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Swiss Market Day in Auckland

After months of preparations, the big day finally arrived on Saturday 10th May – our 5th annual Swiss Market day! And what a success it was... bigger and better than ever before. We had hundreds of people of all nationalities come and enjoy our special day which turned out to be an incredible Swiss Cultural day. We had amazing performers such as Peter Canziani on his accordion, the Swiss Kiwi Yodelers and alhorn players and, as a first this year, the Auckland Guggemusik.

It was buzzing from start to finish, everyone had a huge smile on their face and people got to meet friends they hadn't seen in a while. The "Festhütte" (party tent) was jam packed and everyone loved the unique atmosphere of the day. A special treat for young and old was the presence of eight dogs from the North Island St. Bernard Association. Members of the Association drove up from Taranaki and Tauranga to be part of our Swiss Market day and let us admire and pat their St. Bernard and Bernese Mountain dogs. How special, especially for the kids, to see how cute, fluffy and large those famous dogs are!

I would like to thank everyone who was part of the Swiss Market very much for their tremendous effort in helping out. A special thank you goes to Herbert Staheli who finally got to be in charge of some orange cones for a change, everyone from the Auckland Swiss Club who helped with the set up, clean up and sausage sizzle, the 50 stall holders who all made a special effort and of course thank you to everyone who visited and enjoyed the Swiss Market day! It was a very special day yet again – but for now I have had enough of cheese, table layouts and facebook posts... until next year!

Yours, Tanja Latham-Zurbrugg

