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Once again, we wish to thank you for your generous support!

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Albert Mehr

The Consul General of Switzerland
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Dear Friends of the Swiss Club,

This is my last article to the Swiss Review as the President of the Swiss Club of Victoria.

I thank my fabulous committee for the trust and co-operation and hard work which let me realise many a plan I had hedged. Thank you for the friendship coming my way; friendship is most important in my life.

I thank the Swiss Club members and their friends for the support and I am most grateful for the experience I was able to make.

The transition to the new Presidency will be smooth. Due to the structure of the present committee, the two year rotation of the lead planned long in advance and due to the full disclosure of every business to all, the change in leadership should work without any interruption.

I plan to remain as Immediate Past President for the coming two years and will not only pull my weight but also like to finalize this or that, for which the time in my office did not suffice.

During the coming few months traditional functions will be held like every year, especially during the National Day period which is almost around the corner. In addition, many a surprise is planned to suit any and every taste. Please inform yourself on the Swiss Club website and from the Swiss Club Newsletter, or if all fails, ring the Club.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Swiss Club, I send you my very best wishes for health and happiness.

In Friendship,

Rita Schwaerzler-Abbt, President

LADIES LUNCHEON

The Swiss Club of Victoria
Convener Heidy Giger
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The Ladies Luncheon of the Swiss Club takes place every first Wednesday of every second month.

Dates to remember:
4 May, 6 July, 7 September, 2 November

The Luncheon includes a 2 course meal (set menu), wine, soft drinks, coffee, and provides a guest speaker covering all spectra of life. Members and friends are most welcome.

Bookings are essential with the Swiss Club, Tel. (03) 9650 1196.

Heidy Giger

THE SWISS COMPANION SINGERS

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Our group practises at the Swiss Club every second and third Thursday of the month from 8pm. We are always pleased to welcome new members. Do come along and join us. For more information call me on the above number.

Urs Marfurt

YOUNG SWISS GROUP

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Swiss Club (89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne). The meeting will give you the opportunity to meet other Swiss who are either currently living in Australia, have migrated permanently or were born in Australia to Swiss parents.

The get-together is very informal and a good place to network, make friends and enjoy a Swiss meal if you wish. There are no further formal activities but typically someone will organise something and invite others to come along. Generally we number somewhere between 10

to 20 people. Anyone is welcome to come along. If you would like further information, please call Melissa on 0422 951 381.

Melissa Preissner and Aran Fitzgerald

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We meet every Wednesday (except first Wednesday in the month) at the above address at 8pm. If you would like to join us, just turn up or ring Marco.

Our next card night is on Saturday, 14 May at the Horticultural Centre, Jolimont Rd, Forest Hill. New "Jassers" are welcome!

Please put Sunday, 7 August into your diary. This is the date for the Swiss National Day Celebration, as usual at the Gembrook Sports Ground. We look forward to seeing you there.

Walter Schellenberg

SWISS FOLK DANCE GROUP ALPENROSE

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The date for the Unterhaltungsabend at the Swiss Club is 7 May. The Band "Grüezi mitenand" will entertain you. Please book with Roger Moullet at the Club on (03) 9650 1196. We look forward to seeing you there.

The dates for the Jass nights at the Swiss Club are: 18 June, 16 July, 10 September.

We meet every Tuesday night at the Swiss Club for practice. Why not come and join

SWISS REVIEW

NOTE TO THE EDITORS

The deadline for the 3/2005 edition, covering mid-July to end of October, is 23 May 2005.

Please make sure your contributions, preferably in electronic form (email), arrive in time at the following address:

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us? For more information call me on the above number.

Sylvia Hochuli

GRUPE ROMAND DU VICTORIA

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Le Groupe Romand a pour raison d'être la promotion de l'utilisation de la langue française. Si vous n'avez pas souvent l'occasion de parler français et que vous souhaitez rencontrer d'autres personnes francophones, joignez-vous et voyez par vous-même.

Nous organisons 5 à 6 sorties par année et les activités proposées conviennent aussi bien à des couples qu'à des familles ou à des personnes seules. Nous comptons déjà parmi nos membres des enfants de tout âge.

Si vous désirez en apprendre davantage sur notre groupe et ses activités, n'hésitez pas à contacter notre présidente ou à visiter notre site internet ou vous y trouverez des détails sur toutes nos sorties futures et passées. Nous y publions

des photos et des "links" qui pourraient vous intéresser.

Vous êtes tous les bienvenus!

Marianne Puccinelli

SATURDAY MORNING SWISS SCHOOL

Convenor: Barbara Kündig
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The children are being taught in a playful and engaging way everything they want to know about Switzerland, its history, culture and traditions. The School takes place every second Saturday morning from 9.30 to 12.30 on the 2nd floor of the Swiss Club at 89 Flinders Lane. Participating children should be 5+. Please feel free to join us any time.

For more information and to join please contact the convenor.

