

"UND KAM DIE GOLDENEN
HERBSTESZEIT. UND DIE BIRNEN
LEUCHTETEN WEIT UND BREIT."

BUND DER BAYERN INC'S

HERBST FEST

SUN 29 MARCH 2026 | 10AM - 4PM
KARKA PAVILLION, BELAIR NATIONAL PARK

LIVE MUSIC & PERFORMANCES
KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT
FRÜHSCHOPPEN
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Herbstfest '26

Sun 29 March 2026

Information for Participants

As at 1 Jan 2026

Liebe Freundinnen und Freunde,

We are very excited about our Herbstfest '26! We are expecting many families and looking forward to a relaxed afternoon in the beautiful setting of Belair National Park.

This document provides some important information to make sure that you and your family will have a great time.

Reinhard und seine Helferinnen und Helfer freuen sich auf Euch!

Crafers, im Januar 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reinhard Shute". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Reinhard" on the top line and "Shute" on the bottom line.

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Executive Summary

- Please bring **cash in small denominations** to pay for food/drinks.
 - Limited card payment facility only!
- **Outdoor event:** please bring hats / sunscreen / jackets / umbrellas as appropriate.
- Getting there
 - If using Google maps, search for “Belair National Park”.
 - Very important: **Vehicle entry is on Upper Sturt Rd only**, north of the intersection with Pine Lodge Dr, Glenalta.
 - **No vehicle entry fee required** for entry into Belair NP – just state you are going to Herbstfest.
 - Once inside the park **look for signage to Karka Pavilion** (map attached, and available [online](#) or hardcopy at the gate).
- We recommend **early arrival** and consider parking in lower carpark, then walking to Herbstfest as the main carpark will likely be filled quickly.
- In extreme weather the **event may be relocated or cancelled**. Keep eye on emails and [Facebook](#) for updates.
- Note that **parents will be responsible for their children during the event**.
- **Dogs are allowed** in Belair National Park but must be kept on lead at all times.
- **Bring a picnic rug along**, in case we run out of seats.
- We will have a **professional photographer** at the event.
 - Photos may be used on social media.
 - If you do not wish to be on our social media channels, please avoid having your close-up photo taken.
 - Please advise the photographer accordingly.
- If you made a booking for a group, then **please forward this information** to all members of your group.

On the following pages you will find the more detailed information, and a map of Belair National Park.

Getting there

We are trying to make our event as environmentally sustainable as possible and recommend cycling or walking for anyone living in the vicinity of Belair National Park.

For public transport we recommend the Belair Train Line from Adelaide Railway Station to Belair Railway Station, and then either walk or cycle the approx. 5km to “Karka Pavilion”. Bikes can be carried on trains, but restrictions apply. Please check DIT’s website for details.

With most participants likely to take their cars please consider the following options:

- Share the ride with friends; and/or
- Drive up to the gates of Belair National Park with your car, but cycle or walk within the park.

Belair National Park and Herbstfest Location

Please note that vehicle access is ONLY possible via the main gate (near the corner of Pine Lodge Dr and Upper Sturt Rd, Belair).

If using Google maps, search for “Belair National Park”.

Attention: If you only search for the words “Karka Pavilion” then Google may direct you via a track with a LOCKED GATE!!! You will not be able to drive along those tracks!

When you arrive at the main gate of Belair National Park, make it known to the ranger that you are attending the Herbstfest. You will not be required to pay the normal vehicle entry fee, which has already been paid for you.

We recommend that you arrive early, to stagger the arrival of all attendees and avoid any queues at the gate and for food and drinks at the event.

The Herbstfest will be held at “Karka Pavilion”, which is at the far side of the park from the main entry gate. If you have not previously been to the park before, here are some tips on how to find your way there:

- Drive to the main entry, just north of the corner of Pine Lodge Dr and Upper Sturt Rd, Belair.
- Once at the main gate, Google Maps will generally guide you to the correct spot if at that point you search for “Karka Pavilion” (but only if you get there via the main gate on Upper Sturt Rd); and
- Please note the map attached to this document (which you can also pick up for free from the park rangers when arriving at the entry gate); and
- Follow the permanent signs to “Karka Pavilion”; and
- Watch out for the temporary signs directing you to Herbstfest

Parking

Directly adjacent to Karka Pavilion are 42 car parks for vehicles, with 2 dedicated accessible car parks for persons with mobility impairment.

Prior to arriving at Karka Pavilion you will also be passing several earlier carparks along the scenic valley, within 300-500m range of the Herbstfest.

With the anticipated number of attendees throughout the day, we recommend that you arrive early, park in one of the lower carparks and walk along the valley meadows to the Herbstfest.

Not only does this make for a very pleasant and memorable experience for you and your children, but it will also avoid traffic congestion close to the Karka Pavilion.

It will also keep the car parks close to the Pavilion available for those with mobility impairments.

Look out for the temporary signs that indicate that a car park is within walking distance of the Herbstfest.

Weather

At all past Herbstfest events we always had *super-tolles* weather. Let's hope the same for 2026.

For light rain we will continue to plan for an outdoor event. In the unlikely case of heavy rain we can use the indoor area of Karka Pavilion. .

