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## Consulate. Personnel

### Change of personnel at the Swiss Consulate General in Sydney

The Consulate wishes to inform you that the following employees have left or will leave Sydney on completion of their tour of duty:

Mrs Marion Wichmann left Sydney beginning of May 2008. She will be replaced by Mr Andreas Gschwend, who will join the team in the middle of June 2008.

Mrs Silvia Gerber will leave Sydney by the end of July 2008. Mrs Ursula Schöni, who will replace Mrs Gerber, will arrive Down Under in the middle of August 2008.

Mrs Martine Bardy will leave Sydney by the end of August 2008. Her successor has not yet been nominated.

*Ernst Hofstetter, Sydney May 2008  
For The Consul General of Switzerland*

## Embassy: Changes

### The first of a series of changes due to happen this year has already taken place at the Embassy

After spending some four years in Canberra, the Deputy Head of Mission, Mr Alain-Denis Henchoz, left Canberra on 5 May. Two days later, he took up his new duties in Brussels. Anne Henchoz, his wife, will follow him, together with Damien, at the beginning of July.

His position in Canberra was not vacant for very long. Indeed, his successor, Mr Claude-André Barbey, already arrived on 8 May, together with his wife, Claude. He was previously posted in Bratislava.

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## Consulate. Consul Change in Queensland

### A word of appreciation to outgoing Honorary Consul Peter Gloor

Dear Compatriots,

Mr Peter Gloor has been Honorary Consul for Switzerland in Queensland since March 1995. Last year, Peter expressed his personal wish to resign from the mandate of Honorary Consul for Switzerland in Queensland and hand over the duties as soon as a new Honorary Consul has been appointed.

In the name of the Swiss community, the staff of the Consulate General in Sydney and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Peter Gloor for the outstanding job he has done over these past 13 years. He was there 24 hours when help was needed. He assisted numerous Swiss citizens in need and at the same time, was also a valuable to help so many Australians who required information or advice in regard to Switzerland.

Peter carried out his duties in a highly responsible and professional way. His excellent ties, not only to the Swiss community but also to all the various Australian authorities, helped enormously to further cement the already existing friendly and good ties between the two countries.

I also would like to extend our appreciation to Peter's wife, Valerie, who supported and assisted him during all these years in a very professional and discreet way. She had the necessary patience and understanding for the additional workload this mandate brought unto her husband. Thank you Valerie for everything you have done for the Swiss and Switzerland!

Peter, once again, thanks for the wonderful cooperation, your professional input and wisdom. Take good care of yourself and enjoy the retirement wherever you are. We, from the Swiss Consulate General, wish you and your family only the very best for the future, success, happiness and not to mention, good health.

Take care Mate!

*Jurg Casserini, The Consul General of Switzerland*

## Editor's Note: Contact Details and Deadline

Please note that the deadline for submissions into edition 2008-5 of these Australian pages is September 2nd (Issue 2008-4 does not have a Regional Section).

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### Useful Online References

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## New Consul for Queensland

### Daniel Gschwind appointed as new Honorary Consul for Switzerland in Queensland.

Dear Compatriots,  
I take great pleasure in informing you that the Federal Government of Switzerland has nominated Mr. Daniel Gschwind, who resides in Brisbane, to succeed Mr. Peter Gloor as the new Honorary Consul for Switzerland in Queensland. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has given its official assent to his nomination on 14 April 2008 in accordance with the Vienna Convention on consular relations. I wish to thank you in advance for the support and assistance you may be able to extend to Honorary Consul Daniel Gschwind in the exercise of his official functions.



Daniel GSCHWIND, born in 1957 in Basel and originating from Therwil / Basel Land, has been living in Australia since February 1986.

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**Note:** Administrative matters, such as new passports, change of address and/or marital status, visa requirements, etc. will still be dealt with, as in the past, by the Consulate General in Sydney.

