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# REGIONAL EDITION

## AUSTRALIA

### CSA. Spring Meeting Report, Berne, 16/3/2013

**Congress of the Swiss Abroad**, Davos August 16 – 18, 2013. The theme of this year's Congress will be "Switzerland in time of Globalisation". Discussion will centre around the strategy Switzerland should adopt for its future, being a non-EU member and having scarce natural resources. Also considered is the new situation as to the "Finance Place Switzerland" created by the abuses of some banks. Participants in the Congress are able to express their views in various workshops.

**Centenary**: Mr Rudolf Wyder, the CEO of the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad in Bern is planning special events for the 100th Anniversary of the OSA in 2016. The Swiss Abroad will be contacted in order to participate in the planning and realisation of this important event.

**Law Swiss Abroad**: Mr Filipo Lombardi informed about the status of the new law for the Swiss Abroad, which is being discussed at the parliamentary level. The new article in the Constitution will regulate in a more coherent form, relationships between the Swiss Abroad and Federal and Cantonal institutions. Switzerland should have a coherent policy regarding the Swiss Abroad which should clearly mention the rights and obligations of the various authorities involved.

**E-voting for everyone**: the Swiss Abroad have lodged a petition to the Federal Authorities to have e-voting for all Swiss Abroad by 2015.

**Banks/Taxation**: The Swiss Abroad were informed by the relevant Federal Authority about current negotiations of Switzerland with some third party countries as to Double Taxation Agreements. It was mentioned on various occasions that the finance place of Switzerland has been severely tarnished by activities of some banks, and pressure has been put on the Federal Authorities to make sure that the Swiss Abroad can have adequate banking facilities in Switzerland. It was reported that some Swiss banks have cancelled bank accounts of some Swiss living abroad or are charging excessive fees to keep accounts. We will keep you informed about the progress on this topic!

Beat Knoblauch, CSA Delegate

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### Embassy. What Can Swiss Honorary Consuls Do?

Can honorary consuls issue passports or visas?

Can they marry a couple? Can they authenticate a document?

Swiss honorary consuls are often confronted with such requests, as revealed during a Regional Consular Conference, held in Sydney on March 15 and 16, 2013.

Switzerland became a member of the Schengen Agreement in 2008. The Schengen Agreement changed the role of honorary consuls considerably. Under the agreement, for example, honorary consuls are no longer authorized to grant visas.

Honorary consuls are the local representative of the ambassador or consul general. They act as the eyes and ears of the ambassador or consul general. This includes representing the ambassador or consul general at national holiday celebrations or other official events.

The honorary consuls maintain and expand a network of local contacts in local government, as well as in business, scientific and cultural circles. They report to the Embassy or Consulate General whenever an opportunity for Swiss interests arises and provide general information on Switzerland.

The honorary consuls further promote a spirit of solidarity within the Swiss expatriate community and strengthen its ties with Switzerland. They keep an eye out for destitute or helpless Swiss and let them know that help can generally be made available. The Swiss Clubs interact directly with the Embassy and the Consulate General. The Honorary Consuls are therefore not their first point of contact. But Swiss Clubs are an important part of the network of the Honorary Consuls.

The honorary consuls, after consultation with the Embassy or the Consulate General, assist the Swiss in need, both those living abroad as well as tourists, be it because of an accident, sickness, theft or imprisonment, etc. They inform the Embassy or Consulate General of any circumstances that potentially affect the Swiss. They also report on any event that could be of importance with regard to travel advice published by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

The only administrative duty of an honorary consul remains the confirmation of the proof of life for the AHV/IV. For all other consular and administrative services, Swiss citizens need to contact the Embassy or Consulate General.

We thank our honorary consuls for their outstanding work.

Marcel Stutz, Swiss Ambassador in Canberra

Marion Weichelt Krupski, Swiss Ambassador in Wellington



Swiss Fondue at the Beach. Fraser Coast Swiss Group, QLD

# Nationwide

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### SWISSCHAM EVENTS

12/6 Eat, Meet & Greet, Melbourne  
13/6 Eat, Meet & Greet, Sydney  
18/6 Export Symposium, Zug, CH

### SAAN

Swiss Australian Academic Network  
[info@saan.id.au](mailto:info@saan.id.au) / [www.saan.id.au](http://www.saan.id.au)

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

[www.sbs.com.au/german](http://www.sbs.com.au/german)

"Echo Helvetia" on Sundays 8:30-9pm  
Melbourne: 93.1FM / Sydney: 97.7FM  
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Adelaide, Melb., Sydney and Brisbane.

