possible. The Board will co-opt a suitable and willing person, who will get lots of help from Mark, Barbara and the rest of the Board.

Have you noticed that our front entrance is looking good, with nice flowers and a tidy garden. For this we have to thank Louise Smith of the shooters group for the planting and Maria Spitzer for the watering.

The shooters are our most helpful sub group. When they are not shooting, many of them can be found helping out around the club. Here John Riedl deserves a special mention for all his good work.

We had a huge working bee in January and put a lot of work into cleaning up the club. We will be gradually improving things as the year goes on, but it all takes money and this is where you come in, dear members. We need you to patronise the club as often as possible, to help us keep our heads above water. And don't forget, all our bar staff work on a voluntary basis, giving their time to help the club. So give them a friendly cheer and a thank you when you collect your beer or wine. More bar staff are always needed, and the club will pay for the training to get the RSA certificate.

See you in 2017.

Mark GRABE

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

The Austrian Club welcomes the following
new members

Martina FUCHS and Brooke & Alexander FUERBACH

Willkommen

Winter is coming in Austria

The local ski industry breathed a sigh of relief after the heavy late-November snowfall in the Austrian Alps. White slopes before Christmas are a guarantee of winter tourism and skiing has remained, without a doubt, the number one sport in the Alpine Republic.

Traditionally, Austrian ski resorts are nestled between wooden chalet villages and tree-lined slopes. Every second Austrian can tell you how parents pushed him or her down a snow-covered mountain at the age of three. Owning your own skis was mandatory. Recently, however, there have been big changes. For one, people don't buy skis anymore – they rent. Last year, worldwide sales stagnated at around 3.3 million pairs, down from 8 million a decade earlier.

"The market has been fragmented brutally," commented Wolfgang Mayrhofer, CEO of Atomic, an Austrian manufacturer of ski equipment. Though dedicated skiers still want their own, skis have become a niche product. Those looking for greater thrills have found them off piste – a move closely followed by the industry.

Shelves at sports dealers are now stacked with All-Mountain-Skis, Race-Skis, Women-Skis, Big Mountain-Skis, Deep-Snow-Skis, as well as sporty variations for the Park-&-Pipe areas. But fears of green ski resorts and low sales have remained unfounded as we face another cold, snowy European winter.

It could be the loss of Arctic sea ice that is bringing "easterly winds from Siberia blowing across north-western Europe," writes the British daily *The Independent*. Weather experts have already warned that this may be the coldest winter in a century.

So is this good news? "Winters [in Austria] have indeed gotten colder over the last 20 years, and in some places quite massively," says the Central Institution for Meteorology and Geodynamics (ZAMG), with the last two winters at Kitzbühel the coldest in a generation.

EDITORS NOTE - The following was also taken from the ZAMG website for 2015

Värmstes Jahr auf den Bergen

Betrachtet man nur die hochalpinen Regionen Österreichs, ist 2015 das wärmste Jahr der Messgeschichte noch vor den Jahren 2011 und 2014. Im Sommer gab es auf den Bergen außerordentlich wenige Tage mit Frost. Am Sonnblick-Observatorium der ZAMG, in 3109 Meter Seehöhe, wurden im Sommer 2015 nur 27 Frosttage registriert. Das ist der zweitniedrigste Wert nach dem Sommer 2003 (18 Frosttage) und 16 Tage weniger als das vieljährige Mittel.

FUTURE WORKING BEE DATES

Saturday 11th March, 2017, Saturday 29th April, 2017

YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Start around 9am. Lunch is provided



The MASTERS play at the Christmas dance



Maria and her green thumb



Cäcilian Choir sing Christmas Carols



Santa visits our kids again



Melbourne Cup prize winners



Children's Christmas party



Gatsby 1920s party

Saturday February 18th

Swing to the music of

The New Orleanians from 8pm to 11pm

Infectious, high energy, dance music

Wear your funky 20s gear

Restaurant opens 6pm

al la carte menu

Members \$12 Guests \$15

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TIROLER ABEND

Saturday 18th March, 2017



Dance to the TIROLEAN ECHOES

Floorshow: HUBERTUS FOLK DANCE GROUP

Members \$12.00

Guests \$15.00



Committee members enjoy a Christmas lunch together



Club President Mark Grabe

COUNTRY & WESTERN DANCE

Saturday 20th May, 2017

Band details in next issue of the KURIER

Members \$12.00

Guests \$15.00



Italian Night

Saturday 17th June, 2017



Dance to the TIROLEAN ECHOES

Entertainment to be confirmed in next issue of the KURIER

Members \$12.00

Guests \$15.00



Alan and Larissa shoot-off for club champion



New Year's Eve celebrations



Hupfau family at the club



Party Boys

PREISSCHNAPSEN

The Marathon Schnapsen competition was not held on 4/12/16 due to insufficient players attending. It has been decided to terminate the Schnapsen Group. Thank you to all the people who have supported this group in the past.

Ella LEITHNER (9476 0681)

THE AUSTRIAN AIR RIFLE CLUB

Welcome to the new year. We've had a break from shooting over January so next month should see us all returning with enthusiasm.

Monthly competition results for the end of 2016 were:

	<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>	
1	Andrew Iggo	418.8	Walter Roth	396.1
2	Greg Aghayan	414.4	Terry McCracken	392.0
3	Alan Price	411.2	Larissa Kalt	385.5



Our 2016 Club Champion competition was held in November with a shootout at the end between Alan Price and Larissa Kalt. It was a very tense final for them both, with all members gathered around and eyes upon them. Larissa held her nerve and produced the winning score. Fabulous shooting and worthy of the position of Club Champion. Larissa's name will be engraved on the trophy alongside all our previous champions. Very well done both of you.

