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AUSTRALIA

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Given the size of the consular district and extensive travel involved for many Swiss citizens to comply with this legal obligation, we offer the possibility for those members of the colony living far from Sydney, to organize biometric data collection at any cantonal passport office in Switzerland or Swiss representation overseas with the required facility, while travelling to Switzerland or abroad.

Persons interested to use this exceptional procedure should contact the Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney at least one month prior to the planned travel.

Ernst Steinmann, Consul General

CSA. President's Meeting at Embassy September 27

The first conference of the Swiss Club Presidents in Australia, September 27 in Canberra, is taking shape. Already, we have 34 interested participants from Australia and we are likely to get the visit from a Delegate from Berne, Mr. Peter Zimmerli, responsible for Consular Services. This will enable us to get first hand information on the most urgent topics concerning the Swiss Abroad, like the draft law on the Swiss Abroad. ASO may also delegate someone, yet to be confirmed.

If you still want to register, or have any questions, please send me an email at beatek@ozemail.com.au.

Beat Knoblauch, CSA Delegate

Editorial. Move to CH/ Spring CSA Meeting

Dear Readers

After 14 years in Australia, my wife and I moved to Switzerland on Jan 26, 2014 to enjoy our second careers and everything else Europe has on offer. I am very pleased to announce that I will still continue as Editor of the Swiss Review for Australia. Further, it has been confirmed by Bern that I can continue as a CSA Delegate, for now. As it would be ideal to have delegates from within a country, I would like to encourage everyone to put your name forward for this interesting role. If you need any detailed information, please get in contact with the Delegates via www.swiss.org.au/csa.

One advantage of residing in Switzerland is that I can visit all CSA meetings twice a year at virtually no travel cost. So here is a wrap-up of what has been discussed at the spring session of March 22:

- The initiative «Against mass immigration» created quite a stir; 12 cantons, which had data separated between Swiss residents and expats living overseas showed that expats voted with a higher majority against the initiative. The discussion was emotional and some Delegates said that it is not the purpose of the CSA to politicise the issue and stick to the decision made; certainly a hot topic for many years to come, wherever you are in politics.
- SwissCommunity passed 30000 members and is growing. It is the preferred platform initiated by the ASO, to discuss any topic amongst the expat community. Are you part of it already?
- The «Auslandsschweizerengesetz» has passed the Ständerat on March 17. It is the most significant upcoming piece of legislation for us Expats. The CSA likes to pay tribute to Filippo Lombardi, Ständerat, for all his work and engagement.
- A presentation was made about the «Vorsorge 2020». It makes a new proposal of how to securely finance the AHV and BVG beyond 2020. The draft will be presented to the parliament by end of 2014.
- We also had an interesting presentation by prohelvetia. They have a great website about Swiss art around the world. For more details, please visit: www.swissartselection.ch.

If anyone is visiting Switzerland, and you have some spare time, why not drop-in for a chat and coffee. Just send me an email.

All the best and hopefully see you soon.

Marc Godat, CSA Delegate & Swiss Review Editor



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CSA Spring Meeting in the Rathaus in Bern, March 22, 2014.

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SWISSCHAM EVENTS



15 May 2014:
Swiss Award in
Australia
Swiss Hotel, Sydney
All registrations
are welcome!

Major event partner: Glencore

SAAN

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

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www.sbs.com.au/german

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Melbourne: 93.1FM / Sydney: 97.7FM
or digitally (DAB+) on SBS-2 in Perth,
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VICTORIA EVENTS

- 21/4 Comedy Festival ends
- 23/4 Social Jass
- 1/5 Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand
- 3/5 Unterhaltungsabend (Alpenrose)
- 7/5 Ladies' Luncheon
- 10/5 Jass Night (Matterhorn)
- 19/5 «Better than a Swiss Army Knife»
Good Beer Week @ Restaurant
- 21/5 Movie Night: Canzun Alpina
- 24/5 Saturday session: Jazz
- 28/5 Social Jass
- 28/5 Beer Tasting: AU vs International
- 31/5 Jass Night
- 5/6 Kapelle Gruezi 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.

