

# AUSTRIA KURIER

56<sup>th</sup> Jahrgang – January to March 2018

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.

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**Patron: Tony Hupfau**



### Programme

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Fasching Fancy Dress Party
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Laterndl Trio from Austria
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Elvis night with Norm Bakker
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Photographic Exhibition of The Old and The New Vienna b Starr
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Tirolean Night
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Italian Night
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Viennese Night, 57 <sup>th</sup> year celebration

## 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

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For Austrian Club functions please ring Sylvia on 0414 973 959  
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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Walter Vostarek, Rudi Fressl, Maria Spitzer, Connie Salat, Juliette Wippo, Judy Dlak, Hansi Schlegelhofer, Caroline Wood.

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Walking Group	Ella Leithner	Tel: 9476 0681

## ACTIVITIES

Walking:	Sunday 25/2/2018, Tuesday 3/4/2018 to Tuesday 10/4/2018 (or to Friday 13/4/2018), Sundays 20/5/2018, 1/7/2018 and 29/7/2018.
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 membership number). Other guests must write their name and address in the temporary member column. Thank you.

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

I wish everyone a Happy New Year, and ask that you support your club by coming often, to have a meal or just a friendly drink. Please come up and have a chat with me – I am there a lot and love to welcome you.

The Club is a very good place to have a birthday or any other party. We have lots of space between tables and we can easily cater for big parties. Children seem to specially love to have their party at “their” club.

In 2017 we saw some very good changes in the club. We replaced the carpet and chairs, and tidied up the look of the hall without losing any of the Austrian atmosphere. We also had to spend a fair amount on upgrading kitchen facilities and making the air conditioning work. I hope that you will appreciate the cool air on a hot summer day.

In order to fund these up-grades we need to watch our finances very carefully. I have managed to save the Club considerable money by looking carefully at some of our ongoing costs and changing the supplier where necessary.

In 2018 we will continue to improve the facilities. But this depends on you – our members. Our main income is from the bar, and we need for you to introduce your friends to our great food and friendly atmosphere.

Our function nights have been arranged for the year. In March we have another visit from a group from Austria. These visits are arranged by the Austrian Association of Australasia and always showcase very good musicians.

We are planning functions which will be a lot of fun and sometimes an opportunity to dress up a bit. Come along, even if you don't dance. You will have fun.



**Mark GRABE** (h) 9818 4083  
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The Austrian Club welcomes the following new members

**Willkommen**

Annie GRABE & Oleg DMITRIEV, Timothy BIDDER, Neil BIDDER, Dalibor JANEK, Amanda SWANN

## KÄSESPÄTZLE—cheese spätzle

### Ingredients for 3 people

400 gr flour  
1 egg  
250 mLs warm water  
1 tablespoon butter  
Some baking powder  
Salt  
1 onion, chopped  
Some butter  
250 gr cheese, (the stinkier the better) chopped.



### Preparation.

Sift flour and ½ tsp. salt together into a medium bowl.

Make a hollow in the centre of flour and add eggs and warm water.

Slowly stir the flour into the liquid.

Stir in remaining water, little by little, until mixture has the consistency of cookie dough.

Beat vigorously with wooden spoon until small bubbles form.

Fill a large saucepan half full of water and add ½ tsp. salt. Bring to boil.

Scoop up small pieces of dough with a wet teaspoon and drop into water.

Cook only enough spätzle at a time to fill the pan without touching each other.

Boil, uncovered, for 6 to 8 minutes, or until tender. They are done when they swim on the surface.

Remove from water with slotted spoon. Run cold water over.

Roast the onion in butter until golden, add the Spätzle (droplets) and the cheese.

Stir carefully until the cheese is melted.

Serve with chives.

Note, the Spätzle can be served as a side dish to meat, without the cheese and onions.

Want to get your Kurier by email? Send your email address to [kurier@austrianclubsydney.com.au](mailto:kurier@austrianclubsydney.com.au)

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

## THE AUSTRIAN AIR RIFLE CLUB

October		November	
1)	Steve Birrell 398.45	Walter Roth	397.0
2)	Danny Stasenka 388.1	Greg Aghayan	393.3
3)	Hubert Habicht 384.6	Hubert Habicht	360.6

Apologies to the winners in December - scores were not recorded by the Secretary.

