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Reminder! OASI/DI Office Closed

Dear compatriots

Once again the Swiss Consulate General would like to remind all members of the OASI/DI-Office (AHV/IV) in Sydney that the Office closed for good on 30 June 2007. As of 1 July 2007 the Head Office of the Swiss Compensation in Geneva is in charge of all relevant OASI/DI matters. Therefore, if you have any queries relating to the above subject, please contact the Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva directly at the following address:

Caisse suisse de compensation
Assurance facultative, Cotisations II
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Case Postale 3100
CH-1211 Genève 2
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Fax: 00 41 22 795 98 55
Email: sak.cot2@eda.admin.ch

You may also wish to consult:
www.avs-ai-international.ch
This website provides you with full information on OASI/DI matters. Please remember that it is of utmost important to mention your personal OASI/DI number in all correspondence and when calling."

For the Consul General of Switzerland
Ernst Hofstetter

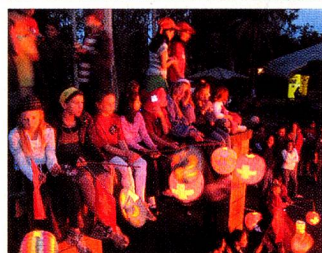
Editorial. Last Regional News for 2007

Already 2007 comes to a close, at least from my perspective as editor of our local pages. May I thank all of you, clubs, groups and the Consulate, who have contributed to our regional news. Please feel free to send me any feedback or suggestions.

Did you ever consider advertising in our local pages? The Swiss Review is currently distributed to over 12000 households and is Number 1 when you want to target the Swiss community downunder. For details and information on the very competitive pricing please contact me.

Marc Godat, Regional Editor

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Bonfire at the Swiss National Day Celebration 2007 in Petrie, QLD

Calling those who make the finest of all music Basler Drummers and Pipers

Are there really only four of us in Sydney? Be *unternehmenslustig*, dust off your *böckli* or *piccolo* and join us in the fun of playing beautiful *fasnachts* music. Or, do you know someone else who can play, if so please let me know.

I would be thrilled to hear from you.
Contact Kurt Bieri
Phone (02) 9634 4536

Victoria

Dear fellow Swiss,

Since the beginning of this year, the Committee of Joint Swiss Ventures, made up of all heads of Swiss groups and organisations in Victoria, has been meeting on a regular basis to discuss a closer relationship between all the groups with the view of holding a combined large annual event starting in 2008. A number of possibilities have been put forward, though no decision has been made as yet.

Under discussion is also the recruitment of young Swiss people to the various organisations, either Swiss born or Australian born with one or two Swiss parents to ensure the continuation of Swiss culture in Victoria. Again, a number of possibilities have been put forward, though no decisions have been made either.

Furthermore, Federation Square in Melbourne has offered to fly 8 large Swiss flags on the 1st August, and since the Swiss School always has a *Lampionzug*, we are now considering starting that procession from Federation Square under the Swiss flags and then take a walk around part of the city back to the Swiss Club.

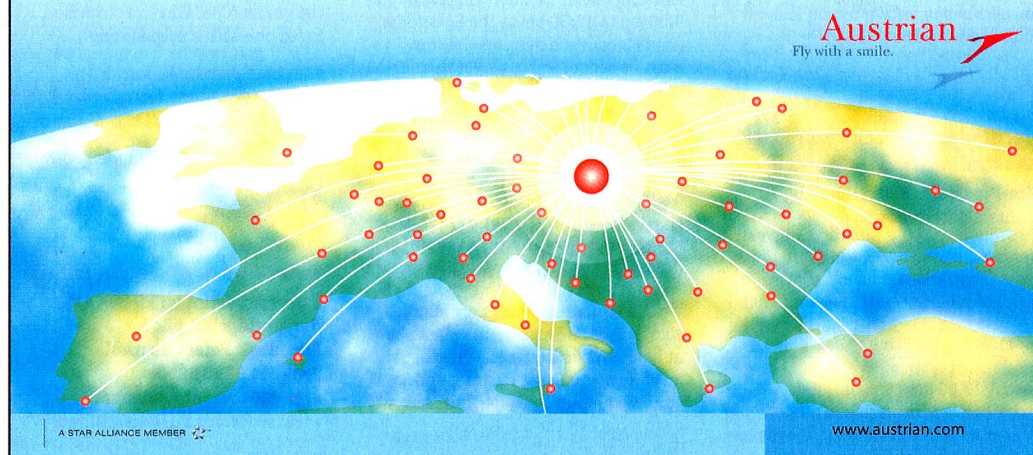
Essentially, the motto for all activities is: "We're all Swiss"!

