

**Gold Coast Stock Sport Club**  
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### Hi dear members and guests! How are you?

Wow, we had a “full house” at the last luncheon.  
We even sold out our “Zwiebelrostbraten”! So please book next time, to make sure the kitchen can cater for all your needs. We don’t want this to happen again. Thanks God there is always our fantastic Schnitzel available! And I think I didn’t promise too much. Craig and Claire got a lot of us onto the dance floor. There was music in the air .....

Thank you sooo much for all the congratulations, the “Happy Birthday” singing, the beautiful roses, the friends who came to celebrate my 66<sup>th</sup> birthday with me, and, and .....

I didn’t expect all of this and it made my birthday really, really special.  
I wouldn’t have wanted to be somewhere else!!!!



**Why don’t you celebrate your or your family member’s or friend’s birthday with us. I can only recommend it:  
No cooking, no preparations, fantastic live music,  
great atmosphere ...  
what else can you wish for!**



### But now let’s see what’s on next!!

The **Mayfest** is always very special and you should not miss it!  
We will have our much loved **Schneider Musikanten** again (more about them further on) and a special appearance by our Choir the “**Singkreis**” and the **Folk Dancers**.  
They are practising like crazy for this event!

**Don’t forget to book!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

You will have a great time!



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**MAYFEST**  
**Sunday 1st May**

WITH THE  
**SCHNEIDER MUSIKANTEN**

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE SINGKREIS & FOLK DANCERS**

*At the Clubhouse 3 Pines Lane, Elanora Club opens at 11am Meals from 12pm. Bring your friends and family and have a great day out at the Clubhouse*

Meals  
**\$13 Members**  
**\$15 Guests**  
Coffee (\$2.50) & Cakes (\$3.00) available after meals

Raffles available





And that's what we will serve you for lunch  
**at the Maifest:**



**Bar opens 11am  
Meals from 12 noon!**



**1. our fantastic Schnitzel and salads**

**2. Pork Roast with Sauerkraut and roast potatoes**



**3. There is also the choice of a vegetarian meal, or gluten free**

You will have to order this with your booking (before Saturday), because we will prepare this especially for you.



**And afterwards coffee or tea  
and our homemade delicious cakes and tortes**

(coffee/tea \$2.50 – cake or torte \$3.50)



Our President Roberta Raup is wearing many hats.

She not only is --- **President of The Gold Coast Stock Sport Club Inc.**,

--- **President of The Austrian Australian Club Gold Coast Inc.**, --- **Leader and Conductor of our choir the "Singkreis"**, --- **Chef in the kitchen**,

does the --- **3monthly Magazine for the club** .... and much, much more ...

You might not know yet, that she is also the

**Vice President of the**

**AAA Vereinigung Österreichischer Klubs in Australien und Neuseeland!**

<http://hswd.net/aaa/>

**AAA** exists to foster co-operation and interchange of ideas amongst its members, to promote the Austrian heritage and culture and to give the Austrian Community in this part of the world a common voice. The Association has 12 member clubs all over Australia and New Zealand.

They had their Annual General Meeting just lately and Roberta brought some exciting news with her:

**There is a photographic exhibition on the way!!!**

**From Fotoclub G BASED IN Graz: [www.fotoclub-g.at](http://www.fotoclub-g.at)**

This group of photos taken by members of Fotoclub G, features photos from all over Austria, as well as Graz.

It's our turn in July! I will keep you informed!







Our patron,  
**Councilor Daphne McDonald**  
chose our club as venue to invite the volunteers to, who helped her at the local government elections to a fun filled Luncheon!  
Thank you Daphne!

# To Say Thank You

..... Peter + Roberta ...  
You are invited to attend a luncheon on Sunday 24 April at 12 for 12.30pm start at Gold Coast Austrian Club, Pines Lane, Elanora.  
Drinks available.

RSVP by 19 April to Jenette



Some of our volunteers busy preparing 125 meals

Everyone enjoyed themselves and loved the food and the atmosphere. About 95% of the invited guests have never been to our club before!

Maybe they will visit us again!!!!!!!!!!

Wouldn't this be great!





# And now a bit of information about the traditions of the Maifest and the Maibaum:

**Mayfest** is one of mankind's oldest traditions, the celebration of nature's bright reawakening after winter's cold darkness.

The custom of the maypole began in the tenth century, when villagers would erect a pole in the local square and decorate it with sausages, cakes and multicolored ribbons. Dancing around the maypole, medieval citizens believed, would bring good luck and wealth.

May is the month most sung about by poets and song-writers.

May was also known as the "**Wonnemonat**" the month of lovers where a young man's fancy would turn to love. In May the largest number of weddings take place. Over time the **Maibaum** (May Tree) lost its original meaning, that of celebrating a wedding. In the old days, young unmarried men of the village would organize parties, dances and celebrations, to get the unmarried maidens of the village into the spirit of May. If then a wedding would take place, a tree decorated with colorful streamers and ribbons would be placed in front of the bride's house.



