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Welcome: Markus Meli, New Consul General

The Consulate General of Switzerland has the pleasure to inform all Compatriots of the recent arrival of the new Consul General. Mr Markus Meli and his wife, Mrs Christa Meli, who arrived on 11 August 2009.

CV: "Born in 1953 in Switzerland, Mr Markus R Meli joined the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in 1980 and was trained in Berne, Switzerland and France.

Subsequently, he was transferred to the Swiss representations in Cape Town, Sao Paulo/Brasilia, Düsseldorf, Belgrade and Bonn/Berlin where he dealt with commercial and consular affairs. During this time he was promoted to the rank of Consul.

After his return to Berne in 2001, Mr Markus Meli was appointed as Head of the Human Resource Service Centre at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

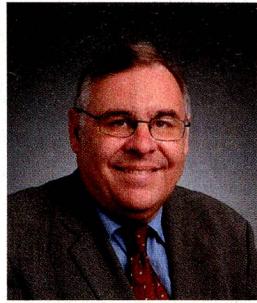
From November 2006 to July 2009, Mr Markus Meli assumed the position as Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Swiss Embassy in Amman, Jordan.

In April 2009, Mr Markus Meli was chosen as Consul General at the Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Berne and taking up his duties in August 2009. Consular district: Commonwealth of Australia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, the Republic of Nauru, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu."

Mr Markus Meli is married to Christa Meli - Seitz and father of one son, born in 1985."

We wish them a most enjoyable stay in this fascinating country.

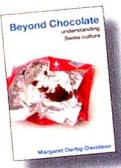
Ernst Hofstetter, Deputy Consul General



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CSA Infoboard. Congress 2009 Report

The yearly Congress of the Swiss Abroad took place in Lucerne on Saturday, 8 August 2009, and the Council of the Swiss Abroad had its annual meeting on Friday 7 August 2009...

Some 700,000 Swiss or Swiss with dual nationalities, representing about 10% of the total population, are registered abroad and of those, some 120,000 are registered to vote in Switzerland.

The main objectives of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) comprise for the next few years are to: consolidate the rights of the Swiss abroad and represent them at Swiss federal and cantonal levels, foster political participation of the Swiss abroad, further expand information services to the Swiss abroad, build an internet platform for the Swiss abroad community, assist consolidation of the institutions of the Swiss abroad, and generally act as a "competence centre" for all matters relating to the Swiss abroad.

In particular, the Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA) was briefed on the project of **electronic voting** by the Swiss abroad and half of the cantons should be ready with that programme by 2012, and then all of Switzerland by about 2015 (even federal votes are organised by the cantons). Problems to be overcome are mainly in the security area and we have been advised that most European countries have given up on this project for that reason. The organisation encourages increased participation of the Swiss abroad in the political debate in Switzerland and in the number of Swiss registered to vote from abroad.

The Council of the Swiss Abroad also asked the federal authorities to reconsider editing six [6] annual "**Swiss Review**" issues instead of the current four [4], in printed and electronic versions, and to increase the budget accordingly.

Various federal representatives and personalities from the Diplomatic Corps and from other Swiss institutions honoured the role of the OSA and recognised their role as ambassadors for the Swiss cause. This should give the Swiss from abroad additional political "weight".

SwissInfo [www.swissinfo.ch] has a pivotal role and task to inform the Swiss abroad on all aspects of Switzerland. The Congress approved also an appeal to the federal authorities to approve and provide SwissInfo with enough financial and personnel resources to fulfil this task. In another resolution, the Council of the Swiss Abroad appealed to the Swiss authorities to acknowledge the growing importance of the Swiss living abroad.



The Council also approved a resolution to condemn those large **Swiss Banks** which choose to close bank accounts of Swiss nationals in the USA.

Beat Knoblauch, CSA Delegate

<p>2010 SWISS art OZ expo</p>	<p>Call to Artists - Invitation for expressions of interest</p> <p>SACA is seeking expressions of interest from Swiss, resident in Australia and Australian artists with a strong connection to Switzerland, who wish to participate in the 2010 Swiss+Oz Art Expo. Subject to the availability of space, the exhibition is planned for a fortnight during March to mid-May 2010.</p> <p>SACA will retain expert assistance in the selection of artists and for curating the exhibition. Works presented at the exhibition will have had to been created since March 2009.</p> <p>The expression of interest should be addressed to Walter Annen at wannen@bigpond.net.au and be supported by 4 to 6 photos of works representative of what the artist intends to exhibit.</p> <p>For more information contact Walter Annen by at the above email address.</p>
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Over 80 guests from the Swiss and Australian business world, including the new Swiss Consul General, Mr Markus Meli, attended SACCI's last cocktail reception. Feedback from participants included: 'Top networking event in a relaxed atmosphere' and 'Best networking event I have ever attended - and I attend two to three per week! Thanks!'"

