

**THE FIRST 50 YEARS**  
**1957 – 2007**

**A HISTORY OF THE**  
**GERMANIA CLUB NEWCASTLE**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

**The purpose of this Chronicle is not so much about reporting the routine happenings during the Club's 50 years existence, but more to show the achievements through the determination and tenacity of a group of members. They were no entrepreneurs or high-ranking business-wizards, just ordinary people who formed part of the workforce of the Newcastle industries.**

**For simplicity, the word "German" encompasses *ALL* German-speaking persons: those from Austria, Switzerland, the Baltic States, the border regions of Germany, and also Ethnic Germans and others, not only those citizens of the Federal Republic of Germany.**

**This has not been written in German because the few remaining German-speaking members of the Club, most of whom have reached the age of 75 or over, have learned sufficient English to read this Chronicle. However, their children who are fluent in speaking German, may find it difficult to read German text. Their grandchildren would be unable to read this unless they had received a formal education in this language. The contents describe the happenings as I perceived them. Any contributor to this Chronicle is named with the respective text. The Club's newsletter "*Rundschau*" saved by Günter König as well as the old minute books, all of which I unearthed, yielded a lot of information.**

**Regrettably, not all Sub-Group leaders came forward with the history of their Group. In those cases I have written the basic information as gleaned from the "*Rundschau*".**

**My sincere thanks go to those persons, members and non-members and too numerous to mention individually, for the many ways they have helped. They provided group photos, wrote short narratives or whole chapters, identified members from old photos, edited, gave computer assistance, translated, and more.**

**I hope that those members who read this booklet will reflect upon those years of hard work, as well as the many good times we enjoyed.**

*Willi Grabau*

## **THE "NEW AUSTRALIAN"**

**"Why did so many Germans come to Australia after WWII?"**

**As Canada and South Africa had also opened their borders and received their share of German immigrants, the answer might be found in the explanation to the next question which should perhaps be phrased: "Why have so many Germans left their homeland?"**

**A review of post-war Germany shows that living conditions were far from comfortable. Seventeen million Germans were expelled from their homes situated in the four eastern provinces, and relocated in the overcrowded remaining western territory with its bombed-out cities and infrastructures. Many of these refugees were accommodated in camps vacated by prisoners-of-war, indentured foreign workers or displaced persons.**

**The situation did not improve as the Cold War between the United States of America and Russia showed definite signs of becoming a "Hot War" in which the returned German soldiers - who were branded indiscriminately as being Nazi war criminals - were drafted into the newly established German army, destined to serve as cannon fodder for the western alliance.**

**In view of the above, it is little wonder that some adventurous people, and those who soberly appraised their chances, sought a new beginning elsewhere with their families.**

**On arrival here, men did not find it too difficult to attain employment in the various Newcastle industries.**

**As soon as possible newcomers purchased, by instalment, a block of land and erected a garage thereon which served as temporary living quarters. A house would be built after securing a loan from a bank or building society for this purpose.**

**In this vein it might be appropriate to mention two happenings: In the mid-1950s a shrewd real estate agent managed to sell all the land on either side of Ruswell Avenue, Speers Point (now Warners Bay) to German immigrants. A more detailed account of this case can be found in the book "The People of Warners Bay and Beyond" by Shirley Myles/Gleghorn. Unfortunately, some people could later not refrain from nicknaming Ruswell Avenue "Adolf Hitler Straße."**

Secondly, in the second half of the 1950s, Bruno Koch convinced the Secretary of the Greater Building Society Ltd. (Head Office in Hamilton) that those migrants who were sufficiently skilled to erect a timber framed dwelling should have their abilities acknowledged as a deposit for securing a loan. It was agreed to a trial run for ten houses. Five members were able to take advantage of this programme before it petered out.

Generally it could be said that the German immigrants integrated reasonably well into the workplace and community. Those with a measure of business acumen ventured out later on their own and were mostly successful.

**The typical "Garage" (30ft x 12ft)**



**Shown are two garages erected by German immigrants, Rottinger and Grabau, on adjoining lots in Jesson Parade, Warners Bay, south of Warners Bay Public School between Jones Ave and Augusta St. Another four German migrant families settled in the same street, but moved away later. Funke, Greggerson and Prügel returned to Germany, Ganger moved to Boolaroo.**

## **FOUNDING OF THE CLUB**

Even though the newcomers established a home base early and secured permanent employment, the language difficulties could not be easily or quickly overcome. Thus it was not surprising that some of the German-speaking immigrants came together so they could communicate in their native language and participate in their accustomed entertainment and recreational activities.

At this point it might be appropriate to remark that the German immigrants, even if they established a German Club (a home away from home), did not intend to create a German colony or enclave. Proof of this can be seen in the fact that their offspring who went to school and grew up here, adapted easily to the Australian way of life. They seldom married into a German family in spite of well-meaning motherly match-making efforts. Not many joined the Club later, and even fewer nominated for a position on the Board of Directors. Another indication is that approximately only 10% of the newly arrived Germans joined the Club. Here it should also be mentioned that the Club's constitution never stipulated that only German-speaking persons could become members or serve on the Board of Directors. Also, part of clause 2(c) of the constitution, which was adopted with the formation of the company "Germania Club Newcastle Limited", reads: "The objects for which the company is established are: to promote and maintain good association with Australian fellow citizens."

Following are some excerpts from the memoirs of Anne Lacko and Herbert Thomsen: *Some German immigrants flocked to the "Goethe Society" which had its seat in the German Department of the University of Newcastle in Tighes Hill. Its high-ranking members were Professor B. Newton-John, John Stowell and Mr. Gittoes who arranged for readings of German poetry and staging plays, one with the title 'Die Brandstifter' ('The Arsonist'). However, some of the immigrants also wished to attend social activities in addition to strictly cultural pursuits.*

In this respect, Harry Engelbauer was instrumental in founding the Germania Club. Here are some recollections of an interview the author had with Harry in the late 1970s:

*As a young seaman, working on a German merchant ship, Harry came to Australia in 1912. He was left behind as the ship sailed from Melbourne. However, Harry managed*

to make a life for himself in this country and later married an Australian woman. With the arrival of European immigrants after WWII Harry met German-speaking people in 1956 the first time after 44 years.

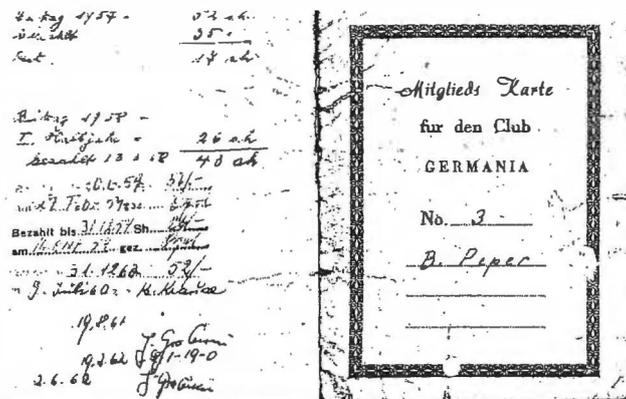
One of the few surviving foundation members contributed the following narrative:

Mr Engelbauer organised the first dances for migrants who lived in and around Newcastle in 1954. He was a foreman, working at Goninan's and organised the dances in a hall located within the grounds of Goninan's.

I was approached by Mr Engelbauer at one of these dances whilst sitting at a table with Günter Kiso and our wives. He asked us if we could get some names from people who were interested to get a German group together for regular dances. We gladly agreed and decided to go from table to table and get names and addresses. Mr Engelbauer, Mr Kiso and I signed up about a dozen names.

From then on Mr Engelbauer made arrangements to create a German club. The first club meetings were held in rented halls.

Later, with the establishment of the "Germania Club", the first official member was Mr Engelbauer, the second was Mr Günter Kiso and myself, Bernhard Peper, was member number three.



The dance referred to by Bernhard Peper was held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1957 and with the theme “Deutscher Abend”(“German Evening”). All those present resolved to establish a German Club and verbally nominated several participants to form a Committee to achieve that end.

**From the Minute Book:**

**On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1957 seven of the nominees met at the residence of Günter Kiso in Cooks Hill and agreed on the following Committee postions:**

<b>President:</b> Harry Engelbauer	<b>Members:</b> Rudi Pietsch
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Secretary:</b> Anne Lacko (not present)	Willi Steidle
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary:</b> Käthe Krause (not present)	Anton Loehr
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer:</b> Bernhard Peper	Erwin Fehlberg
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer:</b> Günter Kiso	

The Committee decided on the name “Harmony Club”. Moved by Günter Kiso, seconded by Erwin Fehlberg, voted 4:3 in favour.

**Amendment moved by Rudi Pietsch: Conduct a name-giving competition at the next social function.**

**It was further agreed that the subscription should be 1 shilling for both families and single people and the entrance fee should be 5 shillings.**

**The necessity of drawing up a constitution for the Club was also discussed, and in this respect it was resolved to use the constitution of the Concordia Club in Sydney/Stammore as a guide. It was also mentioned that it would be necessary to acquire a block of land and build a clubhouse. The next General Meeting was to be held in March 1957, date to be notified.**

**From the Minute Book:**

**Committee Meeting held on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 1957 at the residence of Anton Loehr in Adamstown. Present were:**

<b>H. Engelbauer</b>	<b>H. Starke</b>	<b>W. Steidle</b>	<b>K. Krause</b>
<b>B. Peper</b>	<b>R. Pietsch</b>	<b>G. Kiso</b>	<b>H. Pieknik</b>
<b>E. Fehlberg</b>	<b>A. Lacko</b>	<b>A. Loehr</b>	<b>Herr Müller</b> <b>(absent)</b>

**Confirmed and recorded that at the General Meeting combined with a Social function on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 1957 the majority of the members present voted for the name "Germania Club".**

## **17 YEARS OF CLUB LIFE IN HIRED PREMISES 1957 to 1974**

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

The first dance after the founding of the Club was held at Goninan's recreation hall on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1957. This was to be a "Kappenabend", where everyone was required to wear a fancy headdress. Caps were available at the door for 1 shilling, raffle tickets for 6 pence or 5 for 2 shillings. The band, Hans Dabelstein and Eduard Dittberger, played for free. The committee members provided the supper and donated the proceeds to the Club. They cleared the hall after the end of the dance at 2:00 am. About 230 persons attended and the profit amounted to £38 13s 5d. As the function hall at Goninan's Engineering Works became unsuitable, Mrs Engelbauer used an opportunity to hire the RSL hall in Albert Street, Islington in 1958 at fortnightly intervals beginning on New Years Eve. In the mean time, the School of Arts in Young Street, Carrington was used, among other venues.

The first children's Christmas party took place on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1957 in the function hall at the bus depot in Hamilton.

The Annual General Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1958 was held in the G.U.O.O.F. Hall in Cooks Hill and was attended by 56 members entitled to vote. The Treasurer reported a cash asset of £140 5s 6½d.

The dance on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1958 was the first May Festival with crowning of the May Queen. A new German band, the "Pioneers", was booked from 4<sup>th</sup> July 1958 onward, but their engagement had to be discontinued because of the cost involved. Then the "Hauskapelle" (house band) took over. This was "Die Vagabunden", with Walter Runken, Heinz Lorenz, Otto Knaus, and Karl Krüger.

The RSL hall in Islington served for all social functions through to 1961.

The first Oktoberfest was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 1959. The opening procession was led by the Münchner Kind'le, (Mrs Grabmeier) who welcomed the 300 participants. The traditional gingerbread hearts were also for sale.

A picnic held in May 1960 at Paterson in the grounds opposite the tavern attracted 84 adult members and 58 children. The hall of the tavern was made available to the Club and members were entertained by the house band. Games were organised for

the children, and a good time was had by all. The Committee continued to hire other function rooms for different events.

Later, all social functions were held at the Charlestown Community Hall.

Here, Willi Krause introduced "Members for Members" in 1963, a programme where members or a group of members entertained or performed. The hall also had kitchen facilities, allowing the spouses of the Committee men to cater for the supper. As the hall was deliberately booked out for the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1964 by someone wishing to harm the Club, a new venue had to be found, as the New Year's Eve Celebration is an important event for the German community.

The hall attached to St. Phillips Church in Edith Street, Waratah was hired and subsequently used for most social functions during 1965. The first "Lufthansa Ball" was held there with a floorshow in which a team of Marching Girls (very much in fashion at that time) unfurled the Lufthansa flag during their performance.



At the Lufthansa German Ball at St Philip's Church of England Hall, Waratah, last night, are (from left), Lilo Hampo (Mayfield), Rolf Bunning (South Wallsend), Dieter Locko (Charlestown) and Rita Bunning (South Wallsend)

Dieter  
Wallsend).

Later, the Police Boys Club in Broadmeadow was hired for the main functions. However, as members wished to come together more often than once a month, luckily, Bob Broadfoot, the President of the West Wallsend Workers Club (W.W.W.C.) who attended one of our dances in Broadmeadow, offered the Club use of their premises in the upstairs function room on Friday nights. It seated more than 200 people, had a stage, a bar, and kitchen facilities. Members enjoyed the atmosphere, could obtain their drinks from the bar, and could also play the poker machines. Supper was available from a caterer engaged by the Germania Club. The continental band "Melotones" played there from early 1966 to 10<sup>th</sup> November 1972. Even though members enjoyed the functions at the W.W.W.C., as was proven by mostly full houses, the distance involved, and being held on Friday nights, was often inconvenient.

For this reason, the Entertainment Committee organised functions at the Cardiff Bowling Club, commencing on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1968. Fifteen dances were held there in total with a variety of continental bands, the one on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1974 being the last before the opening of the Clubhouse.

As the popularity of the dances organised by the Club grew, attracting not only more members, but also many Newcastle citizens, the Police Boys Club at Broadmeadow was more often hired. This was so for the main events including New Years Eve, Annual Ball, May Festival with crowning of the May-Queen, Oktoberfest, and others.

At the Oktoberfest, the Münchner Kind'le (Maximina Trlin) opened the festivities with a message which was followed by the entry of Heinrich Umbach's goat, drawing the four-wheeled wooden hand cart carrying a keg of beer.

For this occasion and other main events, continental bands from Sydney were engaged; just to name a few: Otto Weiss, Sylvester Auzner, Walter Lorz and Peter Irgang. Frequently a floor show was engaged in addition to the band. It might be appropriate to mention here that at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ball on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1967 the Club's emblem, designed by Alfons Jurzak, winner of the competition which had 25 entries, was unveiled. The Emblem shows arranged in a circle, the colours of the Australian, German, and Austrian flags separated by the Australian waratah, the German kornflower, and the Austrian edelweiss.

As demand for tickets increased, so did the need for accommodation. Hence Heinz Brill designed table extensions which could be easily fitted between two opposing table ends, thus providing additional table space for four extra seats per table. This boosted the total seating capacity of the hall to over 500.

In the second half of 1960s Franz Brandt was Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. This position was taken over by Hugo Rive in the early 1970s. For preparing the functions at the Police Boys Club, the Entertainment Committee involved itself with committee members and their spouses to form a working team.

The following is a brief account of the work involved to stage a function at the Police Boys Club. Most tickets were pre-sold from members' homes in Charlestown, Warners Bay, Wallsend and Maitland. On Friday nights before the function three team members organised the table reservations, making sure that member's requests were observed, and no feuding parties allotted the same table. On Saturday mornings the working team set up the hall. Decorations were displayed according to the theme of the function, such as "Dance around the Snowman" or "A Symphony in Black & White" and others, prepared by members of the Entertainment Committee. Then tables and chairs were arranged and tables covered with disposable tablecloths, mostly decorated with flowers donated by E. Vilks, Cardiff Florist & Nursery. As smoking was still allowed at that time, ashtrays had to be provided. These were fabricated by Heinz Brill by pressing cut-offs of aluminium sheets into the required shape. Some of these were smuggled out under the coats of "souvenir" collectors. Eddie Rottinger provided festoon lighting and other electrical services when required. The door had to be manned from 7:30 pm onward and raffle ticket sellers organised.

After closing at 1:00 am, the hall had to be cleared. Tables and chairs were stacked in the storeroom, decorations removed, empty bottles placed on the back porch, ready for collection by the Boy Scouts, the floor swept, and all rubbish fed into the incinerator. At 3:30 am everything was completed and the working team could go home. All this was repeated month after month and year after year. Any regrets? It does not seem so, because everyone had a jolly good time, workers included. It can be proudly stated that brawls were never experienced.

At most functions supper was available, however, a reliable record of the names of these caterers could not be found.

As the Club was not permitted to sell alcoholic beverages, invitations to functions at the Police Boys Club always contained the term: "Please bring your own drinks and glasses". This was apparently no deterrent, as the tickets for these functions were mostly sold out.

### OTHER HAPPENINGS

It cannot be assumed that the only social functions held were dances. Most importantly, every year a children's Christmas party was organised where Santa Claus brought presents and sweets. One year Santa Claus arrived by boat at the shores of Croudace Bay. There were also picnics, car rallies and outings to Blackalls Park, Bombah Point, the Smith Lakes, Alworth and other places.

The Club participated for some time in the "*MATTARA FESTIVAL*" which was held at the end of August to early September each year in Newcastle from the early 1960s onward. The Club arranged for the Sydney Piano Accordion Orchestra Otto Weiss to give concerts for several years (1967 to 1971) in the auditorium of the Newcastle city hall. Some years, the Club entered a float in the Mattara procession. In 1963 Willi Nothnagel constructed a float which showed the "Lorelei", a prominent, myth-enshrined rock on the banks of the German Rhein river. Willi was awarded a prize for this. The floats entered in 1977 and 1978 had children of the Folk Dancing Group performing on them. Of interest was that any young lady who was elected May Queen at the Club's "Maifest", was until 1972 entered in the Mattara Princess competition.

"*DIE BRÜCKE*" (The Bridge) Association of German-speaking Clubs in Australia was founded in 1966. The inaugural meeting, which was attended by the Presidents and Secretaries of the participating Clubs, was held in the rooms of the Concordia Club in Sydney/Stammore. The Club's President and Secretary, Mr. Stegmaier and Mr. Gregier, respectively, were elected President and Secretary of the Brücke.

The initiative to form this association was to provide members with the opportunity to procure cheaper air travel which the international airlines offered as "Group Flights" to organisations. To qualify for participation, at least forty bona fide

members were required. The individual clubs were not in a position to fill this quota, but the Brücke could. The German airline "LUFTHANSA", was in the process of re-establishing their business in South-East Asia, which was lost in WWII. It was anxious to attain the custom of German Club members. The first of the Group Flights took place in 1966, and these proceeded with growing popularity until 1974. It seems this programme was discontinued due to a change in international airline regulations. It can be said that hundreds of Brücke members enjoyed a return trip to Europe for around \$700.00.

### *"THE FIRST RUNDSCAU"*

In early 1967 the Committee felt it necessary to publish a monthly newsletter to inform members about upcoming functions, progress reports of the Clubhouse construction, letters to the editor, family news, messages of the subgroups etc. In order to find a suitable name for the planned newsletter, a name giving competition was held. Luise Grabau won with the suggestion "RUNDSCHAU", broadly translated "Panorama". The first Rundschau appeared on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1967 with a circulation of 100 copies. The proceeds from advertising went to aid the purchase of a copy machine. For the copying process the text had to be typed on a special stencil, which was then fitted around the ink-padded drum of a copy machine. The drum was turned with a crank-handle by hand. A later model Gestetner copy machine, which the Club acquired, was electrified. However, in 1994 the Gestetner copy machine was replaced by a photocopier, making printing the Rundschau much easier and neater. The collation, folding, and preparation for mailing was always carried out by a team of helpful members. The first editors were Herbert and Käte Radtke who filled this position until February 1969. Following were many members who performed the editor position over the years. The longest serving, and perhaps the most entertaining, was Hugo Rive. A list of Rundschau Editors can be found in the Appendix. Most of the time, i.e. up to this day, Otti Bellemann was the printer. During some intervals, sometimes lengthily ones, the printing was taken over by Heinz Brill, Eddie Rottinger and Georg Bondzio.

Karl Krüger delivered the German language newspapers "*Die Woche*" (still available) and "*Der Anker*" to the immigrants from 1956 to 1958. Later, Herbert Thomsen took over; he also ran what is known in Germany as a "Lesezirkel", which

was a collection of prominent illustrated magazines lent to customers on a weekly basis. Also on his rounds, Herbert helped the Club by selling tickets for its functions, and continued this until the late 1960s.

A German language radio programme was first introduced by Willi Krause and broadcast by station 2HD on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1963 at 8:15 pm. In order to pay for the airtime Willi Krause had to find subscribers to radio advertisements, some of whom were German shopkeepers. This programme, "Germany Calling", was still on air in July 1963.

A new radio programme "Germany Calling" was introduced early June 1970 by the German airline "Lufthansa" and broadcast by station 2HD weekly on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. The programme included news from Germany, reports about sporting events and the latest music hits and folk songs.

The community radio station 2NUR FM commenced broadcasting on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1978. The German programme was for many years arranged and presented by Karl Schomburg. The allocated time for the first programme was for the first three Thursdays every month from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. This arrangement was sometimes changed during the subsequent years.

**From the Minute Book:**

28/8/1967. The former Secretary of the Club, Wilhelm Wirth, has before his return to Germany, produced 21 coats of arms (Wappen) of the German states and cities. The figures and symbols were jig-sawed from plywood and glued to the surface of the properly shaped shields. The glossy, coloured paints were applied with accuracy. These coats of arms were meant for the decoration of the planned Clubhouse and are still displayed there.

