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Embassy. A Word Of Farewell From The Swiss Ambassador

Dear Members of the Swiss Community in Australia

After almost four years, Ruth and myself have left Canberra and Australia to take up a new posting in Budapest, Hungary. It was not easy to leave, we had a good time down under, we enjoyed life in Canberra (which is much more interesting than its reputation...!), making a great number of local friends and taking advantage of the possibilities to travel around this huge continent.

Work wise this period was busy, but unremarkable. There aren't any major problems between Australia and Switzerland. We have finalized negotiations for an Agreement on Social Security, an Air Traffic Agreement, we signed a MoU on the Exchange of Data on therapeutic goods and we are still trying to realize the conclusion of a Working Holiday Makers Agreement (I am confident that this scheme, which will allow young people to work in the other country for a limited time without major formalities, will be in place within one or two years from now).

Bilateral trade has developed positively over the past few years, Australia being able to limit somehow its usually huge deficit. Swiss investment, on the other hand, has continued; as Simon Crean, the Trade Minister, has confirmed to me in mid June, we are still No: 5 when it comes to direct foreign investment. The smooth development is reflected in the close cooperation I have enjoyed with SACCI, the Swiss Australian Chamber of Commerce. Participating in its events also gave me a most welcome opportunity to see how Swiss companies are coping with the challenges of the Australian business environment - and they generally do it rather well, as I could notice. We estimate that Swiss companies provide some 30,000 work places, in Australia, a proud figure for a small country as ours!

The development in Tourism continues to be positive, too. We estimate to have some 50 000 Swiss visitors per year in Australia, and they usually stay not only for a few days, but for weeks or even months. That is an investment for the future, too - and I am sure that there is also a great potential when it comes to Australian visitors to Switzerland. Their number is quite high, but the average number of days spent in our country (mostly as part of the Grand Tour) still remains modest.

Following my visits to other states and the meetings with the local Swiss communities, I also realized how impressive the number of Swiss

scientists working and teaching in Australia has become. In addition to the already existing groups of alumni of Swiss Universities, Melbourne has seen the creation of SANM, the Swiss Academic Network. These are the kind of initiatives that I like, result driven, with almost no structures. I am sure that the exchange and the cooperation between Academia and business has a great potential!

Especially when visiting the different States, I had the opportunity to meet the local Swiss communities or representatives of their associations. We estimate, that the total number of Swiss citizens (including more



than 22,000 in the registers of our Consulate General in (Sydney) comes up to around 30,000.

I have appreciated those meetings which have shown to me how much

the Swiss, young and old, keep their personal and cultural links with the country they have left for good - at the same time becoming proud Aussies, most of them, too, using their skills and their imagination for the good of their new home country.

Dear Swiss Compatriots, I wish all of you good health and a lot of success and satisfaction in the years to come! Stay active as a club - and please offer to my successor, Ambassador Daniel Woker, who is arriving from Singapore at the end of August, the same friendship that you have offered to Ruth and myself!

Christian Mühlethaler, Canberra

Editorial. ASO Congress / Swiss Review

Dear Readers. As a CSA (ASO) Representative I attended the "Auslandschweizerkongress" held in Fribourg from August 23/24. At the "ASR-Sitzung", the discussion was mainly focused on the quick introduction of the "elektronische Stimmabgabe" (electronic voting via the internet) and the planned reduction of funding for the Swiss Review.

The latter foresees that the budget for the Swiss Review will be cut from 1.8M to 1.3M CHF which will either mean the reduction of issues (from 6 to 4 annually) and/or introduce an opt-in system where you will need to subscribe to further receive the free Swiss Review in print. Both options are currently looked at and a decision will be made after issue 2009-1. The internet version of the swiss review will be completely redesigned to make it more attractive as well.

We also had a short presentation about the progress in electronic voting, but this is at least a couple of years away for us expats living overseas. This is disappointing and it seems that security concerns and the use of proprietary software solutions (or call it "reinventing the wheel") are the reasons for this delay; and the fact that each canton will probably end up with their own system does not really indicate a quick solution to this long overdue problem.