SACCI Events

October 2009

Tue 13 Export & Investment Sem, Sydney
Tue 13 Swiss Ambassador/SACCI

Executives Dinner, Sydney

Mon 19 SACCI Swiss Amabass. Cup, Melb.

November 2009

tba End of Year celebrations,
Sydney & Melbourne

Wed 25 European Harbour Cruise, Sydney

Check out our website for regular event updates and reviews, member as well as Swiss-Australian business news. "Because Swiss quality matters".

Marcel Svatos

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Tune into "Echo Helvetia" on Sundays (on air in NSW, VIC and ACT) 8:30-9pm or download the podcasts from the web.

Victoria

Victoria Events

October 2009

Wed 14 Premiere Swiss Club Documentary
Sat 17 40th Anniversary (Matterhorn)
Sat 24 Trivia Night (Sat.Morning Sch)

November 2009

Thu 05 Kapelle Grueli Mitenand
Wed 11 Swiss Club Movie Night
Wed 11 Fahrt ins Blaue (Aus.Swiss Cult.Soc)

Sat 14 Swiss Club 110th Anniversary
Gala Dinner

Sun 22 Swiss Club Tennis Championship

December 2009

Thu 03 Kapelle Grueli Mitenand
Sat 05 Senior Christmas Afternoon Tea
Sun 13 Samichlaus Breakf., Fawkner Park
SCV closed 24 Dec - 10 Jan

SACCI Cocktail reception with The Hon. Robert McClelland, Sydney, 24.10.09



From left: The Australian Attorney-General, The Hon. Robert McClelland and SACCI General Manager Marcel Svatos

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Dear Readers,

With spring's arrival and summer soon at our doorsteps the Swiss Club's function calendar is full and some events are moving outdoors. The Companion Singers and the Folklife Group Alpenrose, two of our interest groups, will participate at the annual Swiss Italian Fiesta in Hepburn Springs. If you are in the area, why not come along and watch them perform? The annual Swiss Club Tennis Championship will again take place at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on 22 Nov.

We try to plan our events as accurately as possible but sometimes, dates change. To avoid disappointment, please refer either to our website, our club email or our fan page on Facebook, for up-to-date news. In addition, as a member, you get our quarterly newsletter delivered to your doorstep!

Before we realize it, the Festive Season will be upon us with Christmas functions for all age groups; The Companion Singers will perform at the Tabularum & Lutheran Nursing Home in November. For the first Saturday in December, the club will organize the Senior's Christmas Afternoon, and Samichlaus & Schmutzli will visit the children at our annual Breakfast at Fawkner Park on the second Sunday. The club is open daily for lunch and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings for dinner. We certainly hope to see you at the club or at one of our events before the end of the year. In any case, our best wishes to you and your loved ones from all of us at the Swiss Club of Victoria!

Your President Barbara Kündig

Ladies Luncheon

The Swiss Club of Victoria
Convener: Heidi Giger
Tel: (03) 9889 9321

Bookings essential with the Swiss Club.

The Swiss Companion Singers

Convener: Heidi Giger
107 Glyndon Road
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Herbert Schwaerzler (03) 9561 7811

Meet at the Club every second and third Thursday of the month for practice.

Young Swiss Group

Convenor: Amy Bohren
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YoungSwissMelbourne/

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

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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www.swiss.org.au/matterhorn

Readers in Victoria should by now have received a copy of the commemorative brochure for the choir's 40th anniversary and details of the special Folkloristic Evening on 17 October to celebrate this occasion. We hope many of you will be able to join us in this celebration!

This is also an appropriate time to look forward. We welcome enquiries from prospective new members for the choir. The prerequisites are that you enjoy singing in the company of like-minded friends and can join us in our enjoyable Wednesday evening practice sessions. Why not give Marco a call? We wish all our friends and supporters an enjoyable festive season and good health in the New Year.

Erwin Weinmann

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli
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The group will help celebrate the Matterhorn Choir's anniversary with a performance. November 22 will be for the seniors, as we perform at nursing homes. Again, we perform at the Seniors Christmas Tea in December.

Practice is every Tuesday night at the Club. Come and join us. On behalf of the group, I wish you all a joyful festive season and good health for the New Year.