Kind regards,

Erika E. Kimpton-Etter,
Honorary Consul of Switzerland
and chairperson CJSV.

We figured the best place for a hub is right in the middle.

Our European network begins where other airlines think it ends. Welcome to our world.



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Useful Online References

www.revue.ch
www.aso.ch
www.swissinfo.org
www.eda.admin.ch/australia
www.swiss.org.au
www.sacci.com.au
www.avs-ai-international.ch

Also, "Swiss Cultural Presence in Australia", a publication by the Embassy Canberra provides information about current cultural Swiss events in Australia, is available at www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/rep/ceca/kaus/emcan.html

Please let me know if YOU know of any other useful links.

Swiss Review Online (additional material)
Organisation of the Swiss Abroad
Actual News by swissinfo/SRI
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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Dear readers,

Now six months into the new job, the committee has had the pleasure of meeting many of the members. In July, we unveiled two beautifully restored honour boards and August saw us busy with a Lantern Procession, National Day Celebration Dinner and a Senior Members Luncheon. In September, we held our Half Yearly General Meeting and a very successful wine and cheese tasting function.

With the opening of "Terra Rossa", an Italian Restaurant on the ground floor of the Swiss Club building, we have started the process of securing the club's future. As the president of the club, I am delighted that the focus has become one of remaining relevant with the 21st century and returning benefits to members.

At this point, I would like to call for more volunteers to join the committee either as an IT consultant/website developer or as an event coordinator. Please contact me or a committee member if you would like to know more about it. We are also interested to hear from you if you could assist the club with organising Bush Walking for the many keen walkers we have.

Looking ahead we offer a Billiard Competition and a Trivia Night

organised by the Swiss School in October. In November, a Ladies Luncheon and a Tennis Tournament are planned. In December, we have our traditional Samichlaus at Fawkner Park and the Senior Christmas Afternoon Tea. And there is one date I want you to book in February and that is the Fasnacht at the club.

The club restaurant which serves delicious continental food is open to everyone for lunch from Monday to Friday and for dinner on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Over the holiday period, the restaurant closes after lunch on Friday Dec 21 and reopens Monday Jan 7.

Please visit our website swiss.org.au/swissclubvic for more information and enjoy a new functionality - you are now able to RSVP online for functions.

On behalf of the committee, I wish all readers happy days and a successful 2008. Thank you for your support.

Rolf Huber

Upcoming Events

- 4/10: Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand, Club
- 6/10: JW Swing Orchestra, Austrian Club
- 12/10: Billiard (Pool) Competition
Swiss Club Championship
- 13/10: Swiss School Trivia Night
- 1/11: Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand, Club
- 7/11: Ladies Luncheon
- 25/11: Tennis Tournament
- 2/12: Samichlaus Picnic
- 6/12: Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand, Club
- 8/12: Senior Christmas Afternoon Tea
- 16/2: Fasnacht at the Club

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 talking about 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
Camberwell Vic 3124
Tel: (03) 9889 9321, or
Herbert Schwaerzler (03) 9561 7811

We are a mixed choir and meet at the Swiss Club every second and third Thursday of the month for practise, 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 us.

Heidi Giger

Young Swiss Group

Convenor: Amy Bohren
amybohren@hotmail.com
www.swiss.org.au/scvyoung

We meet on every second Wednesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to come along. For further info please call me or join the email group (via link above).

Amy Bohren

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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www.swiss.org.au/matterhorn

Wintertime for our Choir was highlighted by two special events. In July, we performed with a promising young harpsichordist for "an Evening of Winter Delights" in Ruffy (Strathbogies Ranges), where we found a very enthusiastic audience for our songs and folklore music. Then in August, we organised the traditional National Day celebration in Gembrook. Both events were a great success. If you would like to get a taste of these musical delights, contact Marco at one of the above numbers for a copy of our CD "Vor mägem Jahr".