## Victoria

### The Swiss Club of Victoria

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With the cooler months upon us, it's time to get warm and cosy. Where else than at the Swiss Club and the club restaurant! Join us for our Wed/Thur club nights. Enjoy a Swiss dish, a chat with a fellow member and maybe a Jass. Visitors are of course always welcome. Over the next few months, we have planned Jass nights, movie nights, Billiard, live music on the first Thursday of each month and much more. Check out our website and social calendar for further details. Interested in Swiss music and traditions? Our interest groups; the Companion Singers, the Folk Dancegroup Alpenrose, the Laughter Club Helvetia, the Swiss Kids, the Swiss Diners and the Ladies Luncheon are always looking for new participants.

Looking for an affordable but stylish CBD function space? The Second Floor at the Swiss Club is the place to go.

The Swiss Club of Victoria; the place to experience a piece of Switzerland in Australia, and to socialize with fellow Swiss.

### VICTORIA EVENTS

6/6 Live Music Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand  
7/6 Billiard Bernard Sandoz Cup  
3/7 Ladies Luncheon  
4/7 Live Music Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand  
6/7 Jass Night  
17/7 Movie Night  
1/8 Swiss National Day Celebrations  
4/8 National Day Picnic (Matterhorn)

### Victoria Events (cont.)

10/8 Final Jassabend (Matterhorn)  
4/9 Ladies Luncheon  
5/9 Live Music Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand  
8/9 Kaffeklatsch (Trachtengruppe)  
14/9 Jass Night  
18/9 Movie Night  
25/9 Half Yearly Meeting  
(please check the website for all  
Swiss Club of Victoria events)

### Ladies Luncheon

#### The Swiss Club of Victoria

Convenor: Heidi Giger

Tel: (03) 9889 9321

Bookings essential with the Swiss Club.

### SwissKids

#### Convenor: Esther Blaser-Tokarev

Tel: 0424 220 523

[esther.blaser@gmax.ch](mailto:esther.blaser@gmax.ch)

For Swiss kids of all ages. 1st Saturday of the month, 2-4 pm at the Swiss Club.

### The Swiss Companion Singers

Convenor: Heidi Giger

107 Glyndon Road

Camberwell Vic 3124

Tel: (03) 9889 9321, or

Herbert Schwaerzler (03) 9561 7811

2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month.

### Swiss Diners Club

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

### Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

19 Lockwood Rd

Belgrave Heights VIC 3160

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Tel: (03) 9754 7390

[helvet@bigpond.com](mailto:helvet@bigpond.com)

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

The Matterhorn Choir is on the move; our choir practices are now at a new location: St. James Uniting Church (Wattle Park), 1201 Riversdale Road, Box Hill South, still on Wednesdays 8.00 pm. We are hoping that this more central location will make it easier for new singers/yodellers to join us for practice!

In the spirit of renewal we have also decided to move the Swiss National Day Picnic closer to the city. It will be held on Sunday 4th August at the Austrian Club, 90 Sheehan Road, Heidelberg West (where the Swiss Festival was held for the last few years). We look forward to seeing you there on a beautiful winter day!

Erwin Weinmann

### Swiss Folk Dance Group

#### Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli

92 Addison Street, Elwood Vic 3184

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Our group participated at the 20th Volkstanzfest at the German Club Concordia. Over 250 performers representing Austrian, German and Swiss groups from different states took part.

At the Unterhaltungabend, we were honoured to have the Consul General Mr. Markus Meli and wife Christa with us. They are leaving Australia for the next posting. Our best wishes go with

them. To everyone, thank you for being part in making the night a huge success at the Swiss Club.

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

We would like to extend an invitation to all our Senior Citizens (over sixty) to a wonderful afternoon of Coffee, Cakes and a Chat "Kaffeklatsch" at the Swiss Club. Sunday, 8 Sept from 2pm. There is no charge for this cosy afternoon, however our Group is thankful for any donations.