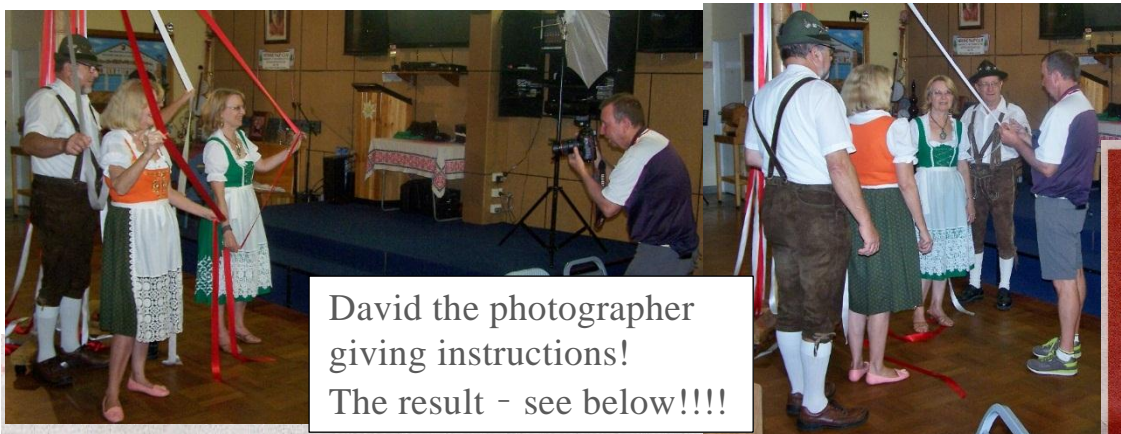
**The traditional Maypole dance starts with long ribbons attached high up on the pole. Each dancer holds the end of a ribbon. The circle of dancers begins far out from the pole, so the ribbons are kept fairly taut.**

**There should be an even number of dancers, facing alternatively clockwise and counterclockwise. All dancers move in the direction they are**

**facing, passing right shoulders with the next, and so on around to braid the ribbons over-and-under around the pole. Those passing on the inside will have to duck, those passing on the outside raise their ribbons to slide over.**

**There is an article about us in the Sun this week !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**





David the photographer giving instructions!  
The result - see below!!!!

GOLD COAST  
**Sun**  
 Community Newspapers  
 Wednesday, April 27, 2016



Christa Robnik, Hans Haider, Sylvia and Hans Amerstorfer are ready for Mayfest. Picture: DAVID CLARK

# Follow the lederhosen for fun day

THE first of May will be very special for the Austrian Club when its members and friends celebrate Mayfest Day.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome to come along this Sunday and enjoy Austrian music and dance. The band Schneider Musikanten will perform and there will be a singkreis (singing circle) and traditional folk dancers.

Club president Roberta Raup said the event would start at 11am and about 100 people were expected to attend.

The Austrian Club is based

in Pines Lane at Elanora and has a long history on the Gold Coast.

In 1985, the Austrian Australian Club Gold Coast was formed and meetings were held at Hermie's Farm Hero's Haven in the Tallebudgera Valley.

In 1999, Gold Coast City Council allocated funds and passed plans for the setting up of the Austrian Australian Club Gold Coast Curling Club and, in 2002, a clubhouse was opened by Austrian Ambassador Otmar Koller.

The club is open for lunch

on the first and third Sunday of every month and there are choir performances between 10am and 11am on Tuesdays.

The club also hosts folk dancing between 9am and 10am on Tuesdays and stock playing on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

This sport is similar to curling but it is played on asphalt instead of ice.

**Bookings for the Mayfest event are essential. Phone 5534 7099 or 0414 774 436. For more details, visit [stocksportclubgoldcoast.com](http://stocksportclubgoldcoast.com) or [austrianclubgoldcoast.com](http://austrianclubgoldcoast.com)**



I have to **apologize** for the long newsletter this time and I hope it's not boring, but there is sooo much to report and we took so many "happy photos" that I had to use a lot of them to give you a feeling about the great time we had (in case you didn't come to our last luncheon).



A big thank you to **Peter Kulmer**, one of our guests, who provided us with the fantastic photos he took at our last luncheon. Peter is a committee member of the **Photo Arts Club Tweed**. You should have seen his camera – huge!!

Thank you as well to all the other talented photographers who took photos for me in the last months – Dagmar, Steve,

Des (I am sure you remember the fantastic Christmas photos Des took last year), Manfred and Leo (who took photos of the Stock Sport players). Hopefully I haven't forgotten anybody.

**Oops!** I almost did it and forgot to mention my husband Hans, who is always on duty with the camera, even if he is in the middle of a conversation and I need his help! Thank you honey!!



Des and Hans

Only with the contribution of all of you we can create this newsletter and make it interesting and exciting.

Sadly soon we will have to say *Good Bye* to our much loved long time members *Lotte and Peppi* who will move to Melbourne to be with their son.



Peppi has been the first Stock Sport Player in Australia and has played stock sport actively till he was 88 years old. Peppi was an excellent and fair player. We will miss him and Lotte dearly!

