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## Farewell: Juerg Caserini, Consul General

Farewell message from the Consul General of Switzerland in Sydney

Dear Compatriots, dear friends

GOOD BYE!

Time has come to say good bye to all of you. After four years, Hilde and I have to leave Sydney and Australia to take up a new posting in Manila, Philippines. It is not easy to leave, we had a good time Down Under and we enjoyed life in Australia. We travelled throughout Australia enjoyed meeting many people and always appreciate the big natural diversity of this beautiful country.



Looking back to the last four years, we never had so many changes at the Consulate General in Sydney. After our arrival at the end of May 2005, Hilde and I had to spend more than half a year in a Hotel-Apartment, as the Residence in Bellevue Hill was undergoing major renovations. The Swiss Government took a profound decision to close down our important Consulate General in Melbourne at the end of September 2006. In 2006, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of our Consular representation in Victoria and in the same year, the Representation was closed down for good. The Melbourne jurisdiction was fully integrated in the Consulate of Sydney. The Consulate General in Sydney became bigger and bigger. At the end of June 2007, the AVH/IV-Antenna integrated at this Consulate General closed the door for good. Work-wise, the staff of the Consulate had to digest a lot and became more and more busy. The Consulate also became much more active in Cultural affairs and created a new Cultural/Event Calendar. As the Patron of SACA (Swiss Australia Cultural Association) I was very much involved in promoting Swiss and Australian cultures. The Consulate has achieved very good results in the past years, with exhibitions, concerts, lectures and many other culturally related functions. A list of Swiss Artists in Australia was the latest document published by the Consulate.

A list of books, published about Switzerland and its relationship with Australia was also published, likewise, a list of Swiss Winegrowers in Australia. The Consulate also became more active in building up a closer relationship between the Swiss-Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI). Participating in SACCI events also gave me a most welcome opportunity to see how Swiss companies are performing and developing in Australia. I also had the pleasure to visit many of our Swiss companies in Australia.

Following my visits to other states of Australia and PNG I realised how important it is to meet with the Swiss colonies, the regional and local Governments, international organisations, universities, cultural organisations and many more. Switzerland has a very good name in Australia and we have to work hard to maintain this outstanding position. I have appreciated the meetings with many people and citizens of our country 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.

Dear Swiss Compatriots and dear friends, I wish all of you good health and a lot of success and satisfaction in the years to come. Stay active and please offer my successor, Consul General Markus Meli and his wife, who arriving from Ammann in August 2009, the same friendship that you have offered to Hilde and myself.

To all readers of the Swiss Review, we send our warm regards and best wishes.

Hilde and Jürg Caserini

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## Official Communication. Swiss Pension Update

Are you receiving a Swiss Pension? An important note from the Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney ...

Recently Centrelink has sent out letters to persons receiving a Swiss pension requesting them to sign an authorisation for Centrelink to obtain information from the Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva (= SCO) concerning periods prior to the Social Security Agreement between Switzerland and Australia coming into force on 01.01.2008. The Federal Department of Social Security Insurance in Berne points out that the Social Security Agreement does not oblige Swiss pensioners to give Centrelink such an authorisation, without which Switzerland will not release information.

Life certificates can be certified by the Embassy of Switzerland in Canberra, the Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney, any Centrelink office, Notary Public or Justice of Peace. The pensioner must appear in person and show a valid official photo identification. Please ensure that the certifying authority uses their official seal and registration number (if applicable) especially when using a Justice of Peace.

Certifications by doctors, nursing homes and hospitals will only be accepted with a doctors certificate confirming the pensioner's inability to go to one of the aforementioned authorities.

It is not recommended to use the police, council, post offices or lawyers as these authorities can only certify the status of life which might result in enquiries by the SCO regarding the civil status.

Pension payments are calculated by SCO in Swiss Francs and paid in the currency of the country of the chosen payment address. Payment wiring fees to the beneficiary's bank or postal establishment are taken care of by SCO. Neither SCO nor its financial intermediaries deduct any commission, tax or other amounts from the due benefits. The correspondence bank in Australia is ANZ.

