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## Consulate General of Switzerland. Disaster Assistance

### Assistance for Swiss citizens during the natural disasters in Australia

The natural disasters of the past months have been tragic. Our thoughts have been with the victims of the flooding in Queensland and Victoria, as well as the victims of cyclone Yasi. During these periods the Consulate General's office has occupied itself with ensuring that all Swiss citizens living or travelling in the affected areas have been safe both during and after the disasters. Emails to Swiss citizens living in the affected areas were sent out and our Honorary Consuls were tasked to phone around in order to get information from Swiss citizens living in areas affected by the disasters. On the website of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in Bern Swiss travellers could find updated information about the situation in Queensland and Victoria during the crisis. This "early warning" approach affected the itinerary of many Swiss tourists but prevented the travellers from unpleasant surprises. The Consulate has been contacted by many Swiss living in Switzerland worried for their relatives in Australia, whether here as a tourist or resident. Fortunately all queries led to a happy ending.

Shortly after the end of the floods in Queensland, the Consulate contacted the Swiss Community Care Societies in Queensland and New South Wales to make sure that an interim-aid for affected Swiss citizen could be set up immediately and without bureaucracy. In the mean time the Consulate contacted all registered Swiss citizen in Queensland by e-mail and asked them to contact the Swiss Care Society directly in case of need. In this context the Swiss Department for foreign affairs donated 10000 Swiss Francs to the Swiss Community Care Society to help Swiss citizens badly affected by the floods. The Swiss Care Society has already examined several cases of affected countrymen and the first cheques have been sent out.

The Consulate urges anyone affected by the flooding or cyclone Yasi to make themselves known to provide assistance. Please contact the Swiss Consulate General under [syd.vertretung@eda.admin.ch](mailto:syd.vertretung@eda.admin.ch) or phone 02 83834012 and ask for the Head of Chancery, Mr. Stefano Poretti.

In addition to the assistance of the Swiss Care Society, Charles Schnyder von Wartensee's "Stiftung für Überbrückungshilfen" (Natural Disaster Assistance Fund) is available through the Consulate General's office in Sydney. Anyone of Swiss citizenship, matriculated abroad and a victim of a natural disaster is eligible to apply for assistance, as long as it is within 6 months of the disaster. The purpose of the fund is to mitigate the hardship associated with disasters for individuals, not for businesses.

The help of the Swiss Care Society is open for every Swiss, double citizens or not. The last months have shown, that in the unfortunate case of natural disasters it is important that every Swiss is registered at the Consulate General in Sydney and the addresses, e-mail-details and phone-numbers (landline and mobile) are kept up to date.

If your details need updating contact the Consulate General

*Markus Meli, Consul General*



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www.sacci.com.au

#### SACCI EVENTS

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 23/3     | Corporate Branding Seminar, Syd.                        |
| 29/3     | V-Zug showroom opening, Melb.                           |
| 6/4      | Swiss Ambassador/SACCI<br>Executives Dinner, Sydney     |
| 14/4     | European Women in Business,<br>Melbourne                |
| 15/4     | International Chambers Football<br>World Cup, Sydney    |
| 6/5      | International Chambers Football<br>World Cup, Melbourne |
| 31/5-2/6 | Swiss Pavilion at CeBIT, Sydney                         |

Check our website for regular event updates, member news and Swiss-Australian business news!

Marcel Svatos,  
General Manager, SACCI

#### SAAN

Swiss Australian Academic Network  
info@saan.id.au / www.saan.id.au

SAAN continues to lead and facilitate negotiations for an agreement supporting the bilateral exchange of early career-researchers between the leading Australian and Swiss universities as well as for several "internship for students" agreements between Swiss and Australian companies and universities.

SAAN will shortly finalise an update to its website, which will progressively feature interactive functions for members and an extended info section.

SAAN has upgraded its internal structures and now has a permanent "Manager": Mr Christian Schneider. Mr Schneider, who will be the Science and Technology Counsellor of the Swiss Embassy in Canberra, will also act as the SAAN Manager based in Canberra.