*Jurg Casserini  
The Consul General of Switzerland  
Consulate General*

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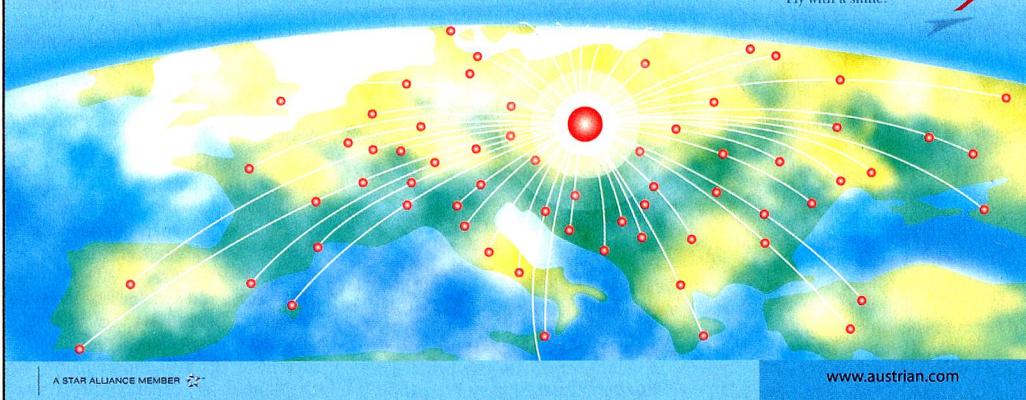
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## Embassy Changes (continued)

While in Canberra, Mr Henchoz witnessed many interesting developments and events in Australia and its neighbouring countries. He also participated in the preparation for the visits of two Federal Councillors and of a delegation of Swissmedic, which contributed to the strengthening of bilateral relations between Switzerland and Australia. Finally, among others, he devoted much attention to Swiss interests in the field of economics.

The latter are particularly important. Not only because Switzerland is one of the main foreign direct investors in Australia, but also because numerous Swiss companies, whatever their size may be, are active in this country. It is important that they evolve within a framework of supporting their activities and development.

Alain-Denis will be remembered for his efforts to represent Switzerland, its languages, its cultures, and its customs, in Canberra schools. His efforts to stage presentations on Switzerland in French, stimulated the French-speaking part of the Swiss community in Canberra and Sydney.

## CSA AHV Rent recipients and UPP

Contrary to some other European countries, no special arrangements are in place for those who wish to apply for an income tax deduction, since they have at the time made their AHV contributions after paying income tax. Such a deduction may be possible, but must be applied for individually from the Australian Taxation Office by submitting a request for a private ruling. The corresponding guidelines are in a publication of the Australian Taxation Department, "Undeducted purchase price of pensions and annuities (Section Foreign pensions or annuities)". It can be obtained from the Australian Government website. This will then allow one to download the form, "Request for a determination of the deductible amount of UPP of a foreign pension or annuity". You may also request the information by phoning the ATO. Figures of your annual contributions may be obtained from the AHV authorities in Geneva. Please note that only your own personal contributions should be used and not the employer contributions.

Peter Meury  
CSA Delegate

## Victoria

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Dear Readers,

I would like to reflect on the Swiss Festival which took place on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at the Austrian Club, Heidelberg West, Victoria.

The idea for the Swiss Festival was born a few years ago and was previously organised by the Swiss Club of Victoria as a fund raiser for Swiss groups. At the meeting of the Committee of Joint Swiss Ventures (CJSV) it was decided to use this tried and tested model as the major event of the year to present a united multicultural Switzerland to Victorians. At the same time it was to give Swiss community groups a sense of belonging after the closure of the Melbourne consulate. In the process these groups met once a month to forge closer ties and to assist each other with promoting functions etc.

Back in November 2007 a newly set up Swiss Festival committee promptly took charge of the organisation. Finances and sponsorship had to be secured and a fair amount of time was spent on advertising and promoting the event. The Swiss Festival appeared on many websites and leaflets were dropped off at the Melbourne Visitor Centre (Federation Square.) In the end the combined effort of the committee paid off and sponsorship in form of money and raffle prizes was obtained. Putting the program together was no small task either considering the choice of talents the Swiss community has to offer. Again we managed to present a variety of interesting performers and also added children entertainment (Jumping Castle and roving magician.)

