NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Constitution of The Danish Association Heimdal Inc.

Since the Annual General Meeting last year, the constitution has been brought up in various conversations. It requires reviewing and updating to reflect where the Danish Club is at today so we can ensure that everyone adheres to it. Therefore, at the last committee meeting in June, it was noted in the minutes, that we are aware of the current situation (that it's outdated and not being followed to the extent that it should) and we would like to use the clause in the constitution outlining the following:

"The Management Committee may from time to time make, amend or repeal by-laws, not inconsistent with these Rules for the internal management of the Association and any by-law may be set aside by a general meeting of members." (under BY-LAWS, page 7).

This means that we will have the constitution review on the agenda at some stage in the future. If you would like to contribute to this process, reading the current constitution could be the best starting point. It can be found on the website under 'Archive'.

If you have any feedback or questions, please email contact@DanishClubBrisbane.org.
The Danish Club in Sydney

The club in Sydney has closed down, which we are all sorry to hear of course. The funds that were left, they have chosen to kindly donate to us and we are grateful for their support.

Events Update

You can find a full overview of events for the rest of the year further down the page (some are TBC).

The Club event this month is Christmas in July (Saturday 24th). NB! The event has been placed on hold for now…

Because of the current COVID situation, please keep an eye out for updates and changes as it’s hard to plan and lock anything in until we know more about the situation.

Call for action:
If you are interested in having a stall at the Christmas in July event and if you are lucky enough that there are any spots left, please send an email to contact@danishclubbrisbane.org.

More information about the upcoming events further down the page.

COVID

We are keeping a close eye on the current COVID situation for everyone's safety.

Please be aware that we may need to make event changes as we go and possibly with short notice so keep an eye out for updates via emails and on our social media channels.

Also, this might affect when the printed newsletter is able to be sent out, which means it might arrive in your mailbox delayed.

This might also affect numbers of people allowed at the Club, which has already been further decreased.
**Heimdal's 150th Anniversary**

Next year in September, the Danish Club in Brisbane (Heimdal) turns 150. At the last committee meeting, a working group was established so that we can start the planning process that was initiated some months ago.

The anniversary falls in September 2022. Some members have already been in touch with Mathilde Bach Stougaard about interest for certain activities for the event. Under 'Storytime' further down the page, you can for example, read about a book project which could be connected to the anniversary event.

**Call for action:**
If you would like to get involved and help out with the upcoming event in one way or another, please get in touch.

**Facebook Group**

We now have a Facebook group for members and other people who are interested in seeing what the Club is all about. You can find the group [here](#) and please feel free to join so we can all start some conversations there.

**A Message from the Treasurer by Thomas Bidstrup**

Like many businesses across Australia, COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the finances of Heimdal. Café nights, general activities and rental of our club facilities was suddenly put to a hold with significant loss of revenue as a result. As the country reopened, the committee has put a lot of effort into pivoting our offerings to ensure they are COVID safe and provide a sustainable level of service to our members. In the process we have reviewed our goods and rental pricing to ensure they reflect the increased cost of our imports and the added costs of cleaning as required in the post-COVID world. In addition, we have streamlined our accounting processes and are actively looking at alternative ways to ensure our savings are put to the best use possible. We have finished the financial year strong and look to break even from an operational perspective in a year that can only be described as incredibly challenging.

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*Mathilde Bach Stougaard*
HIGHLIGHTS

Cafe Danmark (June)

Some nice pictures from the second Cafe Danmark event after the Coronavirus outbreak. It was a successful night with many helping hands. Pictured at the top: Lone Schmidt, Sine Trewartha and Stine Wood. Photo credit: Tove Vine and Thomas Bidstrup

Soccer - 'Fodbold' (as we say in Danish)
A member (thank you Jakob Marius Kjær) asked if it was possible to watch soccer in the Club together with other interested members - it was quickly arranged after a few social media posts and connections. If you would like to be part of potential future soccer screenings, let us know. Photo credit: Thomas Bidstrup

EVENTS 2021

As a general guideline, most events hosted by the committee will fall on the 4th weekend (either Friday/Saturday/Sunday) every month, with some exceptions throughout the year.

