

AUSTRIA KURIER

55th Jahrgang – October to December 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

Telephone 02 9452-3304

Patron: Tony Hupfau, Swarovski International

Programme

Sunday 22 nd October	National Day
Saturday 28 th October	Oktoberfest Dance/Pagger Buam
Tuesday 7 th November	Melbourne Cup Lunch
Saturday 25 th November	Soccer Dance
Sunday 3 rd December	Childrens Christmas Party
Saturday 9 th December	Krampus/Christmas Dance
Sunday 31 st December	New Year's Eve Dance

AUSTRIAN CLUB RESTAURANT OPENING TIMES

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

Christmas closing. We will be closed Christmas Eve, and open after that on New Year's Eve. Then closed until Friday 2nd February.

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 Sylvia on 0414 973 959 or email bookings to

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Austrian Air Rifle Group	Danny Stasenka	Tel: 9975 3383
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ACTIVITIES

Sunday 29/10/2017, Sunday 26/11/2017, Thursday 22/1/2018 to Thursday 1/3/2018 or 4/3/2018, Sunday 25/3/2018, Sunday 29/4/2018.

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 ANNUAL REPORT

I am very happy to report a good year for the Club. In spite of the fact that with the road works around the hospital making us hard to find, enough people are getting here to keep Club life very lively.

Many local parents have found us an ideal place to hold a kid's birthday party, and our older members often have their birthdays celebrated here as well. For this we can thank the kitchen for the good food, and our committee for the friendly atmosphere. We have the right atmosphere for a party, and if you want privacy, we can put on a nice party in the former Schnapps bude.

The fact that our number of diners is building also means that the club finances are in good shape. We have had some very expensive repairs during the year. The air conditioning, kitchen stove and other kitchen items all had to be replaced as we bring the Club up to date. Our only real income, apart from membership fees, is from the bar. Yet we have done all the repairs and replaced the carpet and chairs, all dating from the 1980s. We hope that you like the new look in the club.

We were able to do all this updating and still reinvest the interest from the Term Deposit which has been building steadily over the years.

We have held several well attended functions during the year. To bring in a few changes we had a Gatsby Night, where everyone dressed for the occasion, and a Country and Western Night together with our Danish friends. We are also well supported by our Italian Friends at their Annual Italian Night at our club. Eurofest with our stand in the giant marquee is still a very good fundraiser for us.

I would like to thank my committee for their efforts during the year. They all work hard at their jobs. Sylvia Miller has brought new life to our functions, Jenny Wandl does the posters and leaflets as well as her secretarial duties, Ella Leithner keeps the membership lists and sends out the membership cards, Barbara Stasenka spends hours working at our book keeping, Jutta Grabe has taken over responsibility for the bar roster and Walter Roth is our expert Cellarmaster. Maria Spitzer has organised the raffle at dance nights. Sigi Preuss and Julia Caris are on hand to welcome people at the door on function nights. I also thank the bar staff for keeping the wine and beer flowing. A couple of times this year we were very short staffed owing to people heading for Europe in the northern spring. Those who were left worked extra shifts and kept the club running. The Club could not exist as it is without our volunteer workers, so I hope that you all appreciate their efforts. There is always room for more helpers, so if you have a bit of free time talk to me about how you can help the club. It is not just bar workers – we need people to help out at working bees as well.

We say goodbye and thank you to Hilde Dagn, who has worked so hard in the club for so many years, as John's right hand, as secretary and taking function bookings. It's quite a way from Randwick to Frenchs Forest, but we hope to see her often at the Club. Please support your club by attending functions, coming for a meal, and just being here for us.