The Austrian Club in Heidelberg West was again our venue of choice. The excellent cooperation between the two clubs facilitates the occasion. And the beautiful garden with the children's playground, the stalls and ample parking creates the desired effect for what we wanted to achieve.

When the big day finally arrived, the huge turnout caught us by surprise. It was an uplifting moment to see so many young people, families with children and so many new faces. The overwhelming support of our members and friends of the Swiss Club was a humble but fulfilling experience for me. Being an outdoor event we enjoyed a glorious day which was essential to the success. It was estimated that the number of attendees was close to 1'000. Over 750 sausages, 60kgs of potato salad, three wheels of cheese and more than 500 cups of coffees were consumed and the kitchen ran out of plates halfway through the day! The program was packed with highlights and the visitors seemed to thoroughly enjoy the dances, music, Yodel, Alphorn Blowing competition and various other presentations. The Swiss community groups had their own stands with information on their organisation and membership. Some of

them sold traditional foodstuff, souvenirs and pre-loved items.

However our stated goal was to involve all Victoria based Swiss community groups in the Swiss Festival. Looking back the entire committee is 100% pleased and satisfied with the commitment that each one of them put forward. We are one Swiss as Erika Kimpton, Honorary Consul of Switzerland (Victoria) coined the event. Going forward, I am happy to advise that we have a mandate to organise the next Swiss Festival. I hope we will see you all in 2009!

The Swiss Festival committee thanks its hosts the Austrian Club and acknowledges the generous support of its sponsors, entertainers, Swiss community groups, friends and volunteers and looks forward to a continuous partnership.

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

### Victoria Events

2/7; 3/9; 5/11:	Ladies Luncheon, Club
3/7; 4/9; 2/10; 6/11:	Kapelle Gruezi Mitenander, Club
9/7; 13/8; 8/10; 12/11:	Young Swiss Group
12/7:	Jass Night, Swiss Club
17/7; 14/8; 25/9; 23/10:	Meeting of Committee of Joint Swiss Ventures
1/8:	Saturday Morning Swiss School "Laternenenumzug", Fed. Square
1/8:	Swiss Nat. Day Celebration, Club
3/8:	Swiss Nat. Day Family Picnic, Gembrook
9/8:	Jass Night Matterhorn, Forest Hill
18/8:	Senior Members Luncheon
20/8; 15/10/ 19/11:	Movie Night, Club
23/8:	Snow Trip to Mt. Buller
6/9:	Final Jass Night, Swiss Club
7/9:	Fondue dans la neige (Gr.Romand)
14/9:	Kaffeeklatsch, Club (Schwyzergruess)
15/9:	Ambassador's Golf Tournament
17/9:	Half-yearly AGM
19/10:	Spring Picnic (Gr.Romand)
25/10:	Trivia Night, Club (Sat.Morn.School)
12/11:	Fahrt ins Blaue
23/11:	Swiss Club Tennis Tournament Kooyong Tennis Club

Please visit our website for more information or videos of the festival.

Rolf Huber

### Ladies Luncheon

The Swiss Club of Victoria  
Convenor: Heidi Giger  
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Bookings essential with the Swiss Club.

### The Swiss Companion Singers

Convenor: Heidi Giger  
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Tel: (03) 9889 9321, or  
Herbert Schwaerzler (03) 9561 7811

Meet at the Club every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month for practice.

### Young Swiss Group

Convenor: Amy Bohren  
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[www.swiss.org.au/scvyoung](http://www.swiss.org.au/scvyoung)

We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to come along.

### Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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### President: Marco Unternährer

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Our yodelling and 'tschäderbäng' performances at the Swiss' Italian Festa in Daylesford and Hepburn Springs appeared to be greatly enjoyed by the audience - they reminded us that the efforts we put in at our Wednesday evening practice sessions at Marco's place are well worthwhile. You're very welcome to join us at one of these sessions, come and see how much fun we have!

