



Laura Clemow and Julian Bucheler of Bavarian community dance group Bund der Bayern will be in full swing at the German Club's Oktoberfest celebrations.

Friday parties for Oktoberfest

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Friday night is party night at the German Club.

The 20 adults and 20 children of Bavarian community dance group Bund der Bayern will be kicking up their heels for the Flinders St club's Oktoberfest celebrations on Friday nights during October.

"We basically do the traditional style of Bavarian dancing called *Schuhplattler*, translated it means hitting your shoes so we literally hit our legs, our shoes and then we

hit each other," group leader Reinhard Struve says.

"It's a party."

Oktoberfest stemmed from a traditional wedding celebration of a Bavarian king in the 1800s, which was such a successful party it led into an annual event.

"It actually started in September," Mr Struve says.

The group will also be hosting Australia's biggest national German dance event in April 2015, expecting around 300 including some groups from Bavaria and Austria.