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	Saturday	6.30pm to 10.00pm
	Sunday	4.00pm to 8.00pm

*please note opening times may vary for special occasions

Neuigkeiten/ News

Welcome to our new members:

Victor Steve Christianopoulos, Kathy Anne Carley, Chris Prastidis, Playford Paige, Christopher John Dunn, Benjamin Charles Newbon, Luke Harman, Naoko Kimata, Samuel Lui, Martin Long, Angelika Long, Leigh Anthony Rogerson, Marion Elisabeth Rogerson, Sennja Benkirane, Petra Christine Weiss, Brendan James Wright

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Notice Board

We are very happy to introduce our new Club Manager
Petra Weiss.

For more information read page 8 and don't forget to go and see
her next time you are in the Club!
She is looking forward to meeting you!

Note from the Editor

Dear RDC members, this magazine is here for all members to share their stories and experiences. This is what brings the magazine to life. Therefore we welcome your contributions for the next issue, August September 2021. Entry deadline for the issue is 3rd July 2021, please send your contribution to **editor@rheindonau.com.au**

*Thank you,
Christine*

President Report

Liebe Mitglieder

Ich hoffe, Sie haben die Osterferien genossen. Leider mussten wir den Club wegen der Covid Lockdown am ANZAC-Wochenende wieder schließen. Die Maske zwei Wochen später im Club zu tragen, war auch nicht sehr schön, aber es musste getan werden.



Sicherlich habt ihr wieder Veränderungen im Club festgestellt. Hierzu möchte ich Matthew Dhue und Jeff Cadzow von der Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group ganz herzlich für danken, dass sie die Trophäenboxen in der Sporthalle aufgehängt haben. Sie haben sogar Lichter in die Schränke installiert. Ein weiteres Dankeschön geht an Mike Guistiniano von der Rhein Donau Pistol Group. Er hat die Sporthalle gestrichen, damit alles frisch und sauber aussieht.

Wir hatten Probleme mit der Rhein-Donau-Halle im Obergeschoss, die an Dance Power vermietet ist. Eine der Deckenplatten löste sich und fiel zu Boden. Zum Glück wurde niemand verletzt. Jetzt muss die gesamte Decke ersetzt werden.

Ich möchte Petra Weiss als unsere neue Club Managerin begrüßen. Wir freuen uns, sie an Bord zu haben. Petra wurde 1968 in Boeblingen (bei Stuttgart) geboren. Nach dem Abitur im Jahr 1987 schloss sie ihr Diplom als Verwaltungsadministratorin an der Fachhochschule Ludwigsburg ab. Petra ist seit drei Jahren beim Buchhalter des Clubs im Club tätig. Ich wünsche allen kranken Mitgliedern eine baldige Genesung und alle bleiben in Sicherheit.

Lassen Sie es sich gutgehen, bleiben sie Gesund und unseren Kranken Wünsche ich eine schnelle Genesung.

Dear Members,

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays and once again we had to close the Club because of the lockdown over the ANZAC weekend. To wear the mask in the Club the two weeks after wasn't very nice as well, but it needed to be done.

I would like to say a big thank you to Matthew Dhue and Jeff Cadzow from the Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group for hanging up the trophy boxes in the Sports Hall. They even put lights into the boxes.

Another thank you goes to Mike Guistiniano from the Rhein Donau Pistol Group. He painted the Sports Hall, so everything looks fresh and clean. We had big problems with the upstairs Rhein-Donau Hall, which is leased to Dance Power. One of the ceiling tiles came loose and dropped to the floor. Lucky no-one was injured. Now the whole ceiling needs to be replaced.

I would like to welcome Petra Weiss as our new Club Manager. We are happy to have her on Board. Petra was born in 1968 in Böblingen (near Stuttgart). After graduating from high school in 1987, she completed her Diploma of Administrative Administrator from the Fachhochschule Ludwigsburg. Petra has been involved with the Club for the last three years as the Club's bookkeeper. I wish all of our sick members a speedy recovery and everyone stay safe.

Ursula Deck

Club Manager - Introduction



Hallo liebe Mitglieder des Rhein-Donau-Clubs und liebes Committee,

ich wollte die Gelegenheit nutzen und mich kurz vorstellen.

Ich heisse Petra Weiss und bin im März 1968 in Böblingen (bei Stuttgart) geboren und in Ehningen bei Böblingen aufgewachsen. Ein waschechter Schwabe!