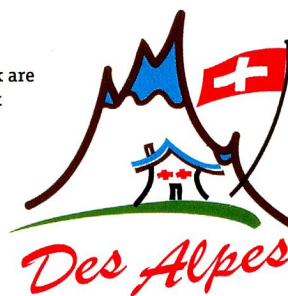
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Deadline next issue 2009-1: January 23, 2009

Business Opportunity

Hi, I'm Monika. Me and my husband Nick are the owners of Des Alpes Swiss Restaurant in Mitchelton (Brisbane, QLD).

After 15 years of trade, we decided to sell it and we would love to find a new owner that would continue the tradition of Swiss / German / French cuisine. We are well established, enjoy an excellent reputation and have a very loyal clientele. In addition to the Restaurant there is also a private dining room and a 2 bedroom flat on the 1st floor.

For more information, please e-mail to monick@ozemail.com.au or ring 07 / 3855 18 59 (see also www.desalpes.com.au)



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

Swiss Revue 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

Elections. CSA Representatives Wanted

This is an early announcement that Australia is still looking for CSA (ASO) Representatives to fill vacant position(s). From 2009, Australia will have 4 seats within the Council of the Swiss living abroad; 3 are currently taken but there might be further vacancies coming up. So if you are closely connected to Swiss living in Australia and like to represent the 22'000 Swiss living in Australia, please let me know. In the next issue 2009-1, we will further inform about the election procedure.

Marc Godat, CSA Representative

Snapshots



Swiss Yodelers of Sydney in Luzern



Bundaberg Multicultural Festival

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Victoria

Victoria Events

8/10; 12/11: Young Swiss Group
23/10: Meeting of Committee of Joint Swiss Ventures
15/10; 19/11: Movie Night, Club
19/10: Spring Picnic (Gr.Romand)
25/10: Trivia Night, Club (Sat.Morn.School)
5/11: Ladies Luncheon, Club
5/11; 18/2: New Members Evening, Club
6/11; 4/12; 5/2: Kapelle Gruezi Mitenander, Club
12/11: Fahrt ins Blaue
23/11: Swiss Club Tennis Tournament, Kooyong Tennis Club
29/11: JW Swing Orchestra
7/12: Samichlaus Breakfast
13/12: Senior Christmas Afternoon Tea
21/2: Fasnacht (to be confirmed)

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The Swiss Club of Victoria owns a three story building in the heart of Melbourne offering excellent facilities as a meeting/dining place for both private and corporate functions. Both business people and visitors alike can enjoy traditional Swiss food and hospitality in a unique setting. The club restaurant is open for lunch from Monday to Friday and for dinner from Wednesday to Friday. Roger Moullet, our well known chef and restaurant manager will serve you a treat!

Everybody is welcome to join the club as a member and to participate in the many exciting functions throughout the year. Our main events are the General Meetings, movie nights, the Swiss Festival, Jass Nights, Unterhaltungsabend, Andacht Picnic, Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand every first Thursday of the month, Ladies Luncheon, Swiss National Day celebrations (Lantern procession for families with children, dinner at the club and Senior luncheon), Tennis tournament and Billiard competition and at the end of the year the Samichlaus breakfast in the park.

The next Swiss Festival, a joint production of all Swiss groups of Victoria, will take place at the Austrian Club, Heidelberg West in Victoria on Sunday 29th March 2009. Please put this date in your diary now.

The renovation and future utilisation of the second floor is still the committee's number one topic. We need financial support to turn this potential asset into a commercial success. If you are interested and want to know more about it please get in touch with the committee.

We encourage all members and friends of the club to participate in the active planning of our future club building. You can voice your opinion to the committee verbally or in writing. We look forward to hearing from you.

This is the last issue for this year and I wish to thank all the many volunteers for their fantastic involvement in the club life. On behalf of the committee I

would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Rolf Huber

Ladies Luncheon

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

The Swiss Companion Singers

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Herbert Schwaerzler (03) 9561 7811

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

Young Swiss Group

Convener: Amy Bohren
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We meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Anyone is welcome to come along.

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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Looking back on another year of successful activities, we would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody who has supported the Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn this year. The Club wishes everyone a happy Festive Season and a prosperous 2009. 1st Jass at Forest Hill will be Feb. 28.

Erwin Weinmann

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli
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We meet every Tuesday night at the Swiss Club for our practise. The group has plenty of room for new members. It is not just hard work, we do have a lot of fun too.

For information ring Sylvia (or Nancy on 9890 7530). A member of the dance group in the sixties, Oskar Zurrer, passed away. On behalf of the group I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family. On behalf of the group I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a safe and healthy 2009.

