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## Swiss Club News

# Taranaki Swiss Club

### Past Events

Jassen results:

#### 21 June

1st Alby Schuler  
2nd Margrit Dudli  
3rd Mathias Seifert, Frieda Meier and Heidi Seifert, however Mathias won the cut.  
Booby Joe Buhler  
Raffle winners were Othmar Hebler, Heidi Werder, Mathias Seifert and Robert Buhler.

#### 12 July

1st Robert Buhler  
2nd Josie Gillbanks  
3rd Frieda Meier and Heidi Werder – all these players scored 14 points, however Heidi lost the cut!!!  
Booby Maya Stutz  
Lucky raffle winners this week were Myrtha Seifert (twice – must have been your lucky day ... if not in cards then the raffles!!!), Alby Schuler and Margrit Dudli.

#### 19 July

1st Zeno von Hospenthal  
2nd Alby Schuler  
3rd Heidi Seifert, with Walter Seifert also scoring 16 but lost the cut!!!  
Booby Myrtha Seifert, with Joe Buhler also scoring the lowest but lost the cut!!! Well, unfortunately you didn't win anything in cards, Joe!!!  
Raffle winners this week were Frieda Meier, Myrtha Seifert and Joe Buhler (twice) ... well Joe, at least you won something in the end!!!

**Winners of the Jassen Cup 2015 ...** after all the card playing we ended up with a three-way tie!!! Congratulations to Heidi Werder, Heidi Seifert and Walter Seifert who all achieved 76 points. Following closely behind were Alby Schuler and Mathias Seifert on 74 points. Well done to you all.

Words of thanks ...

On behalf of the Taranaki Swiss Club I would like to thank everyone who attended our seven card afternoons this year! The attendance was a bit lower than last year, but we still had about fourteen players on average. Some of our regulars were away on holiday in Switzerland. I would like to say a very special thank you to Heidi Werder who donated 1kg of honey to each of our raffles which enabled us to have four draws in each raffle!! Also many thanks to Berta Sidler and Zeno von Hospenthal who both donated several packs of new Swiss cards to the Club! Thank you to Frieda Meier for always helping me! I wish you all a happy spring-time and look forward to seeing you all again for next years' cards!

Regards  
Walter Seifert

#### 1st of August

On Saturday 1st of August we celebrated the Swiss National Day at our Club house in Kaponga. We had a good crowd of 110 people enjoying some Swiss culture and tradition. We listened to the interesting speech of the President of Switzerland, Mme Simonetta Sommaruga followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Our great little singing group sang some traditional Swiss songs, followed by our musical team of Zeno, Peter Canziani, Conrad Mittermeier (our talented German import!) and Bernard Schmid providing wonderful entertainment. Thank you to you all for sharing your musical talents with us. Heidi and Doreen masterminded a great fashion parade involving the colourful mask the Zehnders had won at the Swiss Society AGM in Wellington ... it was great and certainly created many laughs!!! The Swiss Society medals were presented, and it was great seeing so many of our junior members receiving medals ... thanks so much for participating and hopefully next year we will see more children taking part, making the competition even better. Bryce presented some karabiner shooting medals and the Joe Dettling Memorial Trophy was won by Mark Kiser. Walter presented the 'jassen' cup which was a three-way tie between Heidi Werder, Heidi Seifert and Walter himself!!! I

hope that you all get the cup for FOUR months each!!! The keglen trophies were then presented by Heidi Werder ... and who received the most? ... our skilled keglen mistress herself!!! Well done Heidi for scoring the most points during the season and achieving the highest score on any given night!!! A talent for sure!!! The men's trophy was won by Othmar Hebler and the highest score on any given night was achieved by Adrian Drummond ... winning a trophy after only attending one night!!! Must have been a lucky night, Adrian!!! Well done President Othmar ... you truly deserved your trophy!!! The Len and Molly Chamberlain Memorial Cup for literacy was won by Peter and Norine Muller for their great work on the Muller Family History ... a truly great book, one of which we have in our Swiss Club library. Next, tombola tickets were sold by the Pennington children, Richard Drummond and Helen Werder ... many thanks for your exceptional work ... we really appreciated your help. Thanks to Erna and Heidi for organising the great prizes which many people were lucky enough to win ... Shane Wolfe won an amazing pot plant holder created



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and donated by Ruedi Kull which unfortunately wouldn't fit in the 'mini' he came in ... however Erna was pleasantly surprised when she was able to purchase it from him ... Erna wondered how good she would be at keeping the plants alive ... so good luck, Erna!!!

An absolutely delicious supper was prepared by the committee ladies, Margaret Bishop and Lisette Benkert ... thank you all very much for your divine baking and creativity in preparing the cheese and fine meat platters. Everyone certainly seemed to enjoy the supper, as was notice by how much we all managed to eat!!! People continued to chat for a while and some hardy card players only left at 3.30am!!! All that practice must have helped you win the cup, eh Heidi Werder and Walter????!!!