Silvia Hochuli

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

We would like to invite the retired Swiss/Australian Community (over sixty) to our mysterious and exciting "Fahrt ins Blaue" mystery trip. The cost is \$28.00 per person which includes a three-course lunch (payable in advance).

One of the most important jobs we do in the group, is organizing the Kaffeeklatsch and the mystery trip. We are currently looking for more supporting members. They play a very important role in helping raise the funds to subsidize the outings. Annual fees are \$20.00 (or 10.00 for pensioners). For more information contact Sylvia or Marlies (Ph: 9503 9921). Thank you for supporting our group.

On behalf of the group, I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy festive season.

S. Hochuli

Groupe Romand Du Victoria

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Saturday Morning Swiss School

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Swiss Playgroup

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Dear Readers

The National Day Celebration was a great success, I am not sure if the children or parents and grandparents had more fun. The children did very well with trying to outplay the adults with the Alphorn and the 'oldies' sang with gusto around the fire. A couple of long term committee members were farewelled at the AGM, however, some new and enthusiastic people joined the team. Please support the club, visit the webpage or become an active member.

South Australia Events

December 2009
Sun 06 Christmas Party, Morialta Rec.Area
(off Stradbroke Rd car park, Woodforda)
January 2010
Sat 23 Tour Down Under, Willunga Oval

Christmas Party: Look out for the Swiss flag! BYO lunch from 11.30 am - BBQs available - bring salads and cakes/ Gruelzli for sharing. Father Christmas

will visit at 2pm. To order 'Samischlaus Säckli', contact Sarah Muller on 0403 808 557 or sarahmmuller@gmail.com. Tour Down Under: We will again have a Sausage Stall and support the Swiss riders. Contact Sarah for more details.

Regular Events:

"Hockete", first Friday of the month at the Austrian Association at 11 - 17 Torrens Road, Ovingham from 6.30pm. **New Chef: Cooks Schnitzels to perfection!**

"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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This year's Swiss National Celebration, on Saturday 1st of August, at the Lesmurdie Club and Function Centre was a big success. Züri Gschnetzlets, Älpler Macaroni, Röschi, Schwies Brota, and Rüebli Torta were just a few items on the buffet menu. Frisco made sure that the dance floor was never empty right to the end. The bonfire at our Rolling Green property was the highlight for lots of young families. Most people came prepared for a rainy outing. All were positively surprised by the dry conditions. The donated bread from Abhis, the Swiss Bakery in Fremantle, gave the grilled Bratwürste and Cervelats the extra Swiss flavour.

Next up, will be our Wildflower Walk and Picnic. All details can be found on our website.

Another Swiss Club highlight will be the Samichlaus Event. We have Cervelats, Bratwürste, home made goodies and drinks for sale. Please look up our website for details regarding booking in your children for the Samichlaus session and bag.

All locks at our Rolling Green property have been changed. The new numbers will be given only to Swiss Club members on request. Please ring the Property Manager with your Club Member details, should the need arise.

WA Events

October 2009
Sun 04 Wildflower Walk, Ellis Brook Valley
December 2009
Sun 06 Samichlaus at Perry Lakes

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

Peter Gabathuler

Regular Events / Groups:

NEW Swiss Radio Perth, every Tuesday 7-8pm (4th Tuesday of the month in French) on 95.3MHz, or on 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. **The fasnacht season is coming up!**

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 Mountainbike World Championship was held in Canberra. A special occasion for the Swiss community here, supporting their own sportsmen and women. At a reception, organised by the embassy and in the presence of the Swiss community, Mr and Mrs Barbe welcomed the Swiss team. This friendly contact between the locals and Swiss sportsmen/women grew closer over the coming days. Competitions were held from September 3 to 6 at Mount Stromlo. Over this period the crowd lining the track grew by the day. On Saturday, a noisy group of Swiss supporters led by Stephan Fuchs, and wearing red t-shirts and caps, equipped with several large flags and cow bells, took over the mountain. They appeared to be the best organised cheer squad, bringing colour and atmosphere to the event.

Mountainbike World Championship in Canberra



Stephan Fuchs with members of the cheering squad on the big Saturday

They cheered all competitors in the true spirit of Swiss sportsmanship, but heightened their cheers for the Aussies and even more so for the Swiss. The event finished with a very successful outcome for the Swiss team. Gold for Nino Schurter, Silver for Michelle Hediger, 3 Bronze for Florian Vogel, Thomas Litscher and Reto Indergand and a first in the Trials for Karin Moor. On the list of 15 medal-winning nations, Switzerland came third after France and Australia, a considerable effort - well done Swiss team!