Barbara Kündig

South Australia

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To get the latest information about our monthly or bi-monthly functions please contact Regula Müller on the phone number above.

The "Schwyzer Frauechraenzli" group meets regularly on the first Monday of the month. For details please contact Rosemary Copeland on (08) 8336 5932

The "Hockete" is a gathering of Swiss people and friends on the first Friday of each month at the Austrian Association

at 11-17 Torrens Road, Ovingham. Join us from 6.30pm onwards for a Schnitzel or just a chat.

The traditional Fondue Evening will be held on Saturday, 28 May at 7.30pm at the Austrian Club. The famous "Jaegermeister-Band" will play again this year. Booking for the Fondue is essential.

SWISS RADIO Adelaide (Swiss Corner)

The Swiss corner broadcast on SEBI FM 103.1 every Saturday 6-7pm. Phone-ins (08) 8211 7066.

Regula Müller, President

Tasmania

SWISS AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY

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Our next function will be on 5 June, 12.30pm: Jass competition, followed at 5pm by a fondue evening.

Please contact Paul Wigger on (03) 6228 1802 for more information.

Noleen Foehn

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At the beginning of February, the Swiss Club, Old Austrian Club, the German, and

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the Dutch Club of WA had their fourth interim Fasnacht/Carnival Celebration at the German Club. It was a colourful Saturday night ball with two Bands entertaining on different stages. That was followed by the children's Fasnacht on Sunday afternoon. It was a great success with many people attending the two events and enjoying one of Eastern Europe's traditions.

Our traditional "Metzgete" is being held at the Old Austrian Club in Maddington on 14 May. If you crave a blood - or liver sausage with Sauerkraut, or some "Gnaggi" come and join us. It will be a great night with delicious food, music and entertainment. For more information call Karin Villemin on (08) 9203 5953. On 25 June is the wine bottling and hopefully we can again bottle a good drop. Don't forget our monthly sport club events, the monthly Jass, and we always need help to build our bonfire at Gidgegannup. Everyone is welcome to join us and hopefully we see you soon.

Claudia Henzen, President

Coming events:

- 14 May: Metzgete, Old Austria Club, 7pm
- 25 June: Wine Bottling, Garbin Estte
- 30 July: 1st August Ball (contact the President Claudia Henzen)

SWISS SPORT CLUB:

Usually every first Friday of the month at 7pm. Contact René Henzen (08) 9246 9623 if you want to attend.

Coming events:

- 6 May: Slot Car Racing, Welshpool
- 3 June: Go-Carts
- 1 July: Indoor ice skating

JASS EVENING:

Every third Thursday of the month starting at 7pm sharp at Borsalino Ristorante, 35 Hampden Road, Nedlands (Tel. 9389 8141, fully licensed, dinner for \$15). For more information contact Peter Mueller on (08) 9291 8402.

SWISS RADIO PERTH

Swiss Radio Perth broadcasts on 6EBA FM on 95.3 MHz between 7pm and 8pm every Tuesday night. The program is in French every fourth Tuesday of the month, and the other programs are in Swiss German. Contact the presenter at the studio on (08) 9227 5953 during the program, or James Kunz on (08) 9370 5307.

THE SWISS YODELLERS OF WA

The Swiss Yodellers are a unique experience, presenting Swiss folk music. For enquiries ring Peter Mueller on (08) 9291 8402 or write to 8 Mitchell Road Walliston WA 6076.

THE GUGGEBURRAS

The Guggemurig group in Western Australia. Please contact Jenny Leutenegger on (08) 9277 7826 or leutech@iexpress.net.au for more information.

PLAYGROUP

The Swiss playgroup meets every first Friday of the month. For more information please call Karin Villemin on (08) 9203 5953 or Alexandra Schaub on (08) 9403 2241.

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COUNCIL OF THE SWISS ABROAD

Farewell to Dr Maximilian Brandle, Representative, Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA)

It is with some sadness that we are losing Max Brandle as a representative on the Council in which he has promoted the interests of the Swiss community in Australia for over 30 years.

Max was born and educated in Winterthur completing a commercial apprenticeship with the transport enterprise Panalpina in Zurich. After national service in the Swiss Army, he decided to come to Australia, where his first job was on the factory floor in Melbourne early in 1960. He completed his HSC in Sydney in 1961, followed by tertiary studies at the Universities of Queensland, Munich and Florence. When a doctoral student in Munich he did a few photo shoots, some with his wife, Anglo-Australian top model Annette Arundel. In 1968 he was appointed lecturer at the University of Queensland, where he taught for over 30 years. He became the first Swiss to be appointed to a professorial position in a Brisbane university.

Max was the Australian pioneer of the commercial single English language industry. He was a visiting lecturer or congress speaker in 12 countries, including opening speaker at an EU-sponsored international congress in Bonn. He published 12 books, including the centennial project 'Multicultural Queensland 2001', Dept of the Premier and Cabinet, Brisbane 383p (now out of print). In 1988 he was also project manager for a bicentennial book with the same title. This book became the catalyst for societal change in Queensland and paved the way for the adoption of multicultural policies.

