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## Consulate. Additional Online Publications

Dear Compatriots, Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Consulate General of Switzerland is proud to inform you that two additional publications - apart from the already existing Cultural Calendar, where Swiss events, organised by this Consulate General and the Embassy in Canberra, are being promoted - have recently been added to its website at [www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/repsoce/aus/cgsyd.html](http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/repsoce/aus/cgsyd.html):

### SWISS - AUSTRALIANA PUBLICATIONS



The Swiss-Australiana publications, consisting of books written by Swiss citizens related to Australia

### WINE HERITAGE The Swiss Wine Makers in Australia



Switzerland has a long history and a profound tradition in wine making in Australia. Today, Swiss wine makers keep and follow this tradition in producing excellent & quality wines.

The presented list of books and the Consulate General would be pleased to complete it. Kindly note that the Consulate General does not take any responsibility for the information provided.

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The Swiss Wine Makers in Australia, mentioning vineyards in Australia with close Swiss ties.

Kindly note that these lists are not exhaustive and that the Consulate General would very much appreciate receiving any input in order to keep them updated.

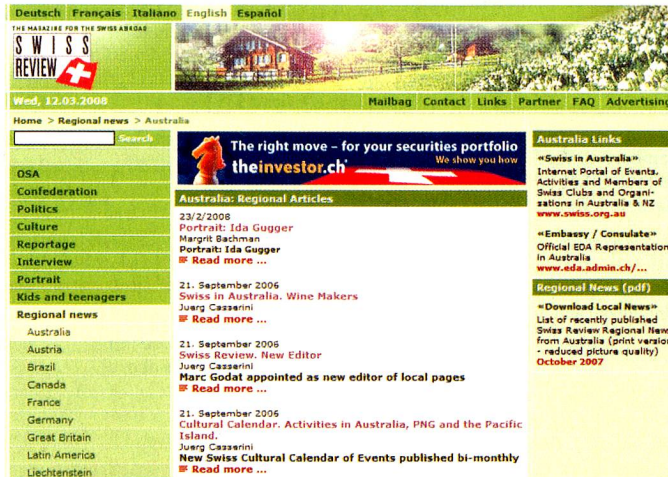
Please do not hesitate to contact [syd.vertretung@eda.admin.ch](mailto:syd.vertretung@eda.admin.ch) should you have any kind of suggestion. I thank you for your precious cooperation.

Jürg Casserini  
Consul General of Switzerland

## Editorial. Swiss Review Online

Welcome to the April Edition of the Swiss Review. Since a while now we have been publishing certain articles and additional material on the Swiss Review website. I had quite a few requests over the past weeks that this information is hard to find, so I thought I would give you a quick introduction of how to get started.

The online version can be found on <http://www.revue.ch>. From there, it is a 2-step process to get to our Australian Regional News: First, you have to click on the left menu which is labelled **Regional news** (or **Regionales** in German). After the page reloads, it will have an expanded sub-menu with the listed regions; click on Australia and you will get to our regional home page:



The right column of this page contains some useful Australian links, as well as links to downloadable versions of the Australian Regional News since 2007 (in Adobe Acrobat Reader format). The main middle section contains a list of recently published articles; clicking on the **Read more** link will open the full article.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any help with this, or if you have a story to share with our readers. The deadline for articles for the next Swiss Review June issue is **2 May 2008**.

Marc Godat, Regional Editor Australia

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## Climate. Solar Taxi's Epic Journey reaches Australia

Louis Palmer arrives with his Solar Taxi in Australia after crossing 18 countries including the Middle East, India, Indonesia and New Zealand.

"The first time in history that a car is driving around the world without a single drop of petrol!" ...

info: [www.solartaxi.com](http://www.solartaxi.com)



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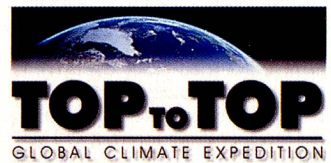
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## Consulate. TOPtoTOP

A few words from this Office regarding the expedition of the Swiss family, Dario and Sabine Schwörer and their two children, Salina and Andrei.