On behalf of the committee, I wish to thank Othmar, Zeno, Leo Zehnder, Lisette Benkert and Kathi Appert very much for contacting all our members and selling tickets ... we are very grateful that you give up your time and put so much effort in doing this job. Thank you to everyone who attended the evening, and we hope that you all enjoyed yourselves.

Thank you to the committee members who turned up the next day to clean the hall, have our final committee meeting after the winters' activities and enjoy lunch amid chatter and laughter. Many hands make light work!!!

### Welcome to new members:

We welcome Steivan and Arnika Juvalta who reside in New Plymouth, and Matt and Nadine Gugi together with their children Melina, Amelie and Jayden, who are farming in South Taranaki. We hope that you will enjoy it in the 'Naki' and that we will see you at some of our future functions.

If anyone wishes to join our Club, please ring Marianne on 06 7628757 or Othmar on 06 2786878. We always look forward to seeing new members and please remember to look up your calendar of events or the website to ensure that you attend as many functions as possible.

## Forthcoming Events

### October

**1&15** Oops ... last month I wrote "see you again in November" ... but I forgot about the October functions!!! Keglen recommences under the watchful eye of Heidi Werder. The 9-pin bowling commences at 7.30pm ... this is a very social evening with much chatter and laughter besides the keglen!!! Come along and support Heidi in her endeavours to get more participants!

**18** Mark should be back from Switzerland by now and welcomes you to the small bore shooting programme. This month we will hold the Trudi Ott Belt Shoot (one of our oldest shooting trophies) and the Championship Shoot from 1.00pm. Please come along and support Mark, who is more than willing to help coach members.

### November

**5&19** Keglen, once again, from 7.30pm. Heidi looks forward to seeing you!!!

**8** This is the final day to order your sausages and fine meats for the November purchases. For orders, please ring Lisette on 06 7628718 or Marianne on 06 7628757. Your timely orders are really appreciated!!!

**14** The Embassy of Switzerland is hosting a carnival and would like us to attend; the more the merrier!!! Depending on the number of Taranaki members wishing to head south for this fun experience, Othmar will drive a mini-bus or bus. Accommodation will be at Wainuiomata with the wonderful Trudi providing breakfast!!! Now, that's something not to be missed!!! If you are keen to attend or would like to know more about this function, please ring Othmar on 06 278 6878.

**22** Small bore shooting again from 1.00pm with the Ted Napflin Memorial Shield being contested, together with the Championship Shoot. Go on, give Mark your support.

\*\*Please note the change of date due to the trip to Wellington.\*\*

**20** Yeah ... our committee is holding

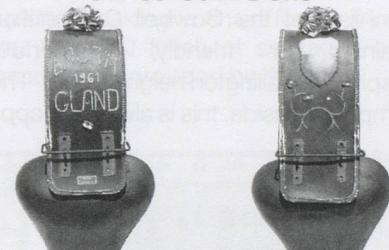
its' traditional BBQ on this evening. As usual ladies please bring a salad and the rest is under control!!! Let's hope so anyway!!!

**29** The Christmas Shoot / Keglen will be held on this day, with children's Christmas activities being organised, a pot-luck lunch and the appearance of Father Christmas ... hard to believe that it was one year ago when we held this event last!!! All participants need to bring a wrapped prize worth at least \$10.00, and will of course get one back after the shooting / keglen competition has been held. Cost of the event for taking part in the competition is \$5.00 per person. Parents / grandparents, please bring a named, wrapped present for your child / children for Father Christmas to distribute; there is no charge for the children. This is a great social day to let us know that Christmas is just around the corner!!! We do look forward to your support.

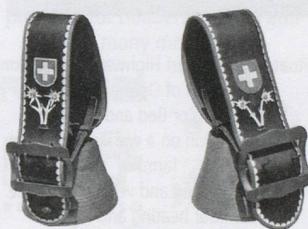
### December

**2&3** We will be hosting a Swiss Farmers' Group consisting of 25 people

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and we are looking for people who would be keen to billet them. Hosts will be paid for this, so if you are interested in billeting some of these tourists, please ring Othmar on 06 278 6878 or Marianne on 06 762 8757.

**31** Well ... yes ... it's New Year's Eve ... where has the year gone??!!! A fun evening will be held at the Swiss Club with members of the Campervan Club. Happy Hour starts around 4.00pm, followed by a BYO BBQ at 6.00pm. The evening's entertainment will start around 8.00pm ... and if you have an item to share with us, we would love to hear from you!!! Please note that this function is a BYO for drinks as a Special Licence has not been applied for for this function.

