



21st NATIONAL BRÜCKE VOLKSTANZFEST

Proudly hosted by Bund der Bayern Inc.

Saturday 4 April & Sunday 5 April 2015

The South Australian German Association Inc.

223 Flinders Street, Adelaide

EVENT PROGRAMME



WELCOME TO ADELAIDE

It is my greatest pleasure to welcome all participants, friends and spectators to the 2015 Volkstanzfest in Adelaide.

In the nearly forty years of history of the event our group has hosted the Volkstanzfest five times, often in cooperation with the Deutscher Volkstanzkreis. We are very pleased that we can contribute to maintaining German, Austrian and Swiss heritage alive in Australia through dancing and by hosting this national event.

I am delighted to announce the participation of two Bavarian groups and one Austrian group at the Volkstanzfest this year. Altogether there will be over 300 active dancers and friends from different countries and states uniting in their passion for traditional dancing. I encourage you all to continue networking with other groups in this spirit.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the organisation of the event for their contribution, and in particular my fellow Volkstanzfest committee members for their efforts to plan and coordinate the event.

I would also like to thank my family for their patience with me and the many hours that I spent with preparations for the event.

I wish you all a memorable weekend at the Volkstanzfest 2015 in Adelaide!

Auf gehts!

Reinhard Struve

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Bund der Bayern, Group Leader





A Message from the Ambassador

Welcome

I am pleased to welcome the participants of the Volkstanzfest 2015 to Adelaide to celebrate German, Austrian and Swiss culture and dancing, and to maintain friendships and good relations with each other across Australia.

This year two Bavarian and one Austrian dance groups will be joining the festivities. This will provide an exceptional opportunity to form friendships and initiate exchange visits in the future, thereby contributing further to maintaining German culture in Australia.

Australia has a long history of migration and heritage from German-speaking countries, and German migrants such as Ludwig Leichhardt, Ferdinand von Mueller, Hans Heysen and many others greatly contributed to the economic, scientific and cultural development in the early days of this country.

German Australians nowadays still represent one of the largest ethnic groups in Australia, and I congratulate the dance groups of the various states for actively maintaining and treasuring their culture and attracting young persons to their activities. Their work greatly contributes to maintaining and further developing Australia's German heritage in this open and multicultural society.

I would like to thank the hosting group "Bund der Bayern" for organising this important event and for accommodating the groups from Germany and Austria.

I wish the participants of the Volkstanzfest 2015 all the best for the event, and for the future of their dance groups.

Canberra, March 2015

Dr Christoph Müller, Ambassador



It is my great pleasure as South Australian Minister for Multicultural Affairs to welcome all visitors and participants of the biennial *Volkstanzfest* to Adelaide to celebrate German, Austrian and Swiss culture and dancing.

Migrants from Germany, Austria and Switzerland have historically been important contributors to the scientific, cultural and economic development of Australia.

South Australia is proud of its cultural richness and diversity, and the contribution of the diverse cultural communities to our State. The South Australian Government encourages everyone to celebrate their culture and traditions in a constructive, peaceful and embracing manner, and congratulates the German, Austrian and Swiss communities for their significant contribution to Australian society with their cultural ethos and traditions.

I wish everyone a pleasant experience in South Australia, a successful dance festival and *viel Glück* for the dance performances.

Minister Zoe Bettison

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Adelaide, March 2015



WELCOME TO THE 21ST BRÜCKE VOLKSTANZFEST 2015 IN ADELAIDE

Time has been flying and it does not feel long ago since we had the last Volkstanzfest at the Concordia Club at Tempe, New South Wales in 2013. I am looking forward to attending the Volkstanzfest 2015 in Adelaide this year.

The first Volkstanzfest was held many decades ago and the Brücke has been a supporter of the event from the very start. I have great pleasure in stating that Die Brücke will continue to assist the various dance groups with this event for many years to come.