In our choir practice on Wednesday evenings at Marco's home (see address above) we are now concentrating on yodelling songs from the Appenzell region - it would be great if new singers would join in! We wish all our friends and supporters an enjoyable festive season.

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli
92 Addison Street
Elwood Vic 3184
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hochuli@bigpond.com

We meet every Tuesday night at the Swiss Club for our practice. New members are welcome. We like to continue the tradition of Swiss folk dancing.

Highlights for the group were the many performances during the year. We will again organize the Jass nights at the Club. The annual Unterhaltungs-abend will be in May 2008.

On behalf of the group I like to wish you all a happy festive season and good health in 2008.

Sylvia Hochuli

Trachtengruppe Schwyzerguess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

Vice-President: Silvia Hochuli
(contact details as above)

We would like to invite the retired Swiss/Australian Community (over sixty) to our mystery trip event...

14/11: Fahrt ins Blaue

Cost: \$ 25.00 per person, which includes a hot lunch. If you are interested, please mail your cheque to the above address or call me.

Silvia Hochuli

Groupe Romand Du Victoria

Présidente: Marianne Puccinelli
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www.swiss.org.au/chfrvic

Our group aims to provide opportunities 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, please come and have a go!!! Our activities are detailed in our webpage.

Michel Beuchat

Pro Ticino - Pro Down Under

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For further details refer to the NSW section.

SANM

Swiss Academic Network Melbourne
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SANM organizes meetings each second month that alternates between social get-togethers and formal presentations. More information, including details for membership and upcoming events, can be found on regularly updated SANM website.

Bruno Giger

Saturday Morning Swiss School

Convenor: Andrea Pinch
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pinch@hotkey.net.au
www.swiss.org.au/scvschool

We aim to foster and support families who speak and teach their children the Swiss German language and thus, bringing Swiss children closer to their Swiss heritage.

School is every other Saturday Morning (except school holidays) from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Swiss Club (2nd Floor). Participating children must be school age (5+). For further info, check our website or contact Andrea.

First date for school year 08: Sat, 2nd Feb.

Swiss Playgroup

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

We aim to foster and support families who speak the Swiss German language at home to familiarise the children at an early age of Swiss customs and culture through play. 1st Thursday of each month at the Swiss Club.

South Australia

Swiss Club of South Australia

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Tel: (08) 8337 0333 (evening)
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Gruezi mitenand!

You will be delighted to hear that the current committee has been re-elected for another year at last month's AGM.

Please support them by making an effort of joining us at the next event.

The 'Wurst brätel' in the forest is fun for young and old. So bring your bike to explore the trails, a football for a match amongst the trees or a comfortable chair to gaze into the flames.

The Christmas Party will be held at Morialta Park under the shadows of the big gum trees (sorry no 'Tannenbaum'). Bring your lunch - BBQs available - salads and cakes/ Gueetli for sharing. To order a Christmas bag for your child, contact Regula by Nov 26. We are looking for strong singers. Last year, Father Christmas was disappointed with our performance.

Upcoming Events

- 7/10: 'Wurst brätel and Schlangebrot ässe'
- 2/12: Christmas Party at Morialta Rec.
Area (off Stradbroke Rd, Wood-
forde) BYO lunch 11:30, Father
Christmas 2pm

"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 the 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 the 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

Swiss Club of Western Australia

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Sali mitenand.

The Club Year has again ended. The WA Swiss Club "Fondant 07" Wine has been bottled. This event is enjoyed by more members every year.

The First of August Ball was again attended and loved by many members. Our first of August Bonfire at Rolling Green, on a beautiful 4th August, has seen the best ever crowd, with many young families. Lots of children, some hardly able to walk, proudly paraded with their lamps in front of the huge bonfire. Olga, with her "Schwyzer Oergeli" and Yodelling kept everybody

entertained. The smell of grilled Bratwurst and Servelat gave the function the appropriate high note.