## Consulate General: Change Of Staff

Please be informed that Mrs Catherine Mochamps, Vice-Consul, left Sydney for a new assignment at the end of June. We wish her and her family all the best for the future.

At the same time, we welcome Mrs Mochamp's successor, Mr Jacques Baudevin. Mr Baudevin is a Vice-Consul and arrived in Sydney last month. We wish him a most enjoyable stay Down Under.

The Acting Consul General of Switzerland  
E. Hofstetter

## Editor's Note:

If you like to contribute an article or place an ad in these pages, please contact the editor. For more info and rates, please visit [www.revue.ch/australien2](http://www.revue.ch/australien2)

We have also just launched the new "CSA Portal Australia" website. After reading the "OSA Special" (on next page) visit the delegates on [www.swiss.org.au/csa](http://www.swiss.org.au/csa)

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### SACCI Events

#### August 2009

Wed 19 Breakfast Seminar, Brisbane  
Mon 24 The Hon. Robert McClelland  
Cocktail Reception, Sydney

#### September 2009

Thu 10 Wine Tasting Master Class, Sydney

#### October 2009

Tue 13 Investment Promotion Seminar  
"Destination: Heart of Europe", Sydney  
Mon 19 Swiss Ambassador Cup, Melbourne

More updates and info on our website.  
"Because Swiss quality matters".

Marcel Svatos

### SAAN

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## Victoria

### Victoria Events

#### September 2009

Wed 02 Ladies Luncheon  
Thu 03 Kapelle Gräezi Mitenand  
Sat 05 Jass Night, Swiss Club (Finals)  
Sun13 Kaffeeklatsch (Schwyzergross)  
Wed 16 SCV Half-Yearly Meeting

#### October 2009

Thu 01 Kapelle Gräezi Mitenand  
Fri 09 Billiard Swiss Club Singles Ch.ship  
Wed 14 Premiere Swiss Club Documentary  
Sat 17 40th Anniversary (Matterhorn)  
Sat 24 (tbc) Trivia Night (Sat.Morning Sch)

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Dear Readers,

The Swiss Club social calendar is, as usual, full with events for all tastes and ages. Please visit our website or check our Facebook page (The Swiss Club of Victoria - become a fan and you will always know what is happening). The Club has a great Swiss restaurant, run with charm and professionalism by our chef and host, Roger Moullet and his

## OSA Special. CSA Elections 09-13

Noemi Guyer, Marc Godat, Roland Isler and Beat Knoblauch (see profiles below) have been confirmed to be the new Australian Delegates to the **Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA)** for the term 2009-2013.

In this special, we are going to introduce each of the CSA Delegates, what their duties and services are to you, and how you can get most of the OSA offerings.

*"I like to encourage all readers to get in contact with us. We are here to serve you and encourage you to participate and share with us your issues and what your expectations are from the Swiss government. Only what we know about can be brought up for discussion at the next council meeting"*

### Noemi Guyer, NSW

I am motivated to nurture my connection to Switzerland after having moved to Australia from "Züri - Oberland" in 1984. My father was involved with the Swiss Society and with the Swiss Chamber of Industry of commerce, which lead me to be interested in connecting with my Swiss roots, and hence I joined the Swiss Club of NSW.

Through the club membership, I became the Vice president and later the president. As the president I continued the work of the club, published articles in the "Swiss Community News" and nurtured the relationships between the numerous Swiss clubs and societies (and the Consulate) in Sydney. I feel privileged to have been nominated and accepted to represent our community.

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## About The CSA / Achievements

The CSA represents the interests of Swiss expatriates (namely you living downunder) before the authorities and public opinion in Switzerland. It is often referred to as the **"Parliament of the 5th Switzerland"** and has many achievements to showcase, like:

- incl. of Swiss living abroad in the Federal Constitution
- optional old-age and disablement insurance (AHV/AI)
- livelihood protection through solidarity fund (Soliswiss)

The CSA gathers in Switzerland twice a year for a day-long meeting to discuss important matters concerning the Swiss abroad and to voice an opinion on current affairs on behalf of the Fifth Switzerland.