## **ESTABLISHING A CLUBHOUSE**

With the founding of the Club, the dream of a Clubhouse was born; but it proved to be a long, hard and stony path to realise this dream.

### **FINDING SUITABLE LAND**

From the many proposals brought to the Club's notice, only a few are mentioned here as recorded in the Minute Books.

**25/2/1960.** In Chatham Road, Broadmeadow, a house on 3 acres next to the school was available for £4,800. As the Club at that stage was unable to raise the money, the German Consul General in Sydney was approached to finance the deal, as the German Saturday School could be also accommodated there. (This property is now owned by the Polish Club).

**29/1/1962.** There were 22 acres in Barnsley available, but with a high voltage transmission line overhead. The construction of any buildings could not be recommended.

**3/2/1965.** The old RSL Club situated on a residential size block of land in Main Road, Speers Point was for sale at £7,000, but was considered unsuitable.

At the same time Mr. Clinch offered to sell Lots 39 & 40 (7 acres with 400 feet frontage) in Hillsborough Road, Warners Bay (adjacent to the present Clubhouse) for £3,500. However, in March Mr. Clinch was prepared to sell Lot 40 for only £1,600.

**3/5/1965.** The advice of Shire President Pendlebury was to apply for Crown land, especially for a 4 acre lot in tar-sealed Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough, opposite the residential area. This would be most suitable as services like electricity, water, sewerage and telephone were available. A spokesman for the residents pointed out that they would strongly oppose the establishment of a Clubhouse across the road. (This land is now used as a showground for dogs by C.N.C.C.).

**21/6/1965.** Newcastle City Council wanted to sell the old schoolhouse on 2 acres in Minmi for £4,500. However, a lot of work needed to be done to make it suitable for the Club. (It burnt down in later years).

**The bureaucratic procedure to obtain the Crown land was extremely time-consuming. The Lands Office in East Maitland and the Shire Council required drawings of the buildings the Club intended to construct on the land.**

**The BHP held a mining lease for this land, and as the mining operations were not completed in this area, approval for building on this land could not be given. However, BHP advised to apply for Crown land in Bula Street, Whitebridge, as mining there had been concluded.**

**15/11/1966: Günter König reported that Mr. G. Garland wanted to sell Lot 41 Hillsborough Road, Warners Bay and asked for an offer. On Saturday, 19/11/1966, some members of the Committee, and other members who could be invited at short notice, viewed this land and found it suitable.**

**Mr. Garland accepted an offer of \$3,000.00. The vendor prepared the Contract for Sale which stipulated that the land had to be vacant, and Council's consent for building a Clubhouse thereon had been obtained. Council approved this application on 4/4/1967.**

**As the Club was not incorporated, the constitution had to be amended to include a clause for the election of three Trustees, in whose names the land had to be held. Ernst Vogel, Ernst Kaufmann, and Albin Oberekar were elected Trustees at the Annual General Meeting on 20/2/1967 and signed the contract for the purchase of Lot 41 (approximately 4½ acres with 200 feet frontage,). However, it took Mr. Garland another 4 months to remove the tenants/squatters from this land before the final Memorandum of Transfer could be signed and the purchase price paid over. On 18/8/1967 all formalities were completed and a sign was erected on the land indicating that the land belonged to the Germania Club.**



**Sign indicating Club's ownership of the land.**

**So far, the only other land in Hillsborough Road, Warners Bay was occupied by a firm of car wreckers across the road.**

#### **FINANCING THE CLUBHOUSE PROJECT**

**As the Club owned land now, the Committee was eager to see a Clubhouse growing out of the ground as quickly as possible. However, the cost of a Clubhouse to meet the requirements of the members was estimated at approximately \$80,000.00. With the Club's cash assets of \$6,302.46 as at 31/12/1967, a lot of money needed to be raised, which proved to be the most difficult task.**

**With the increasing popularity of the Club's social functions, the earnings from these ventures increased accordingly. In addition to charging admission, raffles were conducted with prizes mostly donated by business people: Lufthansa, Kosmala, Jayes Travel Service, Oertli, Roth, Csegedi, Vilks, Pohl, Saxara, Kuna, Obereckar, Steuper, Schietinger, Morawetz, Wisperreit, Eisel, Wiedeck, Brauer (list incomplete).**

**Following are typical accounts of these functions:**

<b>Venue:</b>	<b>West Wallsend Workers Club</b>	<b>Police Boys Club, Broadmeadow</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Feb 1970</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Mar 1970</b>
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>168 persons</b>	<b>523 persons</b>
<b>Takings:</b>		
<b>Raffles:</b>	\$160.20	\$785.20
	<u>\$ 46.08</u>	<u>\$139.00</u>
	\$206.28	\$924.20
<b>Less expenses:</b>		
	<u>\$ 88.38</u>	<u>\$288.90</u>
<b>Profit:</b>	\$117.90	\$635.30

There was also a money box in the form of a Clubhouse model with a slot in the roof for receiving coins and banknotes. This money box was carried from table to table by a volunteer so that patrons could donate money. For instance Michael Gronold collected \$48.00 at the Lufthansa Ball on 13/3/1971. It was obvious that the earnings from social functions alone were insufficient to finance the project, thus additional programmes had to be devised. As early as 3/8/1964 the Committee invited all members to form a "*Bausparergruppe*", a Savings Group. It was suggested that each member should at least save \$2.00 per month which would be deposited in a common bank account. The accumulated funds should later be lent to the Club. The Committee was very optimistic that a lot of money could be raised this way. Unfortunately, after 3 years the outcome showed a different picture as the following accounts indicate:

accounts indicate:	3/4/1967	\$746.00,
	10 members.	
	11/9/1967	\$896.00,
		19 members.
	27/5/1968	\$1,062.
	27/6/1969	\$931.31.
	18/7/1969	\$307.90.

**Members bought debentures or retrieved their money. This was the end of the programme.**

**At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 24.7.1967 the members decided to donate \$10.00 plus 20 hours labour per married couple or single person toward the building fund. During the period to 20<sup>th</sup> January 1975, \$8,258.44 was received, made up from donations by members, sub groups of the Club and other clubs and businesses. Despite continuous appeals through the Rundschau, more than 100 members failed to pay the \$10.00 donation. The donation of labour was even more disappointing. Here, labour must be seen translated into money as every stage of completed construction work would add to the Club's assets. Of about 400 members, only 124 gave a helping hand. During the period to 20<sup>th</sup> January 1975, 5811 labour hours were donated. A list of these donors can be found in the Appendix. The many donations of money and labour for completing interior work after the opening of the Clubhouse was not specifically recorded, but regularly mentioned in the Rundschau.**

**Also, at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 24/7/1967, it was decided that the Club should sell debentures to the members bearing 6½% interest per annum.**

**At the 1969 meeting of the "Brücke" in Sydney, the attending President and Secretary of the Club secured a loan of \$3,000.00. This money was urgently needed to pay for the roof covering to protect the recently erected steel construction of the Clubhouse. This loan was repaid by the end of 1975.**

**During the period from March, 1971 to August, 1972 when the money was most needed, only debentures at the value of \$1,550.00 could be sold to 15 members.**

**Members were more inclined to invest in the "Building Fund Loan" earning 8% per annum which was established in 1974 as the completion of the Clubhouse was in sight. From June 1974 to November 1976 members invested \$23,820.**

**It was evident that this mode of fundraising would never generate enough money for completing the Clubhouse, thus it was necessary to obtain a bank loan. However, the bank advised that the Club would not qualify for a loan unless its assets increased substantially, meaning that the fundraising activities had to be intensified. As the potential for earning more money from social functions was very limited, the members were asked to donate more money, either lend the Club some money by**

way of debentures, or invest in the Building Fund Loan, and be more generous in donating labour for the Clubhouse construction.

However, the Bank agreed to a loan of \$55,000.00 subject to a liquor licence being granted. Now, another struggle began.

11/9/1968 (from the Minute Book). As the membership records did not comply with the requirements of the Liquor Act 1912 (NSW), the Club had to be abandoned and re-constituted.

(Membership subscriptions had to be paid annually at the beginning of the financial year by each person, not married couples; members whose subscriptions were unpaid at the expiration of one month from the due date had to be removed from the membership register. This regulation was not strictly adhered to.)

At the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 22.10.1968 at the Warners Bay Community Hall, members joined the newly constituted Club by paying a \$2.00 registration fee.

An amendment of the Liquor Act 1912 (NSW) stipulated that only incorporated Clubs were entitled to apply for a licence. A new constitution had to be drawn up, and when all required formalities were completed, the Club was incorporated under the Companies Act, 1961, on 29/12/1970 as "*Germania Club Newcastle Limited*". At the same time the new constitution, the "*Memorandum and Articles of Association*" had to be adopted.

The way was now clear for the application of a liquor licence which was made on 24/12/1971. Unfortunately, the 10/2/1972 scheduled hearing before the Licensing Court in Newcastle did not take place because the Clerk of the Court neglected to display the case on the Court's notice board.

A new application was made on 5/4/1972, but was rejected because of formality errors.

After changing solicitors, the licence was finally granted on 7/5/1974. The way to a bank loan was now cleared and the completion of the Clubhouse became possible.

However, due to cost increases during the lost years, a loan of \$80,000.00 was now required.

## BUILDING THE CLUBHOUSE

**From the Minute Book:**

**28/8/1967.** The Committee decided to delegate all matters regarding the Clubhouse to a Building Committee. Nominated and elected were Willi Grabau (Chairman), Günter König and Ernst Kaufmann. In October Arnim Franke and Stephan Reinhart joined the Building Committee.

**25/9/1967.** The first task was to clear the land. Volunteers removed truck loads of rubbish, including car wrecks, left behind by the previous tenants/squatters.

The following account is primarily extracted from the reports recorded in the Minute Book of the Building Committee. It is impossible to name all the volunteers who performed particular tasks on the Clubhouse construction. (A list of donors can be found in the Appendix).

**16/10/1967.** The architect presented a floor plan and sketch (architect's impression) of the proposed Clubhouse which was approved by the extraordinary general meeting.

**22/10/1967.** After clearing the land of rubbish, levelling of the slightly sloping land needed to be undertaken. The ground on the eastern boundary (left as viewed from the street) had to be lowered by 1.2 m, leaving an embankment of 45°. The surplus soil was used to fill the lower parts at rear of the block. Next:

- A surveyor checked and marked the boundaries for the cost of \$46.00.
- Arnim Franke resigned because he needed to attend an educational programme.
- Heinz Brill took over his position.
- It was resolved to erect a 1.8m link chain wire fence at the sides and rear of the property.
- 1½ inch pipes for fence posts were ordered from Stewarts & Lloyds at the cost of \$66.00, and delivered at no cost to the Club by John Bruhn to Apex Engineering for preparation by volunteers.

**15/11/1967.** Levelling of land commenced.

**6/12/1967.** Charlie Resevsky, Chartered Engineer, was contracted to prepare professional drawings including all necessary structural calculations for the Clubhouse for the fee of \$400.00.

**8/1/1968. Levelling of land continued. Heiz Brill took over the preparation for the fencing.**

**23.7.1968. Levelling of land completed , cost \$339.00.**

**Fencing along the sides was completed, and the rear in progress.**

**Subterranean seepage was discovered near the front of the eastern boundary. Later, a 90cm deep, 30cm wide trench filled with slag along the eastern boundary to the natural water course running across the middle of the land, was established in order to drain the seepage.**

**As no sewerage service was available, a septic tank needed to be installed. The effluent water was not to be disposed of at the Club's grounds, but had to be piped to a sewerage manhole at Coan Street. The Shire Council approved the building application.**

**Apex Engineering, a firm employing some members who were shareholders, made their workshop available for the fabrication of the steel construction by volunteers.**

**8/10/1968. Stephan Reinhart ordered the material for the steel construction.**

**12/3/1969. Bricklaying contractor F. Domandel was employed to construct foundations and brickwork to floor level for the cost of \$10,880.00.**

**Fabrication of the steel construction at Apex Engineering's workshop was completed by volunteers in about 8 weeks. Cost of steel: \$2,318.00**

**20/3/1969. Foundations and brickwork to floor level completed.**

**30/3/1969. Members attended the ceremonial laying of the foundation stone.**



**The ceremonial laying of the foundation stone on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1969 by longest serving committee member, Käthe Krause.**

**17/4/1969. Eddie Rottinger installed a steel post at the front boundary for the incoming electrical overhead main cable and a pole near the Clubhouse with a box holding single and three phase power outlets as a temporary electrical supply.**

**(1) Author's note: Eddie has since carried out all electrical work, including the servicing of the later outdoor Oktoberfests until the early years of the 21<sup>st</sup> century free of labour charge.**

**28/5/1969. John Bruhn transported the completed steel construction from Apex Engineering to the Club's grounds free of charge.**

**All parts of the completed steel construction for the Clubhouse stored in the Club's grounds ready for sandblasting and spraying with rust preventing paint.**



**In the background, a picnic was held in order to display the progress of the Clubhouse construction and to encourage members to donate voluntary labour.**

- **All steel parts were sandblasted and sprayed with rust preventing paint.**
- **Volunteers erected the steel work under the supervision of Stephan Reinhart.**
- **Crane time was donated by Apex Engineering.**

**In the background, the erected steel construction, now ready for bricklaying of the exterior walls.**



**In the foreground, the steel post for the incoming overhead electrical power lines extending to the post with the box accommodating the temporary power outlets.**

**8/6/1969. Peter Mück removed surplus soil from within the Clubhouse with his front end loader, working for 2 weekends.**

**8/6/1969. Georg Lacko offered to build a feature wall from natural rocks at the right of the front main entrance. The Club's emblem of adequate size was later to be fixed to the centre of the wall. (This was done at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the opening of the Clubhouse on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1999).**

**22/6/1969. E. Vilks grew 200 hedge plants for the Club, which when ready, were planted by volunteers under the supervision of Eugen Vilks on top of the embankment at the eastern boundary of the car park. The early cultivation of the**

hedge by a few members petered out soon, but nonetheless, a few large shrubs survived. The plants were a donation by Eugen and Herta Vilks, Cardiff Florist and Nursery.

24/7/1969. Contractor F. Domandel commenced bricklaying of the exterior walls, and completed this work during August for the cost of \$5,461.00.

Timber for the construction of the lower roof was ordered from Mac's Timber, King Street, Warners Bay. This was very convenient as timber could be delivered to the building site in quantities as required each weekend. Mac's Timber was also very helpful in many other ways.

7/9/1969. Construction of the timber lower roofs commenced by volunteers.

29/9/1969. Ernst Kaufmann resigned from the Building Committee, and Walter Runken took over his position.

The firm Sam Aspinal & Sons Pty. Ltd. was awarded the contract for the roof covering at the price of \$2,780.00.

At this time the Club's funds were depleted. Nevertheless, the volunteers plodded on, and with the money generated through social functions and donations, parts of the Clubhouse were completed. When all the roof constructions were finished, the traditional "*Richtfest*" was celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1969.





**Celebrating the “Richtfest” (the completion of the roof construction) on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1969. Willi Krause is reading the missive. Carpenter Werner König obscured behind the garland.**

**The next task was to bring the building to the “lock-up stage”. Many piers for the support of the floor timbers were built by Hartmut Düring from 20,000 bricks salvaged by Franz Paltram.**

**Floor bearers and joists were laid. The contract for laying the floor boards was awarded to Newcastle Nailing Service for \$750.00. Concrete floors were poured for toilets, bar, cool room and kitchen. The timber framed rear wall of the auditorium (removable for future extension), lined with asbestos sheets, were mainly built by Franz Haberl and Walter Runken. Outside lining with galvanised sheet metal, “Trimdeck”, was carried out by contractor Sam Aspinal & Sons for \$360.00. The front gable wall was lined with asbestos sheets. All fascia and bargeboards were fitted. The eaves and front gable overhang was lined with asbestos sheets. Gutters and downpipes were installed by Karl Gerste. All timber-framed windows in side**

walls made and fitted by Heinz Brill and Alfons Jurzak. Louvre windows were installed under the roof line in the auditorium. Emergency doors and exterior doors to the kitchen and dining room were fitted, also the rear door to the bar. Eddie Rottinger installed the main cable, switchboard, and more of the electrical wiring.

The contract for the manufacture and fitting of the aluminium front windows and doors was carried out by Alcan for \$1,700.00. In June 1971, the "lock-up stage" was finally achieved.

As a bank loan was deferred, due to the delay in obtaining the liquor licence, the volunteers carried on with material that could be bought cheaply. However, the Clubhouse could now be partly used by some sub groups and also for the committee meetings which were previously held at the house of Heinz Brill.

During the next three years, in spite of the chronic shortage of volunteers and funds, small stages of the building were completed. Cement rendering of all walls in toilets and kitchen was carried out by Rudolf Wex. The Hunter District Water Board connected the water main to the Clubhouse at the cost of \$1,500.00. Georg Lacko built a feature wall from natural rocks at the right of the main entrance. Painting of outside walls, and inside where required, was carried out and supervised by Franz Brandt. The office was made useable and the telephone connected. The car park was levelled and the surface provided with rolled gravel for future tar sealing. The library was opened, bookcases and wall cupboards were made by Alfons Jurzak. Eddie Rottinger extended the electrical work in line with the general progress of the building work.

Hinting at a "chronic shortage of volunteers and funds", Rundschau editor Ingeborg Ostermeier summed up the situation with a pinch of humour:

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Es ist schon amuesant zu sehen, wieviele Leute am Baufortschritt unseres Clubhauses interessiert sind, - wenn auch nur von der "Straßenseite" aus. - Man kann da fast zum Gedankenleser werwerden:

"Seh't Ihr den Ort, wo die "Germanen" hausen?  
Dort last uns schnell voruebersausen.  
Sie suchen Hilfe noch, zum Bauen -  
Und schoener ist's doch zuzuschauen."

**(Translated from the German by Michael Fauchon.)**

It is amusing to note how many people are interested in the progress of the Clubhouse construction, even if only viewed from the street.

“Come and see where all the Germans stay,  
let’s run on down and have a look today:  
they need a hand with building on the grounds;  
it’s so much fun to watch and stand around.”

