

# Austria Kurier



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# AUSTRIA KURIER

55<sup>th</sup> Jahrgang – October to December 2016

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, Swarovski International**

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### Programme

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Soccer Ball
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Krampus family night
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Party
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dance
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	New Year's Eve Dance
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Club re-opens after January closure (NB IT WILL NOT BE OPEN ON FRIDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	The Great Gatsby Dance

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bookings@austrianclubsydney.com)

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President	Mark Grabe	Tel. 9818 4083
Vice-President	Sylvia Miller	Tel: 9997 3959
Treasurer	Andy Stollwitzer	Tel: 9452 1602
Secretary	Jenny Wandl	Tel: 9975 6752
Membership Secretary	Ella Leithner	Tel: 9476 0681
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### SPECIAL DUTIES

Kurier Editor	Graeme Smith	Tel: 9981 3749
Raffle	Maria Spitzer	Tel: 9979 9651

### SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Andy Stollwitzer, 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
Schnapsen Group	Ella Leithner	Tel: 9476 0681

### ACTIVITIES

Bushwalking:	Sunday 27/11/2016, Sunday 29/1/2017 and 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.
Schnapsen:	Two marathon schnapsen competitions per year (next on Sunday 4/12/2016).

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

Since my last report we have had two very successful functions at the Club. Eurofest was very busy and needed a lot of people to help in the Club and in the tent outside. All the work was rewarded with very good takings, and a very good atmosphere. We were able to show Austria off in the Flag Parade, with a good number of people in Tracht. Thanks to all who helped at Eurofest. This is one of our major events and we couldn't do it without you.

Next came the Oktoberfest Dance with a good turn up of younger people wanting to try their hand at arm wrestling. Dean won the arm wrestling, although he had to work hard to do this. The atmosphere was great and the Austrian Gemütlichkeit enjoyed by all.

The National Day is always a very special event on our calendar. I worked with our new Consul General Franz Hartleb to organise a function to celebrate Austria how it should be celebrated. There was a jumping castle, face painting and a puppet show for the kids, the shooters put up their electronic rifle range, and the Sound Investment Band played for dancing from 3pm to 5pm. The Consul General delivered the National Day address, bringing us up to date with happenings in Austria. He brought along his lovely wife and three children who also enjoyed the day. This day was a lot of work for all the committee and I was pleased the way everyone jumped in to help. Thank you all.

The Golden Oldies Soccer players will have their Annual Ball on November 19<sup>th</sup>, and they invite everyone along, even if you don't know anything about soccer.

Looking forward we have a busy time from now until the end of the year. I insisted in keeping the Krampus function, it is so part of Christmas. But we have made it a family function. Entry is free, the music will be the latest from Austria, and Krampus and St Nikolaus will come during the evening to reward the good people and punish the bad. Just like old times!

The Children's Christmas Party, on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> is open to children of members 10 years and under, who will receive a present from Santa. Grandparents are welcome to bring a present for their grandkids, between \$15 and \$25. Please book, so that we can make up the right number of lolly bags.

At the Christmas Dance on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup>, we will have carols sung by the Cäcilian Choir. On New Years Eve the Tirolean Echoes will play and we'll welcome the New Year in, watching the fireworks from the club or the football field.

This is the last Kurier for the year. I would like to thank all those who help keep the club running. The Board, the bar staff, the people who come along to working bees. We couldn't do it without you. And lastly I would like to thank the caterers, Stephanie and Lisa and their staff for putting on true traditional meals for us. Remember – we all need to work together to make this the best little club in Sydney. Merry Christmas, A Happy New Year, and come to the club often in 2017.

Mark Grabe

The Austrian Club welcomes the following  
new members

Willkommen

Ian and Lorraine WINGFIELD, Kirt and Kincade BLAKEMAN, Leon SMITH

## The President of the Weltbund of Austrians Abroad has a message for all Austrian Passport holders

### Stichwahl 4. Dezember 2016 Ein Aufschrei der Auslandsösterreicher

Rund 500.000 ÖsterreicherInnen leben im Ausland, eine halbe Million Menschen, die glatt ein 10. Bundesland füllen könnten. Gerade in Anbetracht des knappen Ausgangs der ersten Stichwahl könnte die Gruppe der AuslandsösterreicherInnen am 4. Dezember das Zünglein an der Waage sein.