The TOPtoTOP Global Climate Change Expedition, under the leadership of Sabine and Dario Schwörer started in Geneva on 3 December 2002. This expedition is the first one of its kind, in that it travels to the seven (7) summits to connect global climate zones in seven (7) continents around the world using only human power. This Swiss family have been sailing, cycling and climbing, and have already visited over 30 nations. The TOPtoTOP Expedition aims to focus attention on global climate change. TOPtoTOP is a Swiss non-profit organisation of volunteers under the patronage of the United Nations Environment Program. The project is largely sponsored by the famous Swiss Company VICTORINOX and supported as well by Presence Switzerland from the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Bern.

The Swiss couple with their two children arrived Downunder on Wednesday, 28 November 2007 aboard the sailboat Pachamama. The sailboat is THE example for the cruising world, of what is possible in extreme conditions with smart technologies. The family expects to spend about a year in Australia. While here, Sabine and Dario will give public presentations and visit interested schools at each destination. They will teach children about the importance of nature and give them various fun projects, to learn all about sustainability. The children are then encouraged to express their own ideas about how we can care more for our environment and climate in the TOPtoTOP International Climate Solution Contest.



For further information and live updates on the expedition's progress, please visit TOPtoTOP website at [www.toptotop.org](http://www.toptotop.org)

To arrange for film material and pictures or interviews with the team, kindly contact Sabine & Dario: [Dario@toptotop.org](mailto:Dario@toptotop.org)

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## Victoria

### Swiss Club of Victoria

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Dear Readers,

Where could you possibly go on a cold and rainy autumn evening in Melbourne? Well, you could always go to the Swiss Club Restaurant on 89 Flinders Lane in the heart of the city and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and the Swiss ambience. Roger Moullet and his team will delight you with Berner Platte, Geschnetzeltes with Rösti, Beef Goulash with Spätzli and many other specialties. How about a Cheese Fondue to warm your body and soul with a glass of wine perhaps? As a member you will be able to receive a 10% discount on the entire bill and if you are not a member, you can fill in the application form on our website. It is so easy! Everybody is welcome!

Club life was quiet early in the year with people away on holidays. But February already started with a fulminate highlight featuring our amazingly impressive John Wanner and his Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand playing at the club. If you have missed out this time, don't worry, you can witness him every first Thursday of the month. In late February we arranged for new members to meet the committee to get acquainted with the club. It was appreciated. The AGM took place in early March with literally, a touch of magic. We had a genuine magician entertaining us after the hard work was done.

What's in the pipeline for April, May and June? Well, 6 April is the date to remember the first Swiss Festival to take place at the Austrian Club. As already published earlier, it is the first time for all Victorian-based Swiss community groups to present a united Switzerland, diverse in its culture and folklore. Join us for a day of entertainment and delicious food! Also in April, the card players will start off their Jass season at regular intervals which will not end until the finals are played in September, so why don't you join too? On 23 April, the Swiss Club will launch its first movie night with the screening of "Vitus" followed by a second movie in the middle of June.

### Victoria Events

- 19/4: Jass Night, Swiss Club
- 23/4: Movie Night at the Swiss Club
- 1/5: Kapelle Gruezi Mitenander, Club
- 3/5: Unterhaltungsabend Swiss Volk Dance Group Alpenrose, Swiss Club
- 7/5: Ladies Luncheon, Swiss Club
- 9/5: Meeting of Committee of Joint Swiss Ventures
- 17/5: Jass Night Matterhorn
- 25/5: Soirée Raclette - Groupe Romande
- 31/5: SANM - Trivia Night, Swiss Club
- 5/6: Kapelle Gruezi Mitenander, Club
- 12/6: Meeting of Committee of Joint Swiss Ventures
- 14/6: Jass Night Swiss Club
- 18/6: Movie Night at the Swiss Club

The Swiss Club of Victoria looks forward to welcoming you at the club or at one of the many fantastic events.

Please visit our website for more information.

Rolf Huber

### Ladies Luncheon

The Swiss Club of Victoria  
Convener: 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.

### The Swiss Companion Singers

Convener: 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 practice, singing old and new folk songs.

### Young Swiss Group

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

We meet every second Wednesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to come along. For further information, please call me or join the email group (web).

### Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

3 Bluegum Court  
Upwey Vic 3158  
President: Marco Unternährer  
Tel: (03) 9752 6996 (h) or  
Tel: (03) 9388 8777 (b)  
mrunt@optusnet.com.au  
www.swiss.org.au/matterhorn

We are looking forward to taking part again in the Swiss Italian Festa held on 26-27 April at Hepburn Springs. This festival celebrates the region's Swiss Italian Heritage (see <http://www.swissitalianfesta.com/history.htm>).



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www.swissitalianfesta.com

In mid-June, five members of our choir will join up with the Swiss Yodelers of Sydney, travelling to Switzerland to perform at the Eidgenössische Jodlerfest, taking place in Luzern from 26-29 June 2008.

We meet every Wednesday evening for choir practice at Marco's address (see above) - anyone interested in singing with the happy circle of our choir is welcome to give it a try!

Erwin Weinmann

### Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli  
92 Addison Street  
Elwood Vic 3184  
Tel: (03) 9531 6575  
hochuli@bigpond.com

The group continues the tradition of Swiss folk dancing. Practice is on Tuesday nights, 8:15 at the Swiss Club.

Why not join us? For information contact Sylvia or Nancy on 9890 7530.

The annual Unterhaltungsabend is on Saturday 3 May. Come and support the Dance Group:

- > Saturday 3 May 7.30pm.
- > Three course dinner
- > Music: Kapelle "Gruezi mitenand"
- > Tombola with lots of prizes
- > Cost: \$35 p.p.

Bookings must be made with the Swiss Club on 9650 1196.

Sylvia Hochuli

### Trachtengruppe Schwyzergruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

President: Silvia Hochuli  
(contact details as above)

### Groupe Romand Du Victoria

Présidente: Marianne Puccinelli  
Tél: (03) 9561 9595  
www.swiss.org.au/chfrvic

### Pro Ticino - Pro Down Under

President: Claude Rossi  
5 Falls Road, Hoddles Creek Vic 3139  
Tel: (03) 5967 4542

### SANM

Swiss Academic Network Melbourne  
info@sanm.id.au  
www.sanm.id.au

SANM organises meetings each second month and alternates between social get-togethers and formal presentations.

Bruno Giger

### Saturday Morning Swiss School

Convener: Andrea Pinch  
Tel: (03) 5331 6762  
pinch@hotmail.net.au  
www.swiss.org.au/scvschool

We aim to foster and support families who speak and teach their children the Swiss German language. For further information, check our website or contact Andrea.

### 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 children at an early age, of Swiss customs and culture through play. First Thursday of each month from 11am-2pm at the Swiss Club.

## South Australia

### Swiss Club of South Australia

64 Castle Street  
Parkside SA 5063  
Regula Muller  
Tel: (08) 8337 7548 (work)  
Tel: (08) 8337 0333 (evening)  
www.swiss.org.au/swissclubsa

Gruezi mitenand!

The committee has been busy practicing funny (risky) entertainment ideas for the Fondue night. Make sure you book your table and bring your friends and family for a special Swiss experience.

### Upcoming Events

24/5: Cheese Fondue Night,  
Austrian Association,  
11 - 17 Torrens Rd, Ovingham

Join us for a great night with Swiss Cheese Fondue, entertainment, raffle and dance music by the famous 'Jaeger-meisters'. Bring your own Caquelon (Fondue pot and forks) and we will cook the fondue for you. Reservation is essential! Call Regula for further details on: 08 8337 7548 or e-mail Sibylle sibylle@rmstravelcars.com.au for a newsletter with booking form.

"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.

### 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?

We look forward to welcoming you at the next function.

Maya Schnider, Secretary

## Western Australia

### Swiss Club of Western Australia

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anpega@oceanbroadband.net  
www.swiss.org.au/swissclubwa

Sali mitenand

This year's 7<sup>th</sup> Interclub "Fasnacht" event was again held at the Rhein-Donau Club. The Guggeburas 'grand debut' got the party really started. Everybody seemed to have had a great time. The traditional polonaise set the bar even higher with almost everybody on the dance floor swinging to the beat of the chicken dance.

