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Consulate General: Swiss Community Care Information

Available additional services to our
future seniors, born 1950 or earlier

On behalf of the Swiss Community Care Society NSW and QLD, the Consulate General suggests that future seniors, starting with birthday years 1950 and earlier, which are not yet members of the above Society, but would like to be included in newsletters and activities for Seniors, to come forward and contact the SCCS in

NSW (Tel. 02/9669-1749), or in QLD (Tel. 07/3298-5300)

in order to find out "what this Society can do for you"!ntry.

*Ernst Hofstetter,
Deputy Consul General*

CSA Infoboard. Appeal to the Swiss passport holders in Australia!

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Switzerland has a long tradition as a democratic country, and one of the characteristics of the Swiss system is that it is a participating democracy. That means, Swiss citizens are not only allowed to, but are encouraged to participate in the political process. We should keep in mind that the Swiss passport is not only a privilege but also encompasses civil duties and obligations. Real democracy only works if the citizens participate.

World wide, about 23.91% of the Swiss abroad have registered to vote but in Australia, the figure is only 14.35%. It looks as if the distance from Switzerland plays a certain role here in Australia. Distance from Switzerland however, is not an excuse, as voting information is readily available and is sent to each registered Swiss voter to his or her nominated address with sufficient background information on each subject which comes up for a Federal vote or election. An interesting website is always www.swissinfo.ch with current information.

It is fairly easy to register: either you contact your place of origin in Switzerland [Heimatort], or any of the local councils [Gemeinde] where you have been registered once in Switzerland [it does not have to be the last place of residence].

Swiss from abroad can make a difference, let's seize the opportunity!

Beat Knoblauch, CSA Delegate

Nation-wide

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Recent events included the Swiss Ambassador Cup; Members, guests and friends of SACCI played and dined at the No. 1 event for Swiss businesses in Australia. Further, our "Cruise with the Europeans" was attended by a record number of 560 guests.

Check our website www.sacci.com.au for event announcements, pictures of past events, regular trade statistics updates, Swiss and Australian business news as well as SACCI member news.

Wishing you all a healthy and successful 2010!

*Marcel Svatos,
SACCI General Manager*

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SACCI Swiss Ambassador Cup - a record number of participants



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The Christmas Party at Morialto Park with perfect weather was fantastic and many members with their family and friends attended the party. We had a very special visit from Santa Claus, who brought all the kids a bag with home-made cookies from Santa's helper Eva.

The Swiss Club of SA wishes you and your family all the best for the coming New Year 2010; we hope to see many of you at these upcoming events.

South Australia Events

January 2010

Sat 23 Tour Down Under, Willunga Oval

February 2010

Fri 05 Camping Weekend, Port Elliot

Regular Events:

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

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

Radio 5EBI - Swiss Corner

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

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Sali mitenand und a "GUETS NEUS"

Over 50 adults and children joined us on 4th October at Ellis Brook Valley for our annual Wildflower/Bush Walk. The Blue Wren Walk took us up, past the waterfall to an outlook and then further up to the top of the Darling Range. Bushes were in full bloom and there was the occasional cows lip orchid plus plenty of other wildflowers. A short rest was held at the rock pool, to take in the magnificent view to the City of Perth. Back at the picnic area, the smell of grilled sausages soon took over. It was great to see many new members coming for their first Swiss Club outing.

On Dec 6th, the Swiss Samichlaus came to Perry Lakes. Grill Bratwurst, Cervelats plus traditional Swiss Nussgipfel, home made Basler Leckerli and other goodies were on sale. The sound of Alphorns, played by Richard and Hanspeter gave the event the special Swiss flavour. It did not take long for Sergio with his accordion, to have a group of singers and yodellers around him. Over sixty children up to 12 years of age went up to Santa to receive a Samichlaus Bag and a Grittibänz.. Some even had a "Versli" for Santa. Young and old had a very enjoyable day.

The club's financial year now is January to December. The AGM therefore has to be held before the end of March. A few of our committee members won't be available for re-election. Please consider, which position you may wish to take on: President, Secretary, Treasurer or Magazine-Editor? Check out our

website, be part of it, join the Swiss Club of WA.

WA Events

February 2010

Sat 13 Karneval with the Guggeburras at the Rhein-Donau Club

Sun 14 Childrens Fasnacht, Rhein Donau Club

March 2010

Sun 21 AGM at the Dutch Club

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 Leutenecker on (08) 9277 7826 and 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.

The Swiss Club Down South

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Dear members and friends,

By the time you read this article Christmas and New Year will have passed and the summer holiday nearing its end. I hope you have had a safe and relaxing break, have refilled your energy and are ready to take on a new year. For those who have made New Year resolutions, I wish you best of luck in achieving what you have set out to achieve. From this end the committee met in December to discuss and decide on events for the coming year. Here is the calendar of activities for 2010.

Canberra Events

February 2010

Fri 12 Film night

March 2010

13-14 Weekend trip (destination tba.)

Tue 2, 9 & 16 Cooking Classes

For more details on events, Jass evenings (held every 2nd Wednesday, starting in February), 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.