During the New Year break the Austrian Air Rifle Club Committee got together to check targets submitted by the members during 2016 for the King/Queen competition. I won't let the cat out of the bag just yet. You'll need to come down to the club and check out our wall of plates and see whose name has been added as König/Königin for 2016.

Shooting will reconvene on Tuesday 7th February at 7.30pm. As is usual, the first Tuesday of the month will be our monthly competition so be ready to get straight back into it.

Louise SMITH (0421 617 377)

Hermann Wandl's Viennese Bread Dumpling Recipe

8 chopped up bread rolls	100 g flour
40 g butter	Green parsley
2 whole eggs	Salt

Chop the bread rolls into small pieces. Dip the parsley in hot butter, and mix the butter and parsley mixture well into the bread pieces. Mix the eggs with a little salt well into the bread mixture, then stir in the flour. Form dumplings and cook slowly for around 8 minutes in salted water.

You can also mix chopped bacon into the dumplings to make Speckknödel.

"OVER THE HILLS" BUSHWALKING GROUP

On Sunday, 30/10/16, the walk at Davistown was cancelled – partly due to trains not operating. On Sunday, 27/11/16, our end-of-year walk was at Watsons Bay. Eleven people walked to Lady Bay & Hornby Lighthouse and afterwards had lunch at "Doyles on the Wharf". A very enjoyable day.

I will be away for the next three functions and I thank Alena for stepping in to assist.

On **Sunday, 29/1/17**, we will do a short walk – as the weather will still be warm. We will meet at Milsons Point station in Alfred Street at 10:00 AM and go for a walk through Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden, around past Luna Park and back to the Kirribilli Club for lunch. There is parking at the club if you prefer to drive (parking cost is \$12).

Please phone Alena by 22/1/17 if coming on this walk, so that she can make a booking for lunch.

Due to the popularity of our trips to Thredbo in the last ten years, we are organising another trip from **Thursday, 23/2/17 to Thursday, 2/3/17** (or until Sunday 5/3/17 if you wish to stay 10 nights). Accommodation will be at Roslyn Lodge, which is a "club lodge" located in the centre of Thredbo Village. Rate is \$70 per person per night (single or double occupancy) or \$350 per person per week (reduced to \$315 if more than 10 in group). The Lodge has twin rooms (with en-suites), a huge lounge/entertainment area with superb views of the mountain, kitchen facilities, spa, float pool, sauna and billiard table. Bed linen is provided. There is car parking at the door. Chairlift to the top of the mountain is nearby. There are many walks in the area, but non-walkers are also welcome. We provide our own breakfasts and lunches, but catering for the evening meals will be organised with costs shared. Further details will be provided to all attendees.

Please phone Alena by 31/1/17 if coming on this trip, as she needs to confirm the accommodation requirements.

On **Saturday 25/3/17-Sunday 26/3/17** we will have our weekend in the Blue Mountains. On Saturday we will meet at 10:00 AM at the carpark in Sir Burrell Drive, Wentworth Falls, for car shuttle back to Wilson Park on Falls Road. We will do the Charles Darwin Walk from Wilsons Park to Wentworth Falls lookout. Bring morning tea and drinks with you on the walk. We will then have lunch in one of the cafes in Wentworth Falls before driving to Hampton.

Several rooms have been reserved at the Hampton Halfway House Hotel for the Saturday night. Accommodation costs \$75 per double room and \$60 per single room, or there are new air-conditioned rooms with balconies for \$110 (check on hamptonhotelmotel website). If you do not wish to stay overnight at Hampton you can still come for the walk and lunch, which should finish before 3 PM. If you do not wish to go on the bushwalk you can still come to the Hampton Halfway House Hotel for the night and go mushrooming with us on the Sunday morning.

Phone Alena by 17/3/17 if you require accommodation at the Hampton Halfway House Hotel or phone by 24/3/17 if you are just coming on the walk.

On **Sunday, 30/4/17**, we will walk at Davistown. Meet at Hornsby railway station ready to catch 9:52 AM train (Opal fare \$2.50). From Woy Woy we will catch the ferry to Lintern Street wharf and do the Illoura Reserve Walk. After the walk we will have lunch at the Davistown RSL Club, before catching the courtesy bus back to the ferry (ferry cost is \$7.80 return for pensioner /senior). We will return by train to Hornsby. Anyone desiring a day out without doing the walk

can come for the train & ferry rides, catch the courtesy bus to and from the RSL club and join us for lunch. **Please phone Ella by 28/4/17 if coming on this walk.**

Other walks will be on **Sundays 28/5/17, 25/6/17 & 30/7/17.** Please mark these dates in your diary now and keep them free so that you can join us on our walks.

Ella LEITHNER (9476 0681 or 0427 460 681)

Alena HUGHES (0418 633 092)

We are very sorry to hear of the deaths of the following members

Ronald David CRAGG OAM

19th October 1928 - 20th June 2016 –

Our sympathy goes to his wife Vanessa, daughters Melissa and Katrina, grandchildren and family.



Werner Fridolin BASELGA

26th April 1931 - 21 December 2016

Our sympathy goes to his wife Sylvia, daughter Becki and Family

Kurt RIEDLING

7th February 1934 - 31st December 2016 –

Our sympathy goes to his wife Thea, daughters Sandra and Dana, family and relations

Tony SCHWARZ

Our sympathy also to Tony's family and friends

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 Phil Angilley on 9939 7319 or pangilley@bigpond.com

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