In 2015 Die Brücke is celebrating 50 years of service to the German speaking community. The national Volkstanzfest in Adelaide neatly integrates into the objectives of Die Brücke and is an outstanding example of the projects where Die Brücke can help to enable and maintain cultural traditions.

I congratulate the President, committee management and staff of the Adelaide German Club for hosting the event in your fantastic club, and commend Reinhard Struve and the Bund der Bayern Inc for the meticulous planning and execution of the festivities.

I wish you all a successful festival and trust that you will all have a fun-filled weekend of dancing and culture.

I also wish you a peaceful and happy Easter.

Let the festival begin! Jetzt gehts los!

3 March 2015

Hans Stoehr
President, Die Brücke

A BIT OF HISTORY:

GERMAN SETTLEMENT IN ADELAIDE & HAHNDORF

Adelaide is the capital city of South Australia and the fifth-largest city in Australia. In June 2013, Adelaide had an estimated resident population of 1.29 million. German settlement in Australia began in large numbers in 1838, with the arrival of immigrants from Prussia to Adelaide. German immigrants became prominent in settling South Australia and Queensland. From 1850 until World War I, German settlers and their descendants comprised the largest non-British or Irish group of Europeans in Australia.

The first German Lutherans arrived in 1838 bringing with them the vine cuttings that they used to found the acclaimed wineries of the Barossa Valley.



Hahndorf is a small town in the Adelaide Hills region of South Australia. Currently an important tourism spot, it has previously been a centre for farming and services. It is accessible from Adelaide, the South Australian capital, via the South Eastern Freeway. The town was settled by Lutheran migrants largely from in and around a small village then named Kay in Prussia and now known as Kije, Lubusz Voivodeship in Poland. Many of the settlers arrived aboard the *Zebra* on 28 December 1838. The town is named after the Danish Dirk Meinherzhahn, captain of the *Zebra*. It is Australia's oldest surviving German settlement.



Source: Wikipedia

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

History of Die Brücke Volkstanzfest

	YEAR	HOST CLUB	HOST GROUP
1st	1977	Adelaide - SAADV	Bund der Bayern & DVK
2nd	1978	Brisbane Deutscher Turnverein	Alpenrosen
3rd	1979	Perth - Rhein-Donau Club	Edelweiss
4th	1981	Adelaide - SAADV	Bund der Bayern & DVK
5th	1983	Newcastle German Club	Edelweiss
6th	1985	Melbourne - Tivoli Club	Tivoli Folk Dance Group
7th	1987	Brisbane Deutscher Turnverein	Alpenrosen
8th	1989	Perth - Rhein-Donau Club	Edelweiss
9th	1991	Adelaide - SAADV	Bund der Bayern & DVK
10th	1993	Sydney - Concordia Club	Concordia Volkstanzgruppe
11th	1995	Melbourne - Teutonia Club	Teutonia Volkstanzgruppe
12th	1997	Brisbane Deutscher Turnverein	Alpenrosen
13th	1999	Newcastle German Club	Edelweiss
14th	2001	Perth - Rhein-Donau Club	Edelweiss
15th	2003	Adelaide - SAADV	Bund der Bayern & DVK
16th	2005	Melbourne - Tivoli Club	Volkstanzgruppe Oberbayern
17th	2007	Canberra - Harmonie Club	
18th	2009	Brisbane Deutscher Turnverein	Alpenrosen
19th	2011	Frenchs Forest, Austrian Club	St Raphaels, Blacktown
20th	2013	Sydney - Concordia Club	Concordia Volkstanzgruppe
21st	2015	Adelaide - SAADV	Bund der Bayern Inc.

Friday, 3 April 2015

Afternoon: Arrival and transport via chartered buses to the hotels on South Terrace.

1530hrs – 1630hrs: Presentation and workshop: “The Future of Volkstanz in Australia” (for group leaders only, maximum two persons per group), location: Heyden Room, Chifley on South Terrace Hotel, 226 South Terrace.

From 1700hrs: Make your way to The German Club, 223 Flinders St, Adelaide.

