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This year, Beat Knoblauch attended the CSA Meeting & OSA Congress. As earlier in March this year, progress on e-voting, Swiss community website, a law for Swiss Abroad and the further reduction of consular services were the hot topics.

The Council dealt mainly with the following items:

- Electronic voting was much discussed for the coming Federal Parliamentary Elections: four [4] Cantons will offer electronic voting possibility to the Swiss Abroad: Basel-Stadt, St. Gallen, Graubünden und Aargau, i.e. for about 22,000 registered voters. The balance of Swiss Cantons should be ready between now and 2015 for e-voting. Swiss nationals are encouraged to take advantage of their right to vote and elect in Switzerland. Registered Swiss voters abroad (120,000) number about the same as the Canton Graubünden!
- There is a website platform [www.swisscommunity.org](http://www.swisscommunity.org) : since its creation in late 2010, already close to 9,000 members have registered, which signifies a resounding success. Those who registered from Australia make up 5% of the total, which is a high proportion. There is a special blog on the Federal Parliamentary Elections via [www.swisscommunity.org](http://www.swisscommunity.org)
- 420,000 of the approximate 700,000 Swiss living outside Switzerland are residing in EU countries. They benefit greatly from the right of "free movement" within the EU and Switzerland. A motion was passed to safeguard the right of "free movement" [EU-CH]. The motion has been passed on to the Swiss Parliamentarians.
- The Swiss Parliament has accepted an initiative by a Parliamentarian to prepare a law concerning the Swiss Abroad. According to the Swiss Constitution, the Federal Government is to take care and regulate the relationship with the Swiss Abroad. The ASO will be consulted in this matter.

• The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs will be in future the coordinating centre for all matters regarding the Swiss Abroad, making it easier for the Swiss Abroad to have one contact point.

• On various occasions the reduction of Swiss Diplomatic and Consular staff outside Switzerland was criticized. The government representative took note, but also mentioned that new Consular Districts have recently been opened in "new markets".

• The highlight of the Congress was an address by Mrs. Doris Leuthard, Federal Councillor. She stressed the importance of the Swiss Abroad as ambassadors for Switzerland and thanked for the continued support the Swiss Abroad are giving. In her speech she also stressed current difficulties experienced by some Swiss industry sectors due to the high value of the Swiss Franc.

The next meeting of the Council of the Swiss Abroad is to be held on 24/03/2012 in Berne, and the next Congress will be held in Lausanne, 19-22 August 2012.

*Beat Knoblauch, Australian ASO Delegate*

## Summer Fun in Schoenried >>>



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#### SACCI EVENTS

23/11 Cruise with the Europeans, Sydney  
24/11 Future Cities, Melbourne

SACCI events review:



The Hon Anthony Albanese, 31 August, Sydney; attendance: 180



SACCI Swiss Ambassador Cup Dinner, 26 Sept, Melbourne; attendance: 102

The Corporate Luncheon on Sept. 6 with HE Mr Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission had an attendance of 360.

Visit our website for regular event updates and latest news.

Marcel Svatos, General Manager, SACCI

### SAAN

Swiss Australian Academic Network  
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The SAAN Network has continuously grown and its membership now surpasses 450 academics. SAAN is now also increasing its presence in Switzerland and has held a "Launch of SAAN Switzerland" in Zürich on May 31, 2011. Numerous Australian and Swiss academics with connections to Australia have participated, most prominently Nobel Prize Laureate Rolf Zinkernagel. SAAN will also support the Australian Chief Scientist, Prof Ian Chubb's visit to Switzerland in mid-November.

In Brisbane, SAAN has hosted two seminars by Marcel Tanner, Director of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute in Basel on "One Health". Additionally, SAAN has invited Prof Bruno Stieger from the University Hospital Zürich and his PhD student Ragam Attinkara for presentations at the University of Queensland Postgraduate Symposium.

SAAN continues to facilitate negotiations for an agreement supporting the bilateral exchange of early career researchers between the leading Australian and Swiss universities as well

as several "internship for students" agreements between Swiss and Australian companies and universities.

For more information regarding the events and other SAAN issues please contact us.

### 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

1/12 Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand  
3/12 Senior Christmas Afternoon Tea  
11/12 Samichlaus Breakfast, Fawkner Park

(unless otherwise stated, events take place at the Swiss Club. More events are planned; check website for updates)

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The committee of the Swiss Club wishes everyone a relaxing end to the year and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012. We look forward to welcoming you to the club. Don't forget to mark Sunday, 25th March 2012 in your diary for the Swiss Festival at the Austrian Club. Everyone is welcome to come along or volunteer their help. To learn what's happening at the club, visit our website.