The children's "Fasnacht" was organized by the Swiss Club Playgroup. Around 60 children had the time of



their lives with games, dancing, polonaises, best costume, drinks and sandwiches. A big thank you goes to the mums of the Swiss Club Playgroup.

### Upcoming Events

- 24/5: Metzgeta and Dance at the Rhein Donau Club  
21/6: Raclette Night at the Dutch Club

Come along and join the fun! You will find all the information about the activities of our club, even on how to become a member, on our web page.

All the best until the next issue.

Peter Gabathuler

### Regular Events:

**Jass Evening** - Every 3rd Thursday of the month starting at 7.30 p.m. at the North Perth Lawn Bowling Club, Woodville Reserve, Farmer Street North Perth. Most players meet for a casual dinner at the Bowling Club at around 6:30 pm. Please book your dinner, \$ 10.00 p.p. by ringing Markus on 0417 982 339 or email shiralee21@hotmail.com.

For more information, ring Peter Mueller on (08) 9291 8402 or email 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 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 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, contact 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 (sounds that are artfully out of tune) at special events and at Carnival time. They 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.

### The Fasnacht Group

The standing committee has retired. We urgently need to find people willing to form a new Fasnacht Committee. Please call Rob Phillips on 9405 2518 if you can help.

### 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) 9881 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.

## ACT

### Canberra Swiss Club Inc.

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President: Heinz Buettikofer  
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www.swiss.org.au/canberraclub

The Jass evenings held every second Wednesday have been attended regularly by a few hardy players. They will be well prepared for the Jass Tournament to begin at the end of April. Here are the events currently planned for the year:

### Upcoming Events

- 30/4: Jass Tournament (1 of 3)  
4/5: Bushwalk  
24/5: Swiss baking and cooking course  
13/6: Fondue Evening

Further events are considered and the dates will be announced in the newsletter and on our web site, and also on the Monday night radio program. If you would like more details, please get in touch with any of the committee members.

If you would like to join in any activities, please write to us or give us a call or simply turn up to one of the functions. We are always pleased to see new faces and welcome anybody who would like to participate.

### Canberra Ethnic Radio FM91.1

...broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 5-7pm. Gaby and Werner 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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The first Swiss+Ox Art Expo was held in 2003. The second Art Expo, the major SACA event for 2008, was on in March at the Bondi Pavilion Gallery. Official guests at the Opening included the Hon. John Aquilina, Leader of the

House of Representatives in New South Wales and Mrs. Ann Aquilina, the Mayor of Waverley, Councillor Ingrid Strewé, the Mayor of Woollahra, Councillor Geoff Rundle, and Therese Kenyon, Director of the Manly Art Gallery & Museum.

The exhibition showcased the work of Swiss Australian artists from a range of genres including painting, drawing, printing, photography and sculpture. SACA is grateful for the generous support provided by the Consul General of Switzerland, Juerg Caserini.

SACA has many more activities planned for 2008 including an Autumn weekend visit to Mudgee in late April/early May to sample wines and enjoy the country in western New South Wales.

On 22 May, Dr. Helmut Jerjen of the Mt Stromlo Observatory and the Australian National University, Canberra will be the SACA special guest. SACA members heard Helmut speak during their October weekend visit last year and were so enthusiastic about his presentation that he was invited to Sydney so that many more could hear him.

For more information about upcoming SACA events, or to become a SACA member, please contact the SACA Committee.

### Upcoming Events

- (tba): Week-end visit to Mudgee wineries  
22/5: 'Journey to the Stars' with Dr. Helmut Jerjen of the Mt Stromlo Observatory

### Swiss-Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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www.sacci.com.au

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. Please, consult our website for more details.

### Upcoming Events

- 17/6: SACCI Location Switzerland seminar: "Why and how to invest in Switzerland", Melbourne

### Swiss Entrepreneurs

Contact: Silvan Frei  
Tel: 0410 297 606  
info@swissentrepreneurs.com.au  
www.swissentrepreneurs.com.au

Meet Swiss entrepreneurs and promote your business; we meet every first Wednesday of the month at Lord Nelson Brewery Hotel at the Rocks, Sydney. For more information please visit our website.