### Marc Godat, QLD

Arriving in Australia in 1999 from Solothurn, I have joined the Swiss Society of QLD in 2000 and was representing our community as President from 2004 to 2008.

In 2002, I setup www.swiss.org.au, our portal for Swiss clubs and organisations living here downunder. In 2005, I have been appointed as CSA Delegate for Australia and have since visited the CSA meeting and OSA congress twice, in 2006 and 2008. In 2006 I have been appointed as local editor of the Swiss Review.

Attending several meetings and the congress (and my passion for mushroom gathering in the autumn forests) is part of my bi-annual visits to Switzerland and I feel very privileged to be able to represent our community.

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friendly team. All welcome (Mo-Fri for lunch, Wed -Fri for dinner from 6pm).

We are privileged to celebrate two major anniversaries this year and are proud of these great achievements; 110 years for the Swiss Club of Victoria and 60 years for the Folk Dance Group Alpenrose, one of our interest groups. We congratulate and thank the past and present members of the Dance Group Alpenrose for their work, dedication and support of the Swiss Club. We will be celebrating these two milestones in style with a Special Anniversary Party on Sat, 7th November. The Swiss Club of Victoria is looking forward to welcoming you at the club or at one of our many fun functions.

Your President **Barbara Kündig**

### Ladies Luncheon

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

### The Swiss Companion Singers

Convenor: Heidi Giger  
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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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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/YoungSwissMelbourne/>

We meet once per month. Anyone is welcome to come along.

### Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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Tickets will be available soon for the Choir's 40th Anniversary celebration on 17th October at the Hungarian Community Centre in Wantirna - please contact Marco. We welcome new choir members - why not join us at one of our enjoyable Wednesday evening practice sessions at Marco's place.

Erwin Weinmann

### Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

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Over Easter, the group travelled to Brisbane to participate at the National Brucke Dancefest. Under the motto "Auf geht's", Austrian, German and Swiss groups took to the stage to celebrate their diverse but common cultures. The Dancefest was another very successful weekend and everyone enjoyed the experience.

Our Unterhaltungsabend on May 9 was a special occasion. We celebrated the 60th Birthday of the dance group. To Roger and his team, thank you for the most delicious meal and service and to everyone for making the night a big success. Practice is every Tuesday night at the Swiss Club. Come and join us!

Silvia Hochuli

### Trachtengruppe Schwyzergross / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc. (contact same as Alpenrose)

We would like to extend an invitation to all our Senior Citizens to the Kaffeeklatsch Sep 13. There is no charge but we welcome any donations. Please contact:

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### Groupe Romand Du Victoria

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### Pro Ticino - Pro Down Under

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### Saturday Morning Swiss School

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www.swiss.org.au/scvschool



## Responsibilities Of CSA Delegates

- representing your interests in the CSA
- point of contact for all OSA matters
- keeping you informed about issues and opportunities offered by the OSA

Recent issues of involvement include:

- the closure of the Melbourne consulate
- the social security agreement (AHV) between Switzerland and Australia

And currently:

- the Swiss government rejection to sign a 'Working Holiday Visa' for young people with Australia

## CSA In Australia- Our Vision

This year is marking a "change of the guards". May I first acknowledge the contributions made over the years from our outgoing delegates *Peter Meury* and *Walter Purtschert* who have done an outstanding job.

Most people I come across don't really know what we do. One of the main priorities of the new team is to raise the profile and promote the OSA objectives and services. On the agenda are:

- setup a "CSA Portal" website on [www.swiss.org.au/csa](http://www.swiss.org.au/csa)
- publish a regular column in the Swiss Review
- "grassroots" presence and consultation

Please feel free to contact any of us.

