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However, information has been received from Western Australia that a firm in Perth offers its services to persons from European German speaking countries to claim pensions they might be entitled to. Though a first *general* information is free of charge, subsequent services are payable. Brochures received give the impression that claiming pensions — whether from Germany, Austria or Switzerland — is very difficult indeed. Of course, we can only speak for Switzerland. But this is the country you are dealing with anyway. And we want to reassure you: there is no need at all to use the services of any agency etc., much less to spend money for this purpose, whether in Perth or in any other town in Australia or elsewhere. On the contrary: pension matters are confidential, and the Consular Representations wish therefore to deal directly with the claimants. Their aim is to assist the compatriots to receive what they are entitled to *with no hassles at all*. PE

Notice to Clubs

The Swiss Review 3/89 will appear at the end of August. **Typewritten** articles to appear in it must be in possession of the

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not later than Tuesday, July 18th, 1989.

Please note that the calendar of events should cover the period **September 1989 to January 1990**.

Issue 4/89 appearing end of November 1989: deadline October 10th, calendar of events December 1989 to April 1990.

ADELAIDE

Swiss Club of S.A.

P.O. Box 70, Burnside, S.A. 5066

We had the opportunity to start the year with a Zoo-Do. Our president, Werner Zur Eich, invited us to musical entertainment combined with an evening picnic near "his" animals. It was a happy occasion including alphorn blowing by Willy and a singalong later. Even the giraffes found it amusing to look over our noisy assembly in the moonlight.

The beach brunch took place on February 19th but because of windy conditions and too much sand for our liking, we may look for a different spot next time. However, the children still enjoyed digging for treasure.

Fortnightly choir practice is in full swing again and newcomers interested in joining us should contact Rosmarie (phone 31 4991).

Future Events:

June the Jass championships are planned to be at Armand Jung's residence, but organised by Dieter Loeliger (42 5418)

July 29th will be bonfire night at the John Tilley Hall, Surrey Downs, and plans for the actual National Day celebration for adults will be published in the local newsletter.

September

Please don't forget to come along to our A.G.M. Added interest will be a Tombola with a chance to win a good dinner at the Alphütte restaurant.

December

A different venue will be chosen for our next Christmas party — more news available later.

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CANBERRA

Canberra Swiss Club

P.O. Box 3211

Manuka, ACT 2603

Tel. President 58 1921, Secretary 58 2090

The recently arrived Swiss Ambassador to Australia, Mr. Hugentobler, has graciously accepted the Club's invitation to become its patron.

At the beginning of March a number of members met at Jindabyne for the weekend. The lodge was very pleasant indeed and the glorious weather played its part in making it an enjoyable and memorable weekend for all participants.

On Easter Sunday, many Club members met at Uriarra Crossing for a picnic. Young and old entered into the spirit of the occasion and took part in an Easter egg competition. There was one problem — which of the many beautifully decorated Easter eggs deserved a prize? The jury's task was difficult. The prize-winners were rewarded for their efforts with a chocolate Easter bunny. To the delight of our youngest members, the Easter bunny turned up with a basket full of chocolate eggs. The success of this get-together was such that it is hoped that the Easter gathering will become another tradition in the calendar of the Club.

Coming Events:

June 24th — Fondue and dance evening
July 15th — Jass evening
August 5th — Swiss National Day celebration
mid-September — Bus trip to the Dubbo zoo
October 14th — Bowling evening

Please check the Club's newsletter for details of these events and bookings.

MELBOURNE

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Special Event

Sat., Sept 9th Jassabig No. 3

Swiss Club of Victoria

89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

Tel. 650 1196

Postal address:

GPO Box 5382 BB, Melbourne, Vic. 3000

In my first communication as your new President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous President, Joe Schibli, and his Committee for the excellent way the Club was managed the last four years.

The new Committee is looking forward to an active year and we are inviting you to make full use of your Club's facilities. Come and enjoy good food and pleasant company.