For more information, please visit the website. Further enquiries can be submitted either via email or directly to Christian Schneider, (02) 6162 8400.

#### SBS Radio (on air in NSW/VIC/ACT)

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Tune into the Swiss-german program "Echo Helvetia" on Sundays 8:30-9pm Melbourne: 93.1FM / Sydney: 97.7FM or digitally (DAB+) on SBS-2 in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

## Victoria

#### VICTORIA EVENTS

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 26/3      | Jazz Night - Swiss Club   |
| 3/4       | Swiss Festival  |
| 28/3-24/4 | Comedy Festival<br>(club restaurant open as usual)  |
| 4/5       | Ladies Luncheon   |
| 5/5       | Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand   |
| 7/5       | 2nd Jassabend, Horticulture<br>Centre, Forest Hill (Matterhorn)   |
| 14/5      | Unterhaltungsabend  |
| 18/5      | Movie Night<br>(unless otherwise stated, events take place at the Swiss Club. More events are planned; check website for updates) |

#### Swiss Club of Victoria

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Facebook: facebook.com/swissclubvic

Dear Friends of the Swiss Club,

A highlight for the first quarter of 2011 is the Swiss Festival on Sunday, 3rd

April showcasing again our unique culture and traditions. It is an event that brings together all Swiss Groups in Victoria. Many thanks go to the organizing committee for all their work. We hope to see you there.

The Unterhaltungsabend of the Swiss Folk Dance Gorup Alpenrose on Saturday, 14th May is another great Swiss evening to enjoy.

Are you planning a function, event or meeting for 2011? Are you looking for a CBD function and meeting room with a difference? Look no further than the second floor of the Swiss Club. Unbeatable location, modern amenities for meetings, receptions, and functions up to 120 people. A private meeting room is available for up to 16 people. The perfect CBD venue. Contact us for details and rates on 1300 893 968 or email info@swissclubvic.com.au.

You can now follow us either on Facebook or on twitter swissclubvic - sign up so you are always informed! We look forward to welcoming you at our club in the heart of Melbourne.

Your Swiss Club Committee

#### Ladies Luncheon

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

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

Practices at the Club every 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month.

## Young Swiss Group

Convenor: Amy Bohren  
abohren@swiss.org.au  
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/  
YoungSwissMelbourne/

## Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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President: Marco Unternährer  
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Tel: (03) 9729 3338 (b)  
mrunt@optusnet.com.au  
www.swiss.org.au/matterhorn

As part of our preparations for the Swiss Yodelling Festival in Interlaken on June 17 this year, we are expanding our range of performances. This includes an entertainment evening at the RSL Club in Upwey – Swiss folklore for the Diggers! You are invited to join us at one of our enjoyable Wednesday evening practice sessions at Marco's place.

## Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli  
92 Addison Street, Elwood Vic 3184  
Tel: (03) 9531 6575  
hochuli@tpg.com.au

The group will support the Swiss Festival on April 3. Over Easter, we will travel to Sydney and participate at the "Volkstanzfest 2011", organised and sponsored by the "Bruecke". National Council of German-speaking Clubs and Organisations in Australia and New Zealand, the Austria Club Sydney and St. Raphaels German Dance Group.

Soon after, we will be busy organising the always fun night called Unterhaltungsabend on May 14 at the Swiss Club.

Please come and join us and at the same time support the Dance Group. Bookings must be made with the Swiss Club.

Sylvia Hochuli

## Trachtengruppe Schwyzgruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

(contact same as Alpenrose)

Our members are still enjoying the regular visits to the seniors in the community. For info, contact Sylvia or Marliese Krummenacher on (03) 9503 9921.