A chartered bus for approx. 50 participants will depart at 1645hrs from the hotels (for families with young children, elderly and mobility impaired, as per registration).

1730hrs: Induction of all group leaders in the “Weinkeller” of the German Club, and tour of the German Club facilities.

From 1800hrs: Bistro dinner

1900 – 2345hrs: Social get together and musical entertainment by DJ TCE.

Saturday, 4 April 2015

0845hrs - 0900hrs (optional): Depart from the hotels via chartered buses for Hahndorf. All participants to wear traditional *Trachten*.

1000hrs – 1115hrs: Explore the attractions and shops and engage in impromptu performances, flashmobs and traditional German-Austrian-Swiss folk art in the main street of Hahndorf.

1130hrs: Group photo in Pioneer Memorial Gardens (next to the German Arms Hotel)

1200hrs: Lunch (each group to make their own arrangements)

1330hrs – 1345hrs: Depart for the Adelaide CBD via chartered buses;

1415hrs: Drop off at South Tce hotels for a 25 minutes stop-over

1445hrs – 1500hrs: Buses depart from the hotels to the German Club

1530hrs, sharp: Official opening of the Volkstanzfest 2015

1600hrs – 2000hrs: Dancing by the groups

From 1800hrs: Bistro dinner

2000hrs – 2330hrs: Musical entertainment by DJ Herbert Stauber

WEEKEND SCHEDULE (cont)

Sunday, 5 April 2015

0945hrs – 1000hrs (optional): Depart via chartered buses to Carclew House, 11 Jeffcott St, North Adelaide (for those who registered). All participants in Trachten, please.

Note: Groups/participants who are not coming along to Carclew House will need to arrange their own lunch.

1000hrs – 1315hrs (optional): Traditional Easter games, socializing, a Goassl-schnoizen (whipcracking) workshop and BBQ lunch in the relaxed atmosphere of a beautiful, heritage-listed villa and garden.

1315hrs: Interstate participants return to the German Club via chartered buses

1300hrs: Group Leader Meeting in the German Club – review of Volkstanzfest 2015 and election of host for Volkstanzfest 2017.

1430hrs – 1830hrs: Dancing by the groups

From 1800hrs: Bistro dinner

1930hrs – 2330hrs: Musical entertainment by The Capricorns

Monday, 6 April 2015:

No program planned, free time and departure



SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2015 PROGRAMME

3.30pm	OFFICIAL OPENING MC: Mr Dieter Fabig
1.	<u>Bund der Bayern (Advanced) (SA)</u> Bayern, Glocken Plattler/ Jägerstyryer medley, Burschenplattler
2.	<u>Edelweiss Trachten & Volkstanzgruppe (TAS)</u> Muss i den (bells), Schnacklwalzer, Dirndl mit dem roten Mieder, Lili Marlene (bells).
3.	<u>Volkstanzgruppe Oberbayern (VIC)</u> Wendelsteiner, Ennstahler, Ammersee, Der Bergmann
4.	<u>Bund der Bayern (Children's Group) (SA)</u> Bergvagabunden (bells), Haushammer, Langschottisch, Old Polka, Bänkeltanz
5.	<u>St Raphael's Volkstanzgruppe (NSW)</u> Auftrittsmarsch, Stornsorfer Plattler, Tiroler Figurentanz, Pittsburger Dreher
6.	<u>Alpenländer Volkstanzgruppe (NSW)</u> Sieben Schritt Polka, Kikerikiki Polka, Stern Polka, RockMi Plattler
7.	<u>Deutscher Volkstanzkreis (DVK) (SA)</u> Nantanga Polka, Auf der Jagd, Henne Caroline, Hamerschmidtges'eln, Trumpe! Polka, Stop Gallop

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

The rooftop courts on the school building next to the German Club have been hired for Saturday and Sunday, and a bouncy castle will be installed for both days.

For both Saturday and Sunday the rooftop courts will only be opened after the first hour of the official commencement time, and parents are asked to encourage their children to watch the dances and learn from observing other groups.



SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2015 PROGRAMME (CONT)

	INTERVAL
8.	<u>Guad Drauf Plattler (AUT)</u> Atzinger Marsch, Maxglaner Zigeunermarsch, Linzer Bua
9.	<u>Hubertus Volkstanzgruppe (NSW)</u> Enthalder, March, Fly, Small Swing, Watschen, Window
10.	<u>Alpenrosen Trachten und Volkstanzgruppe (QLD)</u> Haushammer (Juniors), Rehbacher (Juniors), Entaler (Combined Snrs & Jnrs dance), Neu Schloss Styler, (Seniors), Neubayrischer (Seniors), Der Vogelhandler (bells), Die Fischerin vom Bodensee (bells)
11.	<u>Swiss Folkdance Group Alpenrose (VIC)</u> Alphorn, Oergeli and Saw, Trachtencheli, Glogge-Jodel, De Nagelschmied
12.	<u>Edelweiss Dance Group (WA)</u> Echo der Berge (bells), Dort Wo (bells), Die Perle Tirols (bells), Resi, Haushamer, Kreuzpolka
13.	<u>Bayrische Tanzgruppe Hirschau & Jacking (DEU)</u> Schnalzer, Fensterl, Böhmerwald Landler, Krebspolka, Kreuzpolka, Schnalzer
	Musical Entertainment by DJ Herbert Stauber



SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2015 PROGRAMME

2.30pm	WELCOME Mr Reinhard Struve, Group Leader, Bund der Bayern Inc. MC: Ms Kerry-Anne Palzewski
1.	<u>Bayrische Tanzgruppe Hirschau & Jacking (DEU)</u> Schnalzer, Mühlradl, Woldjaga, Sternpolka, Schnalzer
2.	<u>Swiss Folkdance Group Alpenrose (VIC)</u> Alphorn, Oergeli and Saw, Bärner Cheerhuus, Christa Walzer
3.	<u>Edelweiss Trachten & Volkstanzgruppe (TAS)</u> Das Kufstein Lied (bells), Auerhahn, Steirer mit Birkastoaner, Glöckerl Plattler, Edelweiss (bells)
4.	<u>Edelweiss Dance Group (WA)</u> Tulpen aus Amsterdam (bells), S'loisachtal (bells), Muss I Denn (bells), Figurentanz, Lustige Buam, Edelweisser
5.	<u>Hubertus Volkstanzgruppe (NSW)</u> Knee, March, Watschen, Cross over, Medley
6.	<u>Alpenländler Volkstanzgruppe (NSW)</u> Hiataamadl Polka, Zillertaler, Hi-Ho Plattler, Juchee Plattler
7.	<u>Bund der Bayern (Intermediate) (SA)</u> Alpen Echo (Bells), Styriker, Rehbacher, Neubayrischer



SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2015 PROGRAMME (CONT)

	INTERVAL
8.	<u>Alpenrosen Trachten und Volkstanzgruppe (QLD)</u> V Dance (Juniors), Bayrischzell (Juniors), Auerhahn (Juniors), Trompeten Echo (Seniors), Max Glaner (Seniors), Schnaklewaltzer (Seniors), Hal-lie Hal-lo (Bells)
9.	<u>St Raphael's Volkstanzgruppe (NSW)</u> Müllerstanz, Sternpolka, Schauplattler, Rosenwalzer
10.	<u>Deutscher Volkstanzkreis DVK (SA)</u> Herz As, Michael Finnigan, Jager Neuner, Trumpel Polka, Stop Gallop
11.	<u>Volkstanzgruppe Oberbayern (VIC)</u> Bayerischerzeller, Das Mühlrad, Rehbacher, Burschenplattler.
12.	<u>Guad Drauf Plattler (AUT)</u> Auf der Autobahn, Bartholomäus, Watschenplattler.
13.	<u>Bund der Bayern (Advanced) (SA)</u> Alpenländler, Birkensteiner, Holzhacker, Fünfer Watschen Plattler.
	Official close and announcement of the host of the 2017 national Brücke Volkstanzfest. All groups to perform Haushammer & Zillertaler Hochzeitsmarsch. Musical Entertainment by The Capricorns