It was a busy end to 2017 with plenty of competitions in addition to our regular monthly shoot. Firstly, Club champion competition had the usual nail-biting shootout between the top three scorers of the night. Walter Roth held his nerve and gained the title of "Club Champion for 2017". Congratulations Walter, excellent shooting!

Secondly, our Schützenkönig/in competition came to an end after months of gathering "bulls". The cards submitted were checked and judged for the highest scoring bullseye shot during the year on the special targets. The Schützenkönig for 2017 is Greg Aghayan. Check out his plate hanging on our wall of fame in the club.

We also had our annual "fun" shoot late in December. This competition involves some old rifles that require two fingers to pull the trigger or some real muscle to prime them – phew, hard work. With these difficulties along with fading eyes trying to align the sights – glasses on, glasses off???? Anyway, it is fun and he or she with the highest score on the night is declared the winner. It's a tough competition and really works up a sweat. On this occasion our Champion Fun Shooter was Alan Price.



Greg Aghayan -  
Schützenkönig 2017

We also had a visit from two gentlemen from Firearms Registry to check that our Rifle Range complies with the Shooting Club regulations. It was a very positive meeting and we passed with flying colours. A letter was received commending us on our range and the systems we have in place to ensure maximum safety for our shooters at all times.

Shooting will recommence on the first Tuesday in February.



Walter Roth  
- Club Champion 2017

**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.**

## GOLDEN OLDIES

By the time this Kurier comes out, Christmas and New Year's Eve are done and dusted. I hope that our soccer friends and families had a great Festive Season and that we are fit and well to face another year of tribulations and the continuation of an injury-free soccer season, and of course from my family and I, we wish you all a happy and prosperous 2018.

Unfortunately for family reasons, I could not be at our annual Dinner Dance in November, but I understand that atmosphere-wise it was as good as usual, although numbers were a bit down from last year. Consequently the revenue was also down, which as Treasurer, I look at, but we know when the cat is away, the mice are dancing and play. At least we did NOT make a loss.

Before and after my three weeks absence, our numbers on the pitch were still around six per team and in the last hot weeks, we were even up to nine per team, of which our youngsters were about half of our team. Luckily as they do the running in the heat. Thanks to our President Peter Graf, who introduced a pro-active game at the Dinner Dance, whereby the women were encouraged to take up the sport by kicking and pushing the paper balls of the men over the "goal" line. At least that is how I understood it worked, but this coming from Testosterone Pete, our testosterone-advocating President, it does NOT surprise me, although at our ages it should have been quite harmless fun. Let's see how many girls will join us this year? But looking at Istvan's video, on which Susan, Peter's partner won by a mile, it was clear that she had practiced the ball game before at home.

Our Free Drinks Christmas party, after our last game of the year, attracted as expected many of our old friends, including the ones, who gave it away, which continued in the back office until our memories became a bit "blurry". I am only joking as the banter and old memories were fun to listen to, also for my son James and everyone could safely drive home afterwards.

Rest me to look forward to see you all at the games and at our social events in 2018, for as long as our bank balance allows this.

That's it folks, yours truly, Pim Ravestijn

**Pim RAVESTIJN** (mob. 0407021669)

### TEMPORARY EDITOR FOR THE KURIER REQUIRED

The current editor is travelling for the next 9-12 months and would be relieved if somebody could volunteer to fill in for this time. The Kurier is currently created as a WORD document, using the previous issue as a template, then sent to the printer, who delivers it to the club for collation. Text and photos are supplied by the various sub-group managers and the committee. Call Graeme (0421 617 377) to find out more if you think you are up for a challenge.