In Deutschland war ich ursprünglich Diplom-Verwaltungswirtin (Beamtin in gehobenen Verwaltungsdienst) und arbeitete einige Jahre am Landratsamt Böblingen als

Sachgebietsleiterin in der Personalstelle.

In 1994 packte mich die Reiselust und ich beschloss, fuer ein paar Wochen als Backpacker durch Australien zu Reisen. Wie das Schicksal so wollte, lernte ich in dieser Zeit meinen Partner in Alice Springs kennen. Die nächsten 3 Jahre waren ein Wirbelwind von hin und her zwischen Australien und Deutschland. Am Ende bin ich offensichtlich, wie so viele Deutsche, in Australien hängengeblieben!

Die ersten 7 Jahre lebten wir in Alice Springs und waren Franchisees für alle 7 Wendy's Ice Cream Stores im Northern Territory (Darwin und Alice Springs). Beide meine Kinder sind in Alice Springs geboren.

In 2004 kam der grosse Umzug nach Perth, wo ich zuerst ein paar Jahre Vollzeit Mutter war bevor ich beschloss, mich wieder in die Büroarbeit zu stürzen und Buchhaltung zu lernen. In 2010 schloss ich Certificate IV

in Bookkeeping and Accounting ab und fing an, Teilzeit als Buchhalter zu arbeiten. In 2013 wurde ich ein Registered BAS Agent und gründete mein eigenes Geschäft als Buchhalter.

In meinen 17 Jahren hier in Perth habe ich viele Deutsche kennengelernt. Unsere Deutsche Spielgruppe in South Lake – die leider nicht mehr existiert – spielte dabei eine grosse Rolle. Durch diese langjährigen Freundschaften lernte ich in 2018, dass der Rhein-Donau Club nach einem Buchhalter sucht. Mit etwas Glück wurde ich tatsächlich eingestellt!

Ich bin mittlerweile seit 3 Jahren dort, wenn auch nur jeweils ein paar Stunden pro Woche, und habe mich sehr gut eingelebt und kenne doch mittlerweile einige Leute im Club. Ich bin sehr gerne dort, die Arbeit macht mir viel Spass. Ich fühle mich sehr geehrt, dass nun beschlossen wurde, mich als Club Manager einzusetzen. Es wird mit Sicherheit eine Herausforderung, aber ich kann es nicht erwarten, mich mit Enthusiasmus in diese Aufgabe zu stürzen. Auf eine erfolgreiche Zusammenarbeit, und ich freue mich darauf, mehr Mitglieder kennenzulernen!

Hello dear members of the Rhein-Donau Club and Committee,

I thought it might be a good idea to introduce myself!

My name is Petra Weiss. I was born in Boeblingen (near Stuttgart) in Germany in March 1968 and grew up in a little town called Ehningen in Swabia, so I am actually a true Swabian!

Back in Germany, after finishing my studies, I worked for a few years as a Public Administrator with Diploma for the District Administrative Authority in Boeblingen as Head of the Department for Personnell Welfare and Training.

In 1994 I got the Wanderlust and I decided to travel around Australia for a few weeks as a backpacker. As luck would have it, in those short weeks I met my partner in Alice Springs. The next 3 years were a whirlwind of travelling back and forth between Germany and Australia. In the end, like so many others, I ended up staying in Australia!

The first 7 years we lived in Alice Springs as Franchisees of all the Wendy's Ice Cream stores in the Northern Territory (Darwin and Alice). Both my kids are born in Alice Springs.

In 2004 we made the big move to Perth. For the first few years I concentrated on being a fulltime mum before deciding that I wanted to get back into administrative work and study bookkeeping. In 2010 I finished Certificate IV in Bookkeeping and Accounting and started to work part-time as a bookkeeper. In 2013 I became a Registered BAS Agent and started my own business.

In my 17 years here in Perth I have met a lot of Germans. Our German Playgroup in South Lake -which unfortunately does not exist anymore – played a big part in it. Through these long lasting friendships I learnt that the Rhein-Donau Club was looking for a bookkeeper back in 2018. And with a bit of luck I was actually hired!

I have been the Club's bookkeeper for over 3 years now, even if only for a few hours a week, and I feel like I have settled in very well and got to know quite a few members of the Club. I really enjoy working here.