A not very well attended function was our recent Annual General Meeting. A new Committee had to be elected. It was not easy but we finished the AGM with an enthusiastic Committee in place:

President: Peter Gabathuler
Vice President: Keith Worsley
Treasurer: James Kunz
Secretary: Lesley Dunn
Membership Sec./Editor: Maya Pitts
Property Manager: Mike Dunn

Web Caretaker: Shane Lang
Committee Members: Rita Phillips,
Margaret Dunn, Annaliese Gabathuler
Play Group: Alexandra Schaub

Peter Gabathuler

Upcoming Events

3-4/11: Campover/Annual Picnic with
games at Rolling Green
2/12: Samichlaus/Santa Claus, Perry Lakes
31/12: New Years Eve Party / Campover
Rolling Green
16/2: Fasnacht at the Rhein-Donau Club
17/2: Children's Fasnacht, Rhein-Donau

Please come and have a go!!! For more information about all our events, please check our website.

Regular Events:

Jass Evening. Every Third Thursday of the month starting at 7.30 pm. Meet before for a casual dinner at the club from around 6.30 pm. Venue is the North Perth Bowling Club, Farmer Street (next to Woodville Reserve), North Perth. Club's phone number is (08) 9444 5500. For more info, please contact: Peter Mueller by phone (08) 9291 8402 or pelimu4243@yahoo.com.au

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 (08) 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, pelimu4243@yahoo.com.au or write to 264 Grove Road, Lesmurdie, 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 at special events and at Carnival time. The Guggeburras need to be seen and heard to be believed. They get together every Tuesday evening to practice new songs for the coming Fasnacht Season. Any carnival-inspired person is welcome to join this fun group, especially brass players and drummers. Contact Jennifer Leutenegger on (08) 9277 7826 or guggeburras@swiss.org.au for more information.

Play Group

The Swiss playgroup meets every first Friday of the month. Mums, check 'em out, they are great fun. For more information, or how to join ring Alexandra Schaub on (08) 94032241.

Northern Territory

Swiss Social Club Darwin

PO Box 241, Nightcliff NT 0814
President: Fritz Risler
Tel/Fax: (08) 8981 4147

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.

Upcoming events will be an evening of bowling in October and the traditional visit by Samichlaus in December. For info, about any of our activities contact Fritz on (08) 8981 4147.

ACT

Canberra Swiss Club Inc.

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Manuka ACT 2603
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President: Heinz Buettikofer
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www.swiss.org.au/canberraclub

Dear members and friends,

The year is moving on and by the time you read this there are only a few more functions left on the calendar. The events for the next year will be decided on at the first committee meeting after the AGM, so unfortunately we don't have these details yet. However, I am quite certain that there will be a similar number of events next year of a similar nature. Of course, these events will be advertised again in the newsletter and on our web site well before they take place.

For those readers who do not know much about the Canberra Swiss Club, I would like to say that it is a friendly association of Swiss nationals and their friends living in Canberra and the surrounding region. It is a group of people, who like to meet several times a year and enjoy each other's company while being involved in a range of different activities. If you would like to join in, please write to us or give us a call. We are always pleased to see new faces and welcome anybody who is interested in participating.

Upcoming Events

14/10: Jass Tournament
2/11: AGM
2/12: Samichlaus

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

Heinz Büttikofer

New South Wales

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)

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Over the past few months, SACA has again joined in some interesting and popular events - meeting SACA's aims of encouraging cultural exchange between Australia and Switzerland.

On 31 July, members gathered for the Opening of the Sandra Landolt exhibition at the Kudos Gallery in Paddington. The exhibition was opened by the Swiss Consul General, Juerg Casserini. SACA members served Raclette in recognition of Swiss National Day the following day.

A SACA table at the 'Swiss Cuisine' dinner at Swissotel in the Sydney CBD was a sell-out! The buffet dinner was prepared by an Australian Chef who worked some years in Switzerland and speaks fluent Swiss dialect.

In August, SACA members Brigitte Banziger and David Hulme, of Bänziger Hulme Fine Art Consultants, invited members to join them for the preview of the Deutscher and Hackett Fine Art Auction. The Australian auction house specialises in Australian and international fine art and the event was a great opportunity to view the artworks on show in their next sale.

Upcoming Events

20-22/10: SACA weekend visit Canberra.
11/11: Visit Studio Ulrich Steiner.
7/12: SACA annual Christmas picnic
at the 'Australian Angel'.

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SACCI's aim is to promote the expansion of bilateral trade relations between Switzerland and Australian business. Celebrating over 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 and a trade magazine, through to 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the readers and members for

their support and continued involvement with the chamber. After five enjoyable years with SACCI, I have decided to relocate to Switzerland for a period of time. Wishing you all the very best for 2008!