Silvia Hochuli

Trachtengruppe Schwyzgruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

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Saturday Morning Swiss School

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The Saturday Morning School
is looking for new teachers!
Please contact Andrea

Swiss Playgroup

Ingrid Preston (03) 9772 0516
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Meets 1st Thursday of each month from 11am-2pm at the Swiss Club.

South Australia

Swiss Club of South Australia

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Gruezi mitenand!

The Swiss Club of SA is undergoing some change, part of the committee is retiring after 10 years and because this issues' deadline is before the AGM I cannot confirm the new president/contact. I very much hope that all the positions can be filled to secure the future of the club.

Upcoming Events

5/10: Sausage sizzle in the forest
7/11: Hockete, Birkenhead Riverview Tavern, 3 Elder Rd (near Pt. Adelaide)
7/12: Christmas party, Morialta Rec. Area

The 'Würstlibrätle' will be at Tjukala Camping Area, Kuitpo Forest. The fire will be lit at 12.00 noon. The sausage sizzle over an open fire is always fun for young and old. Find your way to Meadows follow the brown signs to Kuitpo Forest, driving along Brookman Rd towards Willunga. Look out for the Swiss flag, if you get to the Forest Ranger Station - you have driven past the camping spot. No need to book, just bring your own lunch and your bike or walking shoes to explore the many forest trails.

The Christmas Party will be at Morialta Recreation Area (Off Stradbroke Rd car park, Woodforde) Look out for the Swiss flag! BYO lunch from 11.30 am - BBQs available - bring salads and cakes/Guetzli for sharing. Father Christmas will visit at 2pm - to order a 'Samischlaus Säckli' (Christmas bag with sweet treats) for your child contact Maya (08 8431 1892) before 29th November.

Regular Gatherings:

"Hockete", casual get-together, 1st Friday of the month, Austrian Assoc.

"Schwyzer Frauechraenzli", 50+ aged ladies who enjoy a good time out (visit to the movies, lunch in a park or an excursion) 1st 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

Western Australia

Swiss Club of Western Australia

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Sali mitenand! It's time again, for my little chat.

You didn't have to know, where the Raclette Night was held, you just had to follow your nose. Poor people around the place, did not know what had hit them. The committee worked overtime, having two raclette machines going full bore and keeping up with steaming hot "G'schweltli" as well as the pickled condiments. The heavenly aroma, left behind by the melting of around 50 kilos raclette cheese, must have been the talking point at the Dutch Club for quite a while.

Everybody had a ball at the Swiss National Day Celebration at the Novotel Vines Resort. The food was extraordinary. The Band, "Take Three" did overtime and played on and on, well past their promised finish time. The Bonfire, despite the cold weather, was well attended by lots of families, especially those with young children. With the AGM over and done with, we can look again to, what is ahead of us. It always pays to check the club's Website. Not all our functions are ready to be included by the deadline of the Swiss Revue.

Our annual Samichlaus Event will be held again in conjunction with our Playgroup on 7 Dec. at Perry Lakes. Please ring Nicole Waldmeier for info about the Samichlaus on (08) 930 22 561.

All the best until the next issue.

Peter Gabathuler

Upcoming Events

8/11: Start of the new Karneval Season at RDC
7/12: Samichlaus at Perry Lakes
21/2: Adult Fasnacht at Rhein Donau Club
22/2: Children Fasnacht at Rhein Donau 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 / Groups:

Swiss Radio 6EBA Perth, Swiss Radio Perth broadcasts on 6EBA FM on 95.3 MHz, or through the internet on <http://www.6eba.com.au/> 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 0414 421132.

The Swiss Yodellers of WA, only traditional Swiss folk group in WA.

Enquiries, contact Peter Mueller on (08) 9291 8402, pelimu4243@yahoo.com.au, or mail: 264 Grove Rd, 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 send an e-mail to guggiburras@swiss.org.au for more information.

Play Group 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.

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In late August the new Ambassador Mr Woker arrived in Canberra. It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Canberra Swiss Club, to welcome him and his wife to the Australian Capital. They lost no time and it was only a few days later when they attended their first function at the Canberra Swiss Club together with their son. They braved the cold and windy weather for the interesting evening about 'What do Astronomers do at Night' at Mount Stromlo by Helmut Jerjen. We wish them well for their new posting and look forward to see them regularly at our Club functions.