I feel very honoured that the Committee has now decided to hire me as Club Manager. It will be a challenge for sure, but I am full with enthusiasm to start this new and exciting role. I hope for a good cooperation with the Committee, and I am looking forward to meeting more Club members!

Thank you – Petra

The Rhein-Donau Club presents

A NIGHT WITH

ELVIS

Featuring Stuey V

as Elvis

and

INDIANA

Saturday June 19

Members \$15 - Guests \$25

Tickets available from www.rheindonau.com.au/events

Doors open 6:30pm - Show starts 8pm

The Rhein-Donau Club is a licensed venue with a Restaurant & Bar

110 North Lake Rd, Myaree

Mothers Day Luncheon

On Sunday 9th May our club held a Mother's Day luncheon in the Edelweiss Hall. We had a good turnout and our guests enjoyed a special three course luncheon courtesy of our chef Boby.

The ladies had a complimentary wine or champagne on arrival and our President Ursula welcomed them with a rose. The tables were decorated with flowers and some chocolates. Many thanks to those volunteers who helped on the day and all the members and guests for supporting our club.

It was an enjoyable afternoon and lovely to see members and friends enjoying family time. Thank you Rita for supplying photos of your beautiful great grandchildren.

Later that day one of our long term members (and past president), Marlene Porzig, joined us in the Edelweiss Hall to celebrate her birthday with her extended family. Many Happy returns Marlene.

Debbie Solomon
Trustee





CHRISTMAS IN JULY

RHEIN DONAU CLUB
SATURDAY 24TH JULY
6.30pm to 11.00pm

(hosted by the table tennis group)

Bar & Restaurant open at 6.30pm

Christmas Menu available

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE BAND "RHYTHM DELUXE"

Entrance Fee

\$10 FOR MEMBERS, \$15 FOR NON MEMBERS

Bookings can be made on 93306488

**COME ALONG AND ENJOY GOOD MUSIC,
GOOD FOOD AND OF COURSE GOOD BEER!**



Wo wächst der Wunderbaum?

Moringa oleifera, in Indien, seinem Ursprungsland, auch L“Wunderbaum” genannt, gedeiht inzwischen in vielen ändern Afrikas, sogar in Dürregebieten, in Deutschland aber nur in zu überwinterden Töpfen. Von diesem Baum ist bis aufs Holz, alles essbar: Blätter, Wurzeln, Rinde, Blüten, Früchte, Sprossen, Schoten, Samen.

Wegen seiner antibaktriellen Inhaltsstoffe gilt sein Samen als potentestes Mittel, um verschmutztes Wasser zu reinigen und trinkbar zu machen: 0,2 g pulverisierter Samen reicht für einen Liter.

Die als Salat oder Gemüse zu verwendenden Blätter und die Früchte enthalten doppelt so viel Protein wie Soja, siebenmal so viel Vitamin C wie Orangen, viermal so viel Vitamin A wie Karotten, viermal so viel Kalzium wie Milch, dreimal so viel Kalium wie Bananen und Omega-3-Fettsäuren. Drei Moringabäume sollen eine 4-köpfige Familie ein Jahr lang komplett ernähren können. Muss ja nicht sein. Und wer weiss schon, wie Moringa schmeckt.....

Wolfgang A. Leonhardt

As Sure As Eggs Is Eggs

How did this peculiar way of saying “without a doubt” originate?

In all probability, egg is a deliberately comic distortion of x.

In algebra, a basic equation is that x always equals x. If anything is accepted as true by all mathematicians and logicians, it is just that – that $x = x$. So you want to give a guarantee of the accuracy of the prediction, for instance, you might emphasise that it is as sure as x is x or as eggs is eggs.

Wolfgang A. Leonhardt

Events June 2021



What's on at the Rhein-Donau Club

*** **HAPPY HOUR** every Sunday ***
5pm – 6pm

June

Sat 5

6:30pm

Spanish Night
with Rockin' Rodney
Enjoy a night of Spanish cuisine and music

Sat 12

6:30pm

DJ Brian

Sat 19

6:30pm

A night with ELVIS
with Stuey V as Elvis
and Indiana

Sat 26

6:30pm

Rockin' Rodney

Bar and Restaurant open from
6:30pm Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 4pm Sundays