### Ladies Luncheon

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

Bookings essential with the Swiss Club.

### The Swiss Companion Singers

Convenor: Heidi Giger  
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Camberwell Vic 3124  
Tel: (03) 9889 9321, or  
Herbert Schwaerzler (03) 9561 7811

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

### Swiss Diners Club

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SwissDinersClub/>

### Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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www.swiss.org.au/matterhorn

## Editorial. FYSA Summer Camp 2011

This year, the Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad organized a Summer Camp in Schoenried in the Berner Oberland, which was very well received by the participants and parents alike.

The Foundation for Young Swiss Abroad (FYSA) organises several camps each year for young Swiss living abroad. Speaking to one of the mothers here in Australia who sent their two children to Schoenried this year, I received the best feedback saying, she can recommend this program to anybody. Here is what she likes to share with our readers:

*«In the recent July school holidays, our children attended one of the SJAS (Stiftung fuer junge Auslandschweizer) summer camps held in Switzerland.*

*The 28 children at the camp shared a similar background, being children of Swiss expats, and were similarly aged from 11 - 14 years, but came from a diverse range of countries; from South Africa to Bolivia, Thailand, Lebanon, Europe and of course, Australia and many more places.*

*The children spent two action-packed weeks being led on adventures by a small group of young, energetic and incredibly patient leaders. They also had some free time where they got up to all sorts of fun and mischief within the safe and friendly environment provided by the camp.*



We look back with fond memories of our participation in the Swiss Yodelling Festival last June. Not only was our performance of the song 'Chüerglüt' very well received by the jury, over this extended weekend, we could also fully enjoy the 'wall-to-wall' yodelling experiences in Interlaken. The remainder of this year will see us perform at a range of venues, culminating on 27 November with Sunday entertainment for the elderly residents of the Tabulam & Templer and Martin Luther Homes, together with the Companion Singers and the Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose.

We wish all our friends and supporters an enjoyable Festive Season and a prosperous New Year.

The group had a break from practising and performing for a few months, as most of the members took an extended holiday. At the end of November, we will visit nursing homes for an early Christmas concert together with the Companion Singers and the Matterhorn Jodlers.

At the beginning of December, we will perform at the Swiss seniors Christmas afternoon party at the Swiss Club.

We always welcome enquiries from prospective new members for the group.

On behalf of the group, I wish you all the very best for the Festive Season and good health for 2012.

### Trachtengruppe Schwyzergruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

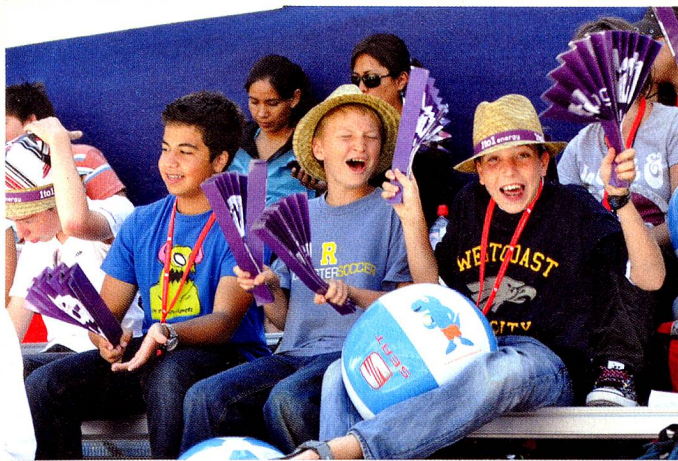
(contact same as Alpenrose as above)

The members in their Swiss costumes welcomed seniors to the Kaffeeklatsch at the Swiss Club. The special buffet for afternoon tea was well appreciated by

### Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

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top: visit to the Beach Volley Ball World Tour in Gstaad  
left: scooter down hill run fun on the Rellerli in Schoenried  
1st page: 2-day trekking trip to a traditional swiss alp  
(pictures taken by team leader Rumi Rivas)

*Not only did the children learn more about Switzerland and made friends from around the world, but they also got to enjoy some of the freedom of childhood which are often no longer available to them growing up in an Australian city.*

*Our children tell us they had the time of their lives. They now use the internet to remain in contact with their camp friends, but the fond memories of the camp will stay with them forever.*

*We can only recommend these camps to other Swiss abroad.»*

Christine

FYSA organizes several summer and winter camps each year. Applications are open to all Swiss children residing abroad for which the child (or at least 1 parent) must be a Swiss citizen. The age limit depends on the program but are anywhere from 8 to 16 years.