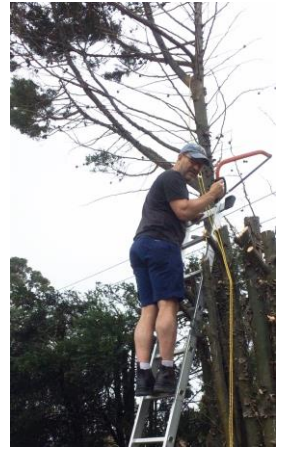




Mark and Sylvia with the Pagger Buam



Ladies game at the Soccer Ball



David Heal trimming our trees



Kids with Krampus & St Nikolaus



Serious competition at Oktoberfest



Children's Christmas Party



Concordia Choir at Krampus



Best dressed man at Oktoberfest



Thanks to Hilde Dagn for her decades of service



December Fun Shoot



# FASCHING FANCY DRESS

Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dinner from 6 pm

Dance to Geoff Power Great Gatsby Orchestra - a mix of Waltz, Polka, Tango, Chacha and jive. Wear a costume or a mask.

Members \$12.00 Guests \$15.00



## Laterndl Trio

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2018



*Direct from Salzburg.*

*Bringing you the music of the old country.*

An evening of traditional music, yodelling, singing and music to dance to.

Members \$15.00

Guests \$20.00

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## KING ELVIS

MEETS

QUEEN MARGRETHE  
Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Dinner from 6 pm

Featuring Elvis impersonator **Norm Bakker**

Danish Club members will join us for their Queen's Birthday celebration

Dress up in Elvis era gear if you like.

Members \$12.00

Guests \$15.00



Photographic Exhibition

## THE OLD AND NEW VIENNA

by David Starr

Opening Night on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May- ENTRY FREE

## TIROLER ABEND

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Dance to the TIROLEAN ECHOES

Floorshow: HUBERTUS FOLK DANCE GROUP



Members \$12.00

Guests \$15.00





Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

wenn wir uns vorstellen dürfen: Wir sind eine neue Streaming Plattform, die vorwiegend österreichische Filme und Serien in deutscher Sprache anbietet – ein Großteil davon ist weltweit zu empfangen. Diese Plattform wird kontinuierlich mit interessanten Filmen und Serien erweitert. Vielleicht haben Sie und Ihre Mitglieder ab und zu Lust auf gute Unterhaltung aus der Heimat, dann werfen Sie doch einen Blick auf [www.nurdein.tv](http://www.nurdein.tv) und leiten diese Info an Ihre Mitglieder bzw. Interessenten weiter.

In der Hoffnung Sie nicht belästigt zu haben  
grüßen Sie herzlich  
Markus und Reinhard Schwabenitzky

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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](http://www.austrianclubsydney.com)

## **THE HISTORY OF THE AUSTRIAN CLUB**

Taken from 50 years of the Austrian Club Sydney by Helen Malcher.

50 years ago, some Austrians wished there could be social gathering with people of their own culture and language. So, the Austrian Club Sydney was born. It began with a Viennese couple, Ilse and Paul Heins, who decided in 1961 that it would be “nice” to have an Austrian club here, to create an opportunity for Austrians to meet, eat, talk and dance together. To Paul’s surprise, Ilse acted on the thought, advertising for people to join them. Undiscouraged by a poor result, Ilse found a room in Hurstville with a reasonable rent.

From Sabine Weissenberger we learn that an ad in Die Woche gave the venue and date. Despite pouring rain, 25 people attended. It was decided to establish a committee from the few people present. This first committee was Ilse and Paul Heins, (President) Otto Maryk, Franz Lang, Walter Jung, Frau Teklits and Heinz Weissenberger (Treasurer).

Ilse, being the driving force, went on to register the new club, with the aim of arranging gatherings, the first only three weeks after that first meeting. The fortnightly gatherings offered music, dancing, food, drinks, the fellowship of fellow Austrians, and the opportunity to converse in their own language. Wurst, open sandwiches, potato salad and drinks were produced by members and sold at a profit. Together with an entrance fee, this produced a profit for the new organisation, and continued to do so over the years. Figures of 150 – 200 at these evenings are remembered.

Ilse Heins kept a very comprehensive album of these functions. Entry to the first function, at the Masonic Hall in Hurstville, was five shillings for members and eight shillings for guests. There were also film evenings at the CWA Hall in Greenknowe Avenue, Kings Cross. The first Weihnachtsabend, at Cabramatta Town Hall, included a list of companies catering for the event.

The club used a range of venues for the dance evenings – the Estonian Club in Surry Hills, Heffron Hall and later, the Forestville Memorial Hall. Catering supplies had to be taken in, as well as prepared food. Stocks of food needed to be checked and replenished, linen laundered and everything stored in various garages. This involved a great deal of work from members – but there was also much enjoyment.