Events July 2021



What's on at the Rhein-Donau Club

*** **HAPPY HOUR** every Sunday ***
5pm – 6pm

July

Sat 3

6:30pm

DJ Brian

Sat 10

6:30pm

Rockin' Rodney

Sat 17

6:30pm

Duo - Best Friends

Sat 24

6:30pm

Christmas in July



Sat 31

6:30pm

Rockin' Rodney

Bar and Restaurant open from
6:30pm Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 4pm Sundays

Call 9330 6488 for bookings

Neerlandia

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Every year at 8 pm on 4 May, the Dutch commemorate civilians and soldiers who have died in the Kingdom of the Netherlands or elsewhere in the world since the outbreak of the Second World War, both in war situations and in peacekeeping missions, with two minutes of silence.



Prior to this homage, a commemorative service is held at the National Monument on the Dam square in Amsterdam, with speeches and the laying of wreaths.



NATIONAL COMMEMORATIONS

Every municipality commemorates Remembrance Day in its own way. Dutch television stations also devote considerable attention to this tradition.

Besides the National Monument on the Dam square there are broadcasts of the commemorations at the Waalsdorpervlakte near the Hague, where many Dutch resistance fighters were executed during the war, and at the war cemetery Grebbeberg.

TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE

Every year, there are two minutes of silence in the Netherlands to remember victims of the Second World War and others who have died

in wars and peacekeeping missions ever since. During these minutes, public transport stops, and radio and television only broadcast the ceremonies. The next day, on May 5, Liberation Day is celebrated. On May 4th, Remembrance Day, flags everywhere in the Netherlands are at half-mast as a sign of mourning from 6 p.m. until sundown. The next day, the flag is hoisted again everywhere to celebrate Liberation Day.

On 4th May 2021 in Perth, two members of the Dutch Community paid their respects during a visit to the Dutch Enclave of the Perth War Cemetery and Annex in Nedlands. Elly & Lianna laid flowers and spent some time in silent contemplation.
Lest We Forget.

Source: <https://www.holland.com> - Your official guide for visiting the Netherlands.



Table Tennis Group

It is a pity our table tennis has been interrupted by lockdowns and mask wearing this past few months but our players are still keen and the group is going well.

Joyce Williams (our previous group leader) asked me to pass on her best wishes to our players. She misses her table tennis and the group but unfortunately won't be back to play for health reasons. I wished her all the best from our group.

Rheinhard is enjoying living in Queensland and is settling down roots there. He is still playing and winning at table tennis!

Our Christmas in July night is getting closer (Saturday 24th July) and we will have to start getting organised for the event. With all the uncertainty around Covid restrictions we are hoping it can still go ahead. Keep the date free to support fundraising for our table tennis group.

Geg Dodd has been busy as an owner builder overseeing the construction of his new abode in Hamilton Hill. He has sent through a short article and some progress photos:

I sold my Applecross house and built a 75 m2 Retirement Lodge (not a Grannie Flat!) in Hamilton Hill. It went from panels supplied by the SIPS factory to fully erected in 3 days! The rest of the Lodge has taken 8 months to construct – COVID impact, no tradies and when available, very expensive! -Matt

Debbie Solomon
Group Leader



Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group

April saw the Eagle Eye Air Rifle Group holding a member's Easter Shoot. A big congratulation to Mario for winning first prize in all three of these fun events. Lucky for us, there were enough chocolate bunnies for others to share and it was great to see shooters enjoying the Easter inspired targets and mutual rivalry.

With the Karl's bar renovation displacing our trophy cabinets, we saw an opportunity to keep these vintage heirlooms by relocating them to the sports hall. Permissions were granted and they are now in pride place in the Sports Hall, ready to sort and display trophies. Thanks to Jeff, Graeme, Jody and other members for the working bee and to Mike from the Pistol Group for painting the Sports Hall walls in a colour that compliments the new Karl's Bar. Work will shortly continue to add lighting to the trophy cabinets and mount the Ehrenscheiben (King/Queen honour discs).

We are also in the final stages of planning the Schützenfest to be held on the 15th May. With the current COVID-19 outbreaks and the near lifting of any restrictions we are hoping people will come along to this event to celebrate the shooting marksman festival. The Eagle Eye group members shot the Schützenvogel (eagle) to award the 2021 Schützenkönig and Schützenkönigin, as well as a Jungschützenkönig. Congratulations to the 2021 King Gareth, Queen Maria and Junior King Sean.