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The "Bund der Bayern" was established in August 1959 by Mr. Heinz Brückner. He and several other Bavarians formed the "Edelweiss" Schuhplattler group of the South Australian German Association. In 1966 the youth group of the "Edelweiss" was formed, led by Mr. Otto Vogl. In 1977, the very first "Tanzfest" was held in the SAADV and was the beginning of the now traditional "Volkstanzfest". In the 1980's a bell ringer's group under the name of "Alpen Echo" was formed - their instruments being finely tuned cowbells!

The group has the objective to maintain traditional Bavarian dancing ("Schuhplattlern") and German traditions and arts within South Australia, as part of the State's German heritage. Members are driven by the passion for dancing. In 2011 the Bund der Bayern reestablished a children's group, which is very active nowadays.



VOLKSTANZGRUPPE OBERBAYERN

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Established in 1995, the Volkstanzgruppe Oberbayern from the German Club Tivoli in Melbourne, Victoria performs traditional dances from Bavaria and Austria in traditional Tracht.

We perform at various functions & venues throughout the year, which enables us to participate in the national, biennial Volkstanzfest.

Volkstanzgruppe Oberbayern enjoys keeping in touch with our German heritage and our love for dancing and Schuhplattln is a great way to show other people about our culture.



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The “Deutscher Volkstanzkreis” was established in late 1963 by a few people of the “Deutscher Volksliederchor” (mixed German folksong choir) who were interested in traditional German dancing. Word spread and the group grew quickly. With a mismatch of German outfits and many hours of practise, the group gave their first public appearance in early 1964. With the money earned from performances the “Deutscher Volkstanzkreis” was able to purchase traditional costumes from Germany. They adopted costumes of North-Central region of Germany for the men consisting of Niederhosen, shirt and vest; and adopted costumes of the Bavaria region for the ladies; pretty dirndls with intricate embroidery, chains and lace. Soon afterwards, the children’s dance group named “Kindertanzkreis” was formed. This group was popular among families of the SAADV and their cute floor shows are always liked by the elderly. There have been many highlights over the past 51 years, some which will be remembered more than others. Such as at Adelaide Town Hall, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne, Newcastle, SA Regional Wine Festivals, Adelaide Festival of Arts, Sydney Olympics 2000 Torch Relay Festivities, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Victor Harbor, Williamstown, Port Lincoln, Whyalla, Mount Gambier, Darwin, Canberra and Germany just to mention a few.



EDELWEISS TRACHTEN & VOLKSTANZGRUPPE

TASMANIA

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Vergelts Gott!

The Edelweiss Group was formed in 2007, as we wanted to keep Bavarian cultural traditions alive in Tasmania for our children. From this humble beginning the group has grown to approximately 10 active dancers, all of who have Bavarian or German backgrounds, indeed many of our dancers still speak German in the home. Initially a children's group, our foundation dancers are now young adults who enjoy helping the younger ones with their dancing. This is an encouraging sign for the future. Our repertoire includes "Plattlers" & figure dancers from Bavaria & Austria, along with a terrific bell choir who are always in demand. Rosenheim in the Chiemgau was the inspiration for our Tracht, & we try very hard to remain authentic to this. Cultural festivals like Ostern, Fasching & the Weihnachtsmarkt during Advent (where we provide the Nikolaus & Krampus's) are all part of "Vereinsleben" at the Polish Club (our base). Our performances in & around Hobart include Oktoberfests, ethnic food festivals, aged homes & fairs. This will be our 3rd Volkstanzfest & we look forward to seeing our old friends from across Australia

"Treu dem guten alten Brauch!"