We try to have the ‘shop’ open at all events so you can buy lollies, chocolate and different drinks etc. and at some events it will be possible to buy cheese, herring and other goods (certain products are for members only).

When possible the baker (Britt’s Organic) and other independent businesses will be at the Club.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES
**July - Saturday 24th:**

NB! Christmas in July was supposed to occur on the 24th of July. We had stall holders organised, the baker was coming and the risengrød was almost cooking next to the gløg, but then COVID hit once again. **We haven’t called it off, but we have put in on hold until we know more.** The information below was part of the original program but that is also now on hold. Keep an eye out for event updates…

- **CHRISTMAS IN JULY 🎄**

  *The Christmas tree is in,*
  *The Christmas lights are glowin’*
  *All we need is our Danish people*
  *together here singin’ and crowin’!*

  To accommodate for more members, we will have two time slots for this event so we all can enjoy the **Danish Christmas vibes, stalls and yummy food ❤️**

  **Time slots: 2pm-4pm and 5pm-7pm**

  Keep an eye out for more information by email (you are welcome to call and make a booking over the phone or email too). The website will also be updated with more information.

  We are looking for **volunteers** for this event - please get in touch if you would like to be part of this fantastic event.

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**July/August - July 31st (Saturday) to August 1st (Sunday):**

- **SANKT HANS (NEW DATE)**

Due to wet weather conditions out of our control, Sankt Hans had to be postponed from the original weekend in June. Please refer to previous Club emails sent out about Sankt Hans or get in touch if you would like to know more and/or is in doubt about anything.
August - weekend 20th/21st/22nd:
Event / Play and Family Day (TBC)

September - Sunday 12th:
Annual General Meeting (no Play and Family Day)

October - weekend 22nd/23rd/24th:
Event / Play and Family Day (TBC)

November - weekend 26th/27th/28th:
Event / Play and Family Day (TBC)

December - Sunday 12th:
Julefest (no Play and Family Day)

We would like you to and encourage everyone to book prior to an event as it makes the planning easier. It means that you won’t miss out on food and you can secure a spot, especially now that we have to adhere to COVID restrictions.

As a member, you get first access to events and depending on the event, you are welcome to bring friends (information vary based on each event). Please help ensure they sign the guest book upon arrival.

Of course, we welcome walk-ins too, but then you have to be prepared to wait in the line and risk missing out on food. Worst case scenario is that we can’t let you in if we have reached the limit. We try to have some extra food at events but to ensure food, please book in advance as required depending on the event setup.

If you come for shopping only, then you don’t need to book an attendee ticket but be prepared for waiting in line before you can get in if we have a full house.

More information to come about event booking via email via Eventbrite - at the moment we are open for bookings approximately two weeks before an event and close again approximately one week before the event (dates may vary).

We encourage everyone to become members and join the Danish community but we also understand that you might want to come to visit and see what the Club is all about first. Get in touch for more information as we welcome guests too but to use our ongoing services, we would like you to become a member.
Due to the current COVID circumstances, we are working hard to ensure the Club stays open in whatever capacity possible and we hope for your understanding in these challenging times. It requires a lot of extra work and extra hands.

VOLUNTEERING ★

Thorben Kristiansen

It's a pleasure to introduce you to Thorben Kristiansen, who volunteered at Cafe Danmark in June. Thorben has a Danish father and was born in Zimbabwe. He has also been living in Denmark and has since 2016 been based in Brisbane.
We are always seeking to engage with volunteers in whatever possible way and if you would like to contribute to the community and have a great time with everyone involved, please get in touch.

