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Official Announcement. OASI/DI Office Closes

The OASI/DI-Office Sydney will be closed for good as of 30 June 2007

Official Announcement by the Swiss General Consulate, OASI/DI-Office, Sydney:

As already mentioned in the Swiss Review December 2005 and April 2007 we would like to remind you that the **OASI/DI-Office will be closed for good as of 30 June 2007**. Existing files have been transferred to the head office of the Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva, which will administer them as of 1 July 2007. This transfer does not affect your membership with the voluntary OASI/DI scheme in any way.

We would like to thank all members in advance for refraining from contacting the head office before the end of June 2007, while the files are being transferred to Geneva. As of the beginning of July 2007, you will be able to contact them at the following address:

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Please remember that it is utmost essential to mention your OASI/DI number in all correspondence and when calling.

The OASI/DI service in Sydney would like to thank herewith all members of the voluntary insurance scheme for the excellent collaboration over the past years and wishes you all the very best for the future.

Kind regards,

Your OASI/DI Team Sydney

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Editorial. Winter Is Here: About Raclette, Fondue, Bushwalks and Our Traditions

Winter is here; The Swiss-like cold weather is an ideal excuse to indulge in some seriously delicious Swiss culinary traditions like fondue and raclette. It is also the season we celebrate our National Day and enjoy the outdoors on sunny winter days. So let pictures speak for themselves in this edition, a sharing of moments contributed by many of you - thank you again for submitting your photos.

As always, for additional material please check our online version (Regionales > Australien). Please note the deadline for submissions for the October issue (the next August issue will not have any regional news) edition is August 23.

Marc Godat, Regional Editor

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The Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn from Melbourne ready for the launch of their CD



Fraser Coast Cultural Festival 07 (Qld)



*Diehard fans support stage winner
Martin Elmiger at the Tour Downunder*



Mannum Fun Run, SA



One obstacle to overcome on the bushwalk to Balcombe Hill (Canberra Swiss Club)

Useful Online References

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EDA - Swiss Representations in Australia
Swiss Clubs on the Net in Australia
Bilateral trade and investment information
OASI/DI and voluntary contributions

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New committee:

Rolf Huber:	President
Barbara Kündig:	Vice-Pres/Secretary
Derrick Wildi:	Treasurer
Mark Weber:	Minutes/Functions
Gerda Probst:	Membership/Func.
Patrick Rychner:	Corporate Communication/Webmaster/Functions
Oliver Altermatt:	Building Management/Functions.

Dear readers and friends,

At the AGM in March members voted in a new and dynamic committee and endorsed interior/exterior alterations to the ground floor financed by a new tenant who plans to open an *al fresco* Italian Restaurant. Hopefully, the new look will improve the value of the property and enhance its appeal to members and patrons alike.

I am pleased to report that new and interesting functions are planned over the next few months. The club would like to celebrate past presidents, honorary life members and our sponsors at a special function in July. Don't miss the National Day celebration at the club or the Lantern Procession for the kids. A Ski day at Mt. Buller, a Schlagerabend, a Wine Tour in the Yarra Valley and Around the Bay in a Day are other new features which will be on offer. I invite you to come along and have a good time.

The Swiss Community of Victoria has plans for a big Swiss Day in 2008 and has formed a committee of which the Swiss Club is part of. The aim is to inform and entertain all Victorians of Switzerland's achievements in terms of culture, history, sport, commerce and industry and to build a positive public perception of Switzerland. To ensure its success, we invite expressions of interest for sponsorship. Please contact the club for more information. Watch this spot for ongoing updates on this upcoming big event.

Roger Mouillet and his dedicated staff run a traditional restaurant on the first floor and look forward to welcoming you at the club for delicious continental food at reasonable prices, fun and friendship!

Looking forward to seeing you at the club or at one of the many functions on the social calendar for 2007.

Rolf Huber

Upcoming Events

16/6:	Jass Night, Swiss Club
22/6:	Billiard (Pool) Competition, Bernard Sandoz Trophy
4/7:	Ladies Luncheon
5/7:	Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand, Club
7/7 (tbc):	Unveiling Honour Boards, Club
11/7:	Young Swiss Event, Swiss Club
14/7:	Jass Night, Swiss Club
1/8:	Lantern Procession/National Day Celebration, Swiss Club
11/8:	Jass Night, Matterhorn

Events (Cont.)