Please reserve a place by ringing or leaving a message with Marlies Krumenacher 9503 9921 or Rosmarie Oswald 9583 9048. RSVP by 2 Sept.

Silvia Hochuli

### Groupe Romand Du Victoria

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### Pro Ticino - Pro Down Under

President: Claude Rossi

5 Falls Road, Hoddles Creek Vic 3139

Tel: (03) 5967 4542

### Regular Events:

"Hockete" every 1st Friday of the month; come along for a meal and...

"Jass abig" a hand of Jass every second Hockete at the Austrian Association at 11-17 Torrens Road, Ovingham from 6 pm onwards.

### The "Schwyzer-Frauechaenzli"

Every first Monday of the month. You are more than welcome to join the Swiss Ladies of the "Frauechaenzli". For further details please call Rosmarie Copeland on (08) 8336 5932.

### Swiss Corner Radio 5EBI FM Adelaide

The Swiss Radio Corner "Schweizer-ercke" every Saturday evening from 6-7 pm on 103.1FM. Call (08) 8211 7066 to request a song or share some news.

## Western Australia

### Swiss Club of Western Australia

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[www.swissclub.org.au](http://www.swissclub.org.au)

Dear friends

The committee of the Swiss Club of WA is very pleased to announce that our inaugural Swiss Weekend in the City in mid April was a great success. On Saturday, over 100 people enjoyed a beautiful dinner and the outstanding entertainment by the Swiss Yodellers and Alphorn Players. On Sunday, about 80 people came along to the BBQ with Bratwurst and Cervelat and a sumptuous salad buffet – the Swiss Alphorn players treated everyone to familiar sounds. A big thank-you goes to everyone that helped to get the event off the ground, including contributions from Kala World Cuisine, Antoine's Prime Meats, Chez Jean-Claude Patisserie, Geobrugg Australia and the Honorary Consulate of Switzerland in Perth.

Please check our website for fondue bookings and for this years' 1st of August celebrations; information will be released a bit closer to the event.

Philippe Bossert, President Swiss Club of WA

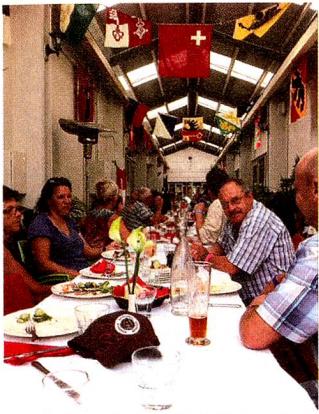
### WA EVENTS

22/6 Fondue, North Perth Bowling Club

(please check our website for updates)



Members of the Canberra Swiss Club before the walk to London bridge at the upper end of Googong dam



**Swiss Club of WA:** A lot of fun and laughter at the inaugural Swiss Festival!

#### **The Guggeburras**

Only "Guggemusig" in Australia. Practice is every Tuesday. Jennifer Leutenegger (08) 9277 7826 [guggeburras@swiss.org.au](mailto:guggeburras@swiss.org.au)

#### **Play Group**

Every 1st Friday of the month. Cynthia Reed, 0409 295 775 [cynthiagroot@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiagroot@gmail.com)

#### **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](mailto:pelimu4243@yahoo.com.au)

#### **Swiss Yodellers**

Traditional Swiss folk group. Peter Mueller (see above)

#### **The Swiss Club Down South**

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#### **Honorary Consul**

Dr Juerg Weber, 0407 452 666 [perth@honrep.ch](mailto:perth@honrep.ch)

## **Northern Territory**

#### **Swiss Social Club Darwin**

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## **ACT**

#### **Canberra Swiss Club Inc.**

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Dear members and friends,

This year the Fondue night was held a bit earlier than other years, so as you read this item, most of us are still digesting the delicious meal. On behalf of the committee I wish to thank our sponsors who donated the many great prizes for the tombola.

After nineteen years of tireless contribution to the Canberra Swiss Club, we are sad to see Hans and Alice Brüngger leave Canberra. They return to Melbourne to be closer to their family. On behalf of the Committee and all the

members I wish to thank them for all they have done for the club and wish them well in their retirement. We hope to see them back from time to time. Canberra's loss is Melbourne's gain.

