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NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A Message from the Treasurer by Thomas Bidstrup

You may have noticed that there has been a small increase in the price of some of the goods we sell at the club. As mentioned at the AGM, shipping costs from Europe have increased significantly over the past year (+50%), making it much more expensive for us to import Danish goods. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep increases of pricing to a minimum as much as possible.

Pre-orders of Products

As much as we would like to accommodate for pre-orders for all members,
this is currently not possible due to limited capacity to do this manually. This might be an area that can be looked further in to for the planned website to ease this process for everyone (we are planning to offer this service).

If you come when we open our doors at events, then hopefully you should be able to get the products that you would like. Depending on quantities, we might also set a cap on certain products so more people can enjoy the popular goodies.

As a general guideline, we sell products at the club events but of course if you are a volunteer and/or committee member, then you will have more access to the club due to the nature of being involved in club activities prior and in between events.

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**Use of the Courtyard before the Doors opens at Events**

At our Sales Day in October, we turned our courtyard in to a place to wait before we opened the doors. With a few tables and chairs, it’s a lot nicer to wait there instead of a long line on the street. The idea is that people can go to the bar and buy a drink and bring it to the courtyard while waiting, and use the bathroom if needed of course. We tried it out and might do it more so that we can open the doors to the club activities once ready to serve food or what else is on the program when we open. Thanks to all members who waited and for giving feedback on this. And as the good Danes we are, we should all be mindful of respectful ‘køkultur’.

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**Membership Support**

We acknowledge that some Danes might be going through some hardship from time to time and if anyone is ever in need of support or help, please reach out to us in the club as we are also here to help Danish people Down Under. In fact the club partly started out in the early days by being a support place for Danes in regards to health insurance (from my understanding). We know that the pandemic has affected many people deeply and we would like to offer our support by giving away some memberships to those who are in need of a little extra support. Please apply by contacting the club in whatever
Would you like to volunteer for one task?

We are looking for a member to help us assist with picking up cheese and herrings from an address in Virginia (it's 9 kilometres away from the club). If you can do that on and off on Fridays prior to some of our events, that would be a big help. And hey, there is a nice specialty store too if you like food 😊

Building Activities on Austin Street

Hutchinson Builders have started demolition and construction works at 24-30 Austin Street. Also in the coming weeks (around 8 weeks in total) there will be water main replacement along Breakfast Creek Road. Please be mindful that on-street parking may be limited in the area during construction times.

The Month in Review...

The club has been used by Corner Pocket Swing, the folk dancers, some 150th anniversary meetings, a social club volunteer gathering, Sales Day, BRICKS 4 KIDS, booking/rentals arrangements, a private reception and an 80th birthday celebration and a casual playdate. The library is still in the process of being tidied up and please feel free to take some of the books home, there are 2 tables with books that we aren't going to keep.

Mathilde Bach Stougaard

HIGHLIGHTS
As a way to acknowledge all volunteers from the past committee year, we had a social gathering before our Sales Day, where we had food and a ‘hyggelig’ time. Photo credit: Randi Hammer

The Sales Day was a huge success and we sold out of a couple of items within a very short time. We tried not to use Eventbrite this time but from the feedback it sounds like pre-orders is the way to go to ensure you get certain products. Photo credit: Tove Vine

EVENTS 2021
The committee hosts events throughout the year and tries to have the bar and ‘shop’ open at all events so you can buy Danish goodies - sometimes it will also be possible to buy cheese, herrings and other goods (take away alcohol is for members only). When possible the baker (Britt’s Organic) and other independent businesses will be at the club. To find the current product and price list, please click here. Due to COVID we have additional responsibilities to keep all members safe and we have outlined what you have to be aware of when visiting the club on the website here.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES

November - Sunday 21st:

- Creative workshop in collaboration with @solthreadsau and @svane_homemade. More information to come via email but you are also welcome to email or call the club for more information and for booking ticket(s). We will try to accommodate for some Christmas stalls but that is still to be confirmed...