Our Yodel-Choir "Edelwyss" and the Folk Dance Group "Alpenrose" are always ready to welcome new members!

See you at the Club

Primo Calabresi

Club Committee 1989:

President: P. Calabresi

Vice-Presidents: K. Sieber, R. Weingartner

Treasurer: P. Lightfoot

Secretary: H. Frei

Committee members: J. Dornbierer, E. Hunkeler, M. Fiechter, S. Schmidig, E. Gilli

Congratulations to the new Honorary Life Members of the Club: P. Calabresi, J. Dornbierer, A. Koller, E. Fehr.

Social Calendar:

24.6.	Fondue/Raclette Night
30.6.	Musical Soirée
8.7.	Metzgete
22.7.	2. Jass-Abend
23.7.	National Day Picnic
29.7.	National Day Ball at new venue: The Albert Banquet Centre, Aughtie Drive (cnr Albert Road), South Melbourne
1.8.	National Day Celebrations at the Club
9.8.	Ladies' Luncheon
19.8.	3. Jass-Abend
2.9.	Bunter Abend Jodel-Club Edelwyss
13.9.	Half-Yearly General Meeting
23.9.	Tessiner-Abend
7.10.	Final Jass-Abend
14.10.	Metzgete
27., 28.,	Oktoberfest at the Royal Mel- bourne Showgrounds
29.10.	

Ladies' Luncheons

Two gatherings are planned for the second half of this year. Why not come to the Swiss Club of Victoria, 89 Flinders Lane; on August 8th and on November 22nd, 1989, at 12.30 p.m. to meet some friends, make new acquaintances, and spend a couple of happy hours in a friendly atmosphere?

For bookings, please ring François Duriau, Gerant of the Club, on 650 1196.

If you would like to be our guest speaker or know someone who could have an in-

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Swiss School

The Saturday Morning Swiss School is particularly suited for children of the lower primary school age. All Swiss parents of the Melbourne area are invited to send their children — from prep age upwards — to the School for a trial period.

Recently, special emphasis was given to handicrafts related to Switzerland. However, any suggestions from the parents of participating children regarding the school's activities — aimed at furthering the knowledge about Switzerland — are welcome.

We meet every second Saturday at 10 o'clock at the Swiss Club of Victoria, 89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. If you would like more information about the School, please ring the convenor, Peter Küng, phone 363 3764.

Yodel-Club "Edelwyss"

c/o Swiss Club of Victoria, Melbourne

New members welcome! If you feel like supporting our choir and doing something for yourself, why not come along on Wednesday nights when we are practising at the Club, and have a look at what we are doing? We are also in urgent need of a conductor, someone with good musical knowledge who can give us a hand. Need more information? Ring Roland Isler on 578 2363 a.h.

And don't forget, our "Bunter Abend" is on Saturday, September 2nd, at the Club.

Trachtengruppe Schwyzergruess Australian-Swiss Cultural Society

16 Baldwyn Ave, Upper Ferntree Gully, Vic. 3156

We would like to inform our friends that the performance of a play in Swiss German dialect is planned for the evenings of September 23rd and 30th.

Detailed information about our "Theaterabend" will be available in July/August 1989 at the two Swiss Clubs, the Matterhorn Society and the Swiss Club of Victoria, at the National Day celebrations, in various Swiss shops and also from Margrit Schacher, telephone (03) 568 8678.

PERTH

Swiss Club of W.A. Inc.

