



# Club News 2026

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL



## Austria Club of WA

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## AUSTRIA CLUB OPENING TIMES

<b>FRIDAY</b>	Club doors opens	6.00pm
	Club bar opens	6.00pm
	Happy Hour	6.00pm – 7.00pm
	Club kitchen opens	6.00pm, last orders 8.00pm
<b>SATURDAY DANCE EVENTS ONLY</b>	Club open	6.00pm – 11.30pm
	Club bar open	6.00pm
	Club kitchen open	6.00pm, last orders 8.30pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Club open	3.30pm – 8.30pm*
	Club bar open	3.30pm
	Happy Hour	5.00pm – 6.00pm
	Club kitchen open	4.30pm, last orders 7.30pm
	*Summer hours only – subject to change	

## GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

HALL HIRE: MEMBERS - \$300, NON MEMBERS -\$400. With a refundable Bond.

The *Austria Club of W.A.* is available for hire. With the capacity to seat up to 300 guests, a kitchen that can cater for all dietary requirements, ample parking space and a stage suitable for live bands it is an ideal location to host that special event.

For all enquiries contact the Booking Officer 0455 055 299 or [austriabookingofficer@gmail.com](mailto:austriabookingofficer@gmail.com)

### AUSTRIA CLUB EVENTS:

Friends & Seniors Day: Held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month from 11am – 2pm. This is a relaxed social day at the Club with a lunch time meal available and full bar facilities. Tea / coffee and cakes are also available.

Dances: Dance events are held on various Saturday nights throughout the year with a live band / DJ from 7.00 – 11.00pm. Bookings are essential.

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Dance Classes: Dance lessons are held at the Club every Thursday evening.

Beginners 6.30-7.30pm. General class 7.30-9.00pm. \$6 per person.

Social Dance: Social dances are generally held once a month on a Sunday afternoon at the Club for those dancers who want more time on our fantastic dance floor. Pre-recorded music is provided with entry \$5 for dancers.

Table Tennis and Pool: There are two table tennis tables and a pool table available for members to use during normal opening hours as long as there are no other functions/events. Ask the Committee member on duty for further information. The Club holds a social table tennis event on the second Sunday of each month.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's hard to believe another year has already flown by. We've seen steady growth in our membership this year, which has been great to see. We also tried a couple of new things this year—one being the monthly Open Mic Night. Unfortunately, it didn't attract much interest, so we've decided not to continue it in 2026. On the other hand, our monthly social table tennis events, while not packed, brought together a keen and enthusiastic group, so we'll definitely be keeping those going next year.

The ongoing saga of the dance floor has finally been resolved. The insurance company agreed that the flooring was not up to standard and offered the Club a cash payout. We've already hired a reputable company to redo the floor properly this time. There may be some disruption to events while the work is being done, but we'll keep everyone updated as we know more.

Our AGM in October brought some changes to the Committee. We farewelled Dianne and Peter McNally whose dedication over the years has been greatly appreciated. Thank you both for everything you've done for the Club. Jane Brown stepped down as Trustee and has taken on the role of Assistant Secretary. We also welcomed four new Trustees: Monika Auer, Terri Knuckey, Lesley Herbert and Aline Eishenhut, although Aline has since resigned.

More recently, our Membership Officer, Klara Pacak, stepped down from the Committee and we thank her for all her hard work over the past couple of years. I would also like to extend thanks to Gudrun Rosche who was a Trustee until her resignation earlier in the year.

Finally, I want to thank my fellow committee members. Your hard work, ongoing commitment and the many voluntary hours you put into keeping the Club running are truly appreciated.

Special thanks go to [All Good Grub](#). Not only are they making a great difference in the quality of food provided, the team kindly donated all the catering for the AGM and donated 10% of the earnings from the Melbourne Cup Lunch to the Club. They have also been instrumental in tidying up the beer garden.

I'm confident that the work we've done together has set us up for continued growth and success. Thank you for your trust, support, and involvement – I'm hopeful this positive momentum will carry on into 2026.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

**Nino Sardi, President**

### **Dates of Cultural Significance in 2026**

**Sunday 3rd May**

**Maypole Day**

**Sunday 2nd August**

**Club's 55th Birthday Celebrations**

**Sunday 25th October**

**Austria National Day**

## ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

The last 4 months have seen some great events and entertainment. Our activities included regular Master Watch and Clockmakers of WA meetings, table tennis tournaments, weekly dance classes, monthly social dances, seniors lunches, Open Mic afternoons, Melbourne Cup lunch and Seniors Christmas lunch.