In early April we had our yearly bushwalk. Heading into the hinterland of Queanbeyan, we enjoyed a day of splendid weather walking to the London bridge at the upper end of Googong dam. Spending a great day outdoors, finishing up with the traditional BBQ rounded off another social occasion. – Getting together and enjoying each other's company, isn't that what our club is all about?

#### **CANBERRA EVENTS**

14/6 Film night  
28/7 Swiss National day celebrations  
26/9 Power of Attorney seminar  
(please also refer to newsletter / website)

Plans are under way to hold another series of cooking courses in September. Details will be posted as soon as they are available.

The regular **Jass evenings** are held every second Wednesday at the Harmonie German Club. Everyone is welcome.

**Canberra Swiss Club Choir** If you enjoy singing in a small group on a regular basis, then our choir is just right for you. 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. Check the web or contact the coordinator Regula Neilson at [r.neilson@netspeed.com.au](mailto:r.neilson@netspeed.com.au).

**Canberra Community Radio FM91.1**, broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 5-7pm. Gaby and Werner present an informative and entertaining program with local content and news from Switzerland. So tune in your radios on Monday nights.

Heinz Buettikofer, President

## **New South Wales**

#### **NSW EVENTS**

9/6 Buure Zmorge, Austrian Club  
16/6 Raclette (Cercle Romand)  
25/6 Romand dance theme (Playgrp)  
30/6 Cycle Tour  
1/7 Fondue Night, Rest.Eiger  
7/7 Day at Central Coast (Sch.f.Kids)  
12/7 AGM, Austrian Club  
14/7 Pique-nique (Cercle Romand)  
20/7 Seniors Luncheon (Care Soc.)  
30/7 Servelat am Spiess (Playgroup)  
4/8 Fete Nationale (Cercle Romand)  
4/8 National Day Picnic (Sch.f.Kids)  
25/8 Assemblée Générale (Cercle Rom.)  
27/8 Globi theme (Playgroup)  
24/9 Lantern making (Playgroup)  
13/10 Tournoi de pétanque (Cercle R.)

(all events organized by the Swiss Club except where otherwise stated. Please check website/newsflash for updates)

#### **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 Tuesday** – Swiss Play Group (Kirribilli, except July)

will again have a chance to cook their own Servelat over a fire in the backyard at Ursula's place.

*Jessica Steiger-Thorpe*

#### **Schwyzerdütsch For Kids**

Beatrice Sidari: Tel: (02) 9602 9395  
Mobile: 0418 280 178  
[bsidari@bigpond.com](mailto:bsidari@bigpond.com)

We are a group of Swiss/Australian, Swiss/International families that get together every first Sunday of the month from 11am.

#### **The Swiss Yodelers of Sydney**

27 Burra Road  
Artarmon NSW 2064  
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Tel: (02) 9419 7277  
[akretz@bigpond.net.au](mailto:akretz@bigpond.net.au)

The Yodlers' will sing at the Swiss seniors luncheon, organized by the Swiss Community Care Society on Sat. 20 July 2013. We do this with great pleasure to bring a little of "die Heimat" to our seniors.

The Yodlers' 1 August 2013 celebration will be held on Sunday 4 August 2013 at the Castle Hill Show Ground. Requests for stalls selling Swiss products should be applied for soon.

A flyer will be sent early July with full details of the event. We look forward to welcoming you all there.

*Alois Kretz, President*

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

Présidente: Anne Resplendino  
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Eastwood NSW 2122  
Tel: (02) 9874 9096  
[www.swiss.org.au/cercleromand](http://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. Au plaisir de vous rencontrer,

*Pour le comité, Christian Dubois, secrétaire.*

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

P.O.Box 82, Bondi Junction, NSW 1355  
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Nation Day Luncheon with the Swiss Yodelling group takes place on 20th July 2013 at Concordia. Please call us for a reservation. Talk to us, keep in touch!

*Armin Roth*

#### **Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'**

President: Marco Nussbaumer  
7 Wallace Street  
Willoughby NSW 2068  
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#### **Swiss Historical Society Inc.**

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#### **SWISS ROESTI CLIQUE IN SYDNEY**

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*All ages welcome. We practise once a month in the City*

*Contact Kurt Bieri  
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# Queensland

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Our National Day will be held in a new place at Pine River Pony Club of Youngs Crossing Rd, Petrie. From Petrie along Dayboro Rd turn into Youngs Crossing Rd, 100 m turn right into the Pony Club, lots of parking. Bring a chair and a table with you, if you have an open gazebo for shade or rain. No BYO. No Glass.