Soon part of our choir will perform to a much larger and more critical audience: at the Eidgenössische Jodlerfest Luzern, together with the Swiss Yodelers from Sydney.

The next function organised by the Matterhorn will be the family picnic at the Gembrook Sports Ground to celebrate the Swiss National Day. Entry is free and traditional food and drinks will be available from midday. The celebrations will culminate with the lighting of the traditional bonfire later in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there!

Erwin Weinmann

### Swiss Folk Dance Group

#### Alpenrose

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On May 3 we had our traditional Unterhaltungsabend at the Swiss Club. What a night! Full house! Great ambience! Kappelle Gruezi mitenand under the leadership of John Wanner did not fail to have an effect on the patrons.

Everybody sang to the popular tunes with the Band's medley. Many thank to John and the Band for sharing their enthusiasm and energy! The special performances by individuals found great applause. The group enjoyed the opportunity to perform dances to life music provided by "Gruezi mitenand".

To Roger and his dedicated staff, thank you for the delicious meal and excellent service. A very big thank you to everybody who so generously donated prizes towards our Tombola. To all the friends of the Dance group, thank you for being part in making the night a success. Practise is every Tuesday night at the Swiss Club. We would like to have more members. Why not join us?

Silvia Hochuli

### Trachtengruppe Schwyzergruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

President: Silvia Hochuli  
(contact details as above)

The group would like to extend an invitation to all our Senior Citizens (over sixty) to a wonderful afternoon of coffee, cake and chats - "Kaffeeklatsch" Sunday, 14 Sept. 2pm at the Swiss Club. Come and enjoy an afternoon of chat, coffee and delicious cakes in the company of your friends and compatriots. There is no charge for this cosy afternoon, however our group is thankful for any donations. Reserve a

place by ringing or leaving a message on the number below.

RSVP no later than Monday ,8 Sept. Rosmarie Oswald: (03) 9583 9048 Rita Schwaerzler: (03) 9561 7811

Also for our seniors, the "Fahrt ins Blaue - Mistery Trip" on Wed. 12 Nov. cost 25 p.p., which includes a three course lunch. If you are interested, please send your cheque, with name and phone number to Silvia Hochuli.

#### **Groupe Romand Du Victoria**

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Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month from 11am-2pm at the Swiss Club.

## **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**

2/8: August Celebration & Lampionumzug  
Foxfield Recr.Hall, Maryvale Rd, Athelstone  
19/9: AGM at the Austrian Association  
5/10: Sausage sizzle in the forest

1<sup>st</sup> of August: New Venue! BBQ from 6pm. Program: Bonfire, singing, lantern parade, raffle and 'Gemuetlichkeit'.

All members and friends are welcome to attend the AGM, which will be followed by a free Schnitzel (Members only) and an opportunity to get to know your compatriots. Please come forward and support your dedicated committee and remember; events don't just happen.

Sausage Sizzle location TBA. Contact Regula or Sibylle for further details.

#### **Regular Gatherings:**

**"Hockete"**, casual get-together, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, Austrian Assoc.

**"Schwyzer Frauechraenzli"**, 50+ aged ladies who enjoy a good time out, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. For details call Rosmarie Copeland, (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.

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 Easter Picnic has once again been a great event, a big thank you goes to the Mums from the Playgroup for organizing it.

So much is happening at the Swiss Club from now on. First up it's the Raclette Night. Besides having our Raclette Machines doing overtime, we will be sampling the 2008 Swiss Club Red Wine, called "Font-Ant" and the Swiss Club White Wine, called "s'Tropfli"

A week later we'll challenge you at the card table. It is our yearly Jass-Meisterschaft. Participating comes before winning

The next event will be the Wine Bottling. The hands on event is very much liked. Make sure you have somebody picking you up, or your car, at the finish. It's \$ 6.50 a bottle if you join in the fun of sampling, bottling, labeling and packaging, or \$ 8.00 a bottle if you can't help.