13/8: Senior Members National Day
Lunch, Swiss Club

18/8: Swiss Club Ski Day, Mt. Buller

5/9: Ladies Luncheon / Welcome new members, Swiss Club

6/9: Kapelle Grueli Mitenand, Club

8/9: Jass Night, Swiss Club

9/9: Kaffeeklatsch
Trachtengruppe Schwyzergruess

19/9: Half-yearly General Meeting, Club

29/9: Schlagerabend, Swiss Club

4/10: Kapelle Grueli Mitenand, Club

6/10: JW Swing Orchestra, Austrian Club

12/10: Billiard (Pool) Competition
Swiss Club Championship

13/10: Wine Tour in the Yarra Valley

21/10: Around the Bay in a Day

Ladies Luncheon

The Swiss Club of Victoria
Convenor: Heidi Giger
Tel: (03) 9889 9321

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

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

The Swiss Companion Singers

Convenor: Heidi Giger
107 Glyndon Road
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Tel: (03) 9889 9321

We are a mixed choir and meet at the Swiss Club every second and third Thursday of the month for practice, singing old and new folk songs.

New singers are always welcome and do not need a voice of 'Caruso' quality as the group conveys foremost, a friendly atmosphere.

Singing is good for the soul! If you have any questions, please contact me or Herbert Schwärzler on 03 9561 7811.

Heidy Giger

Young Swiss Group

Convenor: Amy Bohren
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We meet every second Wednesday of the month at the Swiss Club, 89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Anyone is welcome to come along. If you would like further information, please call me or join the email group via the above link on the Swiss Club website.

Amy Bohren

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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By the time you read this, our "Night of Swiss Folklore" will hopefully be an enjoyable memory for many and our CD "Vor mängem Jahr ..." will be successfully launched. This CD presents a selection of our favourite songs with a sample of typical Swiss sounds and some beautiful music by people

associated with the Choir. After many long practice evenings and recording sessions, we are pleased with the result; make sure you get a copy by contacting Marco.

We meet every Wednesday evening at Marco's home (listed address) for practice - why don't you join us one evening to see how much fun we have!

Upcoming Events

5/8: National Day Picnic,
Gembrook Sports Ground

11/8: 3rd Jass, Horticulture Centre,
Jolimont Road, Forrest Hill

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

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Over Easter the group travelled to Canberra. We participated in the 17th Bruecke Volkstanzfest. Together with Austrian and German groups from all over Australia we performed in the capital city. We were made to feel welcome by a lively and enthusiastic audience. It was a great experience for us.

We would like to extend our thanks to the hosts, die Bruecke and the Harmonie German Club in Canberra.

The annual Swiss/Italian Fiesta has just finished in Hepburn Springs. The group formed part of the entertainment. The makeshift dance floor on grass and in the mud was a challenge but it was fun for the group.

Sylvia Hochuli

Trachtengruppe Schwyzergruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Society

Vice-President: Silvia Hochuli

Would like to extend an invitation to all our Senior Citizens (over sixty) to a wonderful afternoon of, coffee, cakes and chats - Kaffeeklatsch, Sunday 9 September at 2 pm at the Swiss Club of Victoria, 89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. There is no charge for this cosy afternoon, however our group is thankful for any donation.

Please reserve a place by ringing or leaving a message with Sylvia Hochuli on 9531 65 75 or Rosmarie Oswald on 9583 9048. RSVP no later than Monday, 2 September 2007.

Sylvia Hochuli

Groupe Romand Du Victoria

Présidente: Marianne Puccinelli
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Our group aims to provide an opportunity for French-speaking persons and their families in Melbourne and Victoria to develop a sense of community focused on the French language and cultural traditions, in particular, those originating from the French-speaking Cantons of Switzerland. We organise 6 regular outings per year.

More information on our activities can be found in our web page.

Michel Beuchat

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SANM

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The "Swiss Academic Network Melbourne" (SANM) was established in Oct 2004 with the help and support of the Swiss Consulate in Melbourne.

Together with the efforts of a small group of committed Swiss academics, SANM subsequently developed into an active organization.

SANM provides a networking vehicle for Swiss academics in Melbourne and in Australia at large, and is also trying to foster bilateral academic exchange between Switzerland and Australia. SANM also intends to encourage short-term visiting Swiss academics to participate in SANM and to use the SANM network to the benefit of its membership.

SANM organizes meetings each second month that alternate between social get-togethers and formal presentations. More information, including details for membership and upcoming events can be found on regularly updated SANM website. There is no membership fee to join SANM.