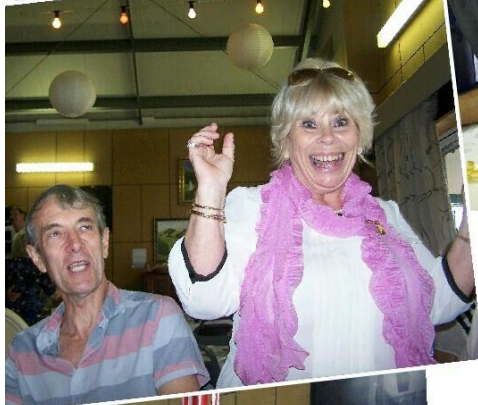


Claire and Craig – The Shiny Things



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And now after you could read Nev's story in the March Newsletter,  
as promised Dorry's story,  
the other half of the Schneider Musikanten!

Enjoy!!!

## Schneider Musikanten

### Dorry's story



From the age of 2, I grew up on dam construction sites and as an only child of German origin, life was very interesting in the 1950's & 60's. However, regardless of anything else that was going on, there was always music in our house.

My Mum, Hedwig, had been playing zither since she was 11 and my Dad, Karl, could play accordion. Often, after a session at the camp canteen, Dad would bring his mates home for a late night sing-along and Mum was asked to get out her "machine" (the zither) and play some tunes. For hours into the night she happily played along to the somewhat dubious drunken voices of her guests, much to the annoyance of our rather stuffy neighbours.



My Mum, Hedwig Moser, playing the zither on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I was about 12 years old when my parents bought me a melodeon, a small keyboard-like instrument that you had to blow into, and before long, I was playing along with Mum and her zither. I remember the first song I learnt was "Schön ist die Liebe im Hafen". As I grew older, I started pestering my parents to let me learn piano but Dad's response (in German) was that "he didn't want to cart a damn piano every time we had to move to another dam site". Although at the time I thought my parents were being totally unreasonable, now as an adult, I can also appreciate that, as the construction camps were miles from any townships, piano teachers were also few and far between.



My melodian – bought for me when I was 12

For my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday I received a battered old piano accordion and, with some home tuition from both Mum and Dad, I was able to learn to "hammer" out some tunes, but I was never really good at it. After I was married, I found a small chord organ in a chemist shop in Emerald and after my experience with the accordion, was quickly able to learn to play some songs. Through the years I progressed through a variety of organs and finally to keyboards, which, thankfully, are easier to cart around than organs. Unfortunately, despite my dream of learning piano, I have never had a formal music lesson from a music teacher; I am mostly self-taught and I am sure most teachers would cringe at my playing techniques.



For several years from the late 1980's, my love of music lead to me hosting (often all-night) sing-a-long parties at my house which featured a variety of musicians, instruments and music genres. Through my job as a driving instructor, I met Nev (Fritz) Brunton who had just inherited his uncle's accordion and he was duly invited to join in our musical fun. After a couple of years of playing together at the sing-a-longs, we decided to form a dance duo, called "Just Us", playing for several regular social ballroom dances throughout the greater Brisbane area. We always played a smattering of German songs at every dance and gradually built



Nev & I as "Just Us" - 1994



Some of our crazy musos at one of our all night sing-a-long parties

up our repertoire of traditional folk songs.

A couple of years later we started playing at an annual Oktoberfest on the Sunshine Coast and it was at this time that "Schneider Musikanten" was born.

We have always said that when our music ceases to be fun will be the day we give up playing. We have been playing together for over 22 years now and at the Gold Coast Austrian Club since 2003. I enjoy every minute of each of our gigs at the

club. To me, it's like playing to family and the livelier and noisier the crowd, the more fun we have.



Dorry and Nev

The **Schneider Musikanten** today!





## Canberra Cup Competition

As promised more photos from the Canberra Competition:



A well-earned beer after all the action – and lots of happy faces!



It's our turn now for the **Gold Coast Cup Competition** on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June!





Before I say goodbye mark the  
15<sup>th</sup> of May in your calendar:  
Be entertained by our Nev (Fritz).  
Bar opens at 11am - meals from 12pm!  
Bring your family and tell your friends!!!!

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# SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY LUNCHEON WITH Nev (Fritz) Brunton

AT THE CLUBHOUSE,  
3 PINES LANE ELANORA



BAR OPENS AT  
11AM

**Bring your  
Friends and  
Family for a  
great day out**

**@ the  
Clubhouse**

Raffles  
available

**FREE  
ENTRY**



That's it for now!  
See you this Sunday as  
always  
in your Dirndl and  
Lederhosen (if you have  
one)  
your

Sylvia Amerstorfer

Secretary of the Gold Coast Stocksport Club Inc.

**Home of the Austrian Australian Club Inc.**

I would love to hear from you ...

Either you are a long-time member, a new member or a visitor – please let me know what you think of this newsletter, what you would like to read about, any suggestions you have and your general impression. I really welcome your feedback ...

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