**Nevertheless, the few volunteers continued with completing some interior work such as lining ceilings, fitting cupboards, fitting mouldings around doors and windows, painting, etc, fabricating and installing entry and exit signs at driveways, installing fire extinguishers and fabricating 80 light weight trestles for supporting table tops.**

**The Ladies Group purchased material and made curtains for the front windows.**

**Underground sewerage and stormwater drainage pipes were laid by the contractor. The building of a retaining wall from rocks at the eastern boundary of the car park commenced. Security grills for windows and emergency exits were fabricated and fitted. The building of a septic tank was commenced by Helcon Constructions Pty. Ltd. Electrical wiring was extended and completed where possible. An illuminated Club sign was fabricated and mounted at the left of the front wall of the Clubhouse.**

**At this stage of the construction, the liquor licence was granted on 7<sup>th</sup> May 1974, and thus the way made clear for a bank loan.**

**Now the building committee was set for the final effort. The Bank of New South Wales (now Westpac) made, as promised, a loan of \$80.000.00 available. Quotations for general building works, kitchen equipment, refrigeration, beer plumbing, construction of bar counter with shelves underneath for glass trays, carpets, chairs, as well as many other items were invited by advertisement in the NMH on 11.5 and 18.5.1974.**

**Heinz Brill was appointed Building Supervisor, the only person to deal with the contractors in order to avoid confusion. All other members of the Building Committee were to observe the various building operations and report any irregularities to Heinz Brill.**

**The contract for general building work was awarded to Rapson Co & Szerenga for \$45,126.00. The cost for the refrigeration equipment and beer plumbing by Raisbeck Pty. Ltd. was \$9,329.00**

**The supply and installation of kitchen equipment was let to Frost & Son Pty. Ltd. for \$8,236.00. Furniture was ordered from NAMCO Industries as follows:**

- for the main hall, 460 chairs at \$10.65 each.**
- for the lounge, 108 chairs at \$14.20 each and 36 tables (76cm square) at 19.25 each**
- for the member's bar, 4 tables (76cm round) at \$20.35 each.**

**Total price including 15% sales tax was \$8,288.05, delivery from Sydney not included.**

**There were no funds left for tables in the main hall. Thus the recently fabricated 80 trestles were fitted with 6ft x 3ft x ½" thick plywood sheets. The plywood was procured from a demolition job at the University in Tighes Hill, and these table tops are still in use today, though with proper bases which were purchased later and fitted by volunteers.**

**Toilets were fitted with Terrazzo partitions, and all sanitary plumbing work was carried out by Karl Gerste at material cost only. The building work proceeded steadily. Heinrich Umbach built two fluorescent light fittings for the main hall (later changed for proper fittings). The septic tank was completed and some of the toilets could be used. Work on the retaining wall at the eastern boundary of the car park continued. But by mid-October 1974 there was still a lot of outstanding work to be done, such as tiling of the front steps, bar top, roller shutters for bar, cooker, refrigerator and storage rack in kitchen, installation of compressor for refrigeration plant, mounting of light fittings, provision of lighting for driveways, connection of cash registers, installation of a P.A. system, sanding and sealing of floor in main hall, and many more items.**

**However, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1974 the doors to the Clubhouse were opened and the beer taps turned on!!**

**The Board of Directors at the opening of the Clubhouse on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1974.**



**Adolph Fromhage, Helmut Pieknik, Willi Grabau, Käthe Krause, Günter König, Franz Brandt, Georg Lacko, Irene Rottinger, Karl Schomberg, Hugo Rive, Heinz Kuhn, Ivo Trlin.**

**At the opening of the Clubhouse, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1974.**



**Günter König, Secretary Manager; Franz Brandt, President; Günter Fröhlich (Jolly), Bar Manager; Willi Grabau, Treasurer.**

Nevertheless, there was still some final work to do. The following is an extract from the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and last meeting of the Building Committee held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 1974 at 8:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

Heinz Brill had made a final inspection with Franz Haberl and an independent club member on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 1974 and listed the following items as outstanding work:

- (a) Brick wall at front boundary to be topped with 5x20x40cm concrete bricks.**
- (b) A hot water service to be connected to hand basins in front toilets.**
- (c) Folding doors and doors with glass panels to be fitted with three hinges instead of only two.**
- (d) Plastic skirtings to be fitted in bar working area. The building contractor was to attend to this matter.**

**The refrigeration plant working satisfactorily; all kitchen equipment was working satisfactorily and the work of the painting contractor was passed by Peter Lucas, who was appointed to supervise this work. Eddie Rottinger reported that all electrical installation work passed the inspection by the supply authority.**

**Also, carpet in the lounge was laid by Otto Tischner free of labour charge.**

**Two flag poles were donated and erected in front of Clubhouse by Eglo Engineering.**

**Accounts: The Building Contractor claimed \$4,159.50 for work done in addition to the contract. It was agreed that the account be paid except for the retention sum of \$1,500.00.**

**The chairman of the Building Committee reported that all other accounts in connection with the Clubhouse building had been paid except for \$249.00 retention money on the painting contract.**

**Miscellaneous: Georg Lacko reported that he would complete the rock retaining wall at the eastern boundary of the car park. However, Georg was for some reason prevented from finishing the job; the remaining work was carried out by Hartmut Düring.**

**All members of the Building Committee asked to be relieved of their duties.**

**Heinz Brill agreed to attend to the matter of the outstanding items listed above.**

**President Franz Brandt thanked all members of the Building Committee for a job well done.**

**From 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1967 to 17<sup>th</sup> December 1974 Heinz Brill, Willi Grabau and Günter König served continuously, Stephan Reinhart, Arnim Franke, Ernst Kaufmann, Walter Runken, Eddie Rottinger, Franz Haberl, Werner König, Georg Lacko, and Peter Lukas had served for a time on the Building Committee.**

**Franz Haberl was acting chairman from April 1971 to August 1972.**

## **EXTENDING**

### **THE LAND**

Six months after the opening of the Clubhouse, the opportunity for exchanging the Club's rear half of the land with the front half of the adjoining Lot 40 was broached. However, no progress was made until June 1975 when the possibility of purchasing the whole Lot 40 was discussed with the owner. Nothing happened until early 1976 when the owner of Lot 40 advised that he would have a contract drawn up for exchanging the Club's rear half of the land for the front half of Lot 40. In November 1976 it was finally agreed that the club would purchase the whole Lot 40 for the sum of \$26,000.00. Even if the Club did not need the additional space, it was thought to be a good investment. In the following years it proved to be useful in staging the outdoor Oktoberfests.

### **THE SHOOTERS HALL**

As the "lock-up-stage" of the Clubhouse was completed in June 1971, the newly formed Air Rifle Group could use the hall as their rifle range. However, a change in the Fire Arms Act (air rifles are classed as fire arms) it was no longer permissible to have a rifle range in the Clubhouse. Thus, the Air Rifle Group found a temporary solution by hiring a suitable hall in Cardiff.

At their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1975 the Board of Directors discussed the matter and resolved to build the shooter's hall parallel to the eastern boundary fence between the rear of the Clubhouse and the natural watercourse crossing the land. The building plan for the shooter's hall, with 25 stands and an ante-room, was approved by Lake Macquarie Shire Council in September 1975. The ante-room was meant not only for shooters to book in and wait their turn but should also be used by the Choir and the Folk Dancing Group for their practices.

The construction of the Shooters Hall commenced in October 1975. Paul Eicher, the leader of the Air Rifle Group, was appointed to oversee the building activities and to verify all invoices before payments were made from the Club's funds. It was intended to carry out some of the work with voluntary labour.

The building work progressed slowly but steadily, and was at times delayed due to bad weather. It might be appropriate to mention that Karl Bellemnn donated the

necessary target winders which he had constructed and mounted. However, following the inspection of the completed building by the licensing police, the official opening took place on the weekend 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November 1976.

### **COOL and STORE ROOMS**

There was certainly sufficient room for the members and their guests in the bar, lounge and auditorium of the Clubhouse. However, it was soon recognised that the cool room behind the bar was too small and that there was, except for a few cupboards, no storage space at all.

At their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1975 the Board of Directors decided to have an extension built at the western side of the Clubhouse. The building would contain a large cool room with a door to a loading ramp on the northern side, change rooms for the staff, a cleaner's room, a large store room and a gardener's tool room with ground level access on the southern side. Access to this extension was to be from the rear door of the bar and also from the emergency exit at the western side of the auditorium.

The building plans were approved by the Council in December 1975 and by the Licensing Court in March 1976. All the building work, which was contracted out in stages, commenced in April 1976. The project was finally completed in December 1976 and passed the inspection of the licensing police.

### **OTHER SMALL EXTENSIONS and ALTERATIONS**

At the same time it was realised that it was impractical for the kitchen staff to store their perishable foods in the cool room of the bar. Consequently, a small cool room with a patio was built next to the kitchen door, protruding into the lane at the eastern side of the Clubhouse.

The dining room next to the kitchen with a seating capacity for about 20 people soon proved to be too small, and was moved into the eastern end of the lounge. In order to provide some privacy for the diners, removable screens were placed across that part of the lounge. The screens were made by voluntary labour. Steel frames were fitted with curtain material. These are occasionally used today.

A permanent screen wall was put in place later when the lounge was refurbished.

The vacated small dining room was then used by the kitchen staff for storage and some food preparation. Later, a window was provided in the timber-framed wall facing the auditorium from which tea, coffee and cake as well as hot snacks from a Bain Marie could be served directly to patrons attending functions in the hall.

At the official opening of the Clubhouse on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> March 1975



**Günter König, Secretary Manager, Dr H. Türk, Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Willi Grabau, Treasurer.**

## **ENTERTAINMENT IN THE NEW CLUBHOUSE**

All the social functions continued in the usual manner in the Club's own rooms. A dance was held every Saturday with various continental bands hired from Sydney or locally. The first main events were the children's Christmas party on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1974, then the New Year's Eve celebrations, followed by the Official Opening Ball on 15<sup>th</sup> February 1975 where only members were admitted, and the 18th Annual Ball on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1975.

On the Friday evening (14<sup>th</sup> February) preceding the ball, the Official Opening was performed by the Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. H. Türk. Ernst Krause and Helmut Pieknik raised the German and Austrian flags to the tune of the national anthems played by the brass band of the Police Boys Club, with bandmaster Frank Simm. The Consul-General addressed the members and guests gathered in front of the Clubhouse and then cut the ribbon. The members and guests proceeded into the Main Hall for a programme in which the Club President Franz Brandt welcomed all present. This was followed by musical and choral entertainment which framed addresses given by guest speakers. Senior Vice-President Hugo Rive spoke the concluding words.

Every Friday evening a "sing-a-long" was organised with musicians and singers Werner Gajewski, Günter Fröhlich (Jolly), Hans Köchel, and Allen. This was so popular that patrons started to dance to their music. From early August 1975, the days for the "sing-a-long" were changed from Fridays to Sundays. This change was made and as of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1975 continental bands were engaged to play dance music. This function was increasingly patronised by younger, unattached people. From the end of October 1981 non-members were charged \$2.00 for admission to the Friday dances.

However, the "sing-a-long" on Sundays did not lose its popularity and patrons sang and danced along with contentment. This programme was discontinued from Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1978 when a local continental band was engaged to play dance music. A new monthly programme was introduced from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 1978 called "Family Night". This was a dinner dance where parents could bring their over 10-year-old children to enjoy a meal and participate in the dance.

**There were also film nights held fortnightly on Mondays which commenced on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1975. These were abandoned at the end of 1976 due to lack of participation.**

**A special event was the concert presented by the Police Boys Club Brass Band with bandmaster Frank Simm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1975. Frank was the founder of the band and trained the boys for some years to such a standard that they could enter the Brass Band Championship in London/England. The proceeds of the venture, a meagre \$276.00, was donated to the band in aid of their travelling expenses. The band acquired the name: "The Marching Koalas" and gave concerts in England, Switzerland and New Zealand. (This paragraph contains snippets from the memoirs of Mrs. Simm, now 95, widow of Frank.)**

**During these early years the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Senior Vice President Karl Bellemann had his hands full organising suitable bands for all the social events. Each sub group was allocated one Saturday per year for their annual dance. There were also other organisations that wished to hire the Hall, such as the German Saturday School, Latvian Association, Good Neighbour Council, and others. Raffles also had to be organised and were conducted on Saturdays by the Club, and on Fridays in turn by the sub groups.**

**Of the numerous local continental bands, the "Shandila" are still playing for the Club on Friday nights and other events. Their first performance was for the annual dance of the Karneval Group on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1977. A German Theatre Group presented a comedy on 19<sup>th</sup> November 1978 in the presence of a very small audience. At the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ball held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1979 the Club welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Engelbauer.**

**The founding president of the club, Harry Engelbauer with life members.**



**Eddie Rottinger, Ernst Krause, Günter König, Käthe Krause, Harry Engelbauer, Heinz Brill, Helmut Pieknik, Willi Grabau.**

**“SOLID PILLARS OF THE CLUB”**

**For the remaining years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the modus operandi for arranging the entertainment remained unchanged.**

**The separate Christmas parties for children and for members were always on the programme. However, the children’s Christmas party was abandoned in 1992 due to a lack of attendance; the children of the immigrants had grown up.**

**There were also the annual events with various continental bands: New Years Eve, Easter Dance, May Festival, Annual Ball, and some others. Occasionally, a floor show was also engaged.**

**Of the Saturdays allocated to the sub groups for their annual dances, the most entertaining were certainly the events of the Karneval Group, the Folk Dancing Group and the Choir. The remaining Saturdays were mostly booked out with other theme dances. There were jazz bands, country & western bands, Spanish nights,**

Gypsy bands, rock & roll, etc. From August 1995, a few line dances, in fashion at that time, were organised. From Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1991 to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1995 the "One Man Band", H. Giese, played about once a month in accordance with a special dinner offer by Chef Lothar.

A special entertainment was provided on Easter Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1977 by the 40 strong Bavarian Society from the South Australian German Club. All were attired in their traditional Bavarian costumes. A children's group performed folk dances, there was a set of bell ringers, humorous sketches, and more.

There were also entertainers from overseas. "Rainer Helbig", musician, singer and entertainer from Hamburg performed on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1981 to great applause. The next special entertainment was presented by the "Veldener Double Sextet" from the Wörther See in Austria on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1985. An oom-pah-pah brass band played, and there was singing and folk dancing.

The "Finkenwarder Speel Deel" from Hamburg presented a show with music, singing, dancing and comedy on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1986. This was followed on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1987 by the presentation of an accordion concert performed by 21 young musicians from Saalfelden in Austria. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1988 the Club hosted the "Schildberger Sing und Spielschar" from Mühlheim/Ruhr in Germany. In the same year on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August the "Egenhofer Blaskapelle" (brass band) from Germany gave a concert.

There were two events in 1989. On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January the world famous "Jolly Kogler Boys" created a cheerful evening, and the 16 strong Bavarian brass band from Dissen held a concert on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. One of the last two appearances of overseas entertainers in the 20<sup>th</sup> century were the "Barron Knights Band" from England with a lively variety / comedy show on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1991; and in the same year the Club hosted the "Münich Musketeers", a military style pipe and drum band in traditional medieval uniforms on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

All this was organised by the Chairman of the Entertaining Committee, Senior Vice President Karl Bellemann; certainly a job well done.

Occasionally, other organisations hired the hall for their annual social events.

**The only constant was the Friday dances with the “Shandila”, who also played for other social functions of the Club.**

**In addition to the social functions, there were art exhibitions, fashion parades, monster raffles, bingo, the annual Melbourne Cup day, special functions for Mother’s Day, the exhibition of the exotic bromeliads, and more.**

**As attendance declined noticeably in the mid-1990s, some of the functions had to be abandoned, or in some way rearranged.**

**One special event should also be mentioned here, though not in strict conformity with this chapter’s heading. On the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the Clubhouse, a reunion of the voluntary building workers was organised for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1999 at the Club by the former members of the Building Committee, Günter König, Willi Grabau and Franz Haberl. From the 89 invited volunteers, 50 attended. Unfortunately, 38 volunteers past away during the last 25 years. After a short opening address, lunch as arranged by past President Georg Bondzio, was served by Chef Jürgen Loehr. After lunch, Günter König displayed quite a number of slides of the former building activities in progress. This was followed by the presentation by one of the organisers of a replica of the Club’s emblem made from ceramics, about 55cm in diameter, which was subsequently fixed to the centre of the rock feature wall at the right side of the main entrance. For the remainder of the afternoon, members socialised and renewed old acquaintances.**

## THE OKTOBERFEST

The first Oktoberfest in the new Clubhouse followed basically the same format as those held previously in hired halls. However, the Oktoberfest in 1975 was spread over three days from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October; and all the admission tickets were soon sold out.

In the traditional way, the marching-in to the tune of the "Club Band", Werner Gajewski, Hans Köchel, Günter Fröhlich (Jolly) and Alan, was led by the Münchner Kind'l (Maximina Trlin), followed by the participants who wore Bavarian costumes, and the keg of beer on a wooden hand cart drawn by Heinrich Umbach's goat.

At the Oktoberfest, 1975



Hanna and Heinrich Umbach with their goat pulling the wooden hand cart with a keg of beer. Bringing up the rear is Hugo Rive, steadying the keg with his right hand.

After the Münchner Kind'l delivered her message and welcome, the bands took over: "The Melotones" on Friday, Peter Irgang on Saturday, and the "Elite International" on Sunday. All bands played tirelessly until 1:00 am. There was also the first performance of a "Bänder Tanz" by the adult Folk Dancing Group led by Michael Gronold. In addition to this, on Saturday, bottled beer, fried sausages and gingerbread hearts were sold to hundreds of visitors from a marquee erected on the

adjacent ground The Secretary Manager reported the overall consumption of 70 kegs of beer, 2000 bottles of imported German beer, 450 pounds of sausages, 2400 pretzels, and 1000 gingerbread hearts. Certainly a successful outcome for all involved.

However, the real outdoor Oktoberfest started in 1976. As the Club management was able to purchase the adjacent 4 acre lot, the Oktoberfest was staged across the two lots at the rear of the Clubhouse.

From the "Rundschau" published 25<sup>th</sup> September 1976:



#### WHAT IS "OKTOBERFEST" ?

On the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1810, the marriage of Ludwig, the first King of Bavaria, and of Maria of Sachsen-Hilderghausen was celebrated. The Dukedom of Bavaria which had only recently been raised to a Kingdom wanted to celebrate this occasion in grand style. People of all classes in the whole country were to take part in this festival. So great was the success and the response to this marriage that people began to celebrate the anniversary for its own sake and it became the Festival of the capital of Bavaria, Munich, exclusively. As the time went by this Festival became known internationally as Oktoberfest.

**In the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie region alone, thousands of people of different nationalities have been living alongside each other for a considerable period of time, but not really together. Mostly we did not know enough about the customs and the way of life of other nationalities. Would it not be nice to get to know each other a little better? We, the Germania Club, thought about this and came to the conclusion that common enjoyment is the best way to bring people together. Since a large number of us had a really good time and lots of laughs at the Oktoberfest in München, it was suggested to try to transplant this fantastic, fun-filled festival from München to the Newcastle region, namely, Warners Bay. Many would come in their national costumes, they may come from different backgrounds, but titles and social standing had no place here. Everyone came here to enjoy themselves and this formed the common bond.**

**Would it not be nice if we could dance together, laugh together and be together.**

**At the 1976 Oktoberfest, held from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, a large marquee was erected at the rear of the Club grounds and equipped with a stage, a dance floor, many tables and chairs and a bar at each end. The festivities started at 8:00 pm on Friday with the traditional marching-in of the Münchner Kind'l, this time to the music of "The Insulaners" from Sydney, who played the following Saturday and Sunday in the marquee.**

### At the Oktoberfest 1976



**In the background: the “Isulaners”, a continental band from Sydney. Standing in front: Irene Rottinger, Michael Gronold, Otti and Karl Bellemann, Hildegard Brandt, The Münchner Kindle Maxima Trlin, Franz Brandt. Right: the Club Band. Visible in the foreground is the goat’s head and back.**

**From the many stalls in front of the marquee people could buy gingerbread hearts, potato pancakes, coffee and cake, German “Weisswurst and Sauerkraut”, fried sausages, ice cream and many other things. Some of the stalls were managed by the sub groups. “The Austrians” from Sydney played in the Clubhouse on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 pm to midnight. Additional entertainment was also provided in both locations by the Club’s adult Folk Dancing Group, singing and folk dancing by the “Alpini’s” and yodelling and zither-playing by Lotte and Johanna.**

**The now-established basic arrangement of the Oktoberfest held simultaneously in two locations, i.e. inside the Clubhouse and in the grounds at the rear, was carried on during subsequent years. The programme for the indoor Oktoberfest changed little, except for the engagement of a variety of continental bands and entertainers. However, the development of the festivities at the grounds led to the attraction of ever increasing crowds.**

**The 1977 Oktoberfest showed some improvements: A larger marquee, the Bavarian Folk Dancing Group from Adelaide, a shooting-gallery, merry-go-rounds for the children, stalls selling barbequed sausages, potato pancakes, coffee and cake, soft drinks, gingerbread hearts etc.**

**At the Oktoberfest, 1977**



**The Oktoberfest begins with the Marching-in.**

**At the 1978 Oktoberfest about 800 pupils from Newcastle schools arrived on buses visiting the Oktoberfest grounds on Friday afternoon, (6<sup>th</sup> October). They were filmed by an NBN 3 television crew and shown on the 6:00 pm news. On Saturday at 12:00 noon, the President of Lake Macquarie Shire Council, Mr. Pasterfield, officially opened the Oktoberfest 1978. It was also the first time that the new Children's Folk Dancing Group formed by Michael Gronold performed. The stalls had, in addition to the usual gingerbread hearts etc, Bavarian hats and beer-steins for sale.**

**The 1979 Oktoberfest was held over two weekends. The event was held on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October in the grounds and on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October in the**

**Clubhouse. There were more stalls, more merry-go-rounds and even a Punch and Judy show. Regrettably, Heinrich Umbach's goat died in June and missed the event. The 1980 Oktoberfest brought as new attractions for the children "Humphrey B. Bear" and "Co Co" the Koala Bear.**

**In the marquee a new combination of bands played dance music: "Edelweiss", "Shandila" and the Police Boys Club and Kahibah Brass Bands.**

**In 1981 the additional new attraction for the children was the Jumping Castle.**

**The 1982 Oktoberfest was planned to be bigger than ever. More of everything. Even a helicopter pilot offered to conduct joyrides for participants from the Club's grounds. However, heavy rain severely hampered all festive activities.**

**At the 1983 Oktoberfest the large marquee and the number of joyrides for the children and the variety of stalls covered nearly 4 acres of the Club's grounds.**

**In 1984 the marquee was replaced by the newly built permanent "Fest Halle". The steel/sheet metal construction was situated at the rear fence with an open front facing the Oktoberfest grounds and featured three kiosks; some equipped with barbeques and sinks. The bars at each end of the hall had, through side doors, access to shipping containers with refrigeration facilities in which the beer and other drinks were stored. There was also a large stage and a dance floor, many tables and chairs. and of course, the usual stalls, entertainment and side-shows.**

**In this manner, through the years, the Oktoberfest was staged. A special licence for selling liquor at the grounds had to be obtained from the Newcastle Licensing Court. It must be recognised that in order to stage such an event a lot of organisational work needed be done. Local and Sydney continental bands and entertainers as well as side shows, such as merry-go-rounds and other joy rides for children, had to be hired. This was done by the experienced chairman of the Entertaining Committee Senior Vice President Karl Bellemann. Then, about 200 volunteers had to be recruited from the membership to work three days at three shifts to man the gates, the ticket boxes at the bars, and the bars. Eddie Rottinger and his trades assistant, Irene, attended to all the electrical requirements: Stringing-up of festoon lighting, checking the electrical supply to the refrigerated storage containers, connecting electrical supply to stalls and merry-go-rounds as requested. During the three days of the Oktoberfest**

**Eddie was on stand-by in order to attend immediately to any emergency that could develop.**

**The Club ran the “Schnaps Bude”, a converted caravan from which was sold hard, good tasting imported liquors in 20ml glasses, and a stall from which was sold gingerbread hearts and hand made Bavarian hats.**

**Eight sub groups managed their own stalls: a shooting gallery, barbeque, coffee and cake, potato pancakes, and other goods. Sometimes a charity organisation conducted a chocolate-wheel. There was also the need to attend to the litter generated by the crowd. In this respect the Warners Bay Lions Club lent a helping hand and collected not only empty bottles but also other refuse and disposed of it. Of course, the Lions Club was rewarded with a handsome donation.**