Les Bavards

French conversation group meets every
2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6:30pm.

SwissKids

Convenor: Esther Blaser-Tokarev
Tel: 0424 220 523
esther.blaser@gmx.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

3rd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Swiss Diners Club

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

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

19 Lockwood Rd
Belgrave Heights VIC 3160
President: Chris Hostettler
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helvet@bigpond.com
www.swiss.org.au/matterhorn

With the Swiss Festival successfully
behind us, we are now preparing for
next big event, the Swiss National Day
Picnic on Sunday, 3rd August. We are
still looking for seriously interested
singers/yodellers to join us - including
some female voices!

Erwin Weinmann

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli
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It is with sadness and a smile that I
write these words. Gwen Eckhardt, a
founding member of the Swiss Folk
Dance Group Alpenrose, passed away at
a nursing home in Canberra.

I have had the privilege to talk to
Gwen throughout the years. Gwen was
always interested to hear about the
group, where we performed, and how
the members were. We all have fond
memories of Gwen.

The Dance Group is organising the
Unterhaltungsabend at the Swiss Club
on May 3, 7.30pm with a three-course
dinner; Kappelle Gruezi mitenand will
entertain. Tombola with lots of prizes.
Cost \$40p.p. Bookings via Swiss Club
or Sylvia. Come and join in the fun and
support the group.

We practice very Tuesday night at the
club. We like to have more members.
Why not come and join us?

Sylvia Hochuli

Trachtengruppe Schwyzgruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

(contact Silvia Hochuli - as above)

Groupe Romand Du Victoria

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On Easter Monday, 21 April 2014, we
meet at the beach for a BBQ from 12
noon at the Port Malm Reserve -
Semaphore Beach Park, Military Road,
Semaphore (UBD Page 91 E12). Come
by bike along the ocean and breathe
the fresh sea air.

Our very popular and much loved
Fondue Dinner takes place on the 3rd
of May 2014, again at the Austrian
Association, Torrens Road, Ovingham.
Tell your friends and introduce them to
our very traditional dish over which so
much fun and laughter is had.

On Sunday, the 6th of June 2014, the
Swiss Club of SA Inc. is host to the
4th Australian Jass Championship.
Preparations are in full swing and
some registrations have already been
received. Closing date for registrations
is **May 25, 2014**. Please contact the
Swiss Club of SA Inc. if you need more
registration forms.

Ruth Bloch, Treasurer

SA EVENTS

- 21/4 BBQ at the Beach
- 3/5 Fondue Dinner, Austrian Assoc.
- 6/6 Australian Jass Championship
(for more details of any up and coming
event please refer to the Swiss Express)

Sunday, 8 June 2014 Australian Jass Championship

Organized by the Swiss Club of SA
at the Austrian Association
11-17 Torrens Road
Ovingham SA 5082

Information and registration:
swissclubofsa@gmail.com

Regular SA 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.

"Jassabig" every second Month - first
Friday (same time & date as Hockete).

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

Swiss Corner Radio 5EBI FM Adelaide
The Swiss Radio Corner "Schweizer-
erecke" every Saturday evening from
6-7 pm on 103.1FM. Call (08) 8211 7066
and make a music request.

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At our AGM, new members were voted into the committee and I personally have handed over the reigns as President to Ursula Knecht. Ursula is enthusiastic to keep the existing functions going and create a strong membership.

Mid-February we held our second Bickley Dam swim and picnic. This was again a huge success with lots of families attending and in the hot weather, the crispy water provided a welcome refuge.

A few dates have already been set for the year, starting with the Easter Picnic in April. The committee has decided that we will organise the Metzgete / Slaughter Feast this year after a break last year. Details will be sent out in a newsletter and available on the website. The Fondue is also being held again on June 21.

If you have not been to our events, I encourage you to come along to at least one this year, to experience the casual atmosphere and catch up with people from the home land. If you have children, a visit to the property in Gidgegannup is a must. In times when most kids are only used to structured play, the bush setting lets them and their imaginations run wild in a fenced-off area.