Then, as now, there were no poker machines, events are “manned” by members and gatherings are done with Austrian flair.

More in the next Kurier.

## LANDTAGSWAHLEN IN NIEDERÖSTERREICH UND TIROL

If you have an Austrian Passport you can take part in the State Elections for Lower Austria or Tirol. For further information go on-line.

Niederösterreich, 28. Jaenner 2018

[http://www.noegv.at/noegv/Wahlen/Landtagswahl\\_2018.html](http://www.noegv.at/noegv/Wahlen/Landtagswahl_2018.html)

Tirol, 25. Feber 2018

<https://www.tirol.gv.at/verwaltung/abteilungen/verfassungsdienst-landeswahlbehoerde-tirol/ltw-2018/>

### WORKING BEES

A big thanks for a job well done to the members who worked hard at recent working bees.

Dates for working bees in this quarter will be notified by email

### PREISSCHNAPSEN

If you are interested in learning to play Schnapsen, we are having another lesson at 1 pm on Sunday, 11/2/2018. 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)



In Loving Memory of

**Gunter Hamann** who passed away peacefully  
on January 11, 2018

Our sympathy to his wife Brigitte & family.



## "OVER THE HILLS" SOCIAL WALKING GROUP

On Sunday, 29/10/2017, the walk from Tascott to Woy Woy was cancelled due to railway trackwork.

On Sunday, 26/11/2017, we had our end-of-year walk. A long enjoyable day – with rivercat ride to Parramatta, walk along the river, lunch at Bavarian Bier Café, return walk along river and rivercat back to city.

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

On **Sunday, 25/2/2018**, we will walk in the Garigal National Park. Meet at 10 AM in Cambourne Avenue, St Ives, at the entrance to the Upper Cambourne Track. The walk is 4.4 km circuit, moderate track. Bring lunch and water. Will have lunch near Cascades.

**Please phone Ella by 23/2/2018 if coming on this walk.**

Due to the popularity of our trips to Thredbo in the last eleven years, we are organising another trip. Please note that the dates have changed, due to renovations at the lodge. It will be from **Tuesday, 3/4/2018 to Tuesday, 10/4/2018** (or until Friday 13/4/18 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 ASAP if coming on this trip.**

Other walks will be on **Sundays 20/5/2018, 1/7/2018 & 29/7/2018**. 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)**



### 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

## SCENIC AUSTRIA - SALZBURG

The baroque city of Salzburg, is the home of Die Laterndl Trio musicians, who are to visit the Austrian Club in March 24<sup>th</sup>. It is also the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and famed for The Sound of Music. Salzburg is about music – traditional as played by the Laterndl, and classical. The Trapp family and “The Sound of Music” are inseparably linked with Salzburg.



Standing

high over the city of Salzburg, the magnificent Hohensalzburg castle dominates the city, being its main tourist attraction. The castle is Europe’s biggest fortification and probably the most beautiful. It hosts many events during the year, and has a permanent Fortress Museum. To get there, take the funicular railway from down town, that runs every 10 minutes. There is a car park at the base of the funicular. For the very fit, a walk up offers views that would otherwise be missed.

The Princely Residence is a magnificent early baroque edifice with splendid halls and a gallery featuring European paintings dating between the 16th and 19th century. The nearby vast Salzburg Dom is without doubt the main attraction of the old town. Inside you'll find the Romanesque font where Mozart was baptized.

Mozart's Geburtshaus, the place where the genial composer was born on January 27, 1756 is in the Getreidegasse, Salzburg’s most attractive and most visited shopping street with its high and narrow houses and romantic courtyards. Another highlight is Schloss Mirabell with its splendid gardens built by the baroque master builder Lukas von Hildebrandt.

The Festival District, at the foot of Mönchsberg, with two famous festival halls and the Felsenreitschule is a baroque masterpiece designed by Fischer von Erlach in 1693. South of Salzburg’s old town is the popular Schloss Hellbrunn with the world-famous 'Wasserspiele' containing many ingenious trick fountains and water-powered figures.

Salzburg is a must see when visiting Austria.

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