**All good things must come to an end; and so did the Oktoberfest. Firstly, from 1993 on, the outdoor Oktoberfest was, due to lack of attendance, scaled down and held only on Fridays and Saturdays. Secondly, from 1995 on, all volunteers had to attend a lecture with regards to selling liquor conducted by the Newcastle Liquor Licensing Police. In 1996 the police required that the Club employ at least 10 security guards for crowd control at the grounds. At times it was observed that the security guards closed the gates on prospective patrons, who wanted to participate in the festivities and spend some money, because they were afraid they could not control the “masses”. New regulations also stipulated that after 8:00 pm beer had to be dispensed in plastic cups, not in bottles or traditional beersteins as those could be used as weapons in a brawl. Not drinking premium beer from glass would be the same as drinking premium champagne from an aluminium mug. During the years from 1995-1998 the expense for the security guards more than doubled to \$7,000.00. It also became more difficult to recruit the necessary number of volunteers. After 23 Oktoberfests the volunteers from 1976, then in their late forties or early fifties, were in 1998, in their seventies and had to beg off. The last outdoor Oktoberfest was held in 1998 and a loss of \$4,790.00 was reported.**

**However, the Oktoberfest continued to be held in the accustomed tradition to this day on an extended October weekends (Friday and Saturday) in the Club’s rooms.**

## **THE SERVICES**

**As the Clubhouse became ready for trading, the Board of Directors employed Günter König as Secretary Manager. One of his jobs was to find suitable employees for the various tasks. A list of Secretary Managers can be found in the appendix.**

### **THE BAR**

**Günter Fröhlich (Jolly), who acquired experience of the bar trade at the Newcastle South Leagues Club and later obtained a position as Assistant Bar Manager at the Merewether Golf Club, became Bar Manager of the Germania Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1974. Josef Sowa (Jup) and Bert Warren were employed as barmen. It was Jolly's job to ensure that the appropriate number of efficient bar staff, including casuals, were on duty as and when required.**

**His job was also to order the liquor: beer, spirits, wine, and also soft drinks. All deliveries had to be meticulously recorded in the books provided for this purpose. The bar manager also had to make sure that orders for replenishing the stock were sent out in time. However, the most important job was to thoroughly clean the beer dispensing equipment, i.e. the extractors, pipes and taps once a week with special cleaning fluid. In 1983 the 18 gallon kegs were replaced by a new type of 50 litre kegs. This made the changing of empty beer kegs much easier as the extractors, which had to be speared through a seal in top of the 18 gallon keg, were not used anymore. The beer and gas lines attached to a special coupling were just clicked onto the outlet of the 50 litre keg.**

**In 1980 Jolly earned an award on inspection of the bar facilities by the supplying brewery which stated that the Club had the cleanest beer in town.**

**It might be of some interest that the cost of a middy (285ml) of local beer on opening day was \$0.27 and is today \$2.55. It was observed that quite a number of members angrily complained that the prices of beer in other clubs were much lower than in our Club. The simple explanation for this is that other clubs subsidise beer prices from their enormous income from the poker machines. It is a fact that members and patrons of the Germania Club (a Club with a difference) are not inclined to spend too much money on gambling. A table in the Appendix illustrates this phenomenon.**

Jolly retired in mid 1982 and Jup took over the Bar Manager's position. Following his retirement on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1994 Trudi Gerber became bar manager. She retired on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005. Lyn White, who commenced her employment as bar attendant in March 1989, has filled the position since.

It can be said that the members and their guests were always served promptly and courteously by the bar staff.

### **THE RESTAURANT**

The following is a parade of restaurateurs who tried with various degrees of success to satisfy their customers, but could not achieve the desire of establishing an enduring typical German upmarket restaurant.

The first manager was Waltraud König with Maria Panter as chef and Margaret Richter as assistant. Casual staff was hired when required. German meals were predominantly served.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1977 Greg Primmer was employed as chef and was subsequently granted the contract to operate the restaurant from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1977. His services were terminated on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1977.

Apparently, there were no catering services until Josef and Maria Csegedi took over on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1978. However, they stayed only to 29<sup>th</sup> January 1978. The next day Julie Trümmel commenced to operate the restaurant and continued to do so until 25<sup>th</sup> March 1979.

This vocation was immediately filled by Walter and Trudi Gerber. They managed to supplement the menu with fare from Switzerland. Unfortunately, they left on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1980.

After that, Margarete Hofmann, who was for a number of years 2<sup>nd</sup> chef at the Concordia Club in Sydney, took over the restaurant until mid-January 1981. There were apparently many complaints of slow service.

From 19<sup>th</sup> January 1981 the Club took control running of the restaurant.

The then Secretary/Manager V. Folitarik employed a chef for providing meals at dinner, a second cook to cater for the lunch costumers, also waitresses and kitchen

hands. As the increasing financial losses became unsustainable, the operation of the restaurant was again contracted out.

Josie Richter from Austria, who had worked as a cook in a Toronto motel, commenced her duties on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1981. However, she gave up after a few months and from mid-February 1982 Julie Trümmel managed the restaurant again. Reinhart Hansmeier leased the restaurant from 25<sup>th</sup> February 1985 to 15<sup>th</sup> February 1986.

Mrs. Maya Eisel continued to operate the restaurant to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1990.

There were no catering services during January 1991. However, on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1991 Chef Lothar Maier began running the restaurant. There was a large choice of excellent German meals which were enjoyed by an increasing number of patrons.

Regrettably, Chef Lothar left on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1999. From then on the restaurant was under the new management of Jürgen and Carol Loehr who provided a very good service. However, they terminated their service on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2002.

Chef Lothar Maier returned to the Club and commenced his services on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2002. However, things did not eventuate as both parties desired or expected, and after 12 months Chef Lothar terminated his services.

Ken Marquett took over the running of the restaurant on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2003, but had to regrettably resign, due to ill health.

As no contractor for the restaurant could be found at short notice, the Club's only option was to employ a chef on a permanent basis. Sean Byzkov named the restaurant "New Horizons".

In November 2003 Byron Dodd of Bryant Food Services was selected as the Club's contract caterer.

Grant Reed took over the restaurant in February 2004 and named it "Restaurant Germania". Grant is still providing a very satisfactory service as an increasing patronage indicates.

## **THE OFFICE**

**It was soon realised that the Secretary Manager could not, besides all his other duties, cope with the repetitive day-to-day clerical work. At the end of each day's trading, the takings at the bar were counted and recorded by the bar attendant on duty. The takings were then locked in the office safe, to be checked the next morning and recorded in the income book. A new set of change-money had to be prepared for the cash registers. Poker machines had to be cleared, and the income and payouts entered in a special book provided for this purpose. Invoices forwarded by suppliers had to be checked against delivery records, and had, of course, to be paid by the due time. Incoming money had to be banked. Wages for the staff had to be prepared in accordance with the timesheets submitted by the employees. The tax office had to be satisfied. The membership register was to be kept up to date, and membership applications needed to be processed. There were also many other items to be attended to. To help with all this work, part time office staff were employed. The memoirs of the longest serving employee in this capacity who became Office Manager can be found on the next page.**

Congratulations and Happy Birthday Germania Club in this your 50<sup>th</sup> year.

For almost half of those years I have been a part of the club and hold many fond memories and recollections. I started work here in 1982 initially as a casual cleaner for 2 days a week.

In October 1983 I was asked to help out in the office due to unexpected circumstances. I then took over the office manager's position. I was thrown in the deep end with limited experience and invariably learnt by my mistakes.

I can remember the Taxation Department ringing and asking why the club has not paid any tax, I replied what tax! However with a lot of help and patience from Güenter Koenig we managed to rectify everything.

Work was very hectic at times and I can remember working 7 days a week, being called in night and day sometimes, but most of all I appreciate all the many friends I have made along the way.

Over the years there has been numerous Presidents, Secretary Managers, Hon Secretary Managers, Directors, Kitchen and Bar Staff, Members and club patrons too many to thank here individually.

I would, however, like to give special mention to the late Club President George Bonzio with whom I worked for many years. George was a great boss and friend. I would also like to make mention of the late Güenter Koenig who was a great help to me in many ways. They are both sadly missed.

I remember operating from my tiny office at the front of the club and have seen many alterations since then. I have seen many Oktoberfest and would work 6 months prior to the event trying to make sure everything was in order. The introduction of computer technology scared me at first but thanks again are due to another club and personal friend Gerald Fehlberg who showed a lot of patience and devoted a lot of time to ensure the smooth transition.

In closing I would like to extend my personal thanks and good wishes to all the Club Staff past and present who have and continue to make my time with the club a rewarding one. There are many stories to be told but I must save something for my retirement farewell. In closing I wish the club all the best for the future and congratulations on your 50<sup>th</sup>.

Yours truly,  
Eva Carter.

## **THE SUB GROUPS**

**In any community, people who have the same interests are unified. The same happened with a number of club members. Some of these interests applied to the German-speaking members only, such as the Austrian/Bavarian Folk Dancing; the Choir, singing and presenting German songs at concerts and club functions, especially at Christmas celebrations; Karneval; Skat, a card game predominantly played by Germans all over the world and the Ladies Group which had no specific interests, but supported the Club in many ways. The activities of other groups that were not limited to German-speaking members included shooting, fishing, general light athletic sports, table tennis and chess.**

**As the lock-up-stage of the clubhouse construction was achieved in June 1971, members started to form sub groups and used the available rooms for their activities. At this time the Board of Directors found it advisable to create the “Guiding Principles for the Foundation and Administration of Groups within the Germania Club Newcastle Limited”. These by-laws, which were primarily drafted by Hugo Rive, were approved by the Board of Directors on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1971 and confirmed on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1971. They were never rescinded. A copy can be found in the Appendix. Later, regular quarterly meetings of the Committee with all sub group leaders were held, mainly to co-ordinate timing of social functions and other matters of general interests.**

**Following are the histories of these sub groups, not necessarily in chronological order of their founding dates. Unfortunately, not all sub group leaders have forwarded the history of their groups. The histories of the remaining sub groups were put together from reports published in the Club’s news letter “Rundschau”. A brief account of their activities is presented, including the names of the respective leaders with the approximate starting date of their tenure.**

## THE LADIES GROUP

**Hugo Rive's article about the Ladies Group published in the "Rundschau", issue May 1987, could perhaps not better portray the activities of the Ladies. Following is a copy of this article together with a translation by Mick Fauchon.**

Mai 1987

R U N D S C H A U

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Wenn wir schon dabei sind die Gruppen zu erwahnen die deutschen Sitten und Gebraeuche hochhalten, dann durfen wir auf keinen Fall unsere Frauengruppe vergessen, die Heizenmaennchen- oder vielmehr Frauen, die immer stillschweigend fuer den Klub in Hintergrund arbeiten. An allen bekannten deutschen Festen, sei es Ostern, Maifest, Pfingsten, Muttertag ( Vatertag ???) Oktoberfest oder Weihnachten um nur die bekanntesten zu nennen, ist die Frauengruppe bei den Vorbereitungen massgeblich beteiligt. Sehr wenige wissen, dass diese Damen Stunden um Stunden, Monat fuer Monat und Jahr fuer Jahr, Zeit, Geld und Material spenden um uns und Gaestendes Germania Klubs auf solchen Festen mit deutschen Spezialitaeten, Torten, Kuchen, Puppen, Spielzeug Stickereien usw. zu versorgen. Den erzielten Ueberschuss, wenn vorhanden, spenden sie dann auch noch teilweise um den Klub bei speziellen Ausgaben zu unterstuetzen.

Da die Taetigkeit dieser Gruppe niemals im "Rampenlicht" unserer Klubveranstaltungen steht sagt die Rundschau zur Frauengruppe : " D A N K E und nochmals D A N K E " fuer das was Ihr fuer den Klub getan habt und hofft, dass sich der Klub bewusst ist welchen wertvollen Besitz er in dieser Gruppe hat. (hu)

While we're on the subject of mentioning those groups which uphold the German customs and traditions, then we must on no account leave out the Ladies' Group: those Little People --- or rather Little Ladies --- who work away quietly in the background for the Club. They are always actively involved in the preparations for all the German celebrations, like Easter, May Festival, Mothers' Day (Fathers' Day?), Oktoberfest or Christmas, to mention only the most well-known. Very few people are aware that hour after hour, month after month, year after year, these ladies donate time, money and material to provide us and the Club's guests with German specialties like tarts, cakes, dolls, toys, embroidery, etc. at these celebrations. Part of the money that they make, they then donate to the Club to support specific projects.

As the activity of the group is never in the limelight at the Club's activities, the Rundschau would like to say to these ladies: Thank you, and Thank you again for what you've done for the Club, and may we hope that the Club is aware of what a valuable resource it has in this Group.

**The following summarized history of the Group was compiled by Irene Rottinger. This narrative is mainly based on the booklet "20 JAHRE FRAUENGRUPPE" by Wilma Lukasek and the memoirs of Otti Bellemann who is today the leader of the Group.**

### **LADIES AUXILIARY 1971 ONWARDS**

In the year of 1971 a group of ladies from the Germania Club came together with the idea to get to know each other better. Friendships were made during afternoon meetings with homemade cakes and the opportunity to exchange memories from the home country. As more ladies joined the group it became a sub group of the Germania Club under the name of the Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs Trlin was selected as our first leading lady, followed over the years by Mrs Koenig, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Rottinger, Mrs Schomburg, Mrs Lukaseck and Mrs Bellemann.

After the Germania Club bought a block of land and building of a clubhouse took place, the Ladies Auxiliary gave a helping hand by being responsible for the interior of the clubhouse. With little money available but a lot of enthusiasm the ladies got busy buying material for curtains, table cloths, room dividers, then purchased the wallpaper, murals and carpet. After all the hard work everything was ready for the official opening of our clubhouse. It was a big achievement and every participant was very proud.

With the hard work also came many special outings. From shopping sprees in Sydney, wine tasting, the botanic gardens, cake factories, barbeques and many more. It was always a lovely day out.

Now over the years members have passed away and the group is not as strong. However, the Ladies Auxiliary continue to help the club at every function by donating lovely prizes from the Tombola as well as selling raffle tickets and visiting sick members in hospital or at home. The Ladies Auxiliary is still a helping hand for the Germania Club.

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## 20 JAHRE

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GERMANIA CLUB

**The Ladies Group at Christmas 1989**



**Standing:** Magda Harm, Wilma Lukasek, Waltraud Pieknik, Gerda Braun, Maria Csegedi, Mathilde Andrunas, Waltraud König, Marianne Lehmann, Irmgard Celinski, Maria Schneider, Hanna Balcunias, Käte Kreuzer, Otti Bellemann, Steffi Winder, Gerda Kobier, Gretel Mamero.

**Seated:** Hanna Dall, Frieda Krüger, Margaret Statkus, Ilse Zaleskiewicz, Ilse Schomburg.

## **THE FOLK DANCING GROUP**

### **History of the Folk Dancing Group "Edelweiss" of the Germania Club Newcastle.**

**In February 1975 Mr and Mrs Michael and Mathilde Gronold, who lived in Belmont, and came from Klagenfurt (Austria) decided to establish a German-Austrian adult folk dancing group. When the group was established it became known as the Folk Dancing Group "Edelweiss" of the Germania Club Newcastle.**

**They performed at various clubs and organisations as well as retirement villages. The musician was Mrs Susi Scott of Warners Bay. Susi was an excellent accordion player and played for a number of years.**

**In 1977 the adult group was dissolved and a children's group was established. The young group quickly became known as a talented dance group and danced at schools, shopping centres, retirement villages, Hunter Valley wineries, Newcastle University and at various clubs. When Susi Scott retired as musician the group was back to taped music again. In 1981 the group received their first invitation to the Folk Dancing Fest in Adelaide, South Australia. It was an experience like no other.**

**Just before the May dance in 1983, Michael Gronold convinced Franz Kainz from Garden Suburb to become their musician and the taped music went back into the drawers.**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Brücke Folkdance Fest was held at the Germania Club during Easter in 1983. The young group was host to nine guest groups from as far as Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Wollongong and Sydney. From then on there was no stopping as the group became more and more experienced and Franz became one of the best accordion players around.**

**At this stage the group had over 40 dancers and ranged in age from 6 to 14 years and danced in all states except N.T. and Tasmania. Then in 1989 after the Folk-dancing Fest in Perth, Michael Gronold retired as leader, as did Mrs Gronold who was in charge of the girls and the costumes. Rudi Seyerl took over the leadership of the group and with the help of older dancers and some of their parents continued to be successful.**

**The group bought their first set of Alpenglöckchen and were able to purchase new Dirndlkleider for the girls and Lederpantons for the boys. The group was**

complimented in dancing circles for their professionalism and appearance, and performed at every Oktoberfest and May dance at the Germania Club and various other locations.

In June 1993 the group was invited to dance at the Sydney Opera House for the Folkloric Festival which was held from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of June and the group won the prize of the day. The dancers who performed at the Opera House were:

Boys.

Robert Jurzak, Andrew Brill, Steven Rosemond, Rodney Winter, Steven Balciunas and Troy Duncan.

Girls.

Doris Jurzak, Bettina Winter (nee Seyerl), Cheryl Wilkins (nee Rosemond), Melita Robertson (nee Duncan), Rebecca McPherson and Joann Balciunas.

In 1999, the 13<sup>th</sup> Brueke Folkdance Fest was celebrated at the Germania Club, Warners Bay. The Edelweiss Dance Group was host to 14 dancing and bell-ringing groups which came from Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Wollongong and Sydney. After the Folkdance Fest, Rudi Seyerl retired after 10 years as group leader and Mr Troy Duncan and Mr Steven Rosemond took over joint leadership.

In the year 2000 an invitation was extended to the group to dance at the Olympic Games in Sydney. It was an awesome experience.

Two years later the group came to a standstill as most of the dancers had work commitments or moved away from Newcastle.

It has recently come to my attention that an invitation has been extended to the group for the next Folkdance Fest and the remaining members will make every effort to participate at Easter in Canberra.

Yours, R. Seyerl.

**The Adult Folk Dancing Group performing the “Bänder Tanz”  
at the 1975 Oktoberfest in the Clubhouse.**



**Edith Happ, Sepp Maier, Judi ?, Michael Gronold, Irene Rottinger, Luis ? Gerda Dixon, Maria Rupek, Anton Rupek, Käte Piotrowicz, Oskar Nebart, Hilde Gronold**

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**Günter Fröhlich (Jolly), Werner Gajewski, Hans Köchel, Allen**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Folk Dancing Festival of the of the “Brücke” on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1993 in Sydney**



**The Bell Ringers: Melita Duncan, Bettina Seyerl, Sheryl Rosemund, Doris Jurzak**

**Folkloric Festival 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 1993 at the Sydney Opera House**



**Sheryl Rosemond, Bettina Seyerl, Rodney Winter, Doris Jurzac, Andrew Brill, Robert Jurzac, Joann Balciunas, Rebecca McPherson, Melita Duncan, Stephen Balciunas, Stephen Rosemond, not shown  
Troy Duncan**

## LORELEI CHOIR

History 1962 – 2007

### “FOR THE LOVE OF SINGING”

It all began in 1962 when our club committee was approached by the Mattara Festival committee to think about a contribution by the Germania club to make this festival a more multi-cultural event. The club's committee thought a singing group or choir would be a very good idea. Initially about 10 – 12 people came to the first choir practice. Their musical director was Eva Kiso. Practice was held at Charlestown community hall and in each others homes.

Unfortunately the singing ceased in 1966 – 1967 because of the members various commitments. After some time the group recommenced with choir practice and Boris Dentiuk conducted for a season. Later on Anton Kirchner conducted the choir. Practice was held at the Garden Suburb community hall and other locations. The choir mainly performed for the German community celebrations such as the annual Christmas party, dances and other events. During that time the Germania club purchased land at Hillsborough Road and later started building a clubhouse. The singing ceased again during this busy time.

But the love of singing did not cease. In 1974 the German Saturday school and the German community started a new choir. The “Lorelei Choir” was founded in September 1974 and the musical director was Anton Kirchner. The weekly practice was held in the clubhouse at Hillsborough Road. The pianist was Don Watchhorn and later Ruth Blair.

In 1976 the first international concert was held at the new clubhouse. The choir joined the Deutscher Saenger Bund (German Choral Society) and was a founding member of the German Choral Association of Australia. It later became a member of the Newcastle and Hunter Ethnic Choral Society. Anton Kirchner conducted the Lorelei Choir from 1974 to 1981.

In 1982 Stasys (Stan) Zukas took up the baton and in 1984 Margaret Ulanas joined the Lorelei as their pianist. Algis Ulanas came on board as relief conductor. The choir became bigger and better and kept performing at many, both large and small,

events. From 1983 the choir held their first own annual concert as well as the multi-cultural concert at the clubhouse.

From 1979 to 2002 the choir took part in every German / Australian singing festival, travelling to Melbourne, Sydney, Wollongong, Adelaide, Tanunda S.A., Canberra and Brisbane. These Saengerfests are a musical celebration of song and culture in the German tradition, in which all German choirs of Australia participate. Our choir performed in many nursing homes around Newcastle and Maitland areas, at the Lutheran Church Christmas service and the Sacred Heart Cathedral, and of course our own club's festivities.