3rd August: The Club's 55th birthday was well attended and celebrated despite the weather. *DJ Brian* and special guests made it a memorable day, a big thankyou to Chris Konrad for sharing his stories and family experiences.

5th October: The Austria Club Oktoberfest with great music from *DJ Brian* and Austrian cultural food from *All Good Grub Catering*.

26th October: Austria National Day with entertainment from Anna from *Alpine Duo*, and children's entertainment from Vince from *Pop Magic*, with magic tricks and balloon twisting. Thank you to Dianne and Peter McNally for their contribution to food tastings with traditional Austrian foods.

Tina's Step2It held regular line dancing events throughout the year. Always good to see the line dancers having a good time.

Monthly dances included: 9th August with entertainment from *Stingray*; 5th September the Gatsby Night with *Mustangs*. There was some fantastic attire from both the ladies and gentlemen that attended and a great time was had by all; 20th September and 29th November *Adam Penn* entertained the guest with some fantastic music and dancing; 11th October was our yearly Spring Ball. *Heart and Soul* did an amazing job keeping the dance floor buzzing; 15th November we had *Rumours* return to the Austria Club. The band played a fantastic range of music; 6th December was Krampus Dance with *Phoenix* although the event attendance was a little quiet, *Phoenix* did a great job on the night and the dancers were happy with the range of music and dances.

During 2025 we had a few private events at the club including *Steve Keene and the New Reflections*, Richard Marsden's afternoon tea dance, Celebration of the Life of Betty Elliot a long time Committee member at the club, a Sundowner with Richard and Jane, Anna Suerin's 75th Birthday, Terry Knuckey's birthday lunch and Michael's (Pat's grandson) 21st. The *All Good Grub* Launch Party celebrating 4 years of business was well attended with plenty of activities and stalls.

John Colwill ran a Fire Awareness afternoon which was very informative while our Annual Christmas Market had some amazing stalls and plenty of amazing items for sale. The Family Christmas Fun day with activities and Santa for the whole family to enjoy.

## ENTERTAINMENT REPORT continued

Please read the posters for all our future entertainment events .

The club will be closed over Christmas break, open on the 31st December to Celebrate New Years Eve with the band Stingray, the club re-opens of the 23rd January, 2026.

I wish all the Committee and Members a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support. Look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

**Christine Leitch, Entertainment/Booking Officer**

### A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS

Adrian Koomen	Stacey Goodall	Merle Brown
Geoff Sargent	Doug Bennett	Doris Lauk
Oscar Bennett	Imogen Gibbs	Peter Frania
Rowena & Fabio Kollman	Rory Bennett	Erik Lauk
Sharon & Laurie Martini	Angus Bennett	Terresa & Michael Lynes
Donna Elliott	Kelly O'Brien	Susanne Schultheis
Vince Tucci	Phillip Mathews	Sally Ruiz Diaz
Maria Sardi	Glenys & Errol Wickens	Janell & Liberatus Kopplhuber
Barbara Manning	Doug & Christine Marshall	Arthur Pike
Geoff Bancroft	Tony & Tayo Clark	Andrew Wright
Craig Groves	Richard & Natalina Harwood	Gordon Bradford
Frances & James Dean	Bronwyn & Craig Bungey	Katie Macdonald-Walker
Rae & Les Davie		

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

This year has passed so quickly. It has been a good year for the club and we have had an increase in numbers of new members joining the club, so that is encouraging. We have also been lucky to acquire new kitchen staff/members, All Good Grub, whom we sincerely thank for their great food, hospitality and friendship.

Thanks to all the hard working committee members past and present who volunteer so much of their time to keep our club functioning. Job well done. A special thanks to all our members who support the club, without this support we would not survive. We, the Trustee's would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Thanks to you all.

**Pat Tapsell on behalf of all the Trustees.**

*And a message from one of our newest Trustees:*

As a member, I have had an association with the Austria Club for a number of years and feel privileged to be accepted by the members as Trustee of the Club. It is my prime motive to promote and uphold the tradition of the Austria Club as set out by the founding members. It will give me personal pleasure to see the Club flourish for many years to come.