After a rather busy few months during winter the calendar has eased off a little. Below are the remaining events for 2008. The Jass practice evenings, not shown here, are held every second Wednesday. Please check in the newsletter or the web site for dates.

Upcoming Events

- Sep/Oct: Film evening
- 19/10: Jass Tournament - Round 3
- 7 or 8/11: AGM (date to be confirmed)
- 7/12: Samichlaus

For more detailson any of the events please refer to the newsletter or visit the web site, or simply get in touch with one ofthe committee members.

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

Canberra Ethnic Radio FM91.1, broadcast 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 radios on Monday nights.

Heinz Büttikofer

New South Wales

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)

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At the June AGM Bettina Boss and Dennis Furini were welcomed to the SACA committee and join Elizabeth Isele, Margaret Pavey, Walter Annen, Bronwen Kretz and the patron of SACA, the Consul General, Mr. Juerg Casserini. Although committee absenteeism during June - Oct. is rife (Swiss summer!!!!!!), we look forward to warming up with the programme set out below when we regroup.

SACA wishes to encourage all Swiss authors, artists and musicians Australia wide, to inform the Consulate of any upcoming exhibitions, concerts and book launches. Such information is vital for the very informative, bimonthly, **Swiss Events Australia** publication produced by the Consulate. This publication is sent to all clubs throughout Australia and from there, hopefully, forwarded on to individual members. The beneficial result of this was seen in Sydney last week when a jazz concert performed by the exciting Emanuel Schmidt Trio was booked out.

There was also an excellent turnout at the opening of an exhibition in Bondi Junction, featuring works by young Swiss artist Sandra Landolt who is now based in Brisbane.

Please make use of what is a wonderful opportunity for free publicity and promotion of Swiss / Australian culture in its various forms.

SACA membership is open to all, and in particular to those interested in the arts and to those who like to discover more.

Upcoming Events

- 22.10-11.11: Rhythm of Light, Yong-joo Marbot, Rex-Livingston Art Dealer
- 18-19.11: Arcadian Artists Open Studios
www.sydneyhills.com.au/events/arcadianart
- Dec:Bradfield Park Christmas Gathering

Bronwen Kretz

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Our business is "Connecting people who want to do business and promoting bilateral trade and investment between Switzerland and Australia".

First fundamental steps to spread SACCI's activities geographically have been completed with the appointment of three new board members in Melbourne: Andre Becker, UBS; Philip Hocking, SGS; and Martin Casey, Credit Suisse. A first ever networking event in Perth is planned for November 2008 and a first event (for a long time) in Brisbane is scheduled for early 2009.

Upcoming Events

- 21/10: Opals & Wine Conspiracy, Sydney
- 12/11: End of Year function, Sydney
- Nov: End of Year function, Melbourne
- Nov: 1st SACCI event in WA, Perth

In its quarterly trade magazine "Opportunities", SACCI will publish interesting stories about Swiss-Australian (entrepreneurs, adventurers, business owners, academics etc.). If you feel you have an interesting story to tell or someone you know, please contact Marcel.

Swiss Entrepreneurs

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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 second Friday of the month at Austrian Club in Frenches 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 - why not 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.

We will have lots of exciting events between now and February 2009. Some of the dates for Early 2009 are still in the planning phase, please check our website for all up-to-date information about our events.

Upcoming Events

- 10/10; 14/11; 12/12:
Get-togethers, Austrian Club
- 11/10; Swiss Film Night
- 13/10; 3/11; 1/12: Committee Meeting (come and join us - from 7:30)
- 13/10; 3/11: Jass School
- 1/11: Night with a Difference
- 7/12: Samichlaus
- 8/12: Usplampete (end of year function)

On behalf of the Swiss Club committee, I would like to thank our members and friends for all their support in 2008 and wish you all a happy, safe and wonderful Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

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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Our trip to Switzerland for the Eidgenössischenjodlerfest held in beautiful Luzern in June, was a great success. We were joined by 5 yodlers from Melbourne who added much needed depth to the group. We were well looked after and had time to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere, music, singing, cow bells, flag throwing and yodelling. Ein schoenes Volksfest! Better still, we were the best Australian group. It was a wonderful way of celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the formation of Sydney Swiss Yodlers. A reunion was held in Hotel des Alps with former members who are now residing in Switzerland. The parade on Sunday was a colourful culminating event, and our Sydney Opera House float was greeted with great enthusiasm by the crowd. Some 360,000 people squeezed into the city of Luzern over the three day period to witness this extraordinary cultural event.