Stasys Zukas conducted the Lorelei choir successfully for over 20 years until 2002. Margaret Ulanas was Lorelei's pianist for 18 years. Both retired in December 2002. A difficult time started again. But the pleasure derived from singing by the members led to the decision to keep the choir going. A short time later we could engage Brian Iles as conductor and Ron Parmeter as pianist.

In September 2003 we were very lucky to engage Neville Taylor as our conductor and Helen Huttley was our pianist. When Helen retired, Margaret Lloyd joined the Lorelei choir. Both are accomplished conductors as well as pianists.

The Lorelei choir was extremely fortunate to have found, since its inception, such dedicated conductors and pianists. Their devotion has enabled us to keep the choir performing over all these years.

The Lorelei committees, past and present, deserve all our gratitude for their hard work and dedication. Without these, and our singers, we would not have had a choir.

Our German songs keep the spirit of our German musical culture alive in our chosen homeland of Australia.

Kind regards,

*Eva Brill*

## Christmas concert 1988



**Back row:** Lindsey Porter, Friedrich Dilcher, Hank Pelzer, Peter Hoetzer, Mick Fauchon, Ignaz Piotrowicz, Heinz Brill, Stuart Wrightson, Franz Seidl, Kurt Bindig, Helmut Pieknik, Stan Heyne.

**Second row:** Hannelore Fauchon, Janet Poetschka, Eva Brill, Waltraud Pieknik, Magda Harm, Johanna Umbach, Kaethe Lienau, Renate Seidl, Rita Mathews.

**Front row:** Stasys Zukas (Conductor), Margaret Ulanas (Pianist), Gwen Stevens, Eva Maslovsky, Luise Eschebach, Zena Zakaruskas, Lilo Gajevsky, Elfriede Farrel, Johanna Balciunas, Kaethe Piotrowicz, Gertrude Cammbridge.

**Lorelei's concert 1996**



**Back row:** Heinz Brill, Gerhard Maslovsky, Mick Fauchon, Barry Poor, Patrick Lienau, Peter Day, Helmut Pieknik, Stuart Wrightson, Franz Seidl.  
**Second row:** Heidi Wichmann, Unknown, Elizabeth Barta, Charlotte Kouril, Marlorie Mooy, Hannelore Fauchon.  
**Front row:** Eva Brill, Elisabeth Schnute, Stasys Zukas (Conductor), Luise Eschebach, Eva Maslovsky, Elfriede Farrell, Johanna Balciunas, Renate Seidl, Margaret Ulanas (Pianist), Marlene Boehmer.

Children's choir formed in 1963 by Eva Kiso (Club foundation member No. 2), who is also the conductor of this group.



Front: 4<sup>th</sup> girl from the left is Rosemarie Pieknik  
Rear, extreme right: Karl Heinz and Harold Pieknik

## THE KARNEVAL GROUP

The following is a contribution by the foundation members of the Group,

Wally Down and Joachim Schütte.

The "Karneval" has its origin in the city of Cologne, Germany. Its inauguration date is the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1823. Karneval endeavours mainly to create harmless amusement and a jolly good time for all participants. It is celebrated all over the world where German immigrants settled. In 1979 an international Karneval Festival was staged in Cologne which was also attended by members of this Group.





Happy Anniversary from the Flotte Elf.

In January 1976 about a dozen men decided to establish a Karnevalsgroup within our club. We met at the end of January and selected a council of eleven with the name of "Flotte Elf". The constitutions were written and we were on our way. All our gear and uniforms were made by voluntary labour. We contacted some Sydney clubs and our first invitation and outing took place in Richmond, November 1976. It was an instant success; all the clubs were impressed and we had invitations to Canberra and several clubs from Sydney and Wollongong. The next years were great fun on the road and within our club. We always had a full house. We travelled to Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide, Wollongong, Geelong, Bundaberg and of course to Sydney. Respectively, we had a lot of visits from all over Australia to our club.

We changed our uniforms and it was known all over Australia that Newcastle had the best uniforms. We participated during the Oktoberfest to raise some money for our ever increasing costs.

Our first president was Hans Horsch, followed by Addy Engels, who died young. Wally Down took over, with a short year by Gerhard Bünning.

We travelled a lot and all our far away trips were combined with a little holiday. We had great fun but the expenditures and costs got bigger; although, we got older and a new replacement was not in sight.

We had street marches in full uniform in Brisbane, Adelaide and also in Newcastle at the Mattara Festival. Our club was always full and the years flew by. Our 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary was over two weekends because we had more than a dozen clubs from

all over the country. It was great fun. As we got older the expenses killed us. After 20 years we decided to call it quits, but only superficially. Most of our members are still meeting together every few months for birthdays or for special events at the Germania Club. We are hoping this trend will continue for as long as we can.

Three times Flotte Elf Alaaf.

From our last secretary, Joachim Schuette and our last president, Wally Down and all members.

*Wally Down, J. Schuette*

**The Karneval Group 1987**



**Standing:** Ingo Schütte, Georg Lacko, Therese Down, Wally Down, Gerhard Bünning, Jonny Schütte, Andrew Hampo, Heinz Schubert, Peter Schneider, Dean Rotapfel, Lilo Hampo, Karl Gerste  
**Front:** John Schütte, Kylie Kemp, Angela Davis, Christine

## **THE AIR RIFLE GROUP**

Leo Kobier invited all members of the Club interested in forming an Air Rifle Group to attend a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1971 at the Clubhouse.

A trial shooting was arranged for the afternoon of 24<sup>th</sup> March 1971 where Mr. Schubert from the German-Austrian Association in Cabramatta explained and demonstrated the fundamentals of air rifle shooting with the rifle he brought with him. Twenty members attended the meeting. This was followed by the inaugural meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1971 where Karl Bellemann was elected the first group leader.

From that time, the Group grew steadily and is still going strong. Over the years the group managed to purchase a number of air rifles (minimum cost \$5,000 each), also, some members bought their own rifles. With more rifles available, the time for shooters awaiting their turn was greatly reduced, and practice shooting proceeded more speedily. The first rifle range was set-up in the Clubhouse, which had reached lock-up-stage about that time. Because of a change in the Fire Arms Act (air rifles are classed as fire arms) it was no longer permissible to have a rifle range in the Clubhouse. Thus, another venue had to be found and the rifle range was moved to the Masonic Hall in Cardiff. A proper rifle range, funded by the Club and partly by donations of voluntary labour of Group members, was built behind the Clubhouse. It was opened on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1976. The shooters were graded in accordance with their skill and competed not only in their own group, but also with members of other Air Rifle Clubs in their respective classes. In August 1971 the Group joined the "German Air Rifle Association in Australia". The members attended most competitions in other cities and states, and sometimes travelled as far as Perth. Reciprocating, the group hosted many local, State, and Australian championships. The medals and trophies awarded to the shooters are too numerous to mention here in detail. Finally it should be stated that not only men became shooters, but ladies joined the group as well.:

Members who served as Group Leader:

April 1974:	Adolf Fromhage	September 1982:	Adolf Fromhage
July 1974:	Richard Steuper	November 1982:	Paul Eicher
March 1975:	Adolf Fromhage	September 1987:	Dulcy Bush
April 1976:	Paul Eicher	July 1993:	Stephan Eicher
March 1980:	Adolf Fromhage	November 1994:	Dulcy Bush
July 1981:	Dulcy Bush	May 2007:	Dulcy Bush

## THE HEIMATKREIS

The nearest translation would perhaps be "The Homeland Circle". As the number of German-speaking people applying for membership declined, and the number of non-German-speaking persons increased, some of the long-standing German-speaking members invited their fellow members to form a sub group which would aim to care for the preservation of German customs and culture. Forty five members attended the inaugural meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1981 and voted that the new sub group should be named "Heimatkreis". It was also decided to meet on every second Sunday in the month. Günter Langebeck was elected as the first leader of the group. Some times Franz Kainz, and later Gerhard Maslovski entertained with accordion music to German songs.

### **Members who served as Group Leader:**

<b>January 1982:</b>	<b>Karl Bellemann</b>	<b>August 1993:</b>	<b>Franz Harm</b>
<b>December 1982:</b>	<b>Günter Langebeck</b>	<b>July 1994:</b>	<b>Trudi Manhart</b>
<b>March 1985:</b>	<b>Franz Harm</b>	<b>April 1998:</b>	<b>Karl Bellemann</b>
<b>September 1992:</b>	<b>Trudi Manhart</b>	<b>May 2007:</b>	<b>Karl Bellemann</b>

## THE SKAT GROUP

A German card game which is played all over the world where German immigrants settled, was first conducted by Mr. Pfeiffer every Sunday evening at the Orient Hotel in Cooks Hill. However, due to lack of attendance, this venture had to be cease. In April 1964 Walter Rahn proposed at a meeting of the Club to hold card and chess evenings regularly. But more than two years passed until Skat-players could meet once a month on a Saturday evening in the dining room of the Mattara Hotel in Charlestown, commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1964. Herbert Thomsen was elected leader of the Group. As this venue became unavailable in October 1967, the group moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Westminster Hotel in Hunter Street, Newcastle. This location was not very convenient, and in October 1968 the Skat-playing was abandoned until further notice.

Wilm Peters formed a new skat group in May 1972. The Group found accommodation in the Speers Point RSL Club and played there every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the month until the Clubhouse opened its doors. This new venue was very comfortable, and the number of regular Skat-players increased. Skat was now played every Wednesday evening, and still continues to this day. Sometimes a special Prize-Skat was held on a Sunday morning. As the Group joined the International Skat Players Association (I.S.P.A.), competition games with other Skat Groups were attended in Sydney, Cabramatta, Wollongong and Canberra. Three members of the Group, Wilm Peters, Hermann Jooksch, and Manfred Bär, would compete with 1200 players at the Skat World Championship held in Anaheim and Las Vegas, USA, at the end of November 1978.

Members who served as Group Leader:

July 1973:	Fred Gebbard	July 1986:	Wilm Peters
May 1974:	Wilhelm Philippzig	February 1988:	Hermann Schauer
August 1975:	Fred Gebbard	September 1988:	Wilhelm Philippzig
January 1976:	Wilhelm Philippzig	March 1990:	Otto Gremmer
February 1980:	Robert Raupach	February 1991:	Franz Plahuta
February 1981:	Wilhelm Philippzig	March 1992:	Wilhelm Philippzig
May 1981:	Robert Raupach	December 1992:	Otto Gremmer
October 1981:	Peter Lobien	March 1993:	Fred Gebbard
February 1982:	Wilhelm Philippzig	July 1993:	Otto Gremmer
January 1983:	Otto Gremmer	November 1994:	Franz Haberl
February 1984:	Hannelore Delfmann	May 2007:	Franz Haberl
June 1984:	Franz Plahuta		

## The Skat Group at Christmas 1980



- Rear:** Jörg Rolsch, Franz Beck, Otto Gremmer, Robert Raupach, Karl Krüger, Martin Thann, Herbert Wiedeck,
- 5th Row:** Manfred Bär, Fred Gebbard, Paul Fischer, Hermann Jooksch, Heinz Delfmann, Karl Delfmann, Helmut Pieknik, Günter Seifert, Bertold Müller,
- 4th Row:** Christian Braun, Willi Suchanow, Jupp Sowa, Franz Plahuta, Hannelore Delfmann, Wilhelm Philippzig, Käte Bär, Mr. ?, Willi Grabau
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Row:** Rosa Buvinic, Lene Engelmann, Gundi Gremmer, Friedel Grgas, Waltraud Pieknik, Ruth Lorenz, Adelaide Müller, Mrs. ?, Rosi Wille, Irene Rottinger, Janice Lobien,
- 2nd Row:** Maximina Trlin, Gerda Braun, Luise Grabau, Freda Raupach, Helmut Pieknik's sister visiting from Germany, Mrs. Vegh, Hilde Philippzig, Olga Schauer,
- Front:** Ignaz Piotrowicz, Peter Grgas, Peter Lobien, Kurt Bindig, Hermann Schauer,

**A special tribute must be awarded to Hilde Philippzig. She understood how to divert the Skat-players intense focus on cards by organising Sunday outings for the whole family. There were bus tours to Old Timber Town in Wauchope, Old Sydney Town on the Central Coast, the vineyards in Pokolbin, numerous picnic grounds and combined boat/bus tours and other events. At Easter time, Hilde conducted Easter egg searches at the Club's grounds for the children of the group's members.**

## **THE TABLE TENNIS GROUP**

**Helmut Pieknik and Gertrud Runken invited all members who might be interested in this indoor sport to a meeting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1971 in the Clubhouse. Twenty-two members attended. It was decided to play every Saturday afternoon, but this was later changed to Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. Heinz Brill constructed three quality tables. Thus 6, at doubles, 12 members could play simultaneously. The aim of the group was not so much to compete with other clubs, but more to provide the opportunity for physical exercise. However, as the skill of the players improved, A-grade players from the Newcastle Table Tennis Association (N.T.T.A.), Mr. M. Zistell and Mr. J. More were invited to act as instructors and referees. From June 1972 onward friendly competition games between the group's C-grade players and members of the N.T.T.A. were arranged. Group members Franz Haberl, Heinz Brill and Wilfried Runken could win a number of games.**

**In June 1973 the leadership of the group was taken over by Gertrud Runken.**

**After a short break in mid 1985, a new start was made on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1985, but due to lack of attendance, the group was finally disbanded early 1987.**

**The following are memories of Franz Haberl.**

**Mr. & Mrs. Haberl brought along their young sons, Robert and Gary, to play against our experienced members. The group grew bigger with better competition, and these boys later became champions.**

**In 1978, we hosted the Australian Championships – under the umbrella of the “Brücke”, at the Sports Centre next door to the club. The Germania Club Newcastle became the champion club when the Haberl family won all the singles and doubles titles.**

**It was the same result for our Club the following year in Sydney, but this time daughter Karin turned the tables on mum (Johanna) by beating her in the women's singles final. Needless to say, Karin had to clean up her own room from then on!**

**Robert Haberl became the Newcastle Champion from 1976 to 1980. He was ranked No 6 in New South Wales and won the NSW doubles titles with brother Gary. He was also the Australian Universities Champion.**

**Gary went on to win the NSW Championships and was Australian Champion from 1985 to 1990. He beat the No 1 Japanese player in 1983, and represented Australia many times, including competing in the Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea, in 1988.**

**It has now been many years since the table tennis group last played.**

**However, our former members still have many nice memories of meeting at the Germania Club every week, no matter what the weather, to play table tennis and enjoying the warm and friendly atmosphere.**

## THE ROMMY GROUP

This Group was formed by Freda Raupach in February 1983. The members were mostly "Skat-widows", spouses who accompanied their Skat-playing husbands every Wednesday evening to the Club. They used the time to play the not-so-sophisticated card game "Rommy". After a few years they decided to form their own sub group instead of being the appendix of the Skat group. They had their own prize-winning games and organized their own social functions to which the Skat-players were often invited.

Members who served as Group Leader:

February 1988: Olga Schauer  
March 1990: Gundi Gremmer  
March 1991: Jeanette Spontak

March 1992: Gerda Stec  
January 1997: Gertrude Runken  
May 2007: Gertrude Runken

The Rommy Group at Christmas time 1994



Standing: Hanna Dall, Brigitta Kügler, Vicky Ineze, Olga Schauer, Margarete Mamero, Gertrud Runken, Maximina Trlin, Gertrude Stec, Karin Hense, Waltraud Pieknik, Wilma Lukasek,

Seated in front: Gerda Braun, Steffi Winder, Inge Hense, Helga Sanders,

(The men, not being members of the group but attending the party, are not named)

## THE FISHING GROUP

**In October 1975 Kurt Bindig invited all interested members to form a fishing froup. As there was not sufficient support, he repeated this invitation in January 1976, and a group was finally established in November 1976 with Collin Reeves elected as leader. Following is a copy reporting the first outing.**

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### FISHING GROUP:

A Fishing Group was formed on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1976

President: Col Reeves TEL 497324

Secretary: Stewart Mc Lachlan

Treasurer: Bill Andrews

Scorer / Weighmaster: Kurt Hermann

The Fishinggroup had its first outing on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November to Moonee Beach with little success except for Wally Kosche who landed a 1.5Kg groper. We then moved to Redhead where Hubert Gross caught a 1Kg drummer. Stewart McLachlan caught a red rock cod after falling into a deep rock pool. (keep your eyes open). Col Reeves caught 3 snappers and one was raffled in the Clubhouse on return (proceeds to Fishing Group)

Kurt Hermann went to Catherine Hill Bay by error and it cost him a fortune for lost hooks and gear. We are looking for new members and all are welcome. For further information see Col Reeves or Bill Andrews.

**These outings followed the same pattern over the next seven years with reports of a variety of venues, and sizes and types of fish caught.**

**In mid 1983 the attendance waned and the group disbanded. The attempt to revive the group by Kurt Bindig in September and November 1983 was not successful.**

**Members who served ad Group Leader:**

**August 1978: Hubert Gross**

**May 1981: Brian Rowly**

**March 1983: Bill Shammy**

**September 1983: Kurt Bindig**

## **THE CHESS GROUP**

**Narrative by Group Leader Franz Haberl.**

**It was in the year 1973 when I, together with a few fellow chess players, started the Germania Chess Group. The Club building was by far not completed – only the walls, the roof and part of the floor were done. But as soon as one of the back rooms was useable we started to play. For years we played every Monday night, and as we had mostly reasonable members and I was the leader, it was only natural that they let me win most of the time.**

**That was OK, until one Monday the newly formed choir group decided to hold a practice night in the nearly completed main hall. We played the final games of the tournament and I had already bought the trophy and picked the spot to put it in the lounge room. Then here comes the choir and under the conductor Tony Kirchner, they practiced the beginning of a song “Am Brunnen for dem Tore” (“At the fountain in front of the gate”) – non-stop for hours!! I had a splitting headache and ended up losing two games, but I think the other players felt sorry for me and the let me win the rest, and so the trophy.**

**One serious incident happened one Monday night. As we were playing, there was a big storm going on outside – thunder, lightning, rain and suddenly hail as big as golf balls. It was so bad that the hail blocked up all the down-pipes and the water spilled over the roof sheets, and after a few minutes, the roof started to leak and water came out of all the light fittings in the whole building. There was no way to notify anyone in the middle of the night and so I was nominated to drive to Warners Bay to get Günter König out of bed to get the key for the meter box to turn off the power.**

**Well, that was one trip I have never forgotten – storm, lightning, hail – the road was covered with about three inches of hail. My car was slipping and sliding all over the place, and I thought a set of snow chains would have been handy, but I still made it!**

**On some nights we played until 1:00am and we had to write each other a note to give to our wives so that they would believe us!**

**There are lot of nice memories, but we could not stop the march of time. We all got older, with many members unable to concentrate as well as they used to, and many**

**members passed away. Therefore, for a few years, I was the only player left, and in each of those years, I won a trophy as I had no opposition!**

**Eventually, I ran out of space in the trophy cabinet, so I used our last few dollars for a few schooners of VB, and discontinued the group. But it was nice while it lasted!**

*Franz Haberl*

## **THE SPORTS GROUP**

**In September 1972 Paul Schwarz invited all Club members, men, women, and children of all ages, to form a sports group in order to provide the opportunity for engaging in physical exercises, gymnastics, light athletics, ball games etc.**

**This invitation was repeated in January 1973, also unsuccessful. Later, the informal gathering of a few members, Eddie Rottinger, Adolf Maurer, Hans Köchel, Werner Gajewski, Horst Richter and a few others every Sunday morning at the club's grounds in Hillsborough Road can be seen as the origin of the sports group. They jogged along Hillsborough Road and Medcalf Street to Ruswell Avenue, Speers Point, then returned to Eddie's home for a barbeque and beer.**

**However, in October 1975 Ernst Vogel finally established a sports group which met every Sunday morning at 10:00am behind the Clubhouse for light athletics, but later moved to the well established Dudley Sports Oval. Gymnastics were conducted every Monday evening in the Clubhouse's auditorium.**

**Soon Ernst Vogel commenced training eager and willing members for acquiring the German Sport Badge which is awarded in Bronze, Silver, and Gold. (A copy of the requirements can be found in the Appendix). Many members passed the tests, some repeatedly, which were carried out at the athletics field in National Park Street, Newcastle West. Mrs. L. Gebel from the German – Austrian Society in Cabramatta was the first examiner, but later Ernst Vogel and Gertrud Laufer became certified examiners.**

**In 1978 nine members of the group attended the German Sport Festival in Hannover, Germany, which is held every five years.**

**Regrettably, in April 1992 the group disbanded due to the aging of the members and lack of younger followers.**

**Members who served as Group leader:**

**February 1981: Helmut Hense**  
**June 1984: Ernst Vogel**

**October 1984: Helmut Hense**  
**January 1985: Ernst Vogel**



### **THE YOGA GROUP**

**An invitation to form a ladies yoga group was published in the June 1972 Rundschau by Irene Rottinger. It was proposed to meet every Wednesday evening in the now partly useable clubhouse. The inauguration meeting was held on Wednesday evening 26<sup>th</sup> July 1972. After the meeting the instructor started the proceedings and gave thorough explanations prior to all new exercises.**

**Regrettably, the group had to be disbanded in June 1973 due to the resignation of the instructor, and the search for a new one was unsuccessful.**

### **THE GROUPS THAT FAILED TO GET ESTABLISHED**

**In February 1969 Henry Pfitzner invited all interested members to form a discussion group. The aim was to discuss Club affairs and to submit suggestions to the Board of Directors. The meeting held in the West Wallsend Workers Club was unsuccessful, as were subsequent meetings scheduled for May 1975 and June 1977.**

**In August 1990 Peter Hötzer invited members to do ice stock shooting, a sport in which a polished metal disc with a stick-up handle in the centre was slid across over a level ice surface. This sport is predominantly practiced in Bavaria, Austria and Switzerland. A Sydney group gave a demonstration here on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1990, but attracted only a few onlookers.**

## THE GERMAN SATURDAY SCHOOL

The German Saturday School was primarily established in early 1960 to afford the children of German speaking parents the opportunity of a formal German language education. The school was, to a certain extent, funded by the Federal Republic of Germany through the German Consul General in Sydney. Of course, the parents were required to make up the shortfall. In order to raise the needed money, they founded the "Deutscher Schulverein" (German School Association). This organisation arranged social functions, i.e. dances, of which the proceeds were used to supplement the funds provided by the German consulate.