Um Sie zu motivieren, ihr Wahlrecht zu nutzen und von ihrer Stimme Gebrauch zu machen, entwickelte unsere Agentur DEMNER, MERLICEK & BERGMANN für den AUSLANDSÖSTERREICHER-WELTBUND eine Online-Kampagne der besonderen Art: Prominente wie Stefan Sagmeister, Sarah Wiener, Johann Lafer und Friedrich von Thun machen von ihrer Stimme Gebrauch und schreien bis sogar Gläser zerspringen. Die Message dahinter: Nützen Sie die Macht Ihrer Stimme. Die Videos werden auf Social Media Kanälen, wie Facebook und Instagram verbreitet.

Der AUSLANDSÖSTERREICHER-WELTBUND tritt daher mit der Bitte an Sie und Ihre Mitglieder heran, uns bei dieser Kampagne zu unterstützen:

Gehen Sie auf die Facebook-Seite des AUSLANDSÖSTERREICHER-WELTBUNDES und verbreiten Sie diese unter Ihren Freunden.

Wir hoffen, auch Sie für unser Projekt gewinnen zu können!

Dkfm. Ing. **Gustav Chlestil**

*Präsident des AUSLANDSÖSTERREICHER-WELTBUNDES*

## 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](mailto:pangilley@bigpond.com)



The arm-wrestling gets serious at Oktoberfest



Good times at Oktoberfest dance



Sylvia draws the raffle at Oktoberfest



Austrian Consul Karl Hartleb



Many thanks to the volunteers at our Eurofest stall



Smiles behind the bar- Andy, Mark and Phil

# MELBOURNE CUP

at the Austrian Club

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2016

from 12 noon

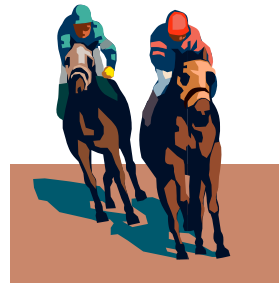
Watch the Cup on TV

Try your luck in the sweeps

Wear your best race day gear and a HAT

A la carte lunch menu

Lunch bookings - Telephone 9975 3172



AUSTRO HUNGARIAN

**GOLDEN OLDIES  
SOCCER BALL**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm

ENJOY AN EVENING OF THIS  
LAUGHTER AND DANCE WITH  
THE GOLDEN OLDIES SOCCER PLAYERS

Dancing to the TIROLEAN ECHOES from 7.30 until 11.30

ENTRY: \$15.00

For bookings or information ring

Tom 0431 216 883 or 9924 3234 or Hilde 0421 417 420 or 9399 3554

# Krampus Family Night

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2016

Restaurant open from 6 pm

With recorded Schlagermusik

NO ENTRY FEE

Children encouraged to attend  
Krampus and St Nick expected around 8pm



# Children's Christmas Party

2 pm Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>

Puppet show  
Santa arrives at 3 pm

Members children up to 10 years old may nominate. Forms available at the Club to be sent in by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Grandparents may bring their own presents to put under the tree



## CHRISTMAS DANCE

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Restaurant open from 6 pm

Dancing to The MASTERS BAND from 7.30 pm

Cäcilian Choir will sing Christmas Carols

Admission: Members \$12  
Guests \$15



## New Year's Eve Dance

Saturday December, 31<sup>st</sup>

Dance the night away to the music of the TYROLEAN ECHOES

Admission: Members \$20  
Guests \$25

**PLEASE BOOK EARLY**



## The Great Gatsby

Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>

Dance to the music of THE NEW ORLENIANS

Admission: Members \$12  
Guests \$15



Louise wins the 2016 Frühling comp



Mark and Maria fly the flag at Eurofest



Club members at Eurofest



Maria and Mark at the Eurofest march

## GOLDEN OLDIES

Thanks to our excellent dry and cool weather, our Sunday morning games have gone from strength to strength. Though still some of our players are gallivanting overseas, the attendances by both the Armenians and ourselves are admirable. Up to 10 or even 11 players per team forcing us to use almost the length of the field, though we still use the small goals as nobody is game to dive or put his body on the line as a keeper in a big goal and risk a ride by ambulance. Saying this, our standard and speed of play is remarkable, also thanks to the 30% of our young players, whom we divide fairly over the two teams to get as equally strong teams as possible.



