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REGIONAL EDITION

AUSTRALIA

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The Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney is pleased to announce that it will be present in **Brisbane** from **Tuesday 19 November until Friday 22 November 2013** at the Honorary Consul's office located at:

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In order for the Consulate to prepare the necessary files, please note that the **deadline** to make an appointment is **Monday, 4 November 2013**.

CSA. Congress of the Swiss Abroad in Davos



Australia was represented strongly at this years Congress of the Swiss Abroad in Davos from August 16-18 with three delegates attending, Marc Godat (Qld), Beat Knoblauch (NSW) and Roland Isler (Vic).

Agenda CSA Meeting August 16:

- Inauguration CSA term 2013-2017
- Consular Network Developments
- E-Voting. Response to the 3rd report by the Federal Council
- Online election of the Council of the Swiss Abroad
- Inheritance tax agreement with France
- Presentation: The Swiss in Australia

...and most importantly, the Law for the Swiss Abroad. The following is a summary of the Council's response to the draft proposal, which you may recall we sent to all registered Swiss

in Australia earlier this year:

«The Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) welcomes the creation of the Law for the Swiss Abroad. It considers the draft proposal prepared by the commission as an important legislative and administrative simplification. The law will form the basis for a future-oriented, holistic, sustainable policy in the field of international mobility of Swiss citizens.

However, the OSA strongly opposes the lifting of the compulsory enrolment requirement (Immatrikulationsobligatorium), and regards it as incompatible with the purpose of the proposal. Instead, the OSA advocated the networking of the consular missions abroad with the domestic departments for population control (Einwohnerkontrollen).

To achieve a coherent Swiss Abroad policy, the ASO considers it necessary that the development of a political Swiss Abroad strategy is expressly stipulated in the Act and that the Department of Foreign Affairs (EDA) is explicitly granted the competence to develop this strategy and coordinate the administrative activities in this area.

The OSA further advocates that the Federal governments obligation to provide information to the Swiss Abroad is strengthened and that the co-operation between the Swiss foreign institutions, in particular the Council of the Swiss Abroad, is enshrined in law. »

Finally, the ASO also advocates that a legal basis is created in the Law for the Swiss Abroad that facilitates the introduction of e-voting and for non-discrimination of citizens living abroad.»

Presentation: The «Swiss in Australia» – although one of the last items on the agenda - was nevertheless a very important one. It gave us the opportunity to present a picture of our Swiss communities in Australia. Underpinned with many interesting visuals we covered a wide spectrum – business/science (SACCI, SAAN), folklore, history and main events (Swiss Festival etc). Every CSA Delegate received a copy of the book «The Swiss in New South Wales: A History», together with a holiday brochure about Australia. The presentation was very well received.

The **Congress** the next day (17 August) attracted around 380 Swiss from around the world. The theme was 'Switzerland in time of Globalisation' and visitors were able to participate in different workshops. During a chat with Federal Councillor Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf, the high-ranking politician revealed that she had family links to Australia and a visit downunder is on her agenda. Roland presented her with a copy of the SCV history book and movie documentary, which she gratefully accepted. In the evening we took the cable car up to the beautiful Hotel Schatzalp, were over dinner, many new acquaintances were made and old ones maintained.

Roland Isler - Council of the Swiss Abroad

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SWISSCHAM EVENTS

14/10 Swiss Ambassador Cup Melb.
20/11 Cruise with Europeans, Sydney
4/12 Eat, Meet & Greet, Sydney
5/12 Eat Meet & Greet, Melbourne

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Swiss Australian Academic Network
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www.sbs.com.au/german

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Welcome to the Swiss Club of Victoria providing a home away from Switzerland for members and friends. For the remainder of the year we have again planned various activities. Please join us on Wed & Thur club evenings. 4th Wed is Social Jass for all who enjoy a friendly game without stress. 1 Feb is the actual birthday of the Swiss Club, and we are planning a special event on Sat, 1 Feb 2014. Please refer to our social calendar on the website for further details closer to the date. The Swiss Festival Committee is also busy planning the next Swiss Festival on Sunday, 6th April in Queensbridge Square, Southbank.

Our interest groups, the Folk Dance Group Alpenrose, The SwissKids, The Companion Singers, the Swiss Dinners, the Laughter Club Helvetia and the Ladies Luncheon, are always looking for new participants.

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

VICTORIA EVENTS

17/10 Social Film Afternoon
25/10 Billiard Group, Club Champions.
2/11 Swiss Kids
2-3/11 Swiss & Italian Fiesta (Matterh.)
6/11 Ladies Luncheon
13/11 Mystery Trip (Trachtengruppe)
7/12 Swiss Kids

Victoria Events (cont.)

12/12 Kapelle Grüezi Mitenand
(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
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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
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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

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The Swiss National Day Picnic held on Sunday 4th August at the Austrian Club in Heidelberg West was a success, despite the wintery weather conditions, and from the feedback received, this new venue closer to the city will be the preferred place for future National Day celebrations.