The Club is open for anyone to host events for the community and we would love to hear from you if you are interested or have any ideas to contribute with and put your hands to work.
It’s a great opportunity to speak Danish, get to learn the language, exchange stories, eat some good food and get to know other like-minded people.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

– Helen Keller

STORYTIME 📚

Danish Club Anniversary Book

Greetings all,

The Danish Association Heimdal will soon be celebrating its 150th anniversary. I am really excited about being involved in creating a memorial book. It is a great opportunity to update the club’s history, mark milestones, celebrate accomplishments and tell an invaluable story.

The plan is to create a book that is full of nostalgia and history to celebrate stories of the past and present - a blend of heartfelt stories, facts and archival photos.

I will need a lot of help and so I am calling out for people to help collect the stories, do personal interviews and share their own photos and stories. To help do this a private Facebook group has been created where documents and photos can be uploaded and the Danish community can interact and share precious memories.

Link: Danish Club and Danes in Brisbane History

If you are interested in joining the Heimdal Anniversary Book working group please contact Pia on myozdanish@gmail.com or send a text to 0408 733
Looking forward to hearing from you.

Pia B.

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

IN THE NEWS AND OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Sankt Hans**
  Read and watch more about this Danish tradition [here](https://www.frederikssundmuseum.dk/museumsagt/sankthans) (Frederikssund Museum Færgegården)

- **Danish Soccer / Football**
  A reaction from DBU, the Danish Football Association, after the Danish soccer player, Christian Eriksen, collapsed during a game. Read it [here](https://www/dbu.dk/en/news/match)s (news by DBU)

- **Scandinavian Film Festival**
  [https://scandinavianfilmfestival.com/](https://scandinavianfilmfestival.com/)
  Brisbane: 15 July - 4 August

SAYINGS, FUN FACTS AND MORE 😊

*Skål (Cheers)*

*The Danish word skål literally translates as ‘bowl’ and originates from a time when Danes would raise the bowl from which they drank as a way to salute one another. The word itself originates from the Old Norse skáλ and the German Schale. It’s pronounced*
to rhyme with ‘hole’. Given the impressive drinking habits of Danes, you will soon familiarise yourself with this word when visiting Denmark.

The Culture Trip

MEMBERS

New Members

Please welcome new/renewed members/memberships.

**Single Memberships:**

- Kirsten Dahl, Tweed Heads South
- Sabine Derocker, Carina
- Bruce Johnson, Brisbane
- Dorthe Madsen, Burdell
- Karina Madsen Brice, Fortitude Valley

**Family Memberships:**

- Ib & Lorraine Holmbaeck, South East Nanango
- Stephanie & Greg Watts, Pelican Waters

**Membership Year**

The new membership year starts on July 1st 2021. You can see your details at the beginning of the e-news and those who only receive our printed newsletters will receive a member status with the August newsletter.

**Member Benefits**

- First access to events etc.
  (we accommodate for members first due to limited spaces etc.).

- You can buy imported Danish alcohol
- Participation in the Play and Family Days.
  (join the Facebook group [here](#) to find out more).

**Special deals and offers for members**

**New additions:**

We now have a deal with [The Jungle](#).

Please click [here](#) to see all offers listed (more to come, we are just getting started). Get in touch if you would like your business or something else on the list.

**Call for action:**

Are you a superstar to arrange deals for all members to benefit from? We would love to hear from you! It's a great way to get involved...

**Thinking of becoming a member?**

"**The Danish Club is a members club for members run by members**"

If you would like to know more about what we do, of course you are welcome to visit and see what it's all about. Give it a few times as we do welcome guests (please write yourself in the guest book upon arrival). If you continue to use our services, we would like you to become a member and support the Club in solidarity with all the Danes Down Under to contribute to the community.
Please read more on the website here and click on 'membership' to sign up and become a member. Please contact Peter Hansen (admin@DanishClubBrisbane.org) if you need help or have any questions about memberships.

CONTACT

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions, feedback or anything else on your heart.

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