ST RAPHAEL'S VOLKSTANZ GRUPPE

NEW SOUTH WALES

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The St Raphael's German Folk Dancing Group is based in Blacktown as part of the St Raphael's Community for German speaking Catholics. In the interests of carrying on the traditions and culture of their parents and ancestors, the young people of the community formed a folkloric dance group in 1976. The dancing group provided the young people of the community with the opportunity to socialize with other young people of similar heritage and also provided the remainder of the community with entertainment on festive occasions.

Since that formative year, the group has expanded its horizons and repertoire to be one which is continually in demand for performances at a variety of functions. The group performed for many years at the National Folkloric Festival held annually at the Sydney Opera House and at Sydney's premier 'Oktoberfest' held at the Fairfield Showground. The group has appeared live on television on the Channel 9 "Today" show and has attended every Volkstanzfest since 1991. Our dances are mainly from the southern regions of Germany and Austria. Our costumes are from the Chiemsee region of Bavaria in Southern Germany.



ALPENLÄNDLER VOLKSTANZGRUPPE

NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Alpenländer Volkstanzgruppe was formed in 1983 as part of the St Christopherus community at Croydon. The dance group includes three generations and more than 50 members entertaining our community, fostering friendships and maintaining our cultural heritage.

Our next generation of enthusiastic dancers has started only a few years ago with ages ranging from 5 to 'the young at heart'. We enjoy dancing the traditional polkas with our accordion accompaniment as well as current dances.



ALPENROSEN TRACHTEN & VOLKSTANZGRUPPE

QUEENSLAND

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The "Trachten and Volkstanzgruppe Brisbane Deutscher Turnverein" began its history in 1958 when it formed to help celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Brisbane German Club for the following year. This was to be the first of thousands of public performances. The Group currently has 28 active members spanning our Junior, Senior and Echo groups, with ages between 7 and 75. Our longest standing continuous member has performed with the group since 1979.

In the early days the ladies costumes were sewn by themselves and the men's Tracht had to be pieced together from where ever it could be sourced. Our Original dances were taught by Max Kaiser, an Austrian, of which we still perform to date. In 1960, contact was established with a group in 'Miesbach', Bavaria a small town south of Munich, who sent books, music and other bits and pieces to help the group. Thus we adopted our costumes from there.

The Alpenrosen Folk Dance and Bell Ringing group has travelled far and wide over the past 57 years to perform at events big and small such as the Commonwealth Games, Expo 88, Television shows, Festivals, Oktoberfests. From dirt floored show grounds, to the back of semi trailers, and as far away as Port Moresby, including all Volkstanzfests bar one in 1981 due to financial constraints.



**WORKERS' HUBERTUS
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FOLK DANCING GROUP**

NEW SOUTH WALES

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The group has been established since 2009. Stefan and Bettina Poetsch have been dancing (on and off) since 1985.

Once we had children we joined another group but decided in 2009 to start our own at the Hubertus Club at Luddenham. We were a small group of only 8 people. We have grown into a group of 15 since but most of the kids started when they were younger and still enjoy it to this day. Of course our major time for performances is in October. We have some get togethers outside of practice/dancing. The group is run mainly by the support from all the parents.



EDELWEISS DANCE GROUP

QUEENSLAND

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The Cairns Edelweiss Group was formed as an independent group in 2000 as an offshoot of a previous dance group which was affiliated with the local German Club. Since that time, our group has performed at Oktoberfests and Bierfests around the Cairns district as far south as Townsville when the now defunct German Club in Townsville hosted Oktoberfest and Cooktown hosted an Oktoberfest several years ago. During the tourist season from late autumn through spring, we also perform fortnightly at the Cairns Coconut Village Resort for the many tourists from all over who are visiting the area.

The age of group members ranges between 21 and 75, and apart from 2 Germans and 1 Austrian, most members are Australian - but age and nationality are irrelevant when we are united by the joys of dancing and promoting the culture of both Austria and Bavaria as well as the physical and mental health benefits of dancing. Our dance instructor Gunther Kremser is from Austria, so the emphasis is mainly on the Austrian style of dancing. We perform various Schuhplattlers along with Ländler, Polkas and Bayrischers and include several participation dances in order to involve the audience in the fun.