Since early last year the Canberra Swiss Club has had a Choir. We sing traditional songs in our national languages. From time-to-time the choir performs with the German and Austrian choirs. Rehearsals are held at the Harmonie German Club from 6pm to 7.30pm on the last Tuesday of every month. New singers are welcome (no auditions). For further information, please contact the coordinator Regula Neilson at r.neilson@netspeed.com.au

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

Heinz Büttikofer

New South Wales

NSW Events

January 2010

Sat 30 Opera, Sydney Domain (SACA)

Sun 31 Brunch (Cercle Romand)

February 2010

Mon 01 Socialising in the city

Wed 03 Swiss Entrepreneurs

Fri 12 Get-together, Austrian Club

Thu 18 Fyrabig drinks

Sun 21 Jazz Picnic

Sat 27 Yodlers Harbour Cruise (Yodlers)

Sun 28 Bushwalk

March 2010

Mon 01 Socialising in the city

Wed 03 Swiss Entrepreneurs

Sat 06 Seniors Lunch (SCCS)

Sun 07 Bike Ride

Fri 12 Get-together, Austrian Club

Thu 18 Fyrabig drinks

Sat 20 Foodie Tour in Haberfield

Sun 28 Bushwalk

19/3-02/4 Swiss+Oz Art Exhib. (SACA)

April 2010

Wed 07 Swiss Entrepreneurs

Fri 09 Get-together, Austrian Club

Sun 11 Sydney Harbour Lunch (Cercle Rom.)

Mon 12 Socialising in the city

Thu 15 Fyrabig drinks

Sun 25 Bushwalk

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

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SACA is pleased to confirm that the Swiss+Oz Art Exhibition 2010 will be held at the Bondi Pavilion Gallery, Bondi Beach NSW from 19 March to 2 April 2010. This exhibition will include Swiss/Australian artists from WA, QLD, SA, VIC as well as NSW.

SACA sponsored a delightful soiree held in November featuring Swiss, Korean and Scottish amateur musicians.

The committee looks forward to welcoming members and friends to the Opera at the Sydney Domain on Saturday, 30 January 2010.

Swiss Entrepreneurs

info@swissentrepreneurs.com.au
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Free, informal, social networking opportunity for Swiss business people every first Wednesday of the month at Lord Nelson Brewery Hotel in the Rocks, Sydney. No RSVP required.

The Swiss Club of NSW Ltd.

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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.

On the third Thursday of the month we have 'fyrabig' drinks please see our website for more details.

Last Sunday of the month, we will also be having a regular bushwalk commencing in February. Please see the website for more information.

We have lots of exciting things coming up between Jan- May 2010. The events include a Jazz picnic, Bike rides, bushwalks, a foodie tour of Haberfield, Film night and lots lots more.

For more details about the club or upcoming events - Please check our website or contact the club directly.

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

Beatrice Sidari: Tel: (02) 9602 9395
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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.

The Swiss Yodelers of Sydney

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In October the yodlers travelled to Melbourne to participate in the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Swiss Yodel Choir 'Matterhorn'.

We enjoyed the weekend festivities and the hospitality of our Melbourne colleagues. Good luck for the next 40!

The yodlers performed at a charity function in November and also at the Swiss Seniors Luncheon in December.

Our next function is the annual Swiss Yodler's Harbour Cruise to be held on Saturday, 27 February 2010.

Should you wish to join with us on these occasions in the future please contact Alois.

Alois Kretz

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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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For 2010 we have taken over responsibility of organizing the Seniors luncheon and will continue with the outings as in the past. New participants and members are always welcome.

Armin Roth

Swiss Seniors of Sydney Area

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Contact: Ida Gugger (02) 9597 7096

As Ms Ida Gugger has now retired as convenor following 27 years of continuing attention to this group. The Swiss Community Care Society has taken over the prime responsibility of organizing the regular luncheons.

The first one will be held at the Concordia Club on Saturday 6th of March and the subsequent one on Saturday 22nd May at The Eiger. Invitations will be sent out by Ursula Mooser and the enrolment phone number will be (02) 9669 1749 Armin and Elisabeth Roth.

Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

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Swiss Historical Society Inc.

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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

February 2010

6-7 Weekend, Burrum Heads (Fraser C.)

Sat 27 Fasnacht / Maskenball (SSQ)

March 2010

Sat 06 Gemuetlicher Abend (SSQ)

Sun 14 Bushwalk (SSQ)

Sun 21 Family Picnic Day (Gold Coast)

Sun 28 Easter Bunny (SSQ)

Sun 28 Fraser Coast Cultural Festival

(Fraser Coast)

April 2009

Sun 11 Bushwalk (SSQ)

Sun 25 Jass Championship (SSQ)

(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 South East Queensland

We had quite a busy end of year with the AGM, the Squiz Night and the Samichlaus functions. All the functions were well attended and the contribution and interest of the participants at the AGM was great. I am pleased to be in the President's role for another year and would like to welcome Jakob

Wedding Fraser Coast Style - Congratulations to Erika and Alex



Berner, Ruth Milwright and George Brenk as new committee members. Many thanks also to the outgoing committee members Tim Peddell and Rita Brandli, as well as Carmen Peddell and Matthias Neurohr.

We are now looking ahead to another year of a variety of events we will be organising at the club. As usual we invite anybody with a Swiss connection to come along to any of the functions. There is always a real mix of nice people you can meet and mingle with. Check out the events our club has planned for the next few months.

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

Fraser Coast Group

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

Cecile Scherrer

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Our website under www.swiss.org.au/scsc with has 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