Best wishes

Philippe Bossert, Vice-Pres. Swiss Club of WA

WA EVENTS

- 20/4 Easter Picnic
- 10/5 Metzgete / Slaughter Feast
- 21/6 Fondue

(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

Petra Clogher - 0404 671 913 petrajost00@gmail.com
Facebook: Swiss Playgroup Perth

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

Nicole May, 276 Holbenroad Cowaramup WA 6284
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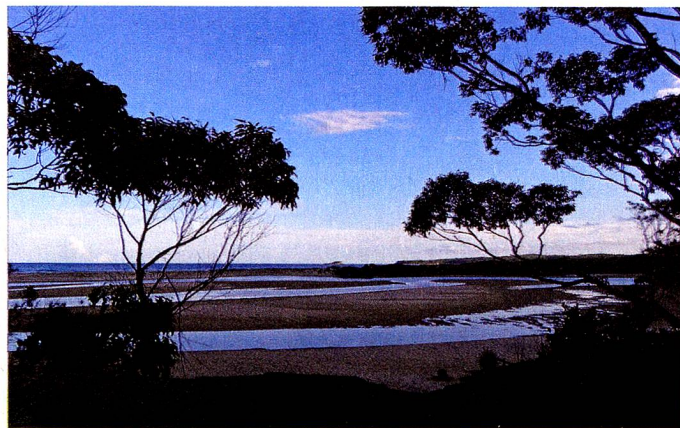
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Lagoon at North Durras, Canberra Swiss Club Inc.

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Dear members and friends,

Our coast weekend in early March was attended by twenty members, a healthy number considering there was a long weekend in Canberra with lots on the calendar. On Saturday night, we held a raclette under the stars between two threatening storms, one over the sea and the other along the mountains. We were spared from having to seek shelter and instead, experienced an extraordinary lightning display throughout the night. It was just as if we had taken the Canberra Enlightenment festival with us to the coast. Earlier on Saturday, some played a game of golf at Batemans Bay. Five members joined in the fun, making the nine holes in just over four hours. Anyone who plays golf can imagine how much fun that was. A favourable tide on Sunday morning made it possible to safely walk around the headland to Depot Beach. It was a great outing for young and old. Monika, our resident Geologist, explained some of the interesting layered formations along the cliffs. We even saw a young octopus in his garden, just like the Beatles described it in their song 'Octopus's garden'. Of course, there was the mandatory collection of shells and pebbles, and at the end of it all, Gaby found a sizeable rock she never knew she had in her bag. You see, just join the Canberra Swiss Club and you are assured to have some fun.

CANBERRA EVENTS

- 4/5 Bushwalk
- 13/6 Fondue Night

(please also refer to newsletter / website)

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

Canberra Swiss Club Choir We sing 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 Community Radio FM91.1, broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 6-8pm. Gaby and Werner present an informative and entertaining programs with local content and news from Switzerland. So tune in your radios on Monday nights.

Heinz Buettikofer, President

New South Wales

NSW EVENTS

- 27/4 Chestnut Picking, Kookootonga Nut Farm, Mt. Irvine
 - 9/5 Concert outing, opera house (SCCS)
 - 18/5 Buure Zmorge, Austrian Club
- (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 Friday -** Swiss Play Group (Kirribilli, except July)

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)

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Dear Swiss compatriots,

The new Year has seen a few successful events organised by the NSW Swiss club. The recent Jazz Picnic was well attended with lots of Young Swiss Pa-rents and their babies. The Swiss club offered drinks which made all the difference. Also the BBQ, which was "again supplied by the Club" at Bronte Beach where 30 people had a great time, even though the Rain interrupted us for while.

Don't forget to visit the Chestnut Farm with us on Sunday, the 27th. April. Time and place is on the website and Face book. The ever popular Buure Zmorge is on again on Sunday the 18th of May at the Austrian club at Frenchs Forest. Please visit the new website for more details about all Events.

I wish all members a pleasant autumn, please support your Club.

Daniel Frutiger, President

Swiss Play Group

North Sydney Community Center
Inside Civic Park, 220 Miller St.
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noemi@gustavkaser.com.au
www.swiss.org.au/sps

The Swiss playgroup meets at the above address on the last Friday of the month (unless school holidays) from 10-12. On all other Fridays, the playgroup will meet at various venues in Sydney. A calendar has been drafted for the activities for 2014, for more information please contact Noemi.