We are looking forward to participating again with other Swiss groups in the Swiss & Italian Festa in Hepburn Springs on 2nd and 3rd of November. This festival celebrates the close links of the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs region with the Swiss and Italian communities, through the history of early settlers from these two countries. See www.swissitalianfesta.com

Erwin Weinmann

Swiss Folk Dance Group

Alpenrose
President: Sylvia Hochuli
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hochuli@tpg.com.au

The group had a successful year, organising the Unterhaltungsabend and the card nights at the Swiss Club. All our performances through out the year have given joy to many people, specially at the nursing homes.

We always welcome enquiries from prospective new members for the group. We wish all our friends and supporters a happy festive season and good health for 2014.

Trachtengruppe Schwyzergruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

(contact same as Alpenrose as above)

The group would like to invite the retired Swiss/Australian Community

(over sixty) to our mysterious and exiting Fahrt ins Blaue. Cost is \$ 30 per person, which includes a 3-course lunch.

If you are interested, please mail your cheque or call Sylvia (contact as above).

Silvia Hochuli

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Swiss Club of South Australia

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Our yearly Cheese Fondue dinner held at the Austrian Club was booked out early this year with more than 140 guests attending. A big thank you to the local companies donating fantastic raffle prizes.

This year we organized a luncheon on the 1st of August to celebrate our Swiss Heritage. On Sunday the 4th of August we celebrated the Swiss National Day at the boathouse. Reg the amazing Magician did not only entertain the children with his tricks; the adult's had a laugh too. Thanks to all the committee members and helpers.

We cordially invite all our members to the AGM on the 1st November at the Austrian Club followed by a dinner.

Our next events are being planned and we hope to see many of you attending them in the future. In October we have sausages sizzling on a stick in the Kuitpo Forest National Park just a stones throw away from the city.

The Christmas Party and a visit from Samichlaus are again at Glover playground. Bring your own picnic lunch and a cake to share. The Camping Weekend will be at Port Elliot Holiday Park in February.

Bruno Zueger

SA EVENTS

13/10 Sausage sizzling, Kuitpo Forest
1/11 AGM, Austrian Club
8/12 Samichlaus & Christmas Party
Feb Camping Weekend (date tbc)
(for more details of any up and coming event please refer to the Swiss Express)

Regular Events:

"**Hockete**" every 1st Friday of the month; come and join us along for a meal and a drink at the Austrian Association at 11-17 Torrens Road, Ovingham from 6 pm onwards.

The "Schwyzer-Frauechraenzli"

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

Swiss Corner Radio 5EBI FM Adelaide

The Swiss Radio Corner "Schweizerecke" every Saturday evening from 6-7 pm on **103.1FM**. Call (08) 8211 7066 and make a music request.

Western Australia

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Dear friends

A group of members organised the Fondue this year and was enjoyed by over 100 people. On behalf of the committee, I wish to thank you for your efforts.

Our second Swiss National Day Celebration on our property in Gidgegannup was a great success with 120 people attending. The meat, provided by Jean-Pierre from Antoine's Prime Meats in Rivervale, was outstanding. It was a pleasure to see so many people camp overnight - a great use of our property. A big thank you goes to all the people in the committee and their partners for their help and to everyone who was there for set up and pack away.

Our annual picnic will be on Sunday the 20th of October at the property in Gidgegannup. Please come along and enjoy a fun day with the traditional Rock Throwing event (Stei-Stosse) - even better if you arrive the day before and camp overnight.

The year will finish off with the Santa Claus/Samichlaus on Sunday the 8th of December at Perry Lakes. On the 23rd of February 2014, we have our Annual General Meeting.

What is left now is to wish all readers a wonderful festive season and a good start to the New Year.

Philippe Bossert, President Swiss Club of WA

WA EVENTS

20/10 Annual Picnic
8/12 Samichlaus / Santa Claus
23/2/14 AGM
(please check our website for updates)

The Guggeburras

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

Play Group

Every 1st Friday of the month. Cynthia Reed, 0409 295 775 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

Swiss Yodellers

Traditional Swiss folk group. Peter Mueller (see above)

The Swiss Club Down South

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Dear members and friends,

Another series of cooking classes were held in September. Those who participated have again enjoyed a delightful culinary experience. Please check our newsletter and the website for events.

CANBERRA EVENTS

20 or 27/10 (tbc) Jass Competition
8/11 AGM
8/12 Samichlaus
(please also refer to newsletter / website)

The regular **Jass evenings** are held every second Wednesday at the Harmonie German Club. New participants are always 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.

Canberra Community Radio FM91.1, broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 6-8pm. 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

13/10 Tournoi de pétanque (Cercle R.)
20/10 Buure Zmorge, Austrian Club
28/10 RYTE RYTE Roessli (Playgroup)
Nov Jass Tournament (tbc)
26/11 Prep. for Samichlaus (Playgroup)
30/11 Christmas luncheon (S.Seniors)
5/12 Cent. Coast Xmas Cruise (SCCS)
14/12 Children's Samichlaus (Playgr)
16/12 Usplampete, Eiger Restaurant
Feb Brunch (tbc) (Cercle Romand)
(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)

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)

President: Ursula Schappi
www.swissoculture.org.au

SACA held its Annual General Meeting on 16th August 2013 at the Goethe Institute, Wollahra. After many years of active contribution, Mrs Bronwen Kretz, decided not to stand for re-election and the meeting thanked Mrs Kretz for her past leadership.