As now two German speaking bodies tried to earn money from the same population, the Club for building a Clubhouse, and the school for financing the education programme, an uneasy, perhaps even strained co-existence between these two organisations developed. However, from 1962 onward combined Christmas parties for the children were arranged.

During the next few years several meetings between committee members of both organisations were held to discuss the possibility of amalgamating the two German speaking groups, but failed mainly due to financial considerations. This situation changed as the lock-up stage of the Clubhouse construction was achieved, and in October 1972, one room could be let to the German Saturday School for a one off contribution of \$2,000.00 to the Club's building fund. (A copy of this agreement can be found in the Appendix).

From 1978 onward the school was taken over by the Club. The constitution of the Club had to be changed to add to the Board of Directors the position of "School Principal", whose task was to attend to the affairs of the school.

In 1992 the school was disbanded due to a lack of students.

<b>School Principals:</b>	<b>Günter Engel</b>	<b>from 1978 to 1985</b>
	<b>Günter König</b>	<b>from 1986 to 1988</b>
	<b>Irma Vick</b>	<b>from 1989 to 1990</b>
	<b>Ilse Schomburg</b>	<b>1991</b>
	<b>Helmut Hense</b>	<b>1992</b>

## THE CLUB IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

by **David E. Slee, President 2005 – 2007.**

Willi Grabau has done a wonderful job of recording the story of the first 50 years history of the Germania Club, using reports in past Rundschau, Annual Reports and Board Minutes, as well as personal reminiscences of members. This shows a rich tapestry of hard work, great fun and enjoyment, dedication and enthusiasm which built this Club up over many years.

Earlier members have a great deal to be proud of. As well as providing themselves with a means for self-help in a new country, they also created a window on their culture for other Australians.

Nevertheless, one thing which comes out of a reading of Willi's narrative is that the earlier momentum has been waning over more recent years, as both the Club and its Sub-groups found it harder and harder to sustain interest and enthusiasm, and members "slowed down" from the relentless effects of aging. The success with which German migrants integrated into their new home and society has had a further effect - the almost complete submergence of the next generation into the Australian scene. The unfortunate result has been that they have not had the strong need for the Club evident in their parents.

All these effects have seen the Club and its fortunes fading away, with the most likely end result that the Club would have to be closed in a few years time. The present Board believes that this would be a great loss, which we should do all in our power to avoid. We therefore have embarked on the job of re-inventing the Club into a sustainable form attractive to a wider range of Australians while still retaining the essence of its German origins and culture. To survive the Club must be run as the business its legal situation requires, rather than as a "social community" it tended to be in earlier years. To that end we must find a "niche market" where we can prosper.

Already we have achieved some redirection by our linkage with Orchestra Nova and their concerts, with the presentation of new different Bands on Saturdays, regular Trivia Nights, Poker Games on Sundays and the restarting of German language classes and the Edelweiss Folk Dance group.

In order to provide both the Board and the Club's members with a clearly delineated pathway to the future the Board is presently developing a detailed plan for the future. This will set out a clear vision of where the Club must be taken to survive, along with the strategies and action plans for getting there. For the first time we will have real budgets and financial management tools with which to manage operations. Only by running this Club business on a professional basis will success be attained, and to assist us in these endeavours we have recently engaged a Secretary-Manager.

By these efforts I am quietly confident that the future of the Club can be ensured, and that the Club will eventually have a role in this society we live in which members will be proud to be part of - one that provides a unique recreational experience, different to other Clubs, and one that continues to reflect the German heritage.

We live in rapidly changing times and our Club must change with those times if we are to survive – something all members wish for.

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## List of Foundation Members

(Supplied by Dieter Lacko)

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Engelbauer H.    | 30 Hunter St, WARATAH                |
| 2. Krause E.        | 3 Macquarie St, WALLSEND             |
| 3. Lacko G.         | 2 Ocean View Pde, CHARLESTOWN        |
| 4. Kiso G.          | 5a Corlette St, COOKS HILL           |
| 5. Peper B.         | 38 Vale St, BIRMINGHAM GARDENS       |
| 6. Steidle W.       | 134 Doran St, CARRINGTON             |
| 7. Pietsch R.       | 28 Ethel St, CARDIFF                 |
| 8. Loehr A.         | 32 Eighth St, ADAMSTOWN              |
| 9. Pieknik H.       | Hillsborough Rd, CHARLESTOWN         |
| 10. Starke H.       | 9 Tyrrel St, NEWCASTLE               |
| 11. Giesenhausen H. | 98 Naughton Ave, BIRMINGHAM GARDENS  |
| 12. Dettenhofer E.  | 28 Ethel St, CARDIFF                 |
| 13. Toldrian G.     | 19 Kemp St, JUNCTION                 |
| 14. Reinhard St.    | 172 Corlette St, JUNCTION            |
| 15. Friedrich E.    | 83 Hanbury St, MAYFIELD              |
| 16. Nasek A.        | 26 Robert St, MAYFIELD               |
| 17. Orzol L.        | 43 Dawson St, WARATAH                |
| 18. Bogner G.       | 51 Dickson St, LAMBTON               |
| 19. Grabmair J.     | Hostel Mayfield, MAYFIELD            |
| 20. Gevigek H.      | 22 Albert St, WARNERS BAY            |
| 21. Hoppe K.        | 9 Lake St, WARNERS BAY               |
| 22. Kleinfelder M.  | 32 Avon St, MAYFIELD                 |
| 23. Jacobsen J.     | 78 Lambton Rd, WARATAH               |
| 24. Luetgen H.      | 498 Pacific Hwy, BELMONT             |
| 25. Mueller A.      | Hostel, MAYFIELD                     |
| 26. Exner A.        | Hostel, MAYFIELD                     |
| 27. Illian E.       | 28 Brown Rd, BROADMEADOW             |
| 28. Danilov A.      | 89 Lawes St, EAST MAITLAND           |
| 29. Grigoschat V.   | 153 Dawson St, COOKS HILL            |
| 30. Hampo L.        | 18 Irving St, WALLSEND               |
| 31. Castan C.       | 14 Government Rd, DUDLEY             |
| 32. Schmidt H.      | 52 Park St, CARDIFF                  |
| 33. Horsch H.       | 23 Abel Lane, WALLSEND               |
| 34. Ivancevic D.    | 446 King St, NEWCASTLE               |
| 35. Beyer W.        | 4 Cherry Rd, Wimbleton Grove, KOTARA |
| 36. Dinkela H.      | 6 Bunn St, WALLSEND                  |
| 37. Birkner H.      | 58 Wallarah Rd, NEW LAMBTON          |
| 38. Zelensik E.     | 14 Edden St, ADAMSTOWN               |
| 39. Koerber H.      | 8 Cunningham St, BIRMINGHAM GARDENS  |
| 40. Krause W.       | 27 Ethel St, CARDIFF SOUTH           |

## List of Members who served on the Committee. (Board of Directors)

<i><b>Elected</b></i>	<i><b>President</b></i>	<i><b>Senior Vice President</b></i>	<i><b>Vice President</b></i>	<i><b>Hon. Secretary</b></i>	<i><b>Treasurer</b></i>	<i><b>Committee</b></i>
26/01/1957	Harry Engelbauer			Anne Lacko	Bernard Peper Guenter Kiso	Kaethe Krause Rudi Pietsch Willi Steidle Anton Loehr Erwin Fehlberg Helmut Pieknik Helmut Starke
4/06/1958	Ernst Krause		Helmut Pieknik	Kaethe Krause	Alex Danilov Rudi Pietsch	Li Lehmann Hans Horsch Herman Dinkela Bruno Koch Leo Orzel Kurt Flisikowski Herbert Koerber
28/01/1959	Ernst Krause		Helmut Pieknik	Kaethe Krause	Leo Orzel	Mrs Lehmann Herbert Koerber Otto Beste Ludwig Hampo Mr Rollich E. Friedrich
21/01/1960	Bruno Koch		Fred Gebhard	Kaethe Krause	Leo Orzel Inge Grabmeier	Karl Becker Rudolf Pfeiffer Mr Kierning Ernst Krause Mr de Boor Mr Bogner Mr Deutschlaender
17/01/1961	Willi Krause		Leo Orzel		Herbert Koerber Joseph Grabmeier	Li Lehmann Gerhard Wegner Fritz Herscheid Waltraud Krause Inge Koerber
19/01/1962	Herbert Koerber			Leo Orzel	Leo Orzel Joseph Grabmeier	Mrs Lehmann Kaethe Krause Willi Nothnagel Ernst Krause Fritz Leitinger Roswita Nothnagel Rosel Leitinger
30/01/1963	Willi Krause			Leo Orzel	Leo Orzel Joseph Grabmeier	Kaethe Krause Waltraud Krause Eva Kiso Willi Nothnagel Helmut Pieknik Mr Weisselberg
29/01/1964	Helmut Pieknik			Wilhelm Wirth	Willi Grabau Franz Harm	Kaethe Krause Mr Toedter Günter Kiso Herbert Morave Stephan Reinhard
26/01/1965	Helmut Pieknik			Wilhelm Wirth	Willi Grabau Mr G. Kalke	Kaethe Krause Ernst Krause Guenter Kiso Herbert Morave Stephan Reinhard

<b>Elected</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Senior Vice President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Committee</b>
9/02/1966	Helmut Pieknik			Willi Grabau	Georg Lacko Anne Lacko	Kaethe Krause Heinrich Umbach Wilhelm Wirth Stephan Reinhard Franz Brandt Guenter Koenig Gerhard Bueuning Andreas Hampo
31/01/1967	Helmut Pieknik			Willi Grabau	Guenter Koenig Gerhard Wegner	Kaethe Krause Franz Brandt Herbert Radtke Karl Bellemann Heinz Brill Ernst Krause Kaethe Radke Fred Lukas
22/01/1968	Helmut Pieknik			Willi Grabau	Guenter Koenig Karl Bellemann	Kaethe Krause Herbert Radtke Willi Krause Heinz Brill Georg Lacko Ernst Kaufmann Hans Augustiniak Walter Warsaw
21/01/1969	Helmut Pieknik	Karl Bellemann	Franz Brandt	Willi Grabau	Guenter Koenig	Georg Lacko Kaethe Krause Hugo Rive Maximina Trlin Hans Gause Heinz Brill Franz Lukasek
27/01/1970	Helmut Pieknik	Franz Brandt	Heinz Brill	Willi Grabau	Guenter Koenig	Kaethe Krause Hugo Rive Franz Lukasek Thomas Lienau Werner Koenig Georg Lacko Wolfgang List
24/03/1971	Franz Brandt	Hugo Rive	Wolfgang List	Willi Grabau	Guenter Koenig	Kaethe Krause Heinz Kuhn Werner Koenig Karl Bellemann Georg Lacko Hans Gause Ivo Trlin
9/03/1972	Franz Brandt	Hugo Rive	Wolfgang List	Guenter Koenig	Edwin Rottinger	Kaethe Krause Ivo Trlin Werner Koenig Heinz Kuhn Georg Lacko Willi Grabau Helmut Pieknik
30/03/1973	Franz Brandt	Hugo Rive	Werner Koenig	Guenter Koenig	Edwin Rottinger	Adolf Fromhage Willi Grabau Kaethe Krause Georg Lacko Helmut Pieknik Franz Staritz Ivo Trlin

<b><i>Elected</i></b>	<b><i>President</i></b>	<b><i>Senior Vice President</i></b>	<b><i>Vice President</i></b>	<b><i>Hon. Secretary</i></b>	<b><i>Treasurer</i></b>	<b><i>Committee</i></b>
29/03/1974	Franz Brandt	Hugo Rive	Edwin Rottinger	Guenter Koenig	Willi Grabau	Helmut Pieknik Kaethe Krause Adolf Fromhage Georg Lacko Ivo Trlin Heinz Kuhn Karl Schomburg
1/04/1975	Franz Brandt	Hugo Rive	Karl Bellemann		Willi Grabau	Adolf Fromhage Kaethe Krause Raimund Plentinger Helmut Pieknik Walter Runken Karl Schomburg Ernst Krause Inge Bradley
1/05/1976	Franz Brandt	Karl Bellemann	Irene Rottinger	Georg Bondzio	Willi Grabau	Otti Bellemann Inge Bradley Adolf Fromhage Ludwig Hampo
2/05/1977	Franz Brandt	Karl Bellemann	Irene Rottinger	Karl Schomburg	Willi Grabau	Otti Bellemann Manfred Baer Ludwig Hampo Heidi Troendle Gerhard Buenning Jakob Brandt Georg Bondzio
15/05/1978	Karl Bellemann	Gerhard Buenning	Irene Rottinger	Georg Bondzio	Willi Grabau	Guenter Engel Ludwig Hampo Werner Gajewski Robert Sherman
14/05/1979	Karl Bellemann	Karl Schomburg	Irene Rottinger	Secretary Manager	Heinz Kuhn	Guenter Engel Werner Gajewski Willi Grabau Adam Engels Georg Bondzio Ludwig Hampo Karin Horsch
12/05/1980	Franz Brandt	Paul Eicher	Hugo Rive	Secretary Manager	Peter Welcher	Guenter Engel Karin Horsch Otto Tischner Kurt Herrmann Georg Bondzio Ernst Vogel
24/11/1980	Franz Brandt	Paul Eicher	Hugo Rive	Secretary Manager	Willi Grabau	Guenter Engel Helmut Hense Guenter Koenig Georg Bondzio Georg Lacko Karin Horsch Ernst Vogel
5/10/1981	Robert Raupach	Guenter Langebeck	Irene Rottinger	Secretary Manager	Herbert Wiedeck	Guenter Engel Wilm Peters Martin Thann Irene Kirchner Ernst Manhart Franz Seidl Helmut Pieknik

<b>Elected</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Senior Vice President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Committee</b>
29/08/1982	Robert Raupach	Martin Thann	Irene Rottinger	Secretary Manager	Ernst Manhart	Guenter Engel Franz Harm Karl Krueger Wilm Peters Helmut Schwaerzler Willi Suchanow Peter Wutscher
21/08/1983	Robert Raupach	Helmut Schwaerzler	Franz Bellemann	Secretary Manger	Ernst Manhart	Guenter Engel Wilm Peters Otti Bellemann Hans Liebhardt Kaethe Piotrowicz Guenter Langebeck Norbert Tyborski Martin Mesh
26/08/1984	Robert Raupach	Helmut Schwaerzler	Rudi Pietsch	Secretary Manager	Ernst Manhart	Guenter Engel Hermann Schauer Norbert Tyborski Hartmut Duering Hans Liebardt Helmut Hense Georg Bondzio
15/09/1985	Robert Raupach	Hans Liebhardt	Rudi Pietsch	Secretary Manager	Ernst Manhart	Guenter Engel Norbert Tyborski Hermann Schauer Hartmut Duering Franz Harm Georg Bondzio Gerda Dixon Irma Vick
7/09/1986	Guenter Langebeck	Hartmut Duering	Norbert Tyborski	Secretary Manager	Franz Harm	Guenter Koenig B. Papadimitrius Dietmar Schirk Gerhard Maslowski Kaethe Piotrowicz Wally Down Otto Tischner Walter Kosche
23/08/1987	Guenter Langebeck	Hartmut Duering	Karl Bellemann	Secretary Manager	Franz Harm	Guenter Koenig Werner Gajewski Walter Kosche Brigitte Kuegler Ilse Schomburg Dietmar Schirk Otto Tischner John Radas
4/09/1988	Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Hartmut Duering	Secretary Manager	Franz Harm	Guenter Koenig Dietmar Schirk Walter Kosche Otto Tischner Werner Gajewski John Balziunas Ilse Schomburg Brigitte Kuegler

3/09/1989    Georg Bondzio    Karl Bellemann    Ilse Schomburg    Guenter Koenig    Franz Harm

Irma Vick  
John Balziunas  
Walter Kosche  
Hartmut Duering  
Brigitte Kuegler  
Lilo Gajewski  
Albin Oberekar

<b>Elected</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Senior Vice President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Committee</b>
26/08/1990	Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Hartmut Duering	Guenter Koenig	Franz Harm	Irma Vick Walter Kosche Lilo Gajewski Kurt Herrmann Helmut Schwaerzier Ilse Schomburg Brunhilde Winkler
1/09/1991	Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Hartmut Duering	Guenter Koenig	Franz Harm	Ilse Schomburg Walter Kosche Gerald Fehlberg Regina Janker Lilo Gajewski Brunhilde Winkler Harald Brockmann
13/09/1992	Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Brunhilde Winkler	Gerald Fehlberg	Guenter Koenig	Helmut Hense Regina Janker Egon Sasse Lilo Gajewski Kurt Herrmann Dietmar Schirk Otto Tischner
12/09/1993	Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Brunhilde Winkler	Gerald Fehlberg	Guenter Koenig	Regina Janker Dietmar Schirk Otto Tischner Lilo Gajewski Georg Lacko
25/09/1994	Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Brunhilde Winkler	Gerald Fehlberg	Guenter Koenig	Regina Janker Dietmar Schirk Otto Tischner Georg Lacko
17/09/1995	Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Brunhilde Winkler	Gerald Fehlberg	Guenter Koenig	Dietmar Schirk Otto Tischner Georg Lacko Joe Tobys Ben Piefke Nico Veken Joe Sowa
15/09/1996	Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Brunhilde Winkler	Gerald Fehlberg	Guenter Koenig	Dietmar Schirk Otto Tischner Georg Lacko Joe Tobys Joe Sowa Willi Nothnagel Barry Poor
21/09/1997	Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Brunhilde Winkler	Willi Nothnagel	Guenter Koenig	Dietmar Schirk Otto Tischner Georg Lacko Joe Tobys Joe Sowa Nico Veken
20/09/1998	Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Brunhilde Winkler	Gerald Gehlberg	Guenter Koenig	Joe Sowa Joe Tobys Otto Tischner Nico Veken Hartmut Duering Georg Lacko Heinz Brill

<b>Elected</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Senior Vice President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Committee</b>
19/09/1999	Brunhilde Winkler Georg Bondzio	Karl Bellemann	Joe Tobys	Gerald Fehlberg	Stuart Wrightson	Joe Sowa Otto Tischner Georg Lacko Kurt Herrmann Russell McLeary Kevin Poetschka
24/09/2000	Georg Bondzio	Heinz Brill	Kurt Herrmann	Willi Nothnagel	Stuart Wrightson	Georg Lacko Barbara Hamilton John Brown
23/09/2001	Gerald Fehlberg	Kurt Herrmann	Otti Bellemann	Guenter Koenig	Georg Bondzio	Georg Lacko Hannelore Weiss Guenter Froehlich Patrick Mahoney Richard Devon
22/09/2002	Willi Grabau	David Slee	Angelika Tischner	Guenter Koenig	Guenter Froehlich	Georg Lacko Vic Walmsley Dulcy Bush Chris Toner
21/09/2003	Kurt Herrmann		John Brown	Chris Toner	Guenter Froehlich	Vic Walmsley Joe Tobys Andrew Webber Albin Obereckar
19/09/2004	Kurt Herrmann		Hartmut Duering	Chris Toner	David Slee	Andrew Webber Vic Walmsley Willi Nothnagel
9/10/2005	David Slee		Norbert Tyborski	Ruth Grainger	Stuart Wrightson	Vic Walmsley Andrew Webber Sylvia Cathcart Kevin Poetschka Helmut Schwaerzler Peter van Es Nance Adams
24/09/2006	David Slee		Norbert Tyborski	Nance Adams	Stuart Wrightson	David Frey Ruth Grainger Vic Walmsley Peter Day Kurt Herrmann Werner Kohlrusch Peter van Es H-J Klenke

## **List of Secretary Managers**

<b>22/1/1975</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>21/7/1980</b>	<b>Günter König</b>
<b>22/7/1980</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>1/9/1980</b>	<b>Irma Vicks (acting)</b>
<b>2/9/1980</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>31/10/1980</b>	<b>Robert Raupach</b>
<b>1/11/1980</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>6/12/1981</b>	<b>Victor Folitarik</b>
<b>7/12/1981</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>7/3/1982</b>	<b>Otto Gremmer</b>
<b>8/3/1982</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>13/7/1982</b>	<b>Irene Rottinger</b>
<b>14/7/1982</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>14/3/1983</b>	<b>Willi Grabau</b>
<b>15/2/1983</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>7/10/1984</b>	<b>Martin Thann</b>
<b>8/10/1984</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>8/9/1985</b>	<b>Helmut Schwärzler</b>
<b>9/9/1985</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>12/10/1986</b>	<b>Georg Bondzio</b>
<b>13/10/1986</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>14/3/1988</b>	<b>Thomas Grabau</b>