All correspondence to:

The Secretary
P.O. Box 328, Cloverdale, W.A. 6105

Tel. Vice-President:
(B) 350 5514, (H) 457 7989
Tel. Secretary: (H) 337 7079

Social Calendar June to October 1989:

Sat 17.6.	Metzgete with "Simmaron" at the "Rhein-Donau-Club"
Sun 9.7.	Annual General Meeting at the Gypsy Baron, Armadale, 91 Jull Street, courtesy Chris Meyer
Sun 16 &	Wood gathering for the August 1st bonfire
Sun 23.7	August 1st Celebration at the Old Austria Club (see notice)
Sun 30.7	August 1st Celebration at the Old Austria Club (see notice)

Sat 19. or	Visit Midland Bricks
Sun 20.8.	
Sat 2.9 &	Bushwalk — excursion with tent. Details to be advised
Sun 3.9	
Sun. 17.9.	Picnic Chittering Valley courtesy Mr and Mrs Ruedi Abplanalp
Sat 21.10.	Swiss Night with Rotary Club Morley

The Annual General Meeting

will be held at the Gypsy Baron, 91 Jull Street, Armadale. This event will take place on Sunday, July 9th, 1989. The actual meeting will be from 3.00 p.m. until 6.00 p.m. Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be for members only. You will have the opportunity to select a new committee. After the meeting, the Swiss Club is inviting all members who have paid their membership fees for a buffet dinner at the Gypsy Baron. This dinner is financed by the Swiss Club of W.A. The free dinner offer is also applicable to children up to 12 years. Non members who will be joining the Swiss Club members for dinner after the meeting will have to pay for their meal.

The Swiss National Day Celebration

will be held on Sunday, July 30th, 1989, at the Old Austria Club. This will be a family orientated function, as we plan to start at 2.00 p.m. with live music and then have a break from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. for the bonfire held in the grounds of the Old Austria Club. A hearty meal will be served from approximately 5.00 p.m. onwards. There will be lots of fun, e.g. a Schwingen competition. Your favourite folklore music group, namely the Swiss Yodlers, will be performing. The evening should finish at about 10.00 p.m., so all those sleepy heads can have an early night.

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Local Communications



SYDNEY

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Armin (President) and Elizabeth Roth:
669 1749

Every Monday Club Evening at Ox on the Rocks Restaurant, 135 George Street, City. Tel. 27 1920.

Last Friday each month: Dance and Sing-along at the German-Austrian Society, 73 Curtin Street, Cabramatta. Enquiries: Ruth and Sigi Achermann, Tel. 601 2006.

Major Forthcoming Functions:

Monday, July 10th: Annual General Meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the Concordia Club, 231 Stanmore Road, Stanmore.

Seniors' Luncheon on July 29th and October 15th at the Concordia Club, at 12 noon. Enquiries: Ida Gugger (tel. 519 1103) or George Naher on 953 1162.

Swiss National Day Celebration on Sunday, July 30th: at the traditional Yodler's Family Picnic. From noon. The equally traditional Swiss Gala Ball will not be held this year. Instead the various Swiss Groups in Sydney wish to support one large function to bring the Swiss and their friends together. The Swiss Club of NSW will promote this function and also run a large Guessing Competition for the benefit of the Swiss Community Care Society.

Grümpeltturnier: October 15th at the Gore Hill Oval.

The Swiss Yodlers of Sydney

August 1st Celebrations

At a meeting late last year, the various Swiss associations of Sydney and surroundings commissioned the Swiss Yodlers to upgrade the traditional Swiss National Day Picnic into the official August 1st Celebration.

As a result, the Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 30th, 1989, at the usual place at Plumpton. Separate invitations will be sent to all the Swiss in NSW.



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Walter Schellenberg, President

Newcastle, Hunter Valley and Sydney Area

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Bratwurst, Cervelat, Landjäger, Fleischchäss, Swiss cheeses, bread, soft drinks, coffee and home made cakes can be purchased, otherwise BYO.

Bring your flags, lanterns, etc., for the Saturday night "Höhenfeuer" — bring your tents, caravans or sleeping bags if you like to stay overnight — *but no pets* please. A great weekend in the country to meet your friends.

Inquiries: the Schnebli's, (049) 98 3234; the Gerbers, (049) 51 5398; the Casiraghis, (049) 66 5311.

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