Which makes it important that you come prepared for the weather:

- For light rain: Umbrellas and wet weather gear are a must!
- For sun: Bring a hat, and sunscreen

For really bad weather: Keep an eye for any updates via email and [Facebook](#).

Food, drinks & payment

We are excited to be offering a range of either authentic German products, or locally produced items from South Australia.

In 2026 we have teamed up with [Simply Flammekueche](#), [Baltic Fine Food](#), [Omas Imbiss & Kuchen](#) and [Eis Haus Hahndorf](#) for German culinary delights.

We are looking forward to a Frühschoppen in 2026, with options including a Weisswurstfrühstück or a Bauernfrühstück. Spaghetti-Eis for kids (and all others!).

Alcoholic drinks will be provided by [Empire Liquor](#) (Hofbräu), [Prancing Pony Brewery](#) & [SchnappsIdea](#). Non-alcoholic drinks by [Bickfords Australia](#).

Every adult ticket includes the purchase of a reusable plastic cup, which you are welcome to take home after the event. Alternatively, you can return the cup to the bar at the end and receive \$2 back.

And now for something really important: Please bring cash in small denominations along.

Due to lack of 4G mobile coverage we cannot easily use card readers at Karka Pavilion. We may have limited card reader options, but they will be slow and unreliable.

We thus ask that you bring cash along in small denominations, e.g. gold coins and \$5, \$10 and \$20 notes.

If you have special dietary requirements or small children, please feel free to bring your own food along.

To reduce waste, we also suggest that you bring your own drinking water along, to reduce the need for bottled water.

Please note however that this event will be a fundraiser for our community group, and we appreciate your support through consumption of food and drinks provided at the event.

Please do NOT bring your own alcoholic drinks along, as you would put us in breach of our liquor licence. Many thanks for your understanding.

Entertainment & Activities

The event in 2026 starts at 10am and finishes at 4pm, with the following entertainment throughout the afternoon (as at 92 Nov 2025):

- 10:15am – 11:45am: Live music. Musicians/band: [Adelaide Horn Jam](#)
- 12pm – 12:20pm: Official welcome & cultural floor shows
 - Bund der Bayern (Bavarian)
 - Kitka Adelaide Bulgarian Folkloric Dance Group
- 12:30pm - 2pm: Live music. Musicians/band: [Corinna Hernandez](#)
- 2:15pm – 3:45pm: Live music. Musicians/band: [The Wachsfackels](#)
- All day: Games, facepainting & craft workshop for kids/families

Vicky, Lena and Kirsty will be doing free facepainting for children and adults alike.

Andrea & helpers at the “Basteltisch” will create “Kastanienmännchen” and other craft works with children. Please note that this area will be within line of sight of the main area, and parents will be responsible for their children during the event.

And we will bring along games, e.g. Finska, giant Jenga and giant Connect 4.

Please bring your frisbees, soccer balls and other games, etc.

Please note that musicians and kids entertainment options may change at short notice. We will try on best endeavours to find suitable replacements if any of the musicians or other stakeholders become unavailable.

We recommend early arrival in the morning for optimal enjoyment of the event, and to avoid congestion for food services.

Also, we suggest that you bring a picknick rug along. There is a chance we will be running out of seats on the tables and benches at some stage during the event.

Photography

Photographer [Don Brice](#) will take photos at the event.

These photos will be made available to all attendees for download after the event as a memento.

We may also use the photos for social media, e.g. Facebook, etc.

If you do not wish to have close-up photos taken of you or your children and used on social media, please advise Don accordingly. You will be able to identify Don via his bright orange high viz vest and his camera gear, and he will introduce himself before taking photos.

Please note that for general wide area photos of the event it may not be possible to take everyone's individual wishes into account, but we will try on best endeavours.

Sustainability

We want to run our event in the most sustainable manner possible. And we need to take all rubbish with us after the event.

Reinhard & helpers need to manually sort through the rubbish after the event. Not the greatest job.

Please help us:

- Avoid or minimise waste; and
- take your own waste home again; or
- sort any waste into the correct bin at the event.

Many thanks for your support.

Accommodation

For anyone who is keen to make Herbstfest '26 an event that your family will remember, why not book a cabin or camping spot at the [Belair National Park Caravan Park](#), and hike to the event (approx. 4 – 5km).

Cancellations

If you cannot attend at short notice, please let us know at the earliest opportunity via info@bundderbayern.org.

We will repay any monies for cancellations that we receive up to 12noon on the day before (Sat 28 March 2026).

We will administer any repayments in the week after the event (when we will have some time to breathe again).

Any questions?

For any issues please contact Reinhard Struve via info@bundderbayern.org (preferred) or 0423 496194.

Wir freuen uns, Euch demnächst bei unserem Herbstfest zu sehen!

More Info & Future events

We are proud to be offering Adelaide's German community meaningful services and events.

Please mark Saturday the 25 July 2026 in your calendars already for our popular winter event **“Hüttenzauber”** at the Woodhouse Adventure Park, Piccadilly. Tickets will be on sale from 1 June 2026 via the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DILFC>

Please follow the „Bund der Bayern Inc“ and the „Adelaide German Week“ on Facebook or Insta for updates on any other events:

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