**This position was not filled due to shortage of funds. The duties of the Secretary Manager were taken over by a management team formed by the President, Senior Vice President, Hon. Secretary and the Treasurer.**

<b>30/7/2003</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>8/12/2003</b>	<b>Anthony McNamara</b>
<b>7/3/2007</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>Scott Wesley</b>

## List of Life Members

24/3/1971	Ernst Krause †
24/3/1971	Kathe Krause †
30/3/1973	Helmut Pieknik †
30/4/1975	Günter König †
30/4/1975	Willi Grabau
10/5/1976	Heinz Brill
10/5/1976	Eddie Rottinger
29/8/1982	Michael Gronold †
13/9/1992	Hugo Rive †
13/9/1992	Karl Bellemann
12/9/1993	Franz Harm
17/9/1995	Franz Kainz
21/9/1997	Georg Lacko †

## List of "RUNDSCHAU" Editors

<b>Herbert and Käthe Radtke</b>	<b>July 1967</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>February 1969</b>
<b>Hugo Rive</b>	<b>March 1969</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>May 1971</b>
<b>Ingeborg Ostermeier</b>	<b>May 1971</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>February 1972</b>
<b>Hugo Rive</b>	<b>March 1972</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>June 1973</b>
<b>Willi Grabau</b>	<b>July 1973</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>June 1974</b>
<b>Irene Rottinger</b>	<b>July 1974</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>April 1975</b>
<b>Hugo Rive</b>	<b>May 1975</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>December 1975</b>
<b>Georg Bondzio</b>	<b>January 1976</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>April 1976</b>
<b>Irene Rottinger</b>	<b>May 1976</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>January 1980</b>
<b>Hugo Rive</b>	<b>February 1980</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>September 1981</b>
<b>Irene Rottinger</b>	<b>October 1981</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>June 1982</b>
<b>Günter Langebeck</b>	<b>July 1982</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>June 1983</b>
<b>Hugo Rive</b>	<b>July 1983</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>July 1984</b>
<b>Georg Bondzio</b>	<b>August 1984</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>January 1985</b>
<b>Hugo Rive</b>	<b>February 1985</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>May 1993</b>
<b>Günter König</b>	<b>July 1993</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>September 2006</b>
<b>David Slee</b>	<b>September 2006</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>-</b>

# List of donors to the Clubhouse Project

This List was closed on 20<sup>th</sup> January 1975.  
Any later Donations were published in the Rundschau

NAME	DONATION \$	HOURS WORKED	NAME	DONATION \$	HOURS WORKED
Air Rifle Group	450.00		Mr. R. and Mrs. H. Gerschler	10.00	11
Apex Engineering Pty. Ltd.	160.80		Mr. K. Gerste	123.75	38
Mr. Auclley	4.00		Mr. M. Gerste, Jr.	10.00	6
Mrs. I. Bacs	3.00		Mrs. Y. Gotsch (Fox)	10.00	44
Mr. A. Bahr	13.00		Mr. S. and Mrs. A. Goworowski	20.00	6
Mr. K. and Mrs. E. Baumann	40.00		Mr. S. Goworowski, Jr.	20.00	8
Mr. K. and Mrs. O. Bellemann	10.00	44	Mr. H. Grabau	20.00	
Mr. G. and Mrs. E. Berndt	30.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. L. Grabau	10.00	396
Mr. G. and Mrs. S. Bernhardt	10.00		Mr. W. Greggerson	10.00	
Broken Hill Proprietary Co.	500.00		Mr. O. Grammer	10.00	
Mr. K. and Mrs. H. Bindig	10.00	52	Mr. M. and Mrs. M. Gronold	20.00	27
Mr. J. and Mrs. A. Biscan	110.00	66	Mr. F. and Mrs. J. Haberl	10.00	156
Mr. P. and Mrs. G. Bluemel		9	Mr. L. and Mrs. A. Hampo	10.00	67
Mr. R. and Mrs. I. Bondzio	54.00		Mr. A. and Mrs. C. Hampo	10.00	24
Mr. S. and Mrs. I. Bradley	5.00		Mr. F. and Mrs. M. Harm	2.00	11
Mr. F. and Mrs. H. Brandt	16.50	255	Mr. G. Hausner		12
Mr. H. and Mrs. I. Brauer	14.00		Mr. K. Haydn		5
Mr. H. and Mrs. E. Brill	13.25	305	Mr. L. and Mrs. A. Heindel	14.00	15
Mr. J. and Mrs. F. Bruhn	10.00	20	Mr. M. and Mrs. A. Hermann		9
Mr. O. and Mrs. C. Bruhn	10.00	16	Mr. K. and Mrs. A. Herzog	30.00	
Mr. K. Buchholz	5.00	6	Mr. W. and Mrs. I. Hiebenga	20.00	
Mr. G. and Mrs. G. Buening	18.00	9	Mr. H. Hoelzer	2.00	
Mrs. I. Burke	25.00		Mr. K. and Mrs. U. Hogrefe	30.00	
Mr. S. and Mrs. M. Butkus	35.00	6	Mr. T. and Mrs. G. Hojer	10.00	3
Mr. J. Cameron	50.00		Mr. A. and Mrs. J. Hoppe	20.00	6
Cardiff Rotary Club	20.00		Mr. I. and Mrs. K. Horval	20.00	
Mrs. C. Castan	5.00		Mr. L. Iszmail	10.00	
Mr. L. Chamanszuk	10.00		Mr. E. Ivanly	10.00	
Chess Group	10.00		Mr. K. Jakob	2.00	
Mr. R. and Mrs. M. Clifford	7.00		Mr. B. James	3.00	
Mr. M. and Mrs. U. Cohen	10.00		Mrs. E. Jewiachow	3.00	
Concordia Club, Sydney	208.32		Mr. H. and Mrs. J. Jooksch	110.00	
Mr. D. Cook	91.00		Mr. A. Jopek	3.00	
Mrs. M. Coomber	5.00		Mr. B. and Mrs. H. Judd	12.00	
Mr. J. and Mrs. M. Czagedy	31.95		Mr. A. and Mrs. R. Jurzak	30.00	207
Mr. K. and Mrs. J. Cwach		29	Mr. F. and Mrs. E. Kainz	10.00	
Mr. H. and Mrs. I. Dabelstein	10.00	4	Mrs. H. Kainins	13.00	15
Mr. K. and Mrs. H. Dall	10.00	8	Mr. E. and Mrs. E. Kaufmann	10.00	21
Mr. A. and Mrs. H. Danilov	10.00		Mr. L. and Mrs. I. Keck	15.00	
Mr. B. and Mrs. O. Dentluk	10.00		Mr. L. and Mrs. J. Kennedy	50.00	
Mr. G. Deron	30.00		Mr. G. and Mrs. C. Kershaw	10.00	
Mr. B. Dickson	3.00		Mr. M. and Mrs. L. Kijko	10.00	
Mr. K. and Mrs. U. Diekamp	10.00	18	Mr. A. and Mrs. I. Kirchner	13.00	
Mr. F. and Mrs. F. Dilcher	10.00	18	Mr. P. Kleinert	10.00	
Mr. H. and Mrs. G. Dinkela	10.00	49	Mr. E. and Mrs. R. Kneis	10.00	55
Mr. H. and Mrs. I. Dinter	30.00		Mr. G. and Mrs. G. Kobler	40.00	
Mrs. S. Dinter	15.00		Mr. P. Kobler		1
Mr. J. Ditz	20.00		Mr. L. and Mrs. M. Kobler	30.00	
Mr. H. and Mrs. U. Duerig		31	Mr. G. and Mrs. W. Koenig	13.90	310
Eglo Engineering Pty. Ltd.	100.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. K. Koenig	10.00	74
Mr. P. and Mrs. E. Eicher	20.00		Mr. Kohlmeyer	10.00	
Mr. A. Eisele	10.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. I. Kohlrusch	10.00	41
Mr. E. and Mrs. K. Elvers	50.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. M. Kohlrusch		10
Mr. G. and Mrs. I. Engel	12.00		Mr. J. and Mrs. G. Kopper	20.00	
Mr. A. Erpelmayr		12	Mrs. Koras	10.00	
Mr. W. and Mrs. H. Faehndrich	10.00	20	Mr. E. and Mrs. M. Korige	10.00	
Mr. J. and Mrs. H. Fauchon	10.00		Mr. Kosmala	1.60	
Mr. B. and Mrs. I. Fengler	20.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. A. Kramer	20.00	
Mr. F. Ferrance	5.20		Mr. E. and Mrs. K. Krause	22.35	72
Mr. N. and Mrs. M. Fink, M.D.	90.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. W. Krause	10.00	18
Mr. A. Finkle	10.00		Mr. J. and Mrs. K. Kreuzer	28.00	13
Mr. H. Fitzner	20.00		Mr. J. and Mrs. H. Kriz	61.52	
Mrs. E. Fleckenstein	10.00		Mr. H. and Mrs. E. Kuehn	25.00	115
Mr. B. Forbes	18.00		Mr. H. and Mrs. L. Kuna	36.50	
Mr. A. and Mrs. R. Fostner	10.00		Mr. J. and Mrs. G. Kurylo	10.00	
Mr. D. Frank		4	Mr. H. and Mrs. H. Kvauka	40.00	
Mr. A. and Mrs. J. Franke	10.00	23	Mr. G. and Mrs. A. Lacko	10.00	331
Mr. J. and Mrs. T. Freihaut	10.00	23	Ladies Auxillary	680.90	
Mr. A. and Mrs. E. Fromhage	10.00	23	Mr. P. and Mrs. E. Lane		20
Mr. W. and Mrs. E. Gajewski	10.00		Mr. E. and Mrs. I. Langer	10.00	
Mrs. I. Gancarz	23.00		Mr. B. and Mrs. K. Langholz	25.00	6
Mr. E. Ganger	4.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. G. Laufer	10.00	38
Mr. J. and Mrs. B. Garrier		30	Mr. J. and Mrs. E. Laven	3.00	
Mr. J. Gates	16.00	24	Mr. Lawson	3.00	
Mr. H. and Mrs. M. Gause	10.00		Mr. A. and Mrs. K. Lederwaach	10.00	
Mr. R. and Mrs. E. Geisler	10.00		Mrs. R. Lersch	14.00	
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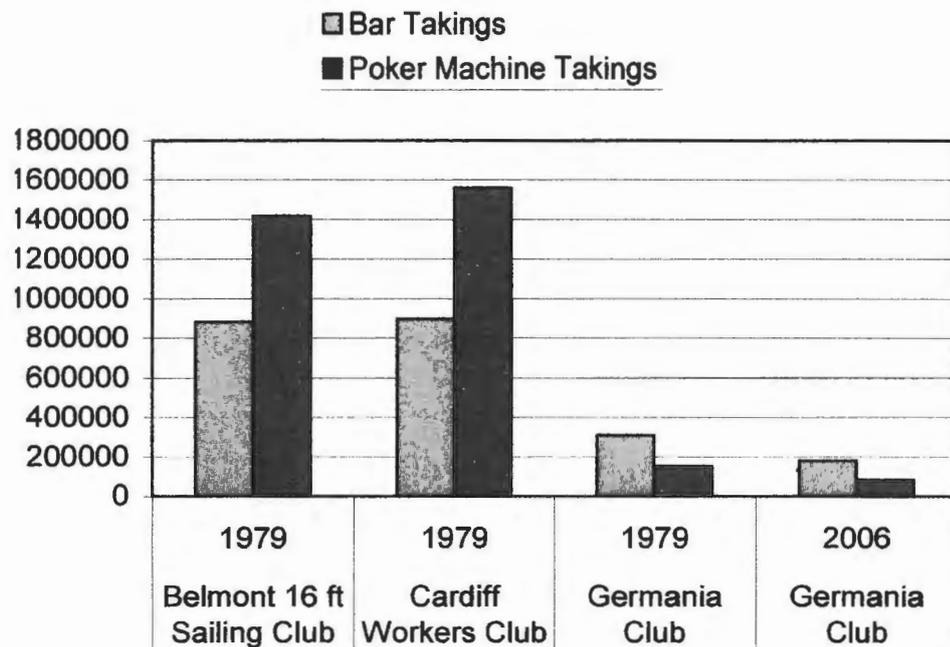
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NAME	DONATION \$	HOURS WORKED	NAME	DONATION \$	HOURS WORKED
Mr. J. and Mrs. K. Lienau	30.00		Mr. A. and Mrs. G. Saxarra	10.00	
Mr. T. and Mrs. H. Lienau	10.00	43	Mr. K. and Mrs. I. Schaefer	10.00	21
Mr. W. and Mrs. E. List	10.00	77	Mr. H. and Mrs. O. Schauer	43.00	23
Mr. Lohndorf	16.00		Mr. H. and Mrs. H. Schielinger	50.00	
Mr. F. and Mrs. R. Lorenz	30.00	8	Mr. J. Schlapp	10.00	
Mr. S. and Mrs. G. Lugger	10.00		Mr. H. and Mrs. H. Schmidt	10.00	
Mr. F. and Mrs. W. Lukasek	10.00	134	Mr. W. and Mrs. M. Schneider	30.00	
Mr. P. and Mrs. W. Lukas	10.00	33	Mr. K. and Mrs. I. Schomburg	10.00	62
Mr. F. and Mrs. C. Lukas	10.00		Mr. A. Schossow	10.00	
Mr. H. and Mrs. I. Lupinski	30.00	6	Mr. J. and Mrs. W. Schuette	30.00	7
Mr. H. Lupinski, Jnr.		13	Mr. P. and Mrs. C. Schwarz	20.00	
Mr. T. and Mrs. I. Lyall	10.00	29	Mr. G. and Mrs. C. Searant	5.00	
Mr. S. and Mrs. M. Maga	10.00		Mr. H. Sekinger	20.00	
Mr. S. Maier	10.00		Mr. K. and Mrs. R. Selinger	20.00	
Mr. K. and Mrs. M. Mamero		67	Mr. J. and Mrs. G. Sharples		4
Mr. G. Mansfield	10.00		Mr. G. and Mrs. I. Sindermann	44.00	
Mr. J. and Mrs. G. Markovic	50.00		Skal-Group	50.00	
Mr. P. Maurer	20.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. E. Siede	130.00	
Mr. A. and Mrs. M. Mavrinac		83	Mr. A. and Mrs. J. Spontak	33.00	
Mr. A. and Mrs. B. McGhee	10.00		Mr. O. Sprenger	11.95	36
Mr. G. and Mrs. M. McMurray		29	Mr. S. and Mrs. B. Springborn	10.00	6
Mr. W. Merkel	30.00		Mr. F. and Mrs. A. Staritz	60.00	
Mr. R. Merkel	123.75	6	Mr. S. and Mrs. B. Statham	10.00	
Mr. A. Miles	3.00		Mr. R. and Mrs. A. Steel	10.00	
Mr. A. and Mrs. U. Mirisch	10.00		Mr. S. and Mrs. B. Stegh	10.00	
Mr. B. Moncreth		16	Mr. R. and Mrs. C. Steuper	40.00	
Mr. W. and Mrs. D. Morgan	30.00	6	Mrs. E. Stewart	1.00	
Mr. P. and Mrs. F. Mueck	10.00	55	Mr. G. Stillier	28.00	
Mr. R. and Mrs. M. Mueller	40.00		Mr. M. and Mrs. E. Stocker	16.00	
Mr. Narowozzyk	13.00		Mr. G. Stockhausen	53.00	
Mr. O. and Mrs. C. Nebart	80.00		Mr. R. and Mrs. I. Sturies	10.00	
Mr. L. and Mrs. M. Nessl	25.00	16	Mr. F. and Mrs. I. Sut	20.00	
Mr. V. Nisner	15.00		Mrs. I. Swan	140.00	20
Mr. A. and Mrs. G. Obereckar	21.30		Table Tennis Group	50.00	
Mr. O. Doerfer	3.00		Mr. Tancre	10.00	
Mr. H. and Mrs. G. Oehfert	24.00	6	Mr. O. Terkowski	34.00	5
Mr. F. Oertli	88.00		Mr. S. Terry		10
Mrs. M. Opfermann	2.00		Mr. M. and Mrs. A. Thann	10.00	31
Mr. M. and Mrs. I. Ostermeier		30	Mr. H. and Mrs. G. Thomas	20.00	
Mr. A. Oswald	10.00		Mr. H. and Mrs. D. Thomin	200.00	
Mr. H. Pagel	20.00		Mr. H. and Mrs. T. Thomsen	41.95	19
Mr. F. and Mrs. A. Paltram	31.00	40	Mr. T. and Mrs. J. Thomsen	10.00	6
Mr. A. and Mrs. M. Panter	10.00		Mr. O. and Mrs. H. Tischner		24
Mr. L. and Mrs. R. Paszli	10.00	52	Mr. I. and Mrs. M. Trlin	10.00	47
Mr. W. and Mrs. E. Peters	20.00		Mr. K. and Mrs. A. Troendle	26.00	25
Mr. W. and Mrs. H. Philipzig	10.00		Mr. N. and Mrs. B. Tyborsky	30.00	19
Mr. K. and Mrs. G. Piccardi	30.00		V. D. A. Deutschland	44.67	
Mr. K. and Mrs. W. Pieknick	10.00	382	Mr. L. and Mrs. A. Verhorst	30.00	
Mr. K. and Mrs. J. Pieknick		23	Mr. E. and Mrs. H. Vilks	101.50	4
Mr. I. and Mrs. K. Piotrowicz	10.00		Mr. G. and Mrs. M. Voisin	30.00	
Mr. R. and Mrs. K. Pientinger	20.00	5	Mr. M. and Mrs. T. Vughts	10.00	
Mr. W. and Mrs. I. Pohl	10.00	6	Mr. K. Wagner	15.00	
Mr. T. and Mrs. J. Price	20.00		Mr. L. Walberer	5.00	7
Mr. D. Pulik	13.00	18	Mr. J. Waldherr	10.00	
Mr. P. Pulik	10.00	25	Mr. R. Walker	10.00	
Mr. O. Puschmann	23.00		Mr. N. Walter	15.00	
Mr. S. and Mrs. J. Radazdy	10.00		Mr. Walters	5.00	
Mr. H. and Mrs. K. Radke	10.00	15	Mr. H. Wardley	13.00	30
Mr. W. Rahn	10.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. E. Warsaw	15.32	12
Mr. J. and Mrs. A. Rasmanis	10.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. E. Wegner	10.00	7
Mr. S. and Mrs. I. Reinhart	10.00	56	Mr. H. and Mrs. E. Weisselberg	10.00	4
Mr. H. and Mrs. A. Richter	10.00		Mr. R. and Mrs. D. Wex	14.50	108
Mr. E. and Mrs. M. Rieber	10.00	21	Mr. H. and Mrs. H. Wiedeck	60.00	
Mr. H. and Mrs. F. Rive	100.00	65	Mr. W. and Mrs. R. Wiethof	10.00	23
Mr. R. Ropin		6	Mr. A. and Mrs. R. Wille	10.00	35
Mr. R. and Mrs. I. Roth	136.00		Mrs. G. Williamson (Wisperell)	107.00	
Mr. R. Roth, Jnr.	10.00		Mrs. I. Winni	3.00	
Mr. E. and Mrs. I. Rottinger	23.00	359	Mrs. J. Winn	10.00	
Mr. E. Rottinger, Jnr.		3	Mr. W. and Mrs. H. Winter	15.00	
Mr. H. and Mrs. I. Rudolph	10.00		Mr. W. and Mrs. K. Wirth	10.00	
Mr. A. Ruks	23.00		Mrs. K. Woltschenko	15.00	
Mr. W. and Mrs. G. Runken	10.00	189	Mr. R. and Mrs. B. Wyburn	20.00	
Mrs. Z. Russ	10.00		Yoga Group	114.96	
Mr. R. and Mrs. E. Rygusiak	30.00		Mr. B. and Mrs. K. Zajac	4.00	3
Mr. G. and Mrs. H. Sanders (Sorfozo)	40.00		Mr. S. Zajac	10.00	
Mr. O. and Mrs. T. Sass	10.00	40	Mr. M. and Mrs. I. Zajekiewicz	30.00	

## Comparison of poker machine takings against bar takings in other clubs.

(Taken from respective annual financial reports)

	Belmont 16 ft Sailing Club 1979	Cardiff Workers Club 1979	Germania Club 1979	Germania Club 2006
Bar Takings	880322	896789	308329	179405
Poker Machine Takings	1415914	1559615	152860	82241
Poker Machine Takings As % Of Bar Takings	161	174	50	46