*Please note: The Taranaki Swiss Club applies for Special Licences to sell liquor for most functions and when we hold a Licence people may not bring their own alcohol. However when we don't have a Special Licence (only New Year's Eve and very small functions), the function then becomes a BYO.*

### February 2016

**27** Now, I know this is early ... but it's being printed so you can set aside this weekend to help us compete in the semi-final of the Cowbell Competition against our friendly, wonderfully hospitable Wellington neighbours!!! The competition aside, this is always a happy



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weekend with plenty of laughs!!! Not that we're fierce in competition ... but please don't let Mathias and Albi play competition cards ... their reputation is to lose by a couple of points!!!??!! Just kidding guys!!! Please, ring Othmar and book your seat ... you won't be disappointed going on this trip!!!

MD

powered lights, as experience had proved that that works better than candles in Windy Wellington. The rain was pouring heavily that evening, which dampened some of our enthusiasm.... Nevertheless some of us showed up (see photo of the courageous few!), got drenched and kept somehow protected from more rain by playing the shooting and lottery games at the nearby Winter Festival.

### 8 August: National Day Dinner

It was a small gathering this year as many were in Switzerland or taken ill at the last minute. Never mind, it was a lovely evening. Once again, the kitchen team surpassed themselves with a lovely Pastetli dinner and mystery dessert (I wonder how many guessed what the special ingredient was in the "Vermicelles"?!). Thank you also to Marc who brought a bunch of fireworks and sparklers; the kids had a great time with those, despite the cold and rain outside.

### 6 September: Jassen

Jassen afternoons are always enjoyable, with ever changing constellations of players: Some are back from Switzerland, some are still in Switzerland, some are going to Switzerland. Some were needed at home - but we still had a table of players and they fought hard until the last minute! We also had a table of non-players, where we sewed, embroidered, knitted – no, not in complete silence. Of course we had coffee and a collection of delicious cakes halfway through the afternoon.

## Forthcoming Events

### 4 October, 7 November, 29 November: Jassen

New players are always welcome. Please contact Trudi on 562-8019 for more information and time/venue details. Also please note that the December Jassen has been moved to 29 November as Samichlaus will visit the Club House on 6 December.

### 10 October: Bernese Evening

Always a popular event and as usual our Taranaki friends will be joining us. More details will follow as soon as Roland is back from Switzerland.

# Wellington Swiss Club

## Past Events

### 12 July: Movie Day

Do you remember 'Die Schweizermacher'? I remembered that I had a great time seeing that film in Switzerland, many, many years ago. I really wanted to see it once more, but feared it might have become rosier in my memory. Well, it was still funny and we had many good laughs. A pity only a few members came to this afternoon. It is a pleasure to see films on our professional screen, with a professional projector, and I look forward to our next movie day; it could become a habit...

### 26 July: Jassen

As the beginning of August was a bit crowded, we had our August Jassen Sunday in July, and it was a pleasant afternoon – for the card players as well as for Rosina and me who enjoyed the stress-free socialising. No Zwätschgewähe this time; we were treated to delicious left-over Birthday cake, and a trial run of 1st August-Weggen.

### 1 August: Lampion Walk

Well, neither the Petone Winter Festival nor the weather were cooperative that day! Given that the Winter Festival and its fireworks were scheduled for 1st August on Petone Beach, we cancelled our annual bonfire and replaced it with a lampion walk. The kids had made beautiful lampions with milk plastic bottles at the club house on movie day. We equipped them with battery

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### 18 October: Club Walk/Garage Sale Drop Off

Our next Club walk will be in Wainuiomata. Details will be emailed. After the walk, we will retreat to the Club House for a shared afternoon tea (please bring a plate). If you have any goods you wish to donate for the Club's garage sale, you can bring them with you on that day.

### 7 November: Garage Sale

This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and we need your donations of quality goods. Your donations can be dropped off at the Club House at any event, or get in touch with us to arrange a drop-off time. If you need larger items to be collected, please get in touch with us as early as possible so that we can organise this. It takes our volunteers a lot of time and effort to collect goods so they really appreciate having as much notice as possible.

### 14 November: Working Bee

Many hands make light work and our Club House needs a bit of a spring clean. So let's get together and have a working bee in and around the Club House. The more of us, the less work there will be to do. But of course, it's not all work and no fun, so make sure you bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Once the work is done, we'll have a game of cards or keglen. Or just a good old chat.

### 6 December: Samichlaus

As usual, Samichlaus and Schmutzli will

visit the Club House and give out lovely treats to the children who have been good during the year (and we all know what happens to those who haven't been good!). Parents, you might like to start thinking about a good thing your child has achieved during the year and one thing they need to improve on.

### 12 December: Christmas Dinner

This year our Christmas dinner will be on Saturday 12 December. More details will be emailed closer to the date.

## Hamilton Swiss Club

### Past Events

Swiss National Day Celebrations were held on Sunday 2nd August at the