## Groupe Romand Du Victoria

Présidente: Marianne Puccinelli  
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www.swiss.org.au/chfrvic

## Pro Ticino - Pro Down Under

President: Claude Rossi  
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## Saturday Morning Swiss School

Convenor: Andrea Pinch  
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www.swiss.org.au/scvschool

## Swiss Playgroup

Ingrid Preston (03) 9772 0516  
Chantal Imbach (03) 8407 3766  
www.swiss.org.au/scvplaygr

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

## South Australia

### Swiss Club of South Australia

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www.swiss.org.au/swissclubs

"Grüezi mitenand"

I hope you had a safe Christmas break and thus far a good start to 2011.

As you may know, in early February some members and friends of the Club had a great time at Port Elliot. The BBQ on the camping grounds was ideal. We could bring our one "goodies" and enjoy a glass of wine without the long walk home.

On the 20th of March we have planned a Car Rally from Adelaide to Milang. It is not important to be the fastest; you just have to complete the questionnaire and have the answers right to win. The Club will subsidize the lunch and invite you for a coffee / tea and cake in the park.

On Sunday the 10th of April we have planned a Port River Cruise at Port Adelaide. Hopefully the weather will be nice and I hope that we may see many of the famous dolphins during our cruise along the river. We will meet in front of the Lighthouse, by the wharf and markets in Port Adelaide at 11 a.m.

We are also planning our 45th Anniversary celebration of the Swiss Club in SA. At this stage we are looking to hold a sit down dinner with live entertainment. If there are any members who know the names and or contact details of founding committee, stories or ideas for this event, please contact any one from the committee listed in the Swiss express. We want this to truly be a wonderful celebration.

### SA EVENTS

10/4 Port Adelaide River Cruise  
21/5 Cheese Fondue evening

(for more details of any up and coming event please refer to the Swiss Express)

### Regular Events:

"Hockete", and "Jass Abig" 1st Friday of the month at the Austrian Association at 11 - 17 Torrens Road, Ovingham from 6.30 pm onwards.

"Schwyzer Fraeuchraenzli", 1st Monday of the month. Call Rosmarie Copeland on (08) 8336 5932 for details.

### Radio 5EBI - Swiss Corner

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

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or refer to our Swiss Express for updates.

Be part of our Swiss Community in South Australia; see you soon at the next opportunity.

Bruno Zueger, President

## Western Australia

### Swiss Club of Western Australia

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President: Philippe Bossert  
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www.swissclub.org.au

Dear Readers

At this year's AGM, a new committee was elected and we are excited to be working together to ensure the Swiss traditions of functions are carried on.

We have planned an Easter Picnic, a Raclette or Fondue, the 1st of August Ball and Bonfire and the 'Samichlaus'. We will always be thankful for other suggestions and thoughts.

We appeal for the patronage of all members and non-members of the Swiss Club of WA to make these events bigger and better.

One of our aims is to increase the membership of the Swiss Club of WA. In times of natural disasters and hardship as we have seen recently, a close community is important to enjoy each others company and have assistance and reassurance.

By being part of the Swiss Club or coming to the functions, we can share in the traditions of our country and our heritage. For non-Swiss partners and children, this is also a way to gain a closer insight into Switzerland and what it is that makes us tick. Please visit our website for more info.

Philippe Bossert, President

### WA EVENTS

24/4 Easter Picnic  
18/6 Raclette or Fondue

**Swiss Radio Perth**, Every Tuesday 7-8pm (4th Tuesday of the month in French) 95.3MHz, or www.6eba.com.au. Studio / Presenter: (08) 9227 5953, General info: James Kunz: 0414 421 132.

**The Guggeburras**, only "Guggemusig" in Australia. Practice is every Tuesday. Jennifer Leutenegger: (08) 9277 7826 guggiburras@swiss.org.au

**Play Group**, every 1st Friday of the month. Barbara Baer: (08) 9368 2573 barbara.baer@gmx.net

**Monthly Jass**, every 3rd Thursday of the month – from 6.30pm North Perth Lawn Bowling Club Farmer Street, North Perth Peter Mueller: (08) 9291 8402 pelimu4243@yahoo.com.au

**Swiss Yodellers** Traditional Swiss folk group. Info: Peter Mueller (as above)

**The Swiss Club Down South** Nicole May, 276 Holbenroad Cowaramup WA 6284 (08) 9755 5297 mayfamily@westnet.com

## Northern Territory

### Swiss Social Club Darwin

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## ACT

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Dear members and friends,

There would have been no Swiss Club member in Canberra, who didn't spare a thought for their fellow Australians and Swiss affected by the extreme natural disasters earlier in the year. We hope that our countrymen and women in Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia are well on the way to recovery after those severe disasters.