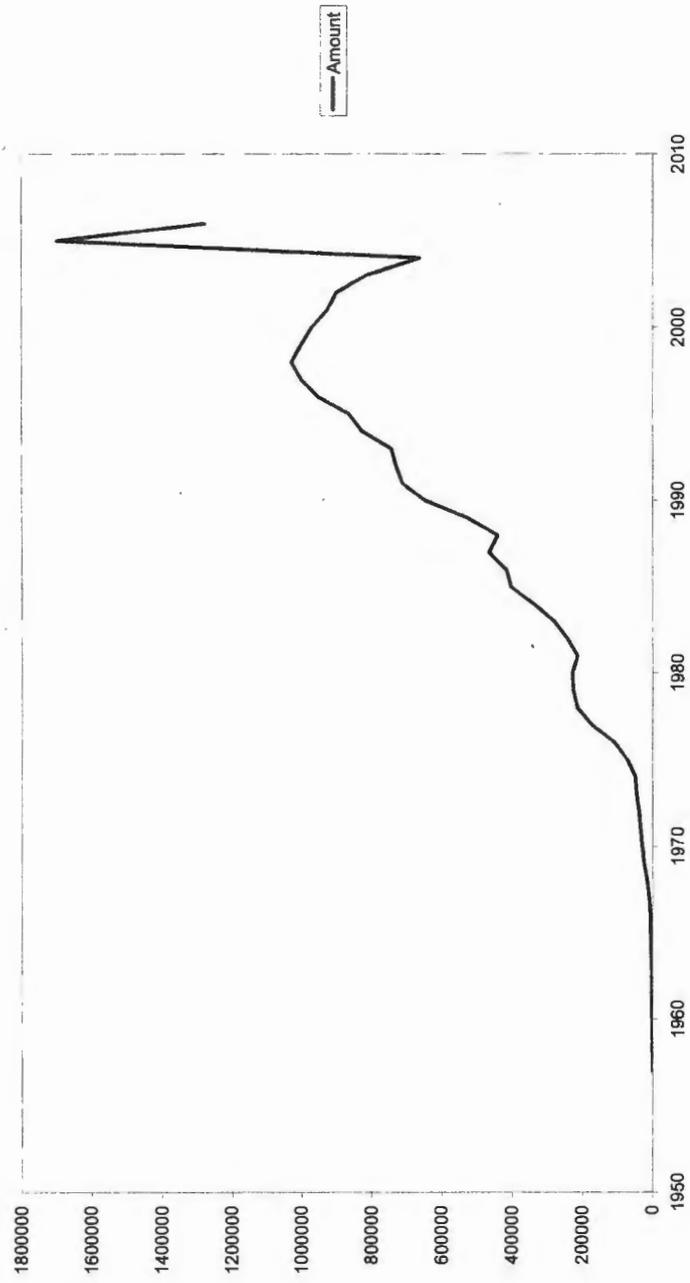
## **Accumulated Funds**

(Amounts at the end of financial years)

1957	\$232
1958	\$566
1959	\$1258
1960	\$1726
1961	\$2175
1962	\$2400
1963	\$3153
1964	\$4157
1965	\$5401
1966	\$6138
1967	\$9412
1968	\$15,380
1969	\$23,893
1970	\$29,747
1971	\$34,556
1972	\$39,161
1973	\$45,744
1974	\$48,960
1975	\$71,821
1976	\$108,489
1977	\$171,723
1978	\$215,036
1979	\$226,511
1980	\$229,504
1981	\$214,740
1982	\$242,444
1983	\$279,342
1984	\$337,690
1985	\$402,712
1986	\$415,415
1987	\$465,222
1988	\$440,452
1989	\$527,274
1990	\$647,068
1991	\$711,930
1992	\$729,942
1993	\$743,351
1994	\$827,639
1995	\$864,385
1996	\$952,656
1997	\$1,001,365
1998	\$1,030,052
1999	\$1,001,858
2000	\$970,736
2001	\$926,965
2002	\$901,166
2003	\$814,230
2004	\$663,030
2005	\$1,699,514
2006	\$1,278,849

“Accumulated Funds” show the total assets of the Club at the end of the financial year. Any profits generated during the following year are added to the Accumulated Funds. Any losses are deducted.

Accumulated Funds



## Profit and loss from outdoor Oktoberfests

1976 to 1998

(Taken from Annual Financial Reports)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Profit / Loss</i>	<i>% of Income</i>
1976	226.36	4.68
1977	1,088.25	8.54
1978	- 4,702.23	Loss
1979	2,960.10	17.98
1980	34,448.72	65.23
1981	29,120.89	35.02
1982	16,246.00	26.35
1983	52,054.00	48.38
1984	31,144.00	32.76
1985	18,215.00	27.58
1986	29,870.00	34.39
1987	23,279.00	25.37
1988	24,337.00	28.46
1989	28,100.00	31.53
1990	9,705.00	11.68
1991	28,979.00	30.73
1992	14,889.00	22.08
1993	11,359.00	14.31
1994	8,731.00	14.20
1995	12,120.00	14.68
1996	15,880.00	16.07
1997	25,192.00	25.23
1998	- 4,789.00	Loss

## **Guiding Principles for Groups with the Germania Club.**

1. Groups can be formed as the occasion arises, but only members of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited can become members of a group.
2. At least 10 club members have to participate in the formation of a group.
3. The formation of a group does need the approval of the Committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited. Club members intending the formation of a Group have to place a written application for approval before the Committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited. The application has to show clearly the aim and purpose of the group to be formed.
4. Supposition for the granting of approval for the formation of a group is:
  - a. That the activity of the group to be formed does not violate the rules of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited.
  - b. That the activity of the group is not the same as that of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited, but only a supplement.
  - c. That no similar group already exists within the Club.
  - d. That the Germania Club Newcastle Limited will be able to place the necessary rooms at the disposal of the groups.
  - e. That members of a group do understand, that first of all they are members of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited and secondly members of a group.
5. The relationship of a group to the Germania Club Newcastle Limited must be shown in its name.
6. As far as possible all conventions, practice nights and meetings should be held at the clubhouse.
7. A group can administer itself. In this case a committee has to be elected and own rules laid down, which have to be in accordance with the rules of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited. Before coming into force, these rules have to be placed before the Committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited for approval. An annual registration fee of not more than \$1.50 should be levied. A higher registration fee needs the approval of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited. The registration fee has to be used for covering the cost of administration as well as for providing of objects and equipment needed for carrying out the activity of a group.
8. Not more than one (1) Committee member of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited is permitted to belong to the committee of a group.
9. All implements and objects which are at hand at the groups, purchased by the groups, have been presented or donated to the groups, are the property of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited. As long as the implements or objects are destined to be used in competitions only, the right of use belongs exclusively to the appropriate group.
10. The groups have to inform the committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited in writing about days and times they intend to hold regular meetings or exercise evenings at the clubhouse, and have to apply in writing for the use of the clubhouse on these days.

The same applies for any changes in their schedule such as the requiring of additional days, cancellation of days or changing of times.

11. Dates of entertainment, meetings, decisions or information of official status, which are supposed to be published in the club's monthly paper "Rundschau", a newspaper or any other way not mentioned here, have, before publication to be placed before the committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited for approval. Exceptions are only regular meetings or exercise evenings already approved by the committee of the club. The committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited has the right to cancel any decision of a group which damages, affects or is contrary to the interest of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited.
12. The committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited has to be continually informed about all business matters of a group. Financial arrangements of any kind by a group, where it does not matter with which firm, business of person, requires always the written approval of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited. Otherwise they are null and void. Financial claims by a group against the Germania Club Newcastle Limited must also be submitted in writing to the committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited.
13. The secretary, treasurer or the accountant engaged by the committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited are entitled to examine the books of a group at any time. The books of each group have to be examined once a year by one of the abovementioned persons.
14. Arrangements with outside group or organisations which pursue similar aims and ends cannot be made without previous approval of the committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited.
15. With the approval of the committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited, outside organisations may be invited by the leader of a group for the purpose of competitions or meetings, provided they are in harmony with articles of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited. The leader of the inviting group is responsible for his guests.
16. Leaders of a group are asked to point out to guests which participate regularly in the activities of a group that they have to become members of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited after a period of 3 months. Should the books of the Club be closed at this time, guests should be asked to place their names on the waiting list of the club.
17. The articles of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited have always priority over the articles of a group.
18. These additional rules may be supplemented, reduced, changed or cancelled at any time by decisions of the committee of the Germania Club Newcastle Limited.
19. In case of the dissolving of a group all assets of this group will be inherited by Germania Club Newcastle Limited.

1<sup>st</sup> September, 1971.

# List of Requirements to obtain the German Sport Badge

## Allgemein

Der Deutsche Sportbund verleiht als Auszeichnung für gute vielseitige körperliche Leistungsfähigkeit das »Deutsche Sportabzeichen«.

Das Sportabzeichen soll den Menschen, denen der Sport eine Steigerung der Lebensfreude und eine Stärkung des körperlichen Selbstgefühls bedeutet, ein Prüfstein und eine Anerkennung für ihre körperliche Allgemeinausbildung sein, die sie sich durch den regelmäßig betriebenen Sport erworben haben und erhalten wollen. Es soll aber auch denen, die noch keine Leibesübungen betreiben, Anreiz sein, sich durch den Sport das vielseitige körperliche Können zu erarbeiten, das Voraussetzung für den Erwerb dieser Auszeichnung ist.

Das Sportabzeichen erfordert deshalb eine fünffache gute Leistung. Es ist eine Leistungsprüfung auf Herz- und Lungenkraft, auf Spannkraft, auf den Besitz von ausreichender Körperfertigkeit, Schnelligkeit und Ausdauer.

Das Sportabzeichen wird in drei Klassen, und zwar in **Bronze**, in **Silber** (versilbert) und in **Gold** (vergoldet) verliehen.

Wer in 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 Kalenderjahren oder in einem sonstigen Mehrfachen von fünf Kalenderjahren jedesmal die fünf geforderten Leistungen erfüllt, wird bei dem Erwerb oder Besitz des goldenen Abzeichens besonders ausgezeichnet. In solchen Fällen wird das goldene Abzeichen mit der Zahl 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 usw. ausgegeben. Es ist nicht Bedingung, daß die Prüfungsjahre ununterbrochen aufeinander folgen (Bronze- und Silberverleihungen bzw. Wiederholungen werden bei den Zahlen mitgerechnet). Bei der Errechnung der Zahlen werden auch alle nachweisbaren erfolgreichen Prüfungen für das Reichssportabzeichen und für Ländersportabzeichen aus der Zeit bis zum 1. 4. 1952 berücksichtigt.

## Sportabzeichen setzt Training voraus

Wer die Prüfungen für das Deutsche Sportabzeichen ablegen möchte, sollte sich über einen längeren Zeitraum gezielt darauf vorbereiten. Der tiefere Sinn des Sportabzeichens besteht auch in der hiermit verbundenen Anregung zu einem ganzjährigen Training; dann wird vermieden, daß bei der Prüfung die körperliche Leistungsfähigkeit u. U. überschritten wird. Turn- u. Sportvereine bieten regelmäßige Übungsstunden bzw. Kurse zur Vorbereitung auf das Sportabzeichen an. Eine sportärztliche Untersuchung wird angeraten!

*Schreibe*

erfolgreiche Prüfung

in Worten

Die Richtigkeit der als Wiederholung abgelegten Prüfung für das Deutsche Sportabzeichen wird anerkannt.



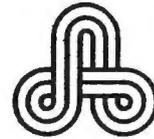
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Stempel und Unterschrift des Landessportbundes

A409/91



**Deutsches  
Sportabzeichen**  
für Frauen und Männer

**Deutscher Sportbund**

Wiederholungszeugnis 16 erfolgreiche Prüfung

Bei Einsendung des Wiederholungszeugnisses bitte bei der ersten Wiederholung das Urkundenheft, in den folgenden Jahren das jeweils vor-  
aufgegangene bereits bestätigte Wiederholungszeugnis mit einreichen.

Letzte Verleihung (nicht Wiederholung)

des Deutschen Sportabzeichen in GOLD 15

erfolgte unter der Nr. \_\_\_\_\_ am 1990

im LSB HANNOVER

Vor- und Zuname des Bewerbers:

WILLI LAUFER

Geboren am: 22. 2. 1930

Straße / Nr.: \_\_\_\_\_

Wohnort: NEWCASTLE - AUSTRALIEN

Verein (Name): GERMANIA CLUB NEWCASTLE

(Unterschrift) W. Laufer

**Gebührensätze** (zuzügl. Porto)

Bestätigung der Wiederholung 2,50 DM  
Verleihung Silber und Gold  
(vorzeitig durch Wiederholungen) 5,00 DM  
Verleihung Gold mit Zahl 8,00 DM

**Landessportbund Niedersachsen e.V.**  
**Sportabzeichenstelle**  
**Ferdinand-Wilhelm-Fricke-Weg 10**  
**3000 Hannover 1**  
**Postgiroamt Hannover 1030-307**  
**(BLZ 25010030)**  
**Telefon (0511) 8 07 0215**

Stand 1989

Der Bewerber / die Bewerberin hat sich durch den Bundespersonalausweis oder Reisepaß auszuweisen.

Maßgebend für die Bestimmung der Altersklasse ist das Kalenderjahr, in das der Geburtstag fällt.

In jeder Gruppe muß eine im Kalenderjahr dingung erfüllt werden. Prüfungszeitraum

Altersklasse bitte ankreuzen Gruppe Übung	Männer									Frauen									Erzielte Leistung	Bestätigung der Prüfungsort, P Unterschrift ur
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1 200 m Schwimmen	6:00	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	5:36 Min.	1 <i>N. Neuberger</i> <i>E. Vogel</i>		
2 Hochsprung	1,35	1,30	1,25	1,15	1,05	1,00	0,95	0,90	1,10	1,05	1,00	0,95	0,90	0,85	0,80	0,75	m	2 <i>N. Neuberger</i> <i>E. Vogel</i>		
Weitsprung	4,75	4,50	4,25	4,00*					3,50	3,25	3,00*					m	<i>E. Vogel</i>			
Standweitsprung	—	—	—	—	2,00	1,90	1,80	1,70	—	—	—	1,60	1,50	1,40	1,30	1,20	2.07 m	<i>E. Vogel</i>		
Sprung <sup>6)</sup> Hocke od. Grätsche	Pferd längs 1,20 1,10	Bock 1,30	Bock 1,30	Bock 1,20	Bock 1,10	Bock 1,00	Bock 1,00		Pferd seit 1,20 1,10	Bock 1,20	Bock 1,10	Bock 1,00	Bock 1,00	Bock 1,00	Bock 1,00		gekonnt <input type="checkbox"/> ja	<i>U. J. J. J.</i> <i>N. Neuberger</i>		
3 50-m-Lauf	—	—	—	8,2*					—	—	9,2*					Sek.	<i>E. Vogel</i>			
75-m-Lauf	—	—	11,0*					—	—	12,4	13,0*					Sek.	<i>E. Vogel</i>			
100-m-Lauf	13,4	14,0	14,5	16,0	17,0	18,0	19,0	20,0	16,0	17,0	18,5	20,0	21,0	22,0	23,0	24,0	16.00 Sek	<i>U. J. J. J.</i> <i>N. Neuberger</i>		
400-m-Lauf	68,0	70,0	72,0	74,0*					—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Sek	<i>E. Vogel</i>		
1000-m-Lauf	—	—	—	—	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	—	—	6:40	7:00	7:20	7:40	8:00	8:20	Min.	<i>U. J. J. J.</i> <i>N. Neuberger</i>		
4 Kugelstoßen <sup>1)</sup>	8,00	7,75	7,50	7,25	7,25	7,00	7,00	6,75	6,75	6,25	6,00	5,75	5,75	5,50	5,25	5,00	8.25 m	<i>U. J. J. J.</i> <i>N. Neuberger</i>		
Steinstoßen <sup>2)</sup>	9,00	8,75	8,50	8,00*					—	—	—	—	—	—	—	m	<i>E. Vogel</i>			
Schlagball (80 g)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37,00	34,00	31,00	29,00	27,00	25,00	24,00	23,00	m	<i>E. Vogel</i>		
Wurfball (200 g)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27,00	25,00	24,00	23,00	22,00	21,00	20,00	19,00	m			
Schleuderball <sup>3)</sup>	35,00	34,00	33,00	32,00	30,00	28,00	26,00	24,00	27,00	25,00	24,00	23,00	22,00	21,00	20,00	19,00	m			
100 m Schwimmen	1:40	1:45	1:50	2:00	2:10	2:20	2:30	2:40	2:00	2:20	2:35	2:50	3:05	3:20	3:35	3:50	Min.			
Gewichtheben <sup>4)</sup>	Eigengewicht:		kg												kg					
Bodenturnen <sup>5)</sup>	Handstand-Abrollen *			Rolle rückwärts, Rad						Handstand-Abrollen *			Rolle rückwärts, Rad			gekonnt <input type="checkbox"/> ja				
Wahlangebot																	<i>U. J. J. J.</i> <i>N. Neuberger</i>			
5 2000-m-Lauf	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:00	17:30	18:00	Min.	<i>U. J. J. J.</i> <i>N. Neuberger</i>		
3000-m-Lauf	—	—	15:00	17:30	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Min.	<i>E. Vogel</i>		
5000-m-Lauf	23:00	26:00	28:00	31:00	34:00	36:00			32:00	35:00	38:00	40:30	43:30	46:30			Min.	<i>E. Vogel</i>		
20 km Radfahren	45:00	47:30	50:00	52:30	55:00	60:00	65:00	70:00	60:00	65:00	70:00	72:30	75:00	77:30	80:00	82:30	Min.			
1000 m Schwimmen	26:00	28:00	30:00	32:00	34:00	36:00	38:00	40:00	28:00	30:00	32:00	34:00	36:00	38:00	40:00	42:00	37:59 Min.			
Skilauf <sup>6)</sup>	72:00	75:00	79:00	83:00	88:00	93:00	99:00	105:00	54:00	60:00	65:00	70:00	75:00	80:00	85:00	90:00	Min.	<i>U. J. J. J.</i>		
Wahlangebot																				

Nicht eingedruckte Wahlübungen müssen handschriftlich eingetragen werden.

1) Kugelgewicht: Männer 7,25 kg, ab 50 Jahre 6,25 kg, ab 60 Jahre 5,00 kg; Frauen 4,00 kg, ab 50 Jahre 3,00 kg.  
 2) 15 kg; bei der Gesamtweite wird die Stoßleistung rechts und links zusammengezählt.  
 3) Ballgewicht: Männer 1,5 kg; Frauen 1,0 kg.  
 4) Beidarm mindestens 75 % des eigenen Körpergewichtes.  
 5) Männer 15 km, Frauen 10 km

6) Die Prüfung kann in dieser Übung auch von Bewerber/innen aus den nachfolgenden Altersklassen abgelegt werden; es ist dann die letztgenannte Mindestleistung zu erfüllen. Sportmediziner empfehlen allerdings, in den höheren Altersklassen diese Übung nicht mehr zu versuchen.

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## **Germans model migrants:**

A report from Canberra by Grahame Armstrong



**German settlers are ideal migrants to Australia despite the conflict between the two countries in world wars, the bureau of Immigration and population Research says.**

Germans were industrious, did not form ethnic enclaves and integrated well into Australian society, the bureau said in a series of reports on different immigrant communities. Germans married outside their community more often than most European born

people, both among first and older generations. They embraced Australian culture and aquired a high level of english proficiency, ranking second only to people from the Netherlands in adopting english as their language. The german people have been present in Australia since the first days of European settlement and their contribution has been sughnificant, " Immigration and Ethnic Affairs Minister Nick Bolkus said.

**Agreement between the German School Ass'n and the Germania Club Newcastle**



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VEREINBARUNG

Zwischen dem: Deutschen Schulverein und dem  
Germania Club Newcastle Limited.

Es wird hiermit vereinbart, dass der Germania Club Newcastle Ltd. gegen einen einmaligen Baukostenzuschuss von \$ 2,000.00 (Zwei Tausend Dollars) dem Deutschen Schulverein, einen Raum erstellt, der fuer schulische Zwecke geeignet ist.

Der Raum steht dem Deutschen Schulverein fuer den Unterricht der Schueler jederzeit zur Verfuegung.

Die Benutzung des Raumes durch andere Parteien kann nur nach vorheriger vereinbarung mit dem Deutschen Schulverein gestattet werden.

Moebel, andere Einrichtungsgegenstaende, sowie Lehrmaterial, das vom Deutschen Schulverein bereits angeschafft worden ist, sowie alle weiteren Sachen, die dem Deutschen Schulverein gehoeren, bleiben immer Eigentum des Deutschen Schulvereins.

Im Auftrag fuer den  
Germania Club Newcastle Ltd.

*M. Jordan  
Spk. Murray*

Im Auftrag fuer den  
Deutschen Schulverein.

*G. G. G. G.  
Gunter Kugel  
H. V. V. V.*

Diese \$ 2000.00 wurden bezahlt unter  
Debitoren Receipt No 694-697 am 29-10-1972  
durch Herrn Rotteliger, d.zeitiger  
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(translated by Mick Fauchon)

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## AGREEMENT

Between: German School Association and  
Germania Club Newcastle Limited.

It is hereby agreed that the Germania Club Newcastle Ltd. will, by means of a one-off building expenses payment of \$2,000.00 by the German School Association, provide a room for school purposes.

The room is at the disposal of the German School Association for teaching purposes at all times.

Use of the room by other parties can only be granted by previous arrangement with the German School Association.

Furniture, other items of equipment, as well as teaching material, which has already been acquired by the German School Association, as well as all other items, belong to the German School Association and always remains its property.

On behalf of  
the Germania Club Newcastle Ltd.:

On behalf of  
the German School Association

signed:

W. Grabau  
G. König

signed:

illegible  
Günter Engel  
illegible

(Below in cursive)

This \$2,000.00 was entered under debenture Receipt No.694-697 on the 29.10.1972 by the then Treasurer of the Germania Club, Mr. Rottinger.

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