Noemi Bangel

Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

Beatrice Sidari. Tel: (02) 9602 9395
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Annual Harbour Cruise, Swiss Yodelers of Sydney

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
President: Alois Kretz
Tel: (02) 9419 7277
akretz@bigpond.net.au

The weather was more than kind; it was brilliant on the night of our Annual Harbour Cruise, taking in the sites of Sydney harbour as the sun sank slowly in the west. On board a spacious ferry which was more than suitable to the task, guests enjoyed an evening of music with Hugo and Walter of the SwissOz Connection, Sigi Ackermann and his Schweizerhandlorgeli, ourselves and fine ambiance.

On April 5, we took part in a German Saengerfest at the Concordia Club, Tempe. Being involved for the first time was most interesting for our group.

Our traditional celebration of the Swiss National Day will be held on Sunday 3 August 2014 at the Castle Hill Show Ground. More details will follow in the next issue.

Alois Kretz, President

Cercle Romand Du N.S.W.

Présidente: Anne Resplendino
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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, secrét.

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

P.O.Box 82, Bondi Junction, NSW 1355
President: Armin Roth
Tel: (02) 9669 1749
Contact / Organizer:
Ursula Mosser: (02) 9428 5593
scs@swiss.org.au
www.swiss.org.au/scs

We have only one function; a concert outing on Friday, 9th May at the Opera House. Reservation is required. Talk to us, keep in touch!

Armin Roth

Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

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Detailed information about the activities can be found on our website.

QUEENSLAND EVENTS

27/4 Jass Meisterschaft
3/5 Fondue
4/5 Cheese fondue w.Koalas (Fraser)
21/6 Raclette
(organized by SSQ unless otherwise stated)

Jass Regular Jass evenings held each alternate week. Contact: Fredi Vogel: 3289 1183, or Rita von Rotz: 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

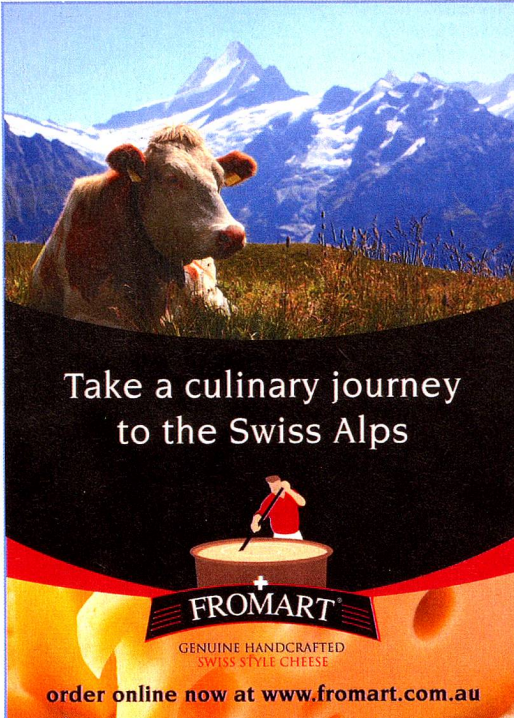
Rita von Rotz, President

Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

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Baerg-Roeseli meets every second Thursday at 7.30pm at the Danish Club to practice singing with our teacher Elspeth, 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 are interested in joining us or book us for a function we welcome your enquiries.

Katja Wallimann Gates, President



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Join us at the "Cheese fondue with Koalas", Fraser Coast Swiss Group

Fraser Coast Swiss Group

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4 informal Get-togethers per year, Ladies Luncheon & Games nights.

Swiss Club Sunshine Coast

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Events for this year have been proposed at our AGM on March 21. They will subsequently be posted on our website.

Our regular "Ladies Lunch" on the first Friday of every month continues to be popular, as is the "Gentlemen's Lunch" on the same day. Following a successful trial and by popular request, it will be proposed to the AGM to combine the two and have one lunch, 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.

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!

Beatrice Bruin-Broennimann

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