### The Swiss Club of NSW Ltd.

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www.swiss.org.au/swissclubnsw

The committee meets at the Austrian Schnitzelhaus every first Monday of the month and the Jassers get together at the Eiger Restaurant in Petersham every Monday night. Every second Friday of the month, we also have a meeting at the Austrian Club at Frenchs Forest for a meal, a chat or a 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 through a membership form online at our website. For existing members, a little reminder that it is time for Membership renewals for 2008/2009. Renewal forms will be posted to you shortly. Please contact the club if you have any questions.

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

We have lots of exciting things coming up and lots of new ideas for 2008. Some of the events include a combined function, dinner and dancing at the Austrian Club at Frenchs Forest, wine-tasting trip in May, our annual Fondue evening in June, as well as our Bowling competition. We will also be continuing our Jass School and film nights. Please see the Swiss Community News and our website for updated details of events and functions.

### Upcoming Events

- 19/4: Dinner & Dancing @ Austrian Club (with all Swiss Organisations in Sydney)  
4/5: Winetasting at Mabrook Estate  
5/5: Committee Meeting (Austrian Schnitzelhaus - Gladesville)  
9/5: Get - together Austrian Club  
17/5: Seniors Lunch  
9/6: Committee Meeting (Austrian Schnitzelhaus - Gladesville)  
13/6: Get - together Austrian Club  
14/6: Bowling Competition

**Other Events:** "Jass School" for beginners to learn to Jass will be from April to June on the same nights as the committee meetings, commencing at 8pm at the Schnitzelhaus at Gladesville.

As of 1 April 2008, the Swiss Club of NSW will hold official committee meetings at our new venue, "The Australian Schnitzelhaus in Gladesville", 163 Victoria Road, Gladesville NSW 2111.

I look forward to welcoming you to many of our events in 2008. Please check our website for any additional functions and other Swiss information.

Noemi Guyer



### Swiss Playgroup Sydney

Sandra Ursenbacher (02) 9975 6987  
Isabelle Ferguson (02) 9904 8021

From March 2008, Isabelle Ferguson and Sandra Ursenbacher will be leading the Swiss Playgroup. Thank you very much Helena, Gabi and Barbara for your great work and commitment for so many years.

Sandra is a mother of three children (7, 5 and 1 ½) and has been living in Sydney for two years. In Switzerland, she worked as a social worker and did some formal training for 'mother and child contact group facilitator'. She loves going to the movies and reading whenever she finds the time.

Isabelle is a primary teacher and has taught in the canton of Zurich and in the German International School, Sydney. She has lived in Sydney since 1999 and has a 1 ½ year old son. Her passions are travelling and cooking for friends.

We are looking forward to seeing many children and their mums every last Friday of the month from 10:15am-2:00 pm. We will have stories, songs, craft and play for you to enjoy. See you there at Frenches Forest!

Isabelle & Sandra

### 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' und 'Chlauesle'. Other times we meet at 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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President: Alois Kretz  
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The Swiss Yodlers and Alphorn Group of Sydney are celebrating their 40th Anniversary this year!

The yodlers had the pleasure of hosting a tour group of Swiss farmers on a recent trip to Australia. The tourists were able to interact with those present and related their experiences to an enthusiastic audience. The visitors stayed on farms and were able to see first hand, the size of farms and the different farming practices carried out here. They also had the opportunity to talk to Swiss who migrated to this country many years ago. It was a real buzz.

We recently disembarked from our annual harbour cruise and as luck would have it, the Queen Victoria was docked at Circular Quay. The ferry had a decided tilt as we motored past and it was with some relief for many on board when balance was restored. The weather was kind and enjoyed by a ferry load of participants who

marvelled at the sites of Sydney harbour whilst being served and entertained.

### Upcoming Events

19/4: Dinner Dance at Austrian Club,  
French's Forest  
27-29/6: Jodlerfest Luzern, CH

The yodlers are gearing up for the Luzern Jodlerfest in June 2008 where we hope to WOW the judges with our antipodean prowess. If you are visiting Switzerland at that time we would love to see you there.