The highlight of the year, again will be our First of August Ball. This year, we will be celebrating in style at the Novotel Vines Resort. You don't need to be a Swiss Club Member to participate. Make sure you bring along a few matches to keep your eyes open. The bar does not close until 3 am. Order a room at the Resort and stay the night or Weekend at our corporate rates. The Bonfire will be on 9th August at Rolling Greens. The Swiss Club committee will again have plenty of specially made Cervelats and Bratwürste ready for you to buy and barbecue. Just bring your Kids along and let them join in the lampion parade. The last event will be the AGM. Don't ask: "What can I get out of my Swiss Club Membership, ask - what can I put into the club. It is the same with your Bank Account. If you don't put anything into it, you won't be able to take anything out of it. All the best until the next issue.

#### **Upcoming Events**

21/6: Raclette Night, Dutch Club  
29/6: Jassmeisterschaft, Perth Bowling Club  
5/7: Wine Bottling, Garbin Estate  
1/8: 1<sup>st</sup>August Ball, Novotel Vines Resort  
9/8: Bonfire at Rolling Greens.  
31/8: AGM at the Dutch Club.  
Sep: Bush and Wildflower Walk

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 / Groups:**

**Jass Evening**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 7:30 pm (dinner 6:30pm). Info ring Peter Mueller on (08) 9291 8402 or email [pelimu4243@yahoo.com.au](mailto:pelimu4243@yahoo.com.au)

**Swiss Radio 6EBA Perth**, on 95.3 MHz, 7-8 pm every Tuesday. Contact presenter at the studio on (08) 9227 5953 during the program, or James Kunz on 9370 5307.

**The Swiss Yodellers of WA**, only traditional Swiss folk group in WA. Enquiries, contact Peter Mueller on (08) 9291 8402, [pelimu4243@yahoo.com.au](mailto:pelimu4243@yahoo.com.au), or mail: 264 Grove Rd, Lesmurdie, WA 6076.

**The Guggeburras**, only Guggemusig in Australia meet every Tuesday. Contact Jennifer Leutenegger on (08) 9277 7826 or [guggeburras@swiss.org.au](mailto: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**, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. Info: Alexandra Schaub on 08 94032241.

## **Northern Territory**

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In June at the Fondue Night the Ambassador Mr and Mrs Mühlthaler will attend their last function at the Canberra Swiss Club. They will leave Australia for another posting in early July. Dear Mr Ambassador, on behalf of the committee I would like to thank you and your wife for your generous support over the years. You have been wonderful Patrons of our club. You have contributed and enjoyed many of the activities and we will miss you. We wish you well in your new posting and hope that your 'Australia experience' will stay in your memories long into the future. Best wishes always.

#### **Upcoming Events**

6/7: Wood Collection  
27/7: National Day Celebration  
30/7: Jass Tournament - Round 2  
8/8: What do Astronomers do at night?  
13/9: Trivia Night  
19/10: Jass Tournament - Round 3  
7 or 8/11: AGM (date to be confirmed)

The Jass evenings are held every second Wednesday. For more details on any of the events please refer to the newsletter or visit the web site, or simply get in touch with one of the committee members.

**Upcoming Events**

**Canberra Ethnic Radio FM91.1**, 5-7pm Mondays with Gaby and Werner.

*Heinz Büttikofer*

## **New South Wales**

#### **Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)**

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A group of SACA members from Sydney enjoyed a visit to Canberra on Sat 10 May to join in a full house at the Embassy of Switzerland to hear the brilliant performance by the Swiss Piano Trio as part of the annual Canberra International Music Festival. SACA member, Bronwen Kretz, said "The acoustics in the large entertainment area gave one the feeling of being immersed in an entire orchestra. The award winning trio lived up to their reputation and the audience were rewarded with their spell binding music which was followed by a magnificent buffet."

