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Word from the editor

Dear Helvetia Readers,

Queen's Birthday weekend was yet another high light amongst the Swiss community of New Zealand. This year the annual gathering for the AGM of the Swiss Society was held in Wellington – my favourite because it involves a plane...

We spent the most wonderful weekend together with friends young and old from near and far. Saturday night was such fun with the Swiss quiz (should have really brushed up on Bond, James Bond....) – well done Natalie, it was an awesome game you put together for us all!

Sunday was the final of the Cowbell competition: Congratulations to Hamilton! You so deserve that win! Their president was over the moon with pride (rightly so!) he even lost his voice... poor Herbert.

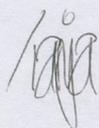
This has been the 26th year of the Cowbell competition. Almost half the time Taranaki has won the trophy (14 times). Hamilton has won it 7 times now, Wellington 3 times and Auckland twice – but let's move on...

Wellington has done an absolutely tremendous job that weekend! We enjoyed wonderful dinners Saturday and Sunday, as well as lunch, desserts, Glühwein – you name it! On behalf of everyone attending the functions in Wainuiomata I would like to extend a huge thank you to Roland and the Wellington Swiss Club committee. You did an outstanding amount of work to please us all and you succeeded, well done to you all!

We are now in our 4th and final year to host the Swiss Society in Auckland. In June 2016 Hamilton will take over the Society and therefore also the production of the Helvetia.

On the next page we have printed the whole President's speech held at the AGM on 31st May 2015. I hope you find it interesting to hear what the committee of the Swiss Society and the Helvetia team has been up to these last 12 months. And just in case you wondered – we have not been twiddling our thumbs...

Liebi Grüessli
us Blockhouse Bay,




President Herbert tried hard ... but Taranaki proved too strong



Walter from Hamilton motivating his troups before the shot put



Adrian trying hard (great style!!!) but Hamilton was far too strong.



Richard and Daniel putting the skittles in their place.

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