Some of our older players think that there are too many of these younger players, but I believe if they would not be there to spice up our game, these complainants themselves would fall asleep or would not come any more, while now we have an animated friendly rivalry, which everyone thoroughly enjoys.

Secondly the friendships developing between these youngsters from our different teams is nice to see and ensures that they are coming regularly as otherwise, often sons "outgrow" their old men and do not want to come anymore. i.e. this way our game has a better future, also for our 70 plussers.

Obviously this future also depends on our ability to keep it going as a club, for which our annual Golden Oldies Dinner Dance as a fund raiser is very important. Again, this coming month on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, we will host this fun evening with a Live Band and with the usual banter of our 20 or more years of old friendships. Entree is \$15 per person, whether a member or not, drinks and food are the same price for everyone. So please come and join us on this evening to become part of our soccer veterans, even if it is for the first time. Our food and drinks will be typically Austrian and with a bit of a "show" and our well stocked Raffle, everyone will be guaranteed of an enjoyable night. Especially for the young at heart, who are looking to gain some fitness and camaraderie at their own pace and for only \$20 per season, this Night is the ideal opportunity to do this.

We look forward to seeing you all for the "ride" in our club. Fasten your seat belts, this was your captain Pim speaking

Pim Ravestijn (0407 021 669)

### FUTURE WORKING BEE DATES

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2016  
Major working bee 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2017  
YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED  
Start around 9am. Lunch is provided

Are you interested in starting a choir? We would need a conductor and enough interested voices. Contact Sylvia on 9975 3959 to register your interest. Details will be decided if there are enough interested people.

## "OVER THE HILLS" BUSHWALKING GROUP

On Sunday, 28/8/2016, we walked along the Randwick City's Coastal Walkway, from Clovelly to Maroubra. Had a nice afternoon tea after the walk.

On Sunday, 2/10/2016, we met in the Cumberland State Forest and did the 3 walks, followed by a picnic lunch.

On **Sunday, 27/11/2016**, our end-of-year walk will be at Watsons Bay. Meet at Circular Quay in time to catch the 10:05 AM ferry to Watsons Bay. We will walk to Lady Bay & Hornby Lighthouse and afterwards have lunch at "Doyles on The Wharf", before returning by ferry to the city. **Please phone Ella by 25/11/2016 if coming on this walk.**

On **Sunday, 29/1/2017**, 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 Ella by 22/1/2017 if coming on this walk, so that I 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, 23/2/2017 to Thursday, 2/3/2017** (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 Ella by 30/11/2016 if coming on this trip, as we need to advise the accommodation requirements.**

Other walks will be **our weekend in Blue Mountains (25-26/3/2017) and then 30/4/2017**. 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)

We are sorry to hear that our long time member

**Reinhold Zoellner**

passed away.

20.08. 1944 - 08.09.2016

Our sympathy goes his wife Inge, his son Hans, grand children Sophie, Nick, Mark and Sophie's husband Nick



## PREISSCHNAPSEN



On Sunday, 4/12/16, we will hold a Marathon Schnapsen competition. Play will commence at 11:00 AM. There will be 5 rounds altogether – 2 rounds, a lunch break and then another 3 rounds. Lunch will be at your own expense. We welcome all schnapsen players to join in this competition.

**Ella Leithner** (9476 0681)

Kannst Du Schnapsen?? Want to learn the card game they play at the Stammtisch. Register your interest with Sylvia 9975 3959

## THE AUSTRIAN AIR RIFLE CLUB

With cooler nights and the holiday season to Europe, there have been low numbers at the club on Tuesday nights. This has been an advantage for some with a bit less competition.

The September monthly competition was held on the first Tuesday of the month with our President Danny Stasenka taking out 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Andrew Iggo squeezed on either side with 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Chris Klein winning the very practical and highly sought after wine glass with the highest score.



To welcome the warmer weather and the new season, our Fruhling (Spring) Championship was held on 11 September. The winner was Louise Smith with Terry McCracken and Chris Klein taking out the minor placings. The 2016 OKTOBERFEST SILBER TELLER COMPETITION, sponsored by Peninsula Saws and Sharpening Service, was held in October. This magnificent trophy was won by Larissa Kalt. (Splendid to see the women shooters standing tall on the podium.) Greg Aghayan, missing out by a mere 1.8 points was runner up and Chris Klein not far behind them with third place.

Chris, Larissa and Greg  
and the Peninsula Saw Trophy

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/>

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

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