In Sydney on Friday, 13 June, Dr. Helmet Jerjen of the Mt Stromlo Observatory, Australian National University Canberra, was guest speaker for the SACA Annual General Meeting. His presentation on 'Tales of Stars and Stellar Systems' is a spectacular visual journey through space and time to explore the glorious life of the sun, learn how we can potentially solve our energy crisis on Earth, and find out why we should rightfully call ourselves the 'children of the stars'.

The 2008 AGM was a time for change for SACA with President Marjorie Anderson stepping down on completing her two years. The new SACA Committee will now be hard at work on a plan of other interesting cultural activities for 2008. To join SACA and for information about upcoming events please contact Elizabeth Isele.

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SACCI's aim is to promote the expansion of bilateral trade relations between Switzerland and Australian businesses, continues to promote Swiss industry and facilitate networking opportunities. Services to our members include 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, consult our website for more details.

#### **Upcoming Events**

15/9: Swiss Ambassador golf cup (Melb.)  
Sep/Oct: 1<sup>st</sup> SACCI networking event Perth  
Oct: Wine & Jewellery event with Costellos Opal & Marbrook (Sydney)  
Nov: SACCI End-of-Year functions (Sydney, Melbourne & Perth)  
26/11: European harbour cruise (Sydney)

## Swiss Entrepreneurs

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## The Swiss Club of NSW Ltd.

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The committee meets at the Austrian Schnitzelhaus in Gladesville every first Monday of the month. We would be very pleased to welcome members and their friends at the conclusion of our meeting (about 7:30 pm) for a nice glass of wine or beer and some delicious European food.

We also meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at Austrian Club in Frenchs Forest for a meal, a chat or a Jass. We would love you to come and join us!!

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 on line at our website or feel free to contact the club for more details.

## Upcoming Events

23/6: Fondue Night, Eiger Swiss Rest.  
7/7; 4/8; 1/9; 13/10; 3/11:  
Commettee Meetings / Jass School  
11/7; 8/8; 12/9; 10/10; 14/11:  
Get-togethers, Austrian Club  
11/7; 10/10; Swiss Film Night  
14/7: Metzgete & AGM, Schnitzelh., Gladesville  
1/8: 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. Celebr., Rheindorf Restaurant  
13/9: Bushwalk  
Sep: Spring Racing Carnival, Randwick  
6/10 Octoberfest @ Hubertus Country Club  
1/11: Night with a Difference

**Jass School** (for Beginners). Please register if you would like to attend by 3pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

We hope you will be able to attend many of our functions. If you have any ideas please contact the committee, as we are always looking for new ideas to connect with the community.

Noemi Guyer

## Swiss Playgroup Sydney

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

Every last Friday of the month from 10:15am-noon. Please call us to confirm date before your first visit. See you there at Frenches Forest!

Isabelle & Sandra

## Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

Beatrice Sidari: Tel: (02) 9602 9395  
bsidari@bigpond.com or  
Anna Papadimitriou: 0416 744 949  
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Every first Sunday of the month. If you are interested in our diverse activities, please call or email Anna or Bea.

## Swiss Yodelers and Alphorn Group of Sydney

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Artarmon NSW 2064  
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Once again the combined dinner dance with the Swiss Club and the Swiss Community Care Society held at the Austrian Club was a great success. The music and entertainment was enjoyed by all attendees. The camaraderie combined with the opportunity to wine, dine and dance enhanced the ambience of the evening.

We are about to take off in flight for the Eidgenossischenjodlerfest to be held in Luzern from 27-29 June, hope to see you there. A reunion has been organized for former members of the group now residing in Switzerland.

When we are back in town its full steam ahead for the annual Swiss National Day Celebration at Plumpton. This year we are celebrating our 40th Anniversary and look forward to introducing you to the Trio Alba from Ticino, CH, the Basler Piccolo und Trummel from Sydney together with the Tyrolean Echoes will provide a musical happening not to be missed. We look forward to welcoming you from 11 a.m. at the Fransican Capuchin Conference Centre, Jersey Road, Plumpton.