## QUEENSLAND EVENTS

9/6	Australian Jass Championship
9/6	Swiss Dinner & Folkloric Show
6/7	Raclette
28/7	1st August (new venue!)
3-4/8	Swiss National Day (Fraser Coast)
4/8	1st August (Gold Coast)
5/9	Jass and Film night
28/9	AGM / Table games
5-7/10	Camping weekend
19/10	Dinner Dance

(organized by SSQ unless otherwise stated)

**Jass** Regular Jass evenings held each alternate week. We now have a beginner's table for those wanting to learn the game and a French card table. Contact: Fredi Vogel: 3289 1183, or Rita von Roth: 0431 707 144

**Swiss German Playgroup** every Tuesday at various playgrounds. Contact Sandra Landolt on 0402 655 158 or e-mail [sandralandolt@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sandralandolt@yahoo.com.au) or visit [swissplaygroup.blogspot.com](http://swissplaygroup.blogspot.com)

**Gold Coast Group**  
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**Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli**

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Secretary: Gabriella Veidt-Wiedmer  
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Baerg-Roeseli meets every second Thursday at the Danish Club at the same time as the Jass group to practice singing with our excellent teacher, play Swiss music and enjoy the company of our Swiss friends. We have several opportunities to perform for the wider Swiss community as well as bookings for private functions. If you would be interested in joining us or booking a function we welcome your enquiries.

Katja Wallimann Gates, President

**Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)**

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Baerg-Roeseli at the Fraser Coast Festival, Hervey Bay, Photo Iris Roethlisberger

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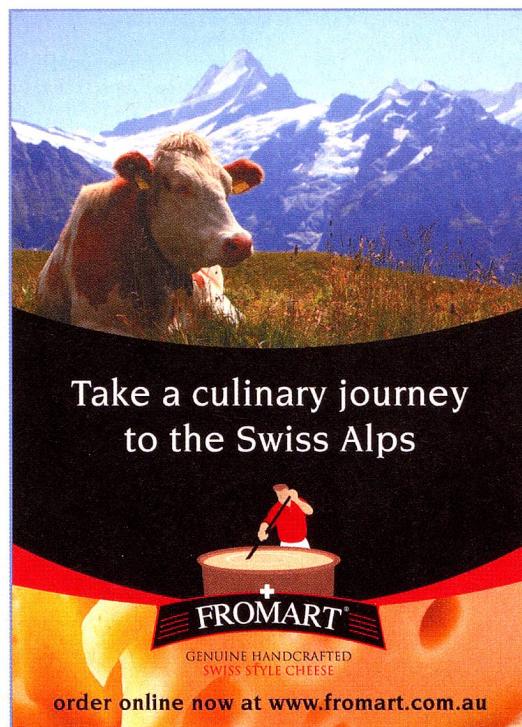
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4 informal Get-togethers, Ladies Luncheon. Welcome to all visitors.

12 of the Yodel & Folklore Group Berg-Roeseli performed both days at the Brolga Theatre and on 2 stages at the Fraser Coast Cultural Festival. The Alphorn was much admired. An Austrian Tourist had to come to Australia to see a real Alphorn for the first time !!

21 members of the Brisbane Swiss Club also enjoyed the 40 Food stalls and our great diversity of entertainment while on their yearly Bus-Trip.

The Swiss Cheese Fondue at the Beach had 22 "Swaussies" enjoying this first time event with superb view over the Hervey Bay waters

Cecile Scherrer

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The Club held its Annual General Meeting on 15th March 2013 at the Teawantin RSL Club. The current members were re-elected and 2 new committee members were nominated and elected. The Committee then met subsequent to the AGM at which events and functions for this year were discussed. In

The men do not want to miss out and have their own "Gentlemen's Lunch" on the same day as the Ladies, but at a different restaurant and is organized by Franz Kaech.

We invite all Swiss on the Sunshine Coast, 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 (phone number 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.

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