Mark GRABE 9818 4083

SCENIC AUSTRIA



The **Wachau** or **Danube Valley** is an Austrian valley with a picturesque landscape formed by the Danube River. It is one of the most prominent tourist destinations of Lower Austria, located midway between the towns of Melk and Krems. The area attracts wine lovers for its high-quality wines. It is 40 kilometres in length and was already settled in prehistoric times. A well-known place and tourist attraction is Dürnstein, where King Richard the Lion Heart of England was held captive by Duke Leopold V. The climb up to the ruins affords a spectacular view of the valley. The architectural elegance of its ancient monasteries (Melk Abbey and Göttweig Abbey), castles and ruins combined with the urban architecture of its towns and villages, and the cultivation of vines as an important agricultural produce are the dominant features of the valley. Apricot trees are a speciality of the area and delicious apricot schnapps is available in Dürnstein.

Bike riding is a popular pastime, with the bike track winding along the banks of the Danube. There is a grand view of the UNESCO World Heritage landscape from aboard the white Danube ships. They connect towns between Melk and Krems that are well worth visiting, such as Spitz, Weissenkirchen, and Dürnstein.

The Austrian Club welcomes
the following new members



Willkommen

Mark RINALDO, Adam CONDON, Bernard HOELSCHER, Camilla (Milly) PHILLIPS,
Chery Ann PETTITT, Kristy Ann & Wian DREYER

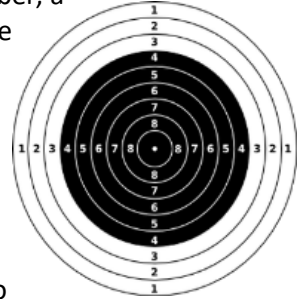
THE AUSTRIAN AIR RIFLE CLUB

Monthly competition results were:

<u>August</u>		<u>September</u>		<u>October</u>	
1 Andrew Iggo	392.2	Louise Smith	395.5	Stephen Birrell	398.5
2 Greg Aghayan	391.1	Danny Stasenka	392.8	Danny Stasenka	388.1
3 Stephen Birrel	386.3	Chris Klein	386.3	Hubert Habicht	384.6

Our Frühling (Spring) Championship was held in September, a single shot, 40 card competition. The best shooter of the night was Andrew Iggo with a handicapped score of 416.8. Andrew will have his name engraved on the trophy in our display cabinet and also receive a medal.

The Air Rifle Club had a “shooting gallery” set up in the club during Eurofest with lots of people of all ages coming to have a try with our electronic rifle. There were some great shooters amongst them and those who really enjoyed the challenge. The electronic machine, known as a Scatt machine, enables a shooter to follow his/her aiming path on the target, until pulling the trigger and then a split second after. It’s a great training device for the serious shooter as well as some fun for the new comer. Thanks to the guys who helped out over the weekend.



Louise SMITH (0411 157 527)

The shooters always welcome new members. Come along on Tuesday night at 7.30 pm and have a go. All members welcome.

WORKING BEES

A big thanks for a job well done to the members who worked hard on the 16th September, including Maria Spitzer, Judith Dlack, Barbara Stasenka, Louise and Graeme Smith, Jutta and Mark Grabe, Hans Schlegelhofer, Sylvia and Steve Miller and Jenny Wandl.

Working bees will be held on Saturday **October 21st** and **December 2nd**. Then a big one on Saturday **January 13th**, which will be “all hands on deck”, to give the club and grounds a facelift.

YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Start around 9am. Lunch is provided

GOLDEN OLDIES

With most players who were overseas, slowly returning, we are facing reality when it comes to aging. A few have given up on playing, whether temporarily or for good, we have to see as with the summer approaching, it will not become easier for the oldies, but we have some 20 and 40 year younger Armenians and our sons to keep the numbers up.



With eight of our old team, we attended the State Funeral of Les Murray in St Mary's cathedral, where his brother Bandi read the eulogy. The televised service was quite impressive, and again Bandi our condolences from our Golden Oldies Group, who think you did a great job.

Only months after that another well-known Sydney soccer commentator Michael Cockrell passed away at only 56 years of age. To me that was a shock as I played with Michael in the Mosman Premiers Reserve side when I was their Premiers player coach in 1986. These memories are keeping our mortality alive and the longer we can kick that ball instead of the bucket, we are doing alright.