The annual Swiss National Day Picnic was a little quieter this year, though the weather was glorious. We had the pleasure of welcoming the Consul General, Mr. Juerg Casserini, who gave an interesting address and acknowledged the dedication and tireless work that Armin and Elizabeth Roth, Peter Meury, Roesli and Housi Kaufmann and Sonya and Norbert Schweizer have done for the Swiss community over a long period of time.. We were also pleased to welcome the Trio Alba from Ticino, who played traditional music plus the Basler Pfeiffer and Trummler Group from Sydney who joined us for

the first time. The Swiss dance group Alpegruessa have increased in numbers, performed well and provided valuable assistance on the day.

Are you musically inclined in the Swiss yodler way? Like to swing a baton? Enjoy the company of others? Like to perform? Then this could be just the job for you. A rare opportunity awaits to **conduct** this group and take it forward into the future. All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please call Alois, anytime.

Upcoming Events

28/2: Harbour Cruise

Alois Kretz

Cercle Romand Du N.S.W.

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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

2/10; 6/11; 4/12: Soirée pub, Terrey Hills Tavern, 2 Aumuna Rd, dès 19h.00
12/10: Tournoi de pétanque & piquenique, Putney Park, Gladesville, dès 11h.00
29/11: Sortie restaurant, Bistro de Paris, 105 Oxford St, Bondi Junction, dès 19h00

Comme d'habitude, nos membres seront informés par courrier/email séparé. Pour tout les détails sur notre pro-gramme 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.

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Our AGM was held on 28th August 2008 at the Schnitzelhaus. Mrs. Margrit Bachmann had tendered her resignation having served on the committee since 1991. No words can describe her untiring efforts for the work of SCCS. She will concentrate on the compilation of the Helvetians Down Under series of articles. Mr. Martin Drevikovskiy has been elected as a new committee Member.

Next seniors luncheons are on 4th October at The Eiger and on 13th December at The Concordia Club. Enrolment week before event with Ms Ida Gugger (02) 9597 7096.

Armin Roth

Swiss Seniors of Sydney Area

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Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruessa'

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

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Dear Readers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for your support during my 8 years in the committee. It was an honour for me to represent our society as president for 4 years and I had so much fun doing this, mainly because we have such an energetic committee. In particular I like to congratulate Sybille Goss which does a fantastic job, but of course all of our committee members for giving their full support to the club.

Myself, I will still be active in the Swiss community by editing these regional pages for the Swiss review and as a Representative in the ASO. Therefore, if you have any question in regards to any ASO offerings please give me a ring. I wish you all a very happy festive season and hope you will join in at the many functions still to come (please see details on the webpage).

Marc Godat

Upcoming Events

1/11: Quiz
7/12: Samichlaus

Jass, every 2nd 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!

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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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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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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Over 100 Swiss-Aussie Families choose to live here. Why not join our very informal BYO-get-togethers, tell news and old stories in English, French and Swiss German - Welcome new residents! Check the website or call for details...

Upcoming Events

2/11: Sunday at the Beach, Hervey Bay
6/12: Saturday Brunch with Samichlaus
31/1-1/2: Weekend in Burrum Heads
at Erika + Alex's

Swiss Club Sunshine Coast

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Our Sunshine Coast club is only young and we welcome new members to join us for regular functions throughout the year. We are now already counting 60 members and are inviting all Sunshine Coast Swiss - young and old - to join us and take part in our upcoming events: we are planning a bowling night in October and our festive Christmas celebration in December.

We celebrated our 1st August National Day in traditional style, on one of our members' country property, with a huge bonfire in the paddock! Some 75 Sunshine Coast Swiss and their families enjoyed a great night, with roast from the spit and home-made cakes by our committee ladies. The musical entertainment included a presentation on the alphorn!

We now have our own website with contact details, upcoming events and reports of past functions including an on-line joining form. Please ring our club president to discuss any questions you may have or contact us via email, we look forward to hearing from many more.

Verena Bachmann



This year's ASO Congress was held at Fribourg