Dean Storchenegger

Swiss Entrepreneurs

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www.swissentrepreneurs.com.au

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.

The Swiss Club of NSW Ltd.

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The Swiss Club committee meets at the Eiger every first Monday of the month for their monthly meeting and also to welcome any new members. The Jassers get together at the Eiger every Monday night. Every second Friday of the month we also have an informal get-together at the Austrian Club in Frenchs Forest for a meal, a chat or a Jass.

New members are always very welcome. If you are not yet a member - why not give it a go?? You can join through an online membership form from our website or contact the club. We also now offer Partner memberships, please contact the club if you are interested.

So if you feel like a bit of friendly Swiss company and 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

12/10, 9/11, 14/12, 11/1, 8/2:
Get-together Austrian Club
12/10: Swiss Film Night, Austrian Club
3/11: Night with a difference dinner
5/11, 3/12, 4/2: Committee Meeting,
Eiger Restaurant, Petersham
2/12: Childrens Samichlaus
10/12: Usplampete
tba: Picnic @ Berry Island

Other Events: Jass School for beginners will be from Oct-Dec at the Eiger in Petersham from 8pm on the same nights as the committee meetings (no Jass School in January).

I personally thank all the members and friends of the Swiss Club for their support in 2007 and look forward to welcoming you to events and functions in the future. If you have any ideas of things the club should or could get involved in, please let us know. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Noemi Guyer

Swiss Playgroup Sydney

Helena Nobs Tel: (02) 9997 4131
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The Swiss Playgroup of Sydney was founded in September 2001. The children age 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.

We all contribute something for morning tea or lunch on the day. New families coming from Switzerland can easily make friends here and find lots of helpful information. If you are interested in coming along please call.

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN on Sunday 2nd Dec. Look out for more details in NSW Swiss Club Newsletter.

Helena Nobs

Schwyzdäutsch For Kids

Beatrice Sidari: Tel: (02) 9602 9395
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Anna Papadimitriou: 0416 744 949
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We are a group of Swiss, Swiss/Australian, Swiss/International families who get together every first Sunday of the month. Upcoming events are: A Camping Weekend in October, know the story of Samichlaus in November and in December, some Christmas activities are planned. 'Fasnacht' was a great get together in 2007 and we are looking forward having a little carnival early in the New Year. If you are interested in joining our group or would like to get some more info, please call or e-mail Anna or Bea.

Swiss Yodelers and Alphorn Group of Sydney

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We gave an impromptu performance at The Swiss Club fondue night in June which was enjoyed by all. We need all the practice we can get as we gear up for the 2008 Eidgenössischen Yodeller Fest to be held in Luzern.

A brilliant day was had on Sunday 5 August 2007 when we welcomed some 650 compatriots and friends to our annual picnic at Plumpton, some of whom travelled long distances from country regions. This traditional event allows the community to come together, catch up and remember a life that once was, is and will become. It also gives new Swiss and friends a glimpse of a Swiss style fest. Alphorns, cow bells, yodellers and the dance group plus the numerous volunteers, helped make this a memorable event. Our thanks to the Swiss Consul General, Mr. Juerg Casserini for his opening address and for acknowledging the enormous contribution that Roesli and Housi Kaufmann have made to the yodellers over many years and to the alphorn group, in particular. Finally, a big thanks to our sponsors without whose generosity we could not celebrate in this way. Danke, merci, grazie, grazcha!

On a sadder note, we would like to acknowledge the recent death of Gino Morelli. Gino was an honorary member of the yodellers, giving 30 years of his life to the group. We had the honour of singing during the recessional at his funeral.

Alois Kretz

Upcoming Events

19/11: AGM
16/12: Sing Seniors Luncheon
Feb.08:Yodellers Annual Harbour Cruise

Cercle Romand Du N.S.W.

Présidente: Anne Resplendino
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Eastwood NSW 2122
www.swiss.org.au/cercleromand

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

4/10, 1/11, 6/12: Soirée Pub,
Drummoine Sailing Club
14/10: Tournoi de pétanque & pique-nique
Putney Park, Gladesville
17/11: Jubilé 30ème du Cercle Romand,
Gledswood Homestead & Winery,
Catherine Field (Camden)
3/2: Sortie plage, Dee Why

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.