On Sunday 17th September, Pino organised our annual rematch (on a full pitch with big goals) against the Turks from Liverpool, who are some 20 years our junior and who play competitively and even train weekly. Thanks to our 3 fast sons up front, we took the lead in the first half, but in the second half, apart from Minos who did a great job as sweeper, our other defenders were too tired to stop the onslaught, while with a shaky goalie like myself, we lost the advantage and ended in a 5-5 draw. A pity, but overall it was not a bad result in a fairly even game on a beautiful day. After bruises for falling in stone hard goal areas, I for one am happy to play again our small field and small goals game again when we can pace ourselves if we need the breather without having these marauding Turks on our backs. So guys, it is safe to return to the pitch again, and we look forward to see you all back.

Our end of the year Golden Oldies Dinner Dance is approaching fast. Please pencil in that special night and start rallying your friends and relatives for a great night with a great band and great food, drinks and raffle prizes. See you all there in the best of spirits, forgive my pun.

This was your captain Pim speaking,

Pim RAVESTIJN (mob. 0407021669)



Some regular guests



Andrew Iggo winner of the Frühling competition



Austrian Club members at Eurofest

NATIONAL DAY

Sunday, 22nd October,
2017

Lunch from 12.00 (at own
expense)

LIVE MUSIC

Ballerina Felicity Hader

Entertainment for adults and
children

Digital shooting gallery

Entry free



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

“Lustig” show, arm-wrestling, dancing

Members \$15.00

Guests \$20.00



MELBOURNE CUP

at the Austrian Club

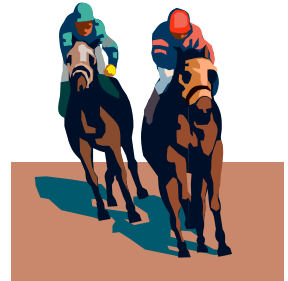
Tuesday, 7th November, 2017

from 12 noon

2 courses for \$30 a head.

Watch the Cup on TV, Try your luck in the sweeps

Wear your best race day gear and prizes for the best HATS



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Lunch bookings - Telephone 9975 3172

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN



GOLDEN OLDIES SOCCER BALL

Saturday 25th November from 6pm

Dancing to the TIROLEAN ECHOES
from 7.30 until 11.30pm

ENTRY: \$15.00

For all Austrian Club functions please ring

Sylvia on 0414 973 959

or email bookings to bookings@austrianclubsydney.com.au

Children's Christmas Party



From 2 until 4pm Sunday December 3rd

Face-painting Balloons Games
Santa arrives at 3 pm

Members fill out a form and your child up to 10 years of age will get a gift from Santa. Forms in foyer. Grandparents and non-members, book a table with the restaurant 9975 3172. If you wish, bring a small gift for Santa to give your child.

Krampus & Christmas Dance



Saturday 9th December, 2017

Restaurant open from 6 pm

Dancing with THE MASTERS from 7.30 pm.

Christmas carols at 9pm

Admission: Members \$12

Guests \$15



New Year's Eve Dance

Sunday December, 31st

Dance the night away to the music of
THE SOUND INVESTMENT

Admission: Members \$20

Guests \$25

PLEASE BOOK EARLY

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Father's Day lunch and Frank Adam's 70th birthday – a member for 15 years



The next generation of Austrian Club members



Austrian, German and Swiss friends enjoying lunch



Best dressed couple at the Steirerabend



Hermann Wandl and Helmut Horvath work on the "new" Austrian club building

AUSTRIAN CLUB HISTORY

The Clubhouse opened in July 1980, after a lot of hard work. The club was almost entirely built by volunteers, many of whom were skilled tradesmen who had emigrated to Australia, but wanted to preserve the customs of their homeland. From July 13th, 1980, the clubhouse and kitchen were open every Sunday from 12 o'clock. The Kurier of July 1980 lists the many contributions made by members.