Bruno Giger

Saturday Morning Swiss School

Convenor: Andrea Pinch
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Incredible, but we are already in term two. Our teachers, Petra & Diana, teach the children all about Switzerland in a playful and engaging way.

The children learn in small groups according to their language abilities. The school is open to all children of Swiss background (school age 5+).

Why not bring your children or grandchildren along? New families are always welcome. We also have some fun activities plan outside of school. Please refer to our website for School dates and further information or contact our convenor.

Remaining Term 2 dates: Sat 9/6, 23/6
Term 3 dates: 14/7, 28/7, 11/8,
25/8, 8/9, 22/9

Upcoming Events

18/8: Trip to the snow, Mt. Buller
10/10: Swiss School Trivia Night, Swiss Club

Swiss Playgroup

Ingrid Preston (03) 9772 0516
Claudia Dahinden (03) 9347 6913
www.swiss.org.au/playgroup

We meet every first Thursday of the month at the Swiss Club from 11AM - 2PM. For families with children from birth to kinder. Complimentary for Swiss Club Members, non members \$3.00 per family per session. Why not join our friendly group and an opportunity to chat in Swiss German.

Barbara Kundig, Secretary, Swiss Club

South Australia

Swiss Club of South Australia

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Gruezi mitenand!

By the time you will read this, you might remember the great time you had at the Fondue Evening or you will have to wonder what fun you have missed out on. Make an effort and join us for a coming event - we are mixed bunch of people and are always happy to welcome a new face in Adelaide.

Upcoming Events

4/8: 1st August Celebration, Tilley Reserve, (Crn Yatala/Hancock Rd)
Surrey Downs

21/9: AGM, Austrian Club,
11-17 Torrens Rd, Ovingham

1st August: Lampionumzug / Bonfire Night. BBQ from 6 pm "Bratwurst, Cervelats and Buerli" for sale, BYO drinks. Bonfire, singing, lantern parade, raffle and 'Bundespräsident's Ansprache' after dark. For further information contact Regula Muller.

AGM: 7:30PM. All members and friends are welcome to attend the AGM, which will be followed by Schnitzel and 'gemuetliches Zusammensein'. Please come forward and support your dedicated committee - remember events don't just happen

"Hockete" stands for a casual get-together - everybody is welcome to join us on the first Friday of the month at the Austrian Association at 11 - 17 Torrens Road, Ovingham from 6.30 pm onwards. Come along for a delicious meal and the chance to brush up on your 'Schwyzerduetsch'.

The **"Schwyzer Frauechraenzli"** meets on the first Monday of the month. We are group of 50+ aged ladies who enjoy a good time out, be it a visit to the movies, lunch in a park or an excursion. You are welcome to join us. For further details please call Rosmarie Copeland on (08) 8336 5932.

To get the latest information about our functions, check our website or contact Sibylle Faeh for a newsletter on (08) 8294 8203.

Swiss Radio 5EBI Adelaide

Listen to the Swiss Corner every Saturday between 6 - 7 pm on 103.1FM. Phone-ins are welcome on (08) 8211 7066. Why not surprise a loved one with a special song?

The committee looks forward to welcome you at the next a Swiss Club function in Adelaide.

Maya Schnider, Secretary

Western Australia

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Guten Tag!

Dear members and readers, it is wintertime again and we have a lot of great functions on. As we always mention, also non-members are welcome to our functions and events. So don't hesitate to contact us and book for yourself and your swiss or non-swiss friends a seat for our next function and have fun.

I wish you all the best till the next issue or on one of our functions.

Claudia Henzen

Upcoming Events

- 10/6: Jassmeisterschaft
- 16/6: Raclette Night, Dutch Club
- 30/6: Wine Bottling at Garbin Estate
- 28/7: 1st August Dinner Dance
 University of W.A. Club
- 4/8: 1st August Bonfire, Rolling Green

For more information on all our events please check our website.

Regular Events:

Swiss Sport Club. Usually every first Friday of the month at 7.30 pm. You need to book by Monika Ritter on 9447 7673 or email her on ritterfamily@bigpond.com if you want to attend.

Jass Evening. Every Third Thursday of the month starting at 7.00 p.m. sharp. Borsalino Ristorante, 35 Hampden Road, Nedlands, 9389 8141. Fully licensed. For more information please contact: Peter Mueller (08) 9291 8402

Swiss Radio 6EBA Perth

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

The Swiss Yodellers of WA

The Yodellers are the only traditional Swiss folk group in Western Australia. They 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

They are different, they are fun and they are the only Guggemusig in Australia. Twenty enthusiastic fun loving Guggers of all ages and talents, dressed in colourful costumes and with unique face-paintings, play the traditional Guggemusig-Sound artfully out of tune. The Gugge Burras need to be heard to be believed. They welcome any carnival-inspired person, who wants to join them, especially brass players and drummers.