He was co-founder of the Swiss Society of Queensland, 1965, and foundation editor of 'Swiss News Queensland', which still appears six times a year in the original

format. He has also served as President or Secretary of the Queensland Chapter, Swiss Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Max wrote a series of small monographs and articles on Australian-Swiss affairs, and two recent articles in German on the Swiss writer Robert Walser appeared in a book edited at Nancy University in France (published in Bern, 2002).

Max has given service to many community and government organisations. He is currently a VP of the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland. During the last 12 years he was the co-organiser and MC for the official EU-Day functions in Queensland, which are held annually in the facilities of the State Parliament.

Max has received two Australian Government Honours, the OAM and the Australian Centenary Medal. The Queensland Government recognised him with a Queensland Migrant Service Award. The Dante Alighieri Society in Rome also recognised him with an award and the Dante Society in Brisbane made him an Honorary Life Member - Max served for four years as its President.

Max is now in active retirement. He is currently a Visiting Fellow at Griffith University and continues to serve as a director of the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI, Canberra).

We thank Max for his efforts not only on the Council, but for being such an outstanding member of our Community, and wish him good health and enjoyment.

Peter Meury, Sydney, Representative, Council of the Swiss Abroad

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The following functions are planned for this year:

- 15 May: Hike/walk - Corin Forest / Gibraltar Rocks
 - 17 June: Fondue evening
 - 10 July: Wood collecting
 - 31 July: Swiss National Day celebration
 - 2 October: Jass Tournament
 - 4 November: AGM
 - 4 December: Samichlaus
- A possible film or trivia night for August/September is also planned.
More details on the events will be

available in the newsletter and on our website.

The Canberra Ethnic Radio FM91.1 broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 5-7pm. The program is informative as well as entertaining with local content and news from Switzerland. So tune in your radio!

Heinz Buettikofer

New South Wales

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After some very pleasant and interesting summer activities - the highlight of course was Renate & Albert Mehr's farewell party - we are now looking forward to a nice Sydney autumn. We haven't organised a bushwalk for quite a while and decided to rekindle this popular activity. If you enjoy nature, fresh air and great company, then please diarise 15 May and join our bushwalk. On 4 June will be the battle of the "Röschigraben" - i.e. the bowling competition between the Cercle Romand and the Swiss Club. A month later, on 4 July, we'll have our traditional Fondue night at the Eiger and our AGM will be on 18 July also at the Eiger. For exact information about all these functions please refer to the latest issue of the Swiss Community News or contact me or one of our committee members.

If you just want to have a nice bite to eat and a chat to some fellow Swiss, please note that they usually meet on Monday nights at the Eiger in Petersham or every second Friday evening at the Austrian Club in Forestville.

We are always encouraging people to become members of the Swiss Club and recently I received feedback that some people - especially new arrivals in Australia - have difficulties to find a "proposer" and "second" as per our application form. Please don't worry about that. We're happy to process the application without that because one of our committee members will gladly sign on your behalf.

All the best,

Peter Pluess

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SACCI's aim is to promote the expansion of bilateral trade relations between Switzerland and Australian business. To promote Swiss industry and facilitate networking opportunities for our members, numerous functions and events throughout the year are being held across Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales.

The SACCI secretariat is responsible for handling all commercial related enquiries on behalf of the Consulate General of Switzerland. Please contact us if you have a query or if you would like further information about the chamber and its services.

Dean Storchenegger

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Dear reader,

If you have missed the traditional Harbor Cruise, you certainly have missed a "Having de Plausch Night". About 100 people found their way to Birkenhead Point, where our boat left at 6pm for the four-hour cruise. A great event, a great evening. Most of the people enjoy this night year by year; thank you for your ongoing support. The Yodlers performed their songs, and the crowd had fun, enjoyed themselves with some good food, a drink or two and our beautiful raffle. I would like to say a thank-you for all the great donations we got for our tombola. A special thank-you to our main sponsor Gustav Kaeser International (represented by Mig and Noemi Guyer) for their very generous support.

I think by now most of you know that we will participate at the Eidg. Jodlerfest in Aarau (17 to 19 June 2005). So all our focus lies now on this big event. We will leave the country on Friday 10 June with a Jet to Singapore, where we will board a SWISS flight. I am sure with our 'Glocken' on board we can make quite a bit of a "huhaho..."! I have just returned from Switzerland from a meeting with the Eidg. Jodlerverband and they are very helpful, as this year there are only two international groups attending the Jodlerfest: Australia and New Zealand. The organisers will provide us with a tractor and wagon for the procession on Sunday and are helpful in many other ways. The same can be reported from the local Jodelklub Hitzkirch. After a meeting with the President and the Conductor, we have nailed all the details and it



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