Donations: R. Burst, Building materials to the value of \$3000
Green Fingers Nursery, trees, shrubs and garden supplies to the value of \$1000
H. Hasenauer, donated belltower
H. Jilek, Painted the crests of the Austrian States
S. Weissenberger, Made and donated 2 club emblems.

Lotte and Reimer, Trudi's Alpine Family and the Sydney Old City Guard donated their performance fees.

There were cash donations: Alpine Inn Restaurant, \$200; Bohler Steels, \$1000; Eastern Suburbs Roofing, \$200; Rebecca Fashions, \$500; Swarovski International, \$1000; Voest Alpine, \$100, H. Schindler, \$1000, H. Hasenauer, \$200, J. Riedl, \$100, Rogue's Restaurant, \$300.

Voluntary Hours worked were listed: R. Burst, 360 hours; H. Bauer, 240; R. Diesel, 240; E. Ruppe, 170; W. Bosch, 160; H. Weissenberger, 130; G. Leithner, 110; A. Karlowatz, 70 – 100; H. Hirschback, 50 – 60; B. Hochedlinger, 50-60; J. Dagn, H. Horvath, M. Karlowatz, W. Sager, 40 – 50; K. Bauknecht, H. Hasenauer, W. Kabeck, H. Zybell, 20 – 30.

Lots of people purchased trees for \$10 each. The Bauer Family, 7, the Burst Family, 11, The Wandl Family, 10; H. Hasenauer, H. Hirschback, J. Fogarasi, H. Weissenberger, A&H Willoughby, 1 each.

56 people bought life memberships at \$100 each and gave other financial assistance to the Building Fund. Our club has been built on volunteer labour, and continues to be run the same way.

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

Interesting information on the Austrian Community.

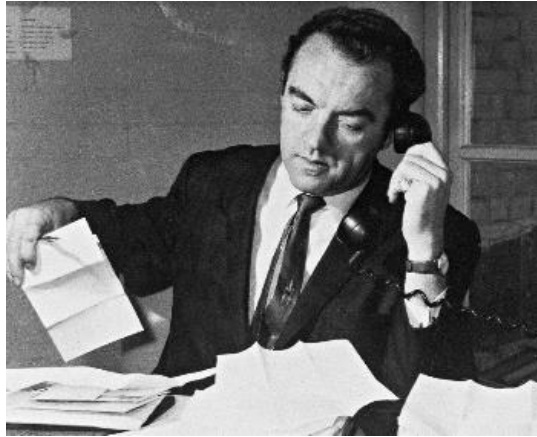
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Have you seen our website lately?

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

www.austrianclubsydney.com

HISTORY OF AUSTRIANS IN AUSTRALIA



The Vienna Mozart Boys' Choir: an anomaly. (Photo of Stefan Haag)

A group of Austrians found themselves stranded in Australia for five and a half years as a direct consequence of World War 2. The famous Vienna Boys' Choir, which had been founded by Maximilian I in the 16th century, had toured Australia in 1936 to great acclaim. After its return, one of its conductors, Dr. Georg Gruber, left the choir in 1938, taking some of the choristers with him. He founded a rival group which he called the Vienna Mozart Boys' Choir.

He brought the choir to Australia in June 1939. They had completed their successful tour and were ready to board their ship at Fremantle when war was declared and their passage was cancelled. Gruber was then invited by Archbishop Mannix to bring his choristers to Melbourne. They were boarded out with Catholic families and were required to sing for the ceremonies in the cathedral. At the end of the war, all but two of the boys decided to remain in Australia. Stefan Haag, the youngest member of the group, and only one to pursue a career as a professional musician, was interned as soon as he became 18 in a camp in Alice Springs. He managed to gain day release which he used to organise musical shows in the town. After the war he became director of the Elizabethan Theatre Trust and was responsible for the revival of Opera in Australia.

Another was Walter Hauser who stayed in Melbourne, married an Australian and for several years was Secretary of the AAA – the Austrian Association of Australasia – which is bringing the Pagger Buam to Sydney this October.

Taken from "Austrians in Australia" by Marlene Norst and Johanna McBride.