Contact Jennifer Leutenegger on (08) 9277 7826 or send an e-mail to guggeburras@swiss.org.au for more information.

Play Group

The Swiss playgroup meets every first Friday of the month. If anybody is interested in joining our group or just wants some more information please call Alexandra Schaub on 08 9403 2241 or Karin Villemin on 08 9203 5953.

Claudia Henzen

and Gaby present an informative and entertaining program with local content and news from Switzerland. So tune-in to your radio on Mondays.

Heinz Büttikofer

Northern Territory

Swiss Social Club Darwin

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The Swiss Social Club in Darwin is a small group of Swiss people and friends who meet a few times throughout the year for a variety of activities. Our main aim is to run social events on a casual basis, giving people a chance to enjoy themselves, reminisce and experience some Swiss culture. Highlights in past years have been a day of golf followed by a fondue, and then of course, the annual celebration of Swiss National Day. Somehow food always seems to be involved in these events. Maybe this is typical for Swiss gatherings ...

In 2007, we will celebrate Swiss National Day on Sunday, 5 August 2007. In September, we will meet for an afternoon sing-along session followed by an evening of bowling in October. The last event in the year is the traditional visit by Samichlaus in December (for information about any of our activities contact Fritz on 08 8981 4147).

ACT

Canberra Swiss Club Inc.

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Dear members and friends,

By the time you read this, the Fondue season will have arrived. The cold Canberra winters are ideal for this type of dinner and it is not surprising that the fondue night has become such a popular event. The bushwalk (and BBQ which followed) in April was probably the best attended in recent years. Perhaps it is due to the efficient organisation and preparation by Alice and Hans Brüngger. I am pleased to say that the Swiss film nights continue to attract a strong interest in our community.

Upcoming Events

- 15/6: Fondue night
- 8/7: Wood collection
- 29/7: National Day celebrations
- 8/9: Trivia night
- 16/9: Canberra Times Fun Run
- 14/10: Jass Tournament

For more specific event details please check out the newsletter or the web site.

Canberra Ethnic Radio FM91.1

...broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 5-7pm. Werner

New South Wales

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)

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The SACA year progresses. In April, SACA members were invited to attend a private viewing of the Archibald Prize Exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW. The Annual General Meeting held in May featured special guests like Brigitte Bänziger and David Hulme of Bänziger Hulme Fine Art Consultants, who entertained us with insights into their work as art dealers.

Upcoming Events August/September: A weekend visit to 'Floriade in Canberra' is planned. Special activities proposed include a private visit to Mt. Stromlo and Berkoleouw Books in Berrima. In response to strong expressions of interest from a number of Swiss and Australian artists, plans are underway for another SACA Art Exhibition. The date and venue have yet to be finalised.

We invite you to join SACA and take an active part in SACA events. We would appreciate receiving suggestions about events of interest to you.

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SACCI's aim is to promote the expansion of bilateral trade relations between Switzerland and Australian business. Celebrating 20 years, SACCI continues to promote Swiss industry and facilitate networking opportunities for our members. We provide a variety of services to our members including the forwarding of trade leads, business partner searches, a trade magazine, and numerous functions and events held across Victoria and NSW.

The SACCI Secretariat is responsible for handling all commercially 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. Regardless of which state you reside in, please consult our website for details on the type and variety of activities we are involved in or simply call.

Dean Storchenegger

Swiss Entrepreneurs

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Meet Swiss entrepreneurs and promote your business. The purpose of this event is for you to meet fellow Swiss business professionals, exchange contacts, share your experience and speak some 'Schwyzerdütsch'. It is a great opportunity to promote your business to other Swiss living in Australia or talk about business ideas with other entrepreneurs in a relaxed atmosphere. Meet us at this informal social networking opportunity for Swiss business people every first Wednesday of the month at Lord Nelson Brewery Hotel in the Rocks, Sydney. For more information please visit our website.

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The committee meets at the Eiger every first Monday of the month (and the Jassers get together at the Eiger every Monday night). Every second Friday of the month, we also have a meeting at the Austrian Club at Frenchs Forest for a meal, chat or Jass.