**Monika Auer, Trustee.**

# **Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

<b>JANUARY</b>		
<b>Fri 23-Jan-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sat 24-Jan-26</b>	<b>Reopening Dance Club open with Heart &amp; Soul</b>	<b>7.00-11.00pm 6.00-11.30pm</b>
<b>Sun 25-Jan-26</b>	<b>Regular opening</b>	<b>3.30-8.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 30-Jan-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>Sun 1-Feb-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening Social Dance</b>	<b>3.30-8.30pm 4.00-7.00pm</b>
<b>Thur 5-Feb-26</b>	<b>Seniors Day</b>	<b>11.00am-2.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 6-Feb-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sun 8-Feb-26</b>	<b>Regular opening Social table tennis</b>	<b>3.30-8.30pm 4.00-6.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 13-Feb-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sat 14-Feb-26</b>	<b>Valentines Day dance with Midway Club open</b>	<b>7.00-11.00pm 6.00-11.30pm</b>
<b>Sun 15-Feb-26</b>	<b>Regular opening Karaoke Night</b>	<b>3.30-8.30pm 4.00-7.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 20-Feb-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sat 21-Feb-26</b>	<b>Fasnacht Carnival</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Sun 22-Feb-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>3.30-8.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 27-Feb-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>

<b>MARCH</b>		
<b>Sun 1-Mar-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>3.30-8.30pm</b>
<b>Thur 5-Mar-26</b>	<b>Seniors Day</b>	<b>11.00am – 2.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 6-Mar-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sun 8-Mar-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening Social table tennis</b>	<b>3.30-8.30pm 4.00-6.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 13-Mar-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sun 15-Mar-26</b>	<b>Regular opening</b>	<b>3.30-8.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 20-Mar-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sat 21-Mar-26</b>	<b>Winefest Dance with Rumours Club open</b>	<b>7.00-11.00pm 6.00-11.30pm</b>
<b>Sun 22-Mar-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>3.30-8.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 27-Mar-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening Tina's line dancing</b>	<b>6.00pm 7.30-11.00pm</b>
<b>Sun 29-Mar-26</b>	<b>Regular opening Social Dance</b>	<b>3.30-8.30pm 4.00-7.00pm</b>

<b>APRIL</b>		
<b>Thur 2-Apr-26</b>	<b>Seniors Day</b>	<b>11.00am-2.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 3-Apr-26</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Sun 5-Apr-26</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Fri 10-Apr-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sat 11-Apr-26</b>	<b>Dance night with Adam Penn Club open</b>	<b>7.00-11.00pm 6.00-11.30pm</b>
<b>Sun 12-Apr-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening Table tennis</b>	<b>3.30-7.30pm 4.00-6.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 17-Apr-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sun 19-Apr-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>3.30-7.30pm</b>
<b>Fri 24-Apr-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sun 26-Apr-26</b>	<b>Regular Opening Social Dance</b>	<b>3.30-7.30pm 4.00-7.00pm</b>

# Oktoberfest



# Austria National Day



**Austria National Day** is celebrated on October 26, marking the country's declaration of permanent military neutrality in 1955. The Austria Club commemorated the occasion with an afternoon of festivities. Special thanks to Peter & Dianne McNally whose generosity enabled members and guests to enjoy free sampling of some traditional Austrian food. Thank you also to our guest speakers, Chris Conrad, whose father was a founding member of the Club, and Mayor Teresa Lynes.

As part of the celebrations, we honoured Bill Gaugg who was awarded life membership. Bill was commended for his "exceptional, longstanding dedication and commitment to the Austria Club". Well done Bill!

# Melbourne Cup



# Christmas at the Club



COMMITTEE	
PRESIDENT	Nino Sardi
VICE PRESIDENT / CATERING OFFICER	Julie Groves
SECRETARY / EDITOR	Mimma Sardi
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Jane Brown
TREASURER	Ian Lea
ASSISTANT TREASURER / CELLAR MASTER	David Groves
ENTERTAINMENT / BOOKING OFFICER	Christine Leitch
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EQUIPMENT OFFICER	John Colwill
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