A SHORT NOTE FROM A LONG-SERVING MEMBER

After more than twenty-eight years doing voluntary work for the Austrian Club, I have decided to retire.

In 1975, when Maria Hochedlinger was Secretary of the Club and retired I was asked to take on her position as Secretary as I had experience in this area. I held this position for three years when John Dagn was President. After a change of leadership in the Club, with Rudi Burst for 3 years and Hermann Wandl for 3 years, in 1986 John Dagn was asked by the members at the AGM, to again take on the position as President of the Austrian Club. He held this position until 2015 when he passed away. During this time, I helped John, being my husband, with the running of the Club. I filled a variety of committee positions including membership, Kurier, bookings, organisation and preparation of functions.

For the last twenty years until 2016 I held the position as Secretary for the Austrian Club. I enjoyed all my time with the club and being able to give something for the community.

I would like thank all members and their friends for their loyalty and support all this time. I wish Mark Grabe and his Committee all the best for the future of the Club.

Hildegard DAGN

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Save the club the cost of postage, have all pages in colour
and get your Kurier first!

PREISSCHNAPSEN

At the AGM on 8/10/2017 several members indicated they would like to learn to play Schnapsen. If you are interested, we are having the first lesson at 2pm on Sunday, 12/11/2017. We will teach the basics and perhaps try a few games.

Any members who know the game can also come along and help assist the new players. Hopefully will have an enjoyable time.



Ella LEITHNER (Phone: 94760681)

"OVER THE HILLS" SOCIAL WALKING GROUP

On Sunday, 30/7/2017, ten of us went to Dangar Island. Had an enjoyable walk around the island, nice lunch and great day out.

On Sunday, 3/9/2017, the walk from Tambourine Bay to Warraroon Reserve was cancelled. Partly due to ill health and partly due to it being Fathers' Day and people having family commitments.

On Sunday, 1/10/2017, we did the Wulugul Walk at Barangaroo, from Walsh Bay to Darling Harbour. Was a very pleasant walk, beautiful day and good company. Had lunch in Darling Harbour before boarding ferry for a ride around the harbour back to Circular Quay.

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 Alena by 27/10/2017 if coming on this walk (0418633092).

On **Sunday, 26/11/2017**, we will have our end-of-year walk. Meet at 10:00 AM at Circular Quay ready to board the 10:07 AM rivercat to Parramatta. We will walk down one side of the river to Marsden Street, have lunch at the Bavarian Bier Café (cnr Phillip & Marsden Streets), then walk down other side of river back to wharf for rivercat ride back to Circular Quay. Those not wishing to walk can just meet us at restaurant for lunch (probably about 1:00 PM).

Please phone Ella by 20/11/2017 if coming on this walk so we can book at restaurant.

There will be no walk during January, as the club is closed.

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 4/3/2018 if you wish to stay 10 nights). The cost will be \$370 for 7 nights (with 10% discount if 10 or more). Further details are still being finalised and will be advised by email to all interested in this trip as soon as available.

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

Other walks will be on **Sundays 25/3/2018 & 29/4/2018**. 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)



WIENER SCHNITZEL

Ingredients: 4 veal cutlet
1 egg
4 tbsp. flour
4 tbsp. bread-crumbs
4 drops lemon juice
Salt
Frying oil or butter.



Preparation and serving:

Hammer the cutlets until 4 mm. thick, then flavour with salt.

Coat gently in order: flour, beaten egg mixed with a little water or milk, bread - crumbs.

Press the crumbs into the meat and shake off any excess.

If you have time, you can refrigerate until needed.

Heat a generous amount of the frying oil or butter in a pan and fry the cutlets in both sides until golden brown, while swinging the pan slightly.

The typical side dish is potato salad.

The essential ingredient is a lemon wedge, which one squeezes over the golden coating.

Variants:

Often pork cutlets are used instead of veal. Another variant is fried potatoes, rice or green salad instead of potato salad. In the past was used lard instead of frying oil.

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

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