Marc Godat

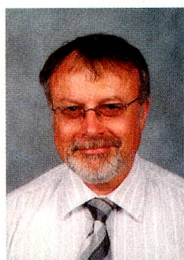
## Roland Isler, VIC

I was born in 1959 and grew up in Goldach on the shores of Lake Constance. I arrived in Melbourne in 1982, making me the 3rd generation of my family settling in this country.

Over the years, I joined various Swiss community groups and organisations, including: Yodelclub Edelweiss (President for 2 years), the Swiss Club of Victoria (member since 1983, committee 2001-07, President 2005-07), SACCI, Swiss Society of Victoria. I was responsible for the production of the local pages of the Swiss Review (1990-2003) and I am Editor/Producer of the Swiss Club Newsletter "Edelweiss" since 2007.

I am proud having been given the opportunity to further serve the Swiss community as a CSA Delegate.

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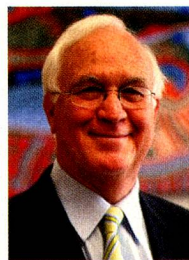
## Beat Knoblauch, NSW

I migrated to Australia some 32 years ago after having spent 10 years in Mexico, South East Asia and the Far East with Swiss Companies.

Advising overseas companies investing in Australasia and Asia and having incorporated numerous subsidiary companies for Multinationals, I became a member of SACCI and was serving as Vice-President and President for more than 10 years.

I am currently also the Trustee of the Swiss Community Care Society and participate in other Swiss events. Other interest of mine are Historic Buildings, the Symphony Choir and Politics. I hope to get a feel of what the Swiss in Australia want us to achieve at the Annual OSA congress in Switzerland.

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## Swiss Playgroup

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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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Gruenzi mitenand!

The Fondue night was excellent with great food and brilliant entertainment by two Alphorn playing Aussie ladies and the famous Jaegermeister-Band. It was fantastic to meet new people and I hope to see them again at a future event. The AGM is coming up in September, your chance to have a say in the club! Make an effort, come along and enjoy a good evening..

### South Australia Events

#### September 2009

Fri 18 AGM, Swiss Club of SA  
Sun 27 Wurstbrätel im Wald, Kuitpo Forrest

The AGM starts at 7.30 pm followed by dinner at the Club. If you are interested

in joining the committee, please come to our meeting Friday, 4th Sept. For further information contact Maya Schnide.

#### Regular Events:

"Hockete", first Friday of the month at the Austrian Association at 11 - 17 Torrens Road, Ovingham from 6.30 pm.

"Schwyzer Frauechraenzli", first Monday of the month. Enjoy a good time out. Call Rosmarie Copeland on (08) 8336 5932 for more details.

**Swiss Radio 5EBI Adelaide**  
"Swiss Corner" every Saturday 6-7 pm on 103.1FM. Phone-ins on (08) 8211 7066.

Maya Schnider

## Western Australia

### Swiss Club of Western Australia

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Sali mitenand; We had a great time at the Metzgeta. The Rhine Donau Club was choc-a-block. Our Ambassador, Dr Daniel Woker and his wife Myriam fully joined in. The Ambassador, was even leading us in singing "Lugit vo Baerga und Tal". Take Three, one of Perth's best Dancing Band had young and old on the dance floor. Kurt Kappeler, for the occasion, had opened up the huge

Miniature Railway. SBB Trains and Buses were all running, what a sight. Adults and children alike, all went home very happy. The Raclette Night was a fully booked event. Twelve wheels of Raclette Cheese had been sitting in our supplier's cool room for some time. Maja and Keith, again, stood like solid oaks beside their Raclette machine. They were serving up portion after portion to the eager hungry mob, whilst chatting to everyone, smiling till the bitter end.

### WA Events

#### October 2009

Sun 04 Wildflower Walk, Ellis Brook Valley

Come along and join the fun! You will find more information on our website.

Peter Gabathuler

#### Regular Events / Groups:

**Swiss Radio 6EBA FM Perth**, every Tuesday 7-8pm (4th Tuesday of the month in French) on 95.3MHz, or on [www.6eba.com.au](http://www.6eba.com.au).  
Studio / Presenter: (08) 9227 5953, General Info, James Kunz: 0414 421132.