For more information please contact:

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our happy guests. We look forward to spoil you all again next year. Toni Erb, loyal member of the group is celebrating his 90th Birthday. Happy Birthday and many more to come.

On behalf of the Trachtengruppe, I wish all our friends and supporters a happy festive season and good health in the New Year.

Silvia Hochuli

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"Grüezi mitenand"

The AGM on the 14th of October was held at the Tiffins on the Park. At this "historic" place the Club was founded 45 years ago, and some Founding Members attended the meeting. After the meeting the Club offered a small refreshments, which gave the members

some time to catch up with some "old" friends.

On the same Weekend, Sunday 16 October a few Members of the Club went for a drive up to the Kuitpo Forest, for the "Wuerslti braetle". The weather was fantastic and on the way back to the City for a Coffee stop at Meadows, were the Spring Country Fair was held.

The World Solar Race "Darwin to Adelaide" has started and we are expecting the Swiss Team to arrive in Adelaide soon. With the Adelaide Alphorn players we will welcome "our" Team here in our beautiful city on the Weekend 22 / 23 October 2011.

Come along to our Spring Bush walk at Noarlunga in November, for more details please refer to the Swiss Express.

### SA EVENTS

13/11 Spring Bushwalk, Noarlunga  
11/12 Christmas Party, Morialta Rec.A.  
3-5/2. Yearly Camping, Port Elliot  
(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 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.

We ALL are a part of our Swiss Community in South Australia; see you soon at the next opportunity. I wish you and your Family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Bruno Zueger, President

### Western Australia

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Dear Readers

We had wonderful National Day celebrations, the Ball was enjoyed by everyone that attended with an appearance by the Yodellers and Alphorn Blowers. The bonfire drew a great crowd with the children enjoying the wonders of the bonfire and the lampions. Entertainment was again provided by the Alphorn Blowers. Our annual spring walk was at Bickley Dam and over 50 people weathered the cloudy conditions and joined us for the walk to Victoria Dam. Fortunately the weather cleared later and everyone was able to stay back for a BBQ or picnic.

End of October we had the annual picnic at our property in Gidgegannup and many members and non-members came along and had an entertaining afternoon doing the "Stein Stosse" (rock throwing) and the other games that were organised.

Last weekend (12 Nov) we had our inaugural movie night where the classic Swiss Movie "Nordwand" (North Face) was screened. People were treated to

a hearty meal of Wiener sausages and potato salad before the screening. The children were amused with a movie in an adjoining room. Again, all attendees had a great night and this event will surely feature again in the future.

Our next event is the Samichlaus on Sunday the 4th of December. We are back at Perry Lakes and hope to welcome many children - Cervelat and Bratwurst as well as the favourite "Nussgipfel" will be for sale. For further information, please refer to our website.

What is left is to wish all our readers and their families and friends a Merry Christmas and a healthy and adventurous 2012.

Philippe Bossert, President

### WA EVENTS

4/12 Samichlaus

### Swiss Radio Perth

Every Tuesday 7-8pm  
(4th Tuesday of the month in French)  
95.3MHz, or [www.6eba.com.au](http://www.6eba.com.au).  
Studio / Presenter: (08) 9227 5953,  
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Practice is every Tuesday.  
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### Play Group

every 1st Friday of the month.  
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### Monthly Jass

every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6.30pm, North Perth Lawn Bowling Club, Farmer St, North Perth  
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### Swiss Yodellers

Traditional Swiss folk group.  
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Dear members and friends,

By the time you read this message you're probably deeply involved with getting ready for Christmas. So it is the right time to wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The list of events only shows the last remaining event of the year as the new committee considers events for the



next year. If you have any bright ideas for future functions, please let the committee know so that it can consider them for the program next year. The Jass evenings will be suspended over Christmas and resume again probably in early February. Meanwhile please check in the latest newsletter for details on events or visit the web site, or get in touch with one of the committee members

## CANBERRA EVENTS

4/12 Samichlaus Picnic, Weston Park

**Jass evenings** are held every 2nd Wednesday (dates in newsletter/website)

**Canberra Swiss Club Choir** meet in a small group on a regular basis and 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 Austrian Club from 5:45pm to 7:15pm on the last Wednesday 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.