Our Rifle Group AGM was held early May and we once again thank our members for their ongoing help in running and participating in events throughout the year. Like last year, visitors and past members are welcome to join us on Friday nights to spark or renew their interest in shooting Luftgewehre (Air Rifles).

Matt Dhue



Edelweiss Dance Group

Hallo!

As everyone has experienced over the last year, practices and performances for the dance group have been postponed and cancelled for safety. But the show must go on! The group now has a face mask as part of our costume so that we can perform when the restrictions allow.

We were recently invited to the Austria Club of WA to help them celebrate May, which as always was a lovely afternoon for all. The club members were very hospitable and were amazed to see how much the juniors have progressed since we were last there!



We are continuing with planning for Volkstanzfest to be held at the club in 2022, however some dance groups from the eastern states have been impacted badly by the COVID-19 restrictions for performances and practice.

In addition, reduced personal income due to COVID-19 and other factors are affecting their abilities to visit us in WA. We are providing as much support as we can to our dancing community and hope to see them all next year.



Thanks to the club members for their ongoing support of our dance group!

Rebecca



Model Railway Group



Conference.



Where the 'opening' bridge will go.



Oil tanks.



Close up of train on wharf area and ships/boats along quays.

Unfortunately, with the presnt repeatedly "Mask ON/OFF", progress has slowed down but not halted. This time, as shown by the above photos, the harbour area has quay walls and we are planning the empty/vacant areas with harbour facilities. The electrical boys are still perfecting smoother running, and will perhaps increase the number of trains. As always, looking for new members.

Ed RdeG 47'21

WA Mandolin Orchestra



On Sunday 11th of April we performed at the Fairbridge Festival Pinjarra with most of us driving from Perth in the pouring rain left over from cyclone Seroja. On arrival at Fairbridge we trudged through the rain and mud to the Mandja tent (Mandja is a Noongar word meaning meeting place). Our performance was not scheduled until 1.30 pm so there was some time to eat lunch and have a listen to the group playing before us. The stage was set and after the sound check we played for approximately 45 minutes with Mathew introducing each piece. The rain was torrential for the first two pieces and the advice was 'play loud' which I believe we did! It was my first visit to Fairbridge and I would like to go again hopefully without the added rain storm. Last year Fairbridge was cancelled due to the covid lockdown, so it was great that WAMO got the chance this year to perform there.

After the school holidays rehearsals resume for WAMO, we are busy getting ready for our next café concert at the club in August. New music and some familiar pieces will be on our schedule for the next couple of months.

Elizabeth Neeson

Aktivitäten / Groups at the Club

Group Leader	Phone	Meeting Times
Billiard (Snooker) Sanjay Kumar	0415 292 536	Tues & Fri 7pm
Edelweiss Dance Group Rebecca Watson	0428 190 412	Sun from 5-7pm Juniors Sun from 4pm
Model Railway Bret Hummel	0412 939 699	Fri from 6pm
Perth Miniature Gamers Michael Walsh	0402 408 778	Wed at 6pm
Eagle Eye Pistols Philip KroczeK	0467 787 857	Fri from 5pm
Chess Sanjay Kumar	0415 292 536	Wed at 7pm
Eagle Eye Air Rifle Matthew Dhue	0413 514 510	Fri at 7pm
Seniors Rita Zeller	08 9457 2784	Wed 10am to 3pm
Table Tennis Debbie Solomon	0427 354 153	Tues at 7pm
Theatre Fritzi Waters	08 9314 2812	Fri at 7pm
Mandolin Orchestra Robert Schulz	0490 868 344	Wed 7.30 to 9.30pm
Volkssingen Irene Harrop	0488 585 850	Fri 1.30 to 3pm

Note: To join a group you must be a member of the Rhein-Donau Club. Please contact the Group Leader for any enquiries



The Rhein-Donau Club Inc. Restaurant

- A la carte menu including a selection of authentic German and Dutch meals
- Catering for private functions for 30 - 220 guests

We have rooms available for your private functions, conventions or meetings, in the Lounge, Sports Hall, Edelweiss Dance Hall and Beer Garden.

For bookings please contact our Club Office

Ph: 9330 6488 (weekdays 10am -3pm)

Opening hours of Restaurant

Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6pm

Saturday from 6.30pm to 10pm

Sunday 4pm to 8.00pm



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