At the close of the AGM, the Acting Consul General, Mr. Bernhard Furger, foreshadowed that a number of Swiss artists were invited to participate at the forthcoming 19th Biennale of Sydney, from March to June 2014.

The guest speaker of the night, Swiss-born artist, Lucienne Fontannaz then presented her latest artwork about the representation of women and sexuality in both the Middle Ages and in today's popular media imagery.

Ursula Schappi, President

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Dear Swiss

After a successful Swiss National Dinner function at the Concordia Club in Tempe and the Swiss picnic the following Sunday, pictures and stories are listed on Face book or the Swiss web page.

The Swiss club of NSW is continuing the ever popular "Buure Zmorge" at the Austrian club in Frenchs Forest on Sunday October 20 from 10am to 1pm. You are able to book for this event through www.trybooking.com or call me on 8677 0864 or 0403 502 048 to reserve your seat.

The Children's Samichlaus Event is this year at Forsyth Park "Neutral Bay" with a BBQ and free Hot dogs for the Kids. Please reserve your spot, as there is a maximum of only 70 participants all up. Contact Jessica from the play group on 0409-672-464 or sps@swiss.org.au.

"Usplampete" Christmas Monday the 16th of December is again at the Eiger Restaurant in Petersham as of 6pm. The Swiss Club is supplying quality Nuts, Chocolates and Christmas Cookies, all other food needs to be ordered in the restaurant.

We look forward to see you any of these Functions.

Daniel Frutiger, President

Swiss Play Group

Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre
16 Fitzroy St, Kirribilli (except July)
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The highlight of the year is without doubt the coming of Samichlaus. After this, I wrap up following 4 happy years in the Playgroup. Our new leaders will be Nicola Enz Quealy & Noemi Bangel (CSA Delegate), whom we thank in advance and wish many happy playdates.

In 2014, the Swiss playgroup will be looking for a new home and will be meeting on the last Friday of the month. We are looking for parents with young children who would like to come and join us for craft, a Swiss story, song or other activity and enjoy some Schweizerdeutsch. For more info please contact Noemi.

Jessica Steiger-Thorpe



Children & parents grilling servelats and Spies at our August Playgroup!

Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

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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

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The yodlers have been busy these past few months. In June they sang at the fondue evening at The Eiger Restaurant in Leichhardt, in July for the seniors lunch and on 1 August at the Concordia Club for a Swiss National Day Dinner, together with the alphorn players.



Schweizer Kobras

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The yodlers' annual Swiss National Day Celebration, officially opened by Acting Consul General, Mr. Bernhard Furgler, took place on Sunday Aug 4. A big thank you is in order to the bands and the entertaining performance by the 'Alpengruss' dance group. New market stalls also added variety to the Swiss goods, products and services on sale - the Swiss beer sold out very quickly.

Our next performance will be on Saturday, 12 October together with four local German choirs at St Christophorus Church, Croydon, followed by the Swiss Seniors' Christmas luncheon on Saturday, 30 November. The ever popular Swiss Yodlers' Harbour Cruise will take place on Saturday, 1 March 2014. Further details will be provided in the next issue.

Alois Kretz, President

Cercle Romand Du N.S.W.

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Pour le comité, Christian Dubois, secrét.

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

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www.swiss.org.au/scs

Xmas luncheon at Concordia on Nov 30 and Central Coast Xmas cruise on Dec 5. There is also a concert party. Please call us for a reservation. Talk to us, keep in touch!

Armin Roth

Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

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QUEENSLAND EVENTS

- 19/10 Dinner Dance
- 2/11 AGM & Table games
- 17/11 Helper & New Member BBQ
- 24/11 End of year Picnic (Gold Coast)
- 1/12 Samichlaus Brisbane
- 7/12 AGM & Xmas Lunch (SCCS)
- 7/12 Christmas by Candlelight (Sunsh.C)
- 8/12 Samichlaus (Fraser Coast)
- 12/12 Last Jass evening for 2013
- Feb Carnivale Dinner Dance (tbc)
- 2/2 Sunday @ the Beach (Fraser C.)

(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 or visit swissplaygroup.blogspot.com

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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

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Katja Wallimann Gates, President

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4 informal Get-togethers per year,
Ladies Luncheon & Games nights.
Event details see website

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Our Swiss National Day, attended by

43 adults and 5 children, was held at a new venue, the community hall at Kureelpa. The hall was decorated in the national colours of Switzerland, red and white, and with flags, lampions and candle lights. A raffle was held as a fund raiser for the Club, the many lovely prizes on offer ensured that the tickets sold quickly.

The next scheduled function of the Club is the Christmas by Candlelight Dinner on Dec 7 at the Yandina RSL Hall. Members and non members are welcome. Events for 2014 are not yet finalised and will be on our 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 on the Sunshine Coast every month to catch up and have a chat. Details are placed on our website and sent out via direct email.

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!

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