Heinz Buettikofer

## New South Wales

### NSW EVENTS

22/11 Buure Zmorge, Il Bolognese Rest

3/12 Seniors Christmas Dinner

4/12 Samichlaus, Scandinavian Club

15/12 Usplampete, Eiger Restaurant

29/1 Brunch, Clontarf, 11am (Cercle R.)

25/2 (tbc) Soirée film français (Cercle R.)

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

### Regular Monthly NSW Events:

**1st Monday:** Social evening, jass, and Committee meeting (Eiger)

**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.)

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The Swiss Club of NSW meets on the first Monday of each month, from 7.30pm, at the Eiger Swiss Restaurant, 552 Parramatta Road, Petersham. We would be very pleased if you would come and join us for a meal and a chat,

or jass. On the northern side of Sydney, we meet from 7pm every second Friday of the month at the Austrian Club, 20 Grattan Cres, Frenchs Forest.

### Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

Beatrice Sidari: Tel: (02) 9602 9395  
bsidari@bigpond.com

We are a group of Swiss/Australian, Swiss/International families that meet every first Sunday of the month. All families welcome!

### Swiss Play Group

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### The Swiss Yodelers of Sydney

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The Yodler's Swiss National day celebrations was held at Castle Hill Showground once more. A larger area, with undercover seating for over 900 visitors and plenty of standing rooms proved to be very successful, together with an enormous outdoor picnic area. An increase in the number of stalls selling Swiss products and children's attractions added to the ambiance.

The weather was not quite as warm as last year, but this did not deter people from turning up in great numbers. Both Swiss and their Australian friends gathered to commemorate Switzerland's National Day. The Consul General of Switzerland, Mr. Markus Meli welcomed everyone on the day.

It turned out to be a true day of friendship with many happy faces all round. A special thanks to my fellow yodlers, the alphorn players, folkdance group "Alpegruess", "Swiss Rösti Clique" (pipes and drums), Sigi Achermann's + his Zuger Oergeli and the dance music band, Tyrolean Echoes made sure there was never a dull moment in the hall. For the Schwingen (Swiss wrestling) demonstration, also a very big thank you.

It goes without saying that this event would be impossible to hold without the support of the sponsors and volunteers.

To round off a successful year, we look forward to singing at the Swiss seniors Christmas function.

Note for your diary. Yodlers Harbour Cruise Saturday, 25 February, 2012.

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. Au plaisir de vous rencontrer,

Pour le comité, Christian Dubois, secrét.

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

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Xmas seniors luncheon at The Concordia Club Nov. 26th. Central Coast Xmas cruise 1st December. 2011 events prove that you should keep in touch by enrolling as a member! Happy New Year!

Armin Roth

### Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

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Preparation of our book, The Swiss In NSW, A History is well on track. Most of the written materials have been collected and a researcher is investigating the history of Swiss companies in NSW. Over 1,000 photographs have also been collected. Publication is scheduled for the Swiss National Day in 2012. If you have materials or information which may be of interest for the book, please contact the Society.

## Queensland

### QUEENSLAND EVENTS

20/11 Bushwalk, O' Reilly's

27/11 Helpers & new Members BBQ

3/12 Senior Citizen Xmas Lunch

4/12 Samichlaus at SSQ, GC and FC

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

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Come and join us at different functions. Everyone is welcome

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

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Please visit our website for more info.

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The Club has held a number of events for members, associates and friends. The ride on the Valley Rattler Steam train in June was popular. The journey went from Gympie through the picturesque Mary Valley to Imbil where there was a break long enough to have lunch at the Railway Hotel. The trip back to Gympie again offered many opportunities to take lots of photographs.

In early October, on a sunny and warm day, the group went on a lunch cruise aboard the "Noosa Queen" and spent a few enjoyable and relaxing hours on the beautiful Noosa River.

The Committee is now busy organising the Christmas dinner scheduled for 3 December 2011, details will be on the website.

Our regular monthly "Ladies Lunch" on the first Friday of every month continues to be popular, with the ladies meeting at a different venue every month to catch up and have a chat. Details are placed on our website and sent via direct email.

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 or email Hanni or Walter if you like to have a chat and find out more, we are happy to help.

Beatrice Bruin-Broennimann