New members are always very welcome. If you or your friends with a Swiss connection are not yet members, give it a go. You can join with a membership form online at our website. We have also introduced new Partner memberships. Please contact the club for more details.

So if you feel like a bit of friendly Swiss company over a nice glass of wine or beer and some delicious food, come and join us at the Eiger or the Austrian Club or at one of our forthcoming functions.

Upcoming Events

- 16/6: Bowling Competition
 (with Cercle Romand)
- 25/6: Fondue Night, Eiger Restaurant
- 2/7, 6/8, 3/9, 1/10: Committee Meeting,
 Eiger Restaurant, Petersham
- 13/7, 10/8, 14/9, 12/10: Get Together,
 Austrian Club, Frenchs Forest
- 16/7: Swiss Club AGM, Eiger Restaurant
- 1/8: Swiss National Day Function
- 5/8: Picnic at Plumpton
 (Swiss Yodelers of Sydney)
- 9/9: Bush Walk

Future Events: 3/11: Night with a difference (Please note this date in your diaries - details to be published in the Swiss Community News)

Other events: "Jass School" for beginners to learn to Jass (please see the Swiss Community News for details).
 Noemi Guyer

Swiss Playgroup Sydney

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The Swiss Playgroup of Sydney was founded in September 2001. The children's ages go from newborn to school age. We meet every last Friday of the month at 10:30 am at the Austrian Club, Grattan Crescent, Frenchs Forest.

New families coming from Switzerland can easily make friends here and find lots of helpful information. We communicate in Swiss German during playgroup time. We have noticed throughout these years that our children have profited a lot just by hearing us speak Swiss other than English!! Not only kids, we also have mums or dads whose partner is Swiss and join our playgroup to improve, learn or have a go with our native language.

Swiss Playgroup had a successful Easter get-together at Manly Dam on Easter Monday. Parents and kids were spoiled by having Swiss "Chocolate Fondue" after a yummy BBQ. The lovely day ended with an Easter Egg hunt which brought big smiles from the children and relaxed parents.

If you cannot make it to our official Swiss Playgroup meeting every last Friday of the month but would like to meet up occasionally on other Fridays, please do not hesitate to contact us. We do meet up at various places on other Fridays. We also meet every second Friday after school, so that the school age children do not miss out !!

If you are interested in above or like more information, please contact us.

Helena Nobs

Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

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We are a group of Swiss, Swiss-Australian, Swiss-International families who get together every first Sunday of the month. What a great opportunity to catch up on the Swiss German language and some fun traditions like: Fasnacht, Easter 'Eiertuetsche' and 'Chlaeusle'. Other times, we meet in a park to have a Picnic or BBQ, ride push bikes and play outdoor games together.

If you are interested in joining our group or would like to get some more information, please call or email Anna or Bea.

Swiss Yodelers and Alphorn Group of Sydney

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No sooner had we gladly welcomed Nina Meister to our group, we are now sadly saying "auf wiedersehen", due to her husband's recent transfer to Canberra. Good luck Nina! We miss you already.

Our combined function with the Swiss Club and Swiss Community Care Society last Saturday night at the Austrian Club was a great success. The music, entertainment, food and participants combined to create an excellent ambience. We were also delighted to have a table from the Swiss Australian Cultural Association present on this occasion.

On 23 June, the yodellers will be participating in a Musicfest organised by Alliance Francaise. We will be singing at a city venue in the early evening. Further information will be published in the next Swiss Community News and on SBS radio closer to

the event. We look forward to your support at this free Musicfest.

Our annual Swiss National Day celebration will be held on Sunday, 5 August from 11 am at the Franciscan Capuchin Conference Centre, Jersey Road, Plumpton. There will be the usual wonderful entertainment and camaraderie. Our mega raffle will be drawn providing the lucky winners with two airline tickets to Switzerland plus children's pony rides, jumping castle, wine bottle fishing, and tombola. BYO family and friends and drinks will be available to purchase. The usual Swiss delicacies will be there to tickle your taste buds and detailed information will be sent to all Swiss residing in NSW in June. We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends to this traditional event.

Alois Kretz

Upcoming Events

23/6: Musicfest
5/8: National Day Celebration

Cercle Romand Du N.S.W.

Présidente: Anne Resplendino
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Le cercle romand regroupe toute personne intéressée par la pratique et le maintien du français.

Le cercle est basé à Sydney; il a pour but de créer des contacts entre nos membres par le biais de sorties et réunions régulières.