Oktoberfest is always the busiest time of the year for us with performances on just about every weekend in the month of October. The madness usually starts in late September before finally concluding at the end of October when we all get to take a well deserved break over Christmas before resuming practise again early in the following year. And we start all over again!



GUAD DRAUF PLATTLER

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We are the "Guad drauf Plattler" (meaning: Austrian for being in good mood) and are an Austrian association doing "Schuhplattler" (a type of Bavarian folk dance performed by male dancers).

Founded in January 2006 - initially planned as a Midnight show – our group's goal is to preserve the traditional Austrian custom of Schuhplatteln.

The strength of our group lies in its wide and diversified repertoire. Both traditional arrangements and even show-activities can be performed with great passion and enthusiasm.

Therefore, one can confidently say: We take the audience on their enjoyment of the Customs and Platteln.

References

- - 1st place in Austrian Schuhplattler competition (2013)
- - Organisation of Schuhplattler World-Record (<http://guinness.plattlerrekord.at/>)
- - Many performances in Austrian beer-festivals and other events



EDELWEISS DANCE GROUP

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German, Austrian and Swiss migrants founded the German-speaking Rhein Donau Club in 1958. In 1960, some Austrians formed the Edelweiss Dance Group to foster the Austrian and Bavarian folkdance tradition here in Western Australia. The bell group "Echo der Berge" was formed in 1980 to play traditional songs on tuned cowbells.

Since 1978, the Edelweiss Dance Group has participated every two years at the National Volkstanzfest. The costumes are traditional and fully imported. Most of our dances are flirtatious and tell a story. The slapping of the thighs and shoe soles by the boys called "Schuhplattler" is to warm up and create sound to music played by an accordion player.



BAYRISCHE TANZGRUPPE HIRSCHAU & JACKING

BAVARIA, GERMANY

GROUP LEADERS: Franz Dolles (Hirschau)

Franz Dankesreiter (Jacking)



Bayrische Tanzgruppe Hirschau - Jacking

Unsere Gruppe besteht aus aktiven der Trachtenvereine Hirschau und Jacking aus Bayern.

Der Heimat- und Trachtenverein Hirschau gehört dem Gauverband Oberpfalz an und wurde 1947 gegründet. Derzeit unterstützen 196 Mitglieder den Verein. Mit zwei Tanzgruppen und einer Gesangsgruppe ist Vorstand Franz Dolles sehr zufrieden.

Der Trachtenverein Jacking, gegründet 1924 gehört dem Dreiflüsse-Trachtengau Passau an und zählt zur Zeit 246 Mitglieder. Vorstand Max Käser freut sich über drei Tanzgruppen, einer Schnalzergruppe sowie einer Gesang- und Theatergruppe im Verein.

Durch unsere Gäste aus Adelaide 2014 entstand der gemeinsame Gedanke doch am Volkstanzfest 2015 in Australien teilzunehmen. Da sich leider aus keinem der beiden Vereine eine ganze Tanzgruppe für die Reise fand, entschloss man sich gemeinsam aufzutreten. Nach vielen emails gründeten wir dann am 01. Februar 2015 bei der ersten gemeinsamen Tanzprobe in Hirschau die Bayrische Tanzgruppe Hirschau - Jacking und freuen uns jetzt auf unsere Auftritte in Adelaide.

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SWISS FOLKDANCE GROUP ALPENROSE

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The Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose was founded in 1949 by members of the Swiss Club of Victoria. The group is keeping alive the wonderful and beautiful traditions of Switzerland so far away from its origin.

The dances are from most of the cantons. The costumes originate mainly from the central part of our home country. Several members of our group also perform musical items using historic folk instruments including the Alp-horn, unique to Switzerland, the Schwyzeroergeli, a special button accordion and a rare singing saw.

The group enjoys performing at Swiss functions, multicultural festivals, nursing homes and charitable events.



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