### CANBERRA EVENTS

13/4 Jass Tournament 1  
15/5 Bushwalk  
17/6 Fondue Night

**Jass evenings** are held every 2nd Wednesday and you can find the dates in the newsletter or on the web site.

**Canberra Swiss Club Choir** is singing traditional songs in our national languages. Rehearsals are held at the Harmonie German Club from 6pm to 7:30pm on the last Tuesday of every month. Contact Regula Neilson, at r.neilson@netspeed.com.au.

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

If you would like to become a member of the Canberra Swiss Club just get a Membership application form from the web site or contact us by phone. We are always pleased to see new faces and welcome anybody wishing to participate. We look forward to meeting you at one of our next functions.

Heinz Buettikofer

## New South Wales

### NSW EVENTS

30/4 Film night  
14/5 Seniors luncheon (SCCS)  
15/5 Raclette (Cercle Romand)  
21/5 Dinner and dancing (all groups)  
18/6 Bowling competition

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

### Regular Monthly NSW Events:

**1st Monday:** Social evening, jass, and Committee meeting  
**1st Wednesday:** Swiss Entrepreneurs Lunch (Lord Nelson brewery)  
**1st Thursday:** Cercle Romand, soiree pub  
**2nd Friday:** Social Evening (Frenchs For.)  
**Last Friday** – Swiss Play Grp (Frenchs For.)

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

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SACA wishes to draw to the attention of all Swiss and Australian artists with a connection to Switzerland, of a proposed art exhibition to be held in Sydney in the first half of 2012. SACA seeks strong representation of artists from all States in Australia to take part in this event. At this stage, planning is in the preliminary stage, however, at this stage, expressions of interest may be forwarded to Mr. Walter Annen: email: [wannen@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wannen@bigpond.net.au). Applicants will be kept informed and advised of terms and conditions at a later date.

Our next function held on 22 March 2011 at the Goethe-Institut, Woollahra and will be a talk by Dr. Bettina Boss, President of the Swiss Historical Society of NSW, and member of the SACA Steering Committee titled: Helvetia or Matterhorn? How to Write a History of the Swiss in NSW.

The SACA Steering Committee also invites you to come and be entertained by Urs Buhman, most award winning advertising photographer in Australia today. After a brief AGM, Urs will take the floor at the Goethe-Institut in June 2012 and enlighten attendees with his humour and expertise as to how he achieved this acclaim

### Swiss Entrepreneurs

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The Swiss Club meets every first Monday of the month at the Eiger Swiss Restaurant, 552 Parramatta Road, Petersham for an evening of socialising and meeting fellow Swiss. We would be very pleased if you would come and join us for a meal and a chat, or a jass.

On the northern side of Sydney, the local Swiss meet every second Friday of the month at the Austrian Club in Frenchs Forest.

In the coming months our scheduled events include a foodie tour, film night, buurezmorge, bowling competition, dinner and dancing, plus a new members' evening.

Also in coming months we will again be organising Swiss German classes for adults. All details about the classes, including an enrolment form, will be available on our website.

We also have a Google Group that you can use to find friends in your area, or to ask a question of other Swiss in NSW. Anyone can join, and you can write in English or any of the Swiss languages. <https://groups.google.com/group/swissclubnsw?hl=en>

If you are not a member of the Swiss Club but would like to join any of our activities, please feel free to come along. We are always pleased to see new faces and we look forward to meeting you at one of our functions.