Nos activités sont réparties tout au long de l'année: soirées pub le premier jeudi de chaque mois, tournoi de pétanque, bowling, beach volleyball, randonnée, week-end camping et les toujours très appréciées journées fondue et raclette.

Prochaines Activités

16/6: Bowling, WondAbowl,
Top Ryde Shopping Centre
5/7, 2/8, 6/9, 4/10: Soirée Pub
Terry Hills Tavern, 2 Aumuna Rd
(10/4: Drummoyle Sailing Club)
19/8: AGM et fondue vigneronne
14/10: Tournoi pétanque & pique-nique

Comme d'habitude, nos membres seront informés par courrier/email séparé.

Pour tout les détails sur notre programme d'activités, veuillez consulter notre site internet ou par tél. 9874 9096 Anne Resplendino, Présidente.

Au plaisir de vous rencontrer,
Pour le comité,

Erik Dupont, secrétaire.

SBS "Swiss Radio"

Sydney 97.7FM / Melbourne 93.1FM

Swiss Community Care Society

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Swiss Seniors of Sydney Area

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Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

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We embrace the Swiss culture of Folk Dancing. Involvement does not require great commitment as we often practice for a special event rather than regularly every week. We are a fun group to be with so why don't you join us for a social practice session and see if you like it?

Queensland

Swiss Society of Queensland Inc.

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G'day to everybody

And here we are, the cold season is upon us again, which obviously means that we Swiss people like to huddle up at our Fondue and Raclette evenings. They are the blockbuster events in our club and we could probably hold more than one of each every year and still have huge turn-ups!

The first half of the year has been a good one for the SSQ and we are already in planning mood for the 1st of August National Day celebrations. As usual, we will be at Petrie in the Country Club and this year, we have combined the festivities with the Gold Coast members. We also hope that many will come along to the already famous Metzgete on the Gold Coast. Please refer to the www.swiss.org.au for this and any other events.

Another big date will be the 20th anniversary of the Yodel Choir in September and we are looking forward to seeing lots of you in Cleveland for the big party.

Upcoming Events

29/7: National Day, Petrie
1/9: AGM, Club House, Newstead
14/10: Multicultural Festival

We also play Jass every 2nd Thursday and Tennis every Wednesday - please go to www.swiss.org.au for details, bushwalks or any other ad-hoc activities. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the committee members.

Sybille Goss, President

Gold Coast Group

Contact Bruno Vogt, (07) 5559 4600
or Franz Huber, (07) 5530 5061

By the time you get this, it might be a bit late, but you can try: The Metzgete will be held at the Mudgeeraba Show Hall on 14th July. You MUST have booked AND pre-paid. So if you haven't, call Bruno or Franz (see numbers above) to check if there are still places available.

Swiss National Day Celebrations will be held in conjunction with the Brisbane Club. We plan to hire a bus, so we can even have a drink! Call Franz for details and booking, or make it there on your own steam - see Swiss Society of Qld article preceding.

On Sunday, 7th October we will have the traditional family picnic at Hinze Dam. Just turn up, BYO or buy some serve-lats or bratwursts. Bar-be-Que is provided.

Upcoming Events

14/7: Metzgete, Mudgeeraba Show Hall
7/10: Family Picnic, Hinze Dam

On a sad note: A true "original Beppi" born in Basel (for those of you who have not studied Swiss dialects) of the Swiss Community of the Gold Coast, Silvio Weibel, has passed away late April. In his memory, his family organized a wake... Typical Silvio...! Our sincere condolences go to Silvio's wife, Helly, and the family.

Young Swiss Group.

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Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group

Baerg-Roeseli

President: Jakob Berger
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We will perform at the Metzgete on July 14 and you should come along to our 20th anniversary on 15 Sept in Cleveland. We would also love to hear from anybody who would like to join the Choir. We meet every 2nd Thursday for practice with Mark, our music teacher, who guides us through new songs.

Jakob Berger

Upcoming Events

15/9: 20 Years Yodel Choir, Cleveland

Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)

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Have you considered becoming a member to receive our Newsletter 3 times a year, giving you details about our functions and other information regarding the Society?

We have two yearly functions and organise visits when something is amiss or when we know a person would like a visit. Anyone interested please give a call. Kind regards.

Lorly Wihler

Fraser Coast Group

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Invitation to the over 100 Aussie-Swiss families in the area to join our informal get-togethers every three month for a chat and meet our new residents. Are you interested in a Kids-Group? Tents and Campers are welcome for the event below.

Upcoming Events

4-5/8: Swiss National Day Celebrations
(with bonfire), Childers