Alois Kretz

### Cercle Romand Du N.S.W.

Présidente: Anne Resplendino  
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Eastwood NSW 2122  
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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

1/5, 5/6: Soirée Pub, The Ranch,  
Marsfield, Cnr Herring Rd/Epping Rd  
18/5: Journée raclette, Scandinavian  
Danish club, Frenches forest

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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The Christmas visits went very well and thank you ever so much for the many personal "thank you" notes. Read the Swiss Review and the Community News. If you are not on the mailing list, please contact us for action to include you. Membership applications can also be sent to you. If possible come to the Seniors luncheons.

Armin Roth

### Swiss Seniors of Sydney Area

2/73 Frederick Street  
Rockdale NSW 2216  
Contact: Ida Gugger (02) 9597 7096

Next luncheon is on Saturday 17 May at The Eiger Swiss Restaurant. Please, always register by advising attendance at the latest, one week before the event. Thank You.

### Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

President: Marco Nussbaumer  
7 Wallace Street  
Willoughby NSW 2068  
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For information about our group, call Marco on 0412 403 741 or Astrid on 0418 268 150.

## Queensland

### Swiss Society of Queensland Inc.

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

By the time this Swiss Review will be in your letterboxes, we will be well and truly into the swing of the new year and the first functions in our club will have already taken place. The Gemutliche Abe once again, had a good turn-up and was a relaxed affair with everybody bringing along a nice platter to share.

### Upcoming Events

20/4: Jass Championship @ Club  
3-5/5: Camping weekend  
18/5: Bushwalk  
25/5: Buderim Lunch (SCCS)  
31/5: Fondue @ Club  
7/6: Metzgete (Gold Coast Group)  
12/6: Cinema Night @ Club  
15/6: Bushwalk  
21/6: Raclette @ Club

Don't forget that Raclette and Fondue Nights are always big hits, so book early to avoid disappointment!

We also play Jass every second Thursday, and Tennis every Wednesday night.

Check our website to find more information about our bushwalks or any other ad-hoc activities. As usual, we invite anybody with a Swiss connection to come along to any of the events. There is always a real mix 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

Contact: Franz Huber  
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The big event of the year for the Gold Coast, the Metzgete Night, will be held on Saturday, 7 June 2008. You will find full details on our website [www.swiss.org.au/home.php?ID=3](http://www.swiss.org.au/home.php?ID=3) where you can download a booking form, too. Due to the big interest in our Metzgete Night, you must book and pre-pay. If you don't have access to the Internet, please give me a call at the number above.

Franz Huber

### Young Swiss Group.

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### Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

President: Jakob Berger  
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Secretary: Elsy Schuetz  
Tel: (07) 3207 7101

We would also love to hear from anybody who would like to join the Choir. We meet every second Thursday for practice with Mark, our music teacher, who guides us through new songs.

We will perform at the Swiss-German evening on 27 April, at the Senior Citizen Lunch in Buderim on 25 May and the Metzgete of the Gold Coast Group on 7 June. Please call us for more details.

Jakob Berger

### Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)

Postal: SCCS, c/- Erika Vincent,  
181 Kunghur Creek Rd. Kunghur 2484  
President: Lorry Wihler  
Tel: (07) 3298 5300 / Secretary:  
Erika Vincent, Tel: (02) 6679 7210

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

Have you considered becoming a member and 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.

Lorry Wihler

### Fraser Coast Group

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Welcome all from postal code areas 4650-4670 with a connection to Switzerland. No membership fee - very informal get-togethers. Chatting in English, Swiss German, French or Italian.

### Upcoming Events

3/5: Dinner at Childers (call for details)

Cecile Scherrer

### Swiss Club Sunshine Coast

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Our club is only young and we welcome new members to join us for regular functions throughout the year. Our picnic day under the shelters at Maroochy Bushland Gardens was a full success despite the damp weather!

We are now already counting 50 members and are inviting all Sunshine Coast Swiss - young and old - to join us and take part in our upcoming events: bushwalking in April, a fondue-night when it gets cooler and a 1<sup>st</sup> of August celebration in the country.

Please contact our Club president to discuss any questions you may have, we look forward to hearing from many more.