The National Day celebrations were a great success with over 150 members and friends participating. The revived 'Cremeschnitte Chörl' gave their first performance by the bonfire, singing their newly practiced songs.

Canberra Events

October 2009
Sun 18 Jass Tournament - Round III
November 2009
Fri 06 AGM
December 2009
Sun 06 Samichlaus

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

October 2009
Thu 15 Fyrabig drinks
Sun 18 Cycling in Bicentennial Park
Sun 25 Schützenfest
November 2009
Mon 02 Socialising in the City, Swissotel
Wed 04 Swiss Entrepreneurs
Thu 05 Soiree Pub (Cercle Romand)
Sun 08 Buurezmorge
Fri 13 Get-together, Austrian Club
Sat 14 Night with a difference
Thu 19 Fyrabig drinks

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 Frenches Forest. We also have a 'fyrabig' drink on the third Thursday of the month at 'the deck' in Milsons point.

We have lots of exciting things coming up. For more details of the changes to the club and upcoming events and other bits and pieces, please check our website, the Swiss Community news or contact the club directly.

A big thank you to all the sponsors of our Swiss National Day celebrations.

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 Frenches Forest!

Sandra Ursenbacher

Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

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The Swiss Yodelers of Sydney



Alois Kretz, Marianne Pearson and Sepp Engesser in bell ringing at the launch of Frey Chocolates

Swiss Historical Society



Some of our compatriots around 1914-1918

Fraser Coast Group, Queensland



Swiss National Day celebrations in Maryborough

Every first Sunday of the month, if you are interested in our diverse activities, please call or email Anna or Bea.

The Swiss Yodelers of Sydney

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The annual Swiss National Day Celebration held on Sunday, 2 August 2009 at Plumpton went off with the popping of balloons, an address by H.E. Dr. Daniel Woker, Ambassador of Switzerland, Swiss style market stalls, traditional BBQ, children's rides, bottle fishing, tombola, silent auction and wonderful entertainment by the Basler Pipes and Drums, Swiss Yodlers of Sydney, the Aelpengruess dancers and the Tyrolean Echoes. The same 950 attendees also had the pleasure of hearing the Trio Roger Tille who were visiting from Villeneuve VD.

The yodlers will join in the 40th anniversary celebration of the Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn, Melbourne on 17 October.

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.

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/émail 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

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We are pleased to report that Marianne Pearson joins the committee to assist with networking tasks.

Armin Roth

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The Swiss Historical Society welcomes new members! If you are interested, please contact us at the address below or phone or mail Bettina Boss to get a membership application form.

Queensland

Queensland Events

October 2009

Sun 11 Family Picnic Day (Gold Coast)

Sun 18 Bushwalk

November 2009

Sat 07 AGM Newstead

Sat 07 Quiz Night

Sun 15 Final Bushwalk

December 2009

Sat 05 Senior Citizen Xmas Lunch

Sun 06 Samichlaus Brisb., Slaughter Falls

Sun 06 Samichlaus (Gold Coast)

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

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

Once again, we had a fabulous day at the 1st of August Celebrations in

Petrie. Apart from a few little hiccups, everything went really smoothly and everybody really enjoyed themselves. A big thank you again to all the helpers who contributed to a successful day.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to postpone the AGM to the 7th of November this year. The meeting will be followed by the very popular Squiz Night. We are again looking forward to a great night with the Quizmasters, who will certainly come up with all sorts of tricky questions.

The year will close with the Christmas celebrations and Samichlaus will be visiting both Brisbane and the Gold Coast at the beginning of December. Please note that we have changed the location to Slaughter Falls in Mt Cootha.

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.

Swiss German Playgroup, every second Tuesday, and meets at different playgrounds. Contact Katrin on 3829 6638.

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, President

Gold Coast Group

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Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

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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.

Jakob Berger

Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)

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Have you considered becoming a member and receiving our Newsletter three times a year, giving you details about our functions and other information regarding the Society? Anyone interested, please give us a call. Kind regards.

Lorly Wihler

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

Cecile Scherrer

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Our 1st of August celebration was again held at one of our members' scenic rural property where we could have a big bonfire. This was a great attraction to gather around to keep warm and have a chat, with the children running around with colourful lanterns to add to the atmosphere. We enjoyed a great BBQ meal prepared by our own Swiss Chef, with salads and cakes homemade by the committee ladies.

It was a great night to catch up with all our club members and also to welcome a number of new faces. Join us and enjoy the company of your fellow Sunshine Coast Swiss families for our upcoming events: 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 with contact details, reports of our past functions and an online joining form. Registered Club members receive individual email invitations to all our functions. 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