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Swiss Community Care Society

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Due to extensive travel commitments by Mrs. Beatrice Stuber, she has handed the Presidency over to Armin Roth who is now semi-retired and can devote time for the benefit of the Society. Mrs. Ursula Mooser continues as community support officer and major contact point for enquiries. Margrit Bachmann will work on project coordination to gather and publish stories of Swiss immigrants to Australia. The Society continues to support the Swiss Seniors Luncheon programme so ably directed by Ms Ida Gugger.

Swiss Seniors of Sydney Area
2/73 Frederick Street
Rockdale NSW 2216
Contact: Ida Gugger (02) 9597 7096

Next luncheons take place on Saturday, 12th October, at the Eiger Restaurant; and on Saturday 8th December at The Concordia Club, Tempe. Enrol at the latest by Monday preceding the events with Ms Ida Gugger. Merry Christmas!

Armin Roth

Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

President: Marco Nussbaumer
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Willoughby NSW 2068
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The group has performed at two key events in 2007: the Swiss picnic and the Eurofest 2007. It plans a weekend away to the Blue Mountains to welcome new members, a solid time of practicing and a 'gmuettliche Zyt' in early Nov 2007. For info call Marco on 0412 403 741 or Astrid on 0418 268 150.

Queensland

Swiss Society of Queensland Inc.

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Gruezi, bonjour, buongiorno, g'day to all Swiss in South East Queensland

We certainly have a few very busy months behind us with all the Raclette, Fondue, Metzgete and 1st of August celebrations. It was a pleasure to organise all of these events and it's been nice to have a lot of new people come along to these get-togethers. We have also had a lot of success with the Cinema Nights, with lots of laughs and memories that were brought back watching films like *Mein Name ist Eugen*, *Herbstzeitlosen* and *Vitus*. It looks like this will, from now on, be a regular event with quite a few more Swiss films already on the wish list.

This year, we will again be part of the Multicultural Festival, which attracts over 120'000 visitors. We will have a stand where we will sell Öpfelchüechli and Schoggifondue, so please come along and visit us.

Upcoming Events

14/10: Multicultural Festival,
Roma Street Parklands
21/10: Bushwalk, Goombarra State Forrest
28/10: Picnic and Easy Walk SCCS & SSQ
3/11: Squiz Night, Club
18/11: Final Bushwalk - Lake Cootharaba
1/12: Senior Citizen Xmas, Club
2/12: Samichlaus SSQ (in Brisbane & GC)
Feb: GC Family Picnic Day (Paradise Pt)
(tba) Gmuettliche Abig, Club
1st Bushwalk of the year

We also play Jass every 2nd Thursday and Tennis every Wednesday - please check our website for details, including bushwalks or any other ad-hoc activities. As usual we invite anybody with a Swiss connection to join us at any of the events. There are always a lot of nice people you can meet and mingle with.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the committee members.

Sybille Goss, President

Gold Coast Group

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Young Swiss Group.

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Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

President: Jakob Berger
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Secretary: Elsy Schuetz
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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

Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)

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6 Cornell Street, Robertson 4109
President: Lorly Wihler
Tel: (07) 3298 5300
Secretary: Toby Meier (07) 3343 6733

Contact Sunshine Coast:
Ursula Sheldon, Tel: (07) 5443 4272

Have you considered becoming a member to receive our Newsletter three 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 us a call. Kind regards.

Lorly Wihler

Fraser Coast Group

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Welcome to several new families with children who moved to our lovely area. They would like to share some hours together with others from our 'Patrie' - Heimat - Switzerland. Get-togethers are very informal, no membership fee. Many partners and children are English-speaking but most are Swiss German and some French-speaking, as one like.

Upcoming Events

13/10: Dinner, Sticky Beaks, Childers
(rsvp 4126 6380)
4/11: A Sunday at the Beach, Hervey Bay
8/12: Santa at Swiss Cafe near Gympie
2/2: BBQ, Burrum Heads

Looking for Swiss Folklore Performers for 2nd Fraser Coast Cultural Festival on 29/3/08 direct flights! Accom. provided.
www.culturalfestivals.com.au

Swiss Club Sunshine Coast

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Our club was founded on Dec 9 2006 and we would welcome any new members.