December:

- Julefest (TBC). The exact setup and date will be discussed at our next committee meeting. More information to come via email but you are also welcome to email or call the club for more information and for booking ticket(s).

The Danish Church
(contributions from the Danish Church in Brisbane)

Delicious Danish goods have now arrived from Denmark for the annual Christmas Market at St Mark’s Lutheran Church. Please click here to read more.
Other Events

**Heimdal's 150th Anniversary 2022: (updates through the year)**
While some details around the exact date of the anniversary still need to be worked out, Mathilde Bach Stougaard has met with Maryann Kahwati - she is going to assist with the finances. We have also started the conversations around music, which Jørgen Skov is helping out with at this point in time. We are also planning to have some dance and vikings at the event in conversation with Harly Pedersen and Lis Larsen. Grants are being looked into at the moment and Vicki Cain and Mathilde are meeting regularly.

**Scandi Christmas Market: (an event organised by the Swedes)**
The club will have a stall at the market too.
Iben Giessing Lund

Many of you might know Iben as she has been involved with club work over many years. She has been in the committee previously and also known as 'slikmutter' 😊. Beside helping at events, she is now also looking after bookings/rentals. A huge shout out to Iben and thank you for your commitment, it's absolutely valued and makes a difference. Here you see Iben being slikmutter back in 2016.
We are always seeking to engage with volunteers and have members involved in what is happening at the club. Read more here.

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

- Oscar Wilde

STORYTIME 📚

An Introduction to Kaylene-Ann Hennessy-Rasmussen

Please welcome the new club Secretary, Kaylene-Ann Hennessy-Rasmussen. We are all grateful for Kaylene coming forward to join the committee. Get to know her with a little Q&A…

What is your Danish connection?
"My Danish connection is through my father and his father. My grandfather and his family migrated to Australia after World War 1 to teach Australians how to make cheese (only the best kind of course!). They came from a gorgeous little place called Gelsted in Fyn but unfortunately when they moved to Australia they chose to speak only English, so the language got lost through the generations but the culture and traditions still happen."

**What motivated you to join the committee?**
"My grandfather passed away a few years ago and he was my sole connection to Denmark, after he passed, I spent some time travelling the whole country and it just welcomed me instantly. I wish to honour his memory, strengthen my knowledge of my heritage (including its language) and be a part of a community that I have just grown so fond of."

**What do you look forward to the most for the coming year?**
"I look forward to building more friendships with like minded people, baking more Danish food and just helping out where I can. For me, it’s about the relationships that can be built rather than a particular event as all events are just another opportunity to build more bridges and learn from one another."

Want to share a story or experience about anything and everything? We would love to hear from you...

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**IN THE NEWS AND OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

- [Råbjerg Mile](Visit NordJylland) (Visit NordJylland)

- Food: "[Hvad er forskellen på karbonader og krebinetter?](Coop)"

- "[World's highest wind turbine to be built in Denmark](article by The Local)"

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**SAYINGS, FUN FACTS AND MORE 😊**
Det blæser en halv pelican

*Det blæser en halv pelican* translates to ‘is blowing half a pelican’ and is used to describe a windy day or when Danes want to make fun of the hard and cold weather conditions.

**MEMBERS**

**New Members**

No new members approved in October.

**NEW SPECIAL MEMBER DEAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**

No new deals this month - please get in touch if you would like your business or something else on the member deals list.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Please visit our website to read more about [membership](#) and [special deals](#).

**DET DANISKE LAND I BILLEDER MED MER...**
*(The Danish Country in Pictures with more...)*
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The Committee
Pictured from the left: Madeleine Dahl Hansen, Anita Dombernowsky (Vice President), Thomas Bidstrup (Treasurer), Mathilde Bach Stougaard (President), Thomas Mou Jepsen (Licensee), Randi Hammer, Alan Przybylak

Top right corner: Kaylene-Ann Hennessy-Rasmussen (Secretary)

Bottom right corner: Peter Wagner Hansen

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