**The Guggeburras**, only "Guggemusig" in Australia. Practice every Tuesday. Contact Jennifer Leutenegger on (08) 9277 7826 or send an e-mail to [guggeburras@swiss.org.au](mailto:guggeburras@swiss.org.au)

**Play Group**, meets every first Friday of the month. For more information ring Alexandra Schaub on 08 94032241.

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Dear members and friends,

In early September the Mountain Bike World Championship will be held in Canberra. This is a special occasion for the Swiss community, as the current cross country word champion is Switzerland's Christoph Sauser. A contingent of 40 Swiss, including 16 competitors, is expected to arrive in Canberra for this occasion. The event will be held at the new Mount Stromlo bike track from Sep 1-6. Over 12'000 spectators are expected to be in town for the event. So come and join our cheer squad with your Swiss flags and cow bells in support of our countrymen and women. Details on where to join the supporters will be on our website.

## Canberra Events

#### September 2009

01-06: Mountain Bike World Championsh.

#### October 2009

Sun 18 Jass Tournament - Round III

For more details on events, Jass evenings (held every 2nd Wednesday), or how to become a member please check our website or contact one of the committee members. We are always pleased to see new faces and welcome anybody who would like to participate.

**Canberra Ethnic Radio FM91.1**, Gabi & Werner broadcast a Swiss program every Monday night from 5-7pm.

Heinz Büttikofer

## New South Wales

### NSW Events

#### August 2009

Sun 23 AGM/Fondue Vigneronne (Cercle R.)  
Thu 27 AGM, Austr.Schnitzelhaus( SCCS)

#### September 2009

Thu 03 Soiree Pub (Cercle Romand)  
Sun 06 Bushwalk  
Mon 07 Socialising in the City, Swissotel  
Fri 11 Get-together, Austrian Club  
Sat 26 Day at the Races

#### October 2009

Thu 01 Soiree Pub (Cercle Romand)  
Mon 05 Oktoberfest



#### Events NSW: October 2009 (continued)

Fri 09 Get-together, Austrian Club  
Sat 10 Seniors Luncheon (Seniors/SCCS)  
Sun 11 Petanque / Picnic (Cercle Rom.)  
Mon 12 Socialising in the City, Swissotel

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

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Several cultural events are on the horizon, with dates not as yet confirmed. Notification will be sent out to the various Swiss organizations and we extend an open invitation to the Swiss community to join SACA members on these occasions.

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The Swiss Club meets every first Monday of the month at the Swissotel for an evening of socialising and meeting fellow Swiss. We would be very pleased if members and friends of the Swiss Club would come and join us for a drink, meal or just a chat.

If you enjoy a Jass, the Jassers get together every Monday night at the Eiger Swiss Restaurant in Petersham.

For those on the Northern Beaches, the local Swiss meet every second Friday of the month at the Austrian Club in Frenchs Forest.

We have lots of exciting things coming up between August and October. The events include a dinner at the Swissotel together with the Swiss Consulate for Swiss National Day, Swiss National Day Celebration at Plumpton together with the Yodlers and the Dance Group, A day at the races, bushwalks, night out and Oktoberfest. Please see the Swiss Community News and our website for updated details of events and functions.

I look forward to welcoming you to many of our events and get-togethers between now and October.

Noemi Guyer

#### Swiss Playgroup Sydney

**Sandra Ursenbacher (02) 9975 6987**

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

Sandra Ursenbacher

#### Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

**Beatrice Sidari: Tel:** (02) 9602 9395  
**bsidari@bigpond.com** or  
**Anna Papadimitriou: 0416 744 949**  
**annap@1earth.net**

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

**27 Burra Road**  
**Artarmon NSW 2064**  
**President:** Alois Kretz  
**Tel:** (02) 9419 7277  
**akretz@bigpond.net.au**

If you are interested in harmonising and singing and being a part of an active group, you are invited to join our practice evenings on Monday nights. For further information please contact Alois.