Alois Kretz

## 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.

## Prochaines Activités

3/7; 7/8; 4/9: Soirée pube, Woolwich Pier Hotel, 2 Gale St. dès 19h.00  
24/8: Fondue Vigneronne & AGM, Catholic Parish of Frenchs Forest St Martin De Poore, 149 Prahan Av. Davidson

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, Christian Dubois, secrét.

## SBS "Swiss Radio"

Sydney 97.7FM / Melbourne 93.1FM

## Swiss Community Care Society

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We thank you/all readers for their continued support. You are in many instances our ears and we appreciate your reports and suggestions to extend our help to community members. We are already preparing for our AGM to be held on Thursday 28th August at The Austrian Schnitzelhaus, 163 Victoria Road, Gladesville, NSW 2111. Meantime, please come to one of the Seniors luncheons and/or first Monday of the month at The Austrian Schnitzelhaus where the Swiss Club committee now meets.

Armin Roth

## Swiss Seniors of Sydney Area

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

## Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

President: Marco Nussbaumer  
7 Wallace Street  
Willoughby NSW 2068  
Tel: (02) 9560 0666

As always new members are very welcome, we are especially short of women! Looking forward to see many at the first of August Picnic!

## Queensland

## Swiss Society of Queensland Inc.

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Gruezi, bonjour, buongiorno

First of all I would like to officially congratulate Daniel Gschwind on his appointment as the new Consul General for Queensland. He will be the first point of contact for Swiss people in Queensland, who need help or advice. Daniel is taking over from Peter Gloor, who served in this official position for many years and who regularly attended our Swiss Club functions. I would like to wish Peter and Val all the very best for their endeavours and safe travel around Australia.

With wintertime and the cold season upon us we all know that over the next few months the spotlight will mainly be on Swiss culinary specialities at our Club. Another important date and the biggest of all the functions we organise is the National Day in August. This is a great occasion for all Swiss, their families and friends to get together for a great day and we will have lots of different fun activities on the day. The Yodel Choir will also be playing, we will have different stalls and nice foods will be served.

## Upcoming Events

21/6: Raclette  
20/7; 17/8; 14/9; 19/10: Bushwalks  
3/8: National Day, Petrie  
6/9: AGM  
5/10: Family Picnic (Gold Coast Group)  
12/10: Multicultural Festival, Roma St.  
1/11: Quiz

**Jass**, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. Contact Hans Heer on 07 3844 6529

**Tennis**, every Wed. night from 7:30-10pm in Taringa. Call Marc 07 3899 8996.

Please check our website to find more information about our bushwalks or any other ad-hoc activities. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any of our committee members and I look forward to meeting many of you soon! .

Sybille Goss, President

## Gold Coast Group

Contact: Franz Huber  
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As we have done last year, we plan to hire a bus to join our fellow compatriots in Brisbane for the National Day celebrations on Sunday, 3rd August. You need to let me know as soon as

possible - there will be limited seats on the bus! Cost will be kept to an absolute minimum (cheaper than driving), AND you are permitted to have a drink too if you want to!

On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct we'll have a Family Picnic at the magic place, Little Nerang Dam. Why not become a member in an active local Swiss Group? Give me a call.

Franz Huber

## Young Swiss Group.

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## Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

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

We would also love to hear from anybody who would like to join the Choir. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday for practice with Mark, our music teacher, who guides us through new songs. As every year, we will be performing at the National Day celebrations in Petrie.

Jakob Berger

## Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)

Postal: SCCS, c/- Erika Vincent, 181 Kunghur Creek Rd. Kunghur 2484  
President: Lorly 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.

Lorly Wihler

## Fraser Coast Group

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Welcome to new residents pc-area 4650-4670. There are over 100 Swiss-Aussie families with connections to Switzerland - no membership, join our very informal BYO-get-togethers to chat in English, French and Swiss German. Info & Events please check web.

## 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. We recently got together for a bushwalk and picnic at Kondalilla Falls and enjoyed a lovely day in good company, some doing the long walk, others going straight to the picnic!

Please contact us for more info.