For more details about the Club or upcoming events, please check our website or contact the Club directly.

### 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.

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.

### The Swiss Yodelers of Sydney

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A change of guard took place at the AGM and as a result I would like to sincerely thank Heike Joder for serving over 10 years as secretary of the group. A job very well done!

The yodlers are very grateful to be guided once again by the conducting of Sepp Engesser.

The annual harbour cruise was held on Saturday, 26 February, 2011.

On Saturday, 21 May 2011 the yodlers will combine with the Swiss Club for a dinner dance at the Austrian Club in French's Forest.

Are you male, with a secret yearning to yodel and never been game to try. Just do it! All enquiries will be treated with the utmost discretion.

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 courriel/email séparé. Pour tout les détails sur notre programme d'activités, veuillez consulter notre site internet ou par Anne Resplendino, Présidente.

Au plaisir de vous rencontrer,

*Pour le comité, Christian Dubois, secrét.*

### Swiss Community Care Society (incl. Swiss Seniors of NSW)

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Web: [www.swiss.org.au/scsc](http://www.swiss.org.au/scsc)

Thanks to the watchful eye of our Qld Chapter committee, our CG who obtained financial support from Switzerland, through these joint efforts, SCCS is able to assist compatriots who have suffered from the floods in Qld. Refer for more details to your local Swiss community news.

Armin Roth

### Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruuss'

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### Swiss Historical Society Inc.

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## Queensland

### QUEENSLAND EVENTS

|          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| 10/4     | Bushwalk Glasshouse Mountains    |
| 17/4     | Jass Championship                |
| 17/4     | Easterbunny                      |
| 30/4-2/5 | May Camping weekend              |
| 15/5     | Bushwalk Spicers Gap Mt Mitchell |
| 28/5     | Raclette                         |
| 29/5     | Buderim Lunch (SCCS)             |
| 2/6      | Cinema Night                     |
| 12/6     | Bushwalk Brisbane Forrest        |
| 18/6     | Fondue                           |

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

### Swiss Society of Queensland Inc.

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

We had a great start into the new year with a well attended Dinner Dance in February. Unfortunately the Gemuetlicher Abend had to be cancelled due to flood related renovations which were necessary at the Club House.

By the time this Swiss Review will land in your letter box we will have also had the AGM, so this is definitely going to be the last column I write in this magazine. I look forward to seeing many of you at future functions, where I will hopefully be able to sit back a little bit more :-)

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

**Tennis**, Wednesday nights, 7:30 pm start, Fairfield. Call Marc on 07 3899 8996.

**Swiss German Playgroup**, every 2nd Tuesday, and meets at different playgrounds. Contact Katrin on 3829 6638.

Please visit our website for more details. There, you will also find more information about our bushwalks or any other adhoc activities.

Sybille Goss, President

### Gold Coast Group

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We would love to hear from anybody who would like to join the choir or the Swiss Children's Dance Group

Katja Wallimann Gates

### Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)

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Our next Get-Together is on May 8 at Cecile's place in Urraween.

Cecile Scherrer

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Our regular monthly "Ladies Lunch" meetings are becoming very popular: held at a different venue on the first Friday of each month, details are placed on our website and sent via direct email. The ladies are enjoying these casual get-togethers where you can just turn up or bring a friend to have a relaxed meal at one of our many Sunshine Coast gourmet eateries.

After our Annual General Meeting in early March we will put together a programme of functions for the rest of the year and publish it on our website.

So keep an eye on our website [www.swiss.org.au/scsc](http://www.swiss.org.au/scsc), all details and booking contacts will be listed in good time.

We invite all Sunshine Coast Swiss, their families and friends to join us for these fun events, to enjoy good company, keep in touch with old mates and make new friends!

Please ring Hanni or Walter (phone numbers above) if you like to have a chat and find out more, we are happy to help. We also welcome your enquiries and suggestions via email to [scsc@swiss.org.au](mailto:scsc@swiss.org.au), you will get a prompt response.

Vreni Haas