Alois Kretz

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

**Présidente:** Anne Resplendino  
**505 Blaxland Road**  
**Eastwood NSW 2122**  
**Tel:** (02) 9874 9096  
**www.swiss.org.au/cercleromand**

Le cercle romand regroupe toute personne intéressée par la pratique et le maintien du français. Le cercle est basé à Sydney; il a pour but de créer des contacts entre nos membres par le biais de sorties et réunions régulières.

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

Pour le comité, Christian Dubois, secrét.

#### Swiss Community Care Society

**P.O.Box 282, Bondi Junction, NSW 1355**  
**President:** Armin Roth  
**Tel:** (02) 9669 1749  
**arminroth@bigpond.com**  
**Contact / Support Officer:**  
**Ursula Mooser: (02) 9428 5593**  
**moosercan@exemail.com.au**

#### 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

#### Swiss Historical Society Inc.

**C/- Schweizer Kobras**  
**PO Box H283**  
**Australia Square NSW 1215**  
**President:** Bettina Boss  
**Tel:** (02) 9363 9131  
**Email:** b.boss@unsw.edu.au

The Swiss Historical Society is an incorporated association whose principal aim is to publish and promote a book about the history of the Swiss communities in New South Wales. Its members are actively involved in researching and compiling information about the various Swiss community groups in New South Wales from the late 19th century to the present day.

If you would like to participate in this project, or if you have information, photos or other mementos to contribute to the book, we would like to hear from you.

## Queensland

### Queensland Events

#### August 2009

Sun 16 Bushwalk

#### September 2009

Sat 05 AGM

Sun 13 Bushwalk

#### October 2009

Sun 11 Family Picnic Day (Gold Coast)

Sun 18 Bushwalk

(all events organized by the Swiss Club of Qld except where otherwise stated)

#### Swiss Society of Queensland Inc.

**PO Box 10, Wellers Hill QLD 4121**  
**President:** Sybille Goss  
**Tel:** (07) 3358 5183  
**ssq@swiss.org.au**  
**www.swiss.org.au/ssq**

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

Please join us at any of the functions held at the club or come along to one of the Bushwalks.

On the 5th of September we are holding our AGM and all members are invited to attend and enjoy a free lunch before the meeting.

**Jass**, every second Thursday. Contact Hans Heer on 07 3844 6529

**Tennis**, every Wednesday night from 7:30 pm in Fairfield. Call Marc on 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 the committee members.

Sybille Goss

#### Gold Coast Group

**Contact:** Franz Huber  
**Bus:** (07) 5597 0666 / M: 0414 97 0666

#### Young Swiss Group

**Contact:** Matthias Neurohr  
**Tel:** (07) 3376 1786  
**mneurohr@swiss.org.au**

#### Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

**President:** Jakob Berger  
**Tel:** (07) 3206 6101  
**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.

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

**Contact:** Cecile Scherrer  
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**Mobile:** 0409 286 326  
**cecile@swiss.org.au**  
**www.swiss.org.au/page.php?ID=105**

We have very informal Get Togethers. Check the website or call for details...

Cecile Scherrer

#### Swiss Club Sunshine Coast

**President:** Peter Schüpach  
**Phone:** (07) 5492 3825  
**scsc@swiss.org.au**  
**www.swiss.org.au/scsc**

The location for our April bushwalk in the Lake McDonald area was a great success, many couples and families walked despite some rain, and stayed for a picnic lunch, a drink and lots of laughter after the exercise.

Join us and enjoy the company of your fellow Sunshine Coast Swiss families for our upcoming events: a traditional 1st August celebration in the country, with a bonfire, music and plenty of good food, then a bowling evening in October and of course, our festive Christmas celebration in December!

We now have our own website under [www.swiss.org.au/scsc](http://www.swiss.org.au/scsc) with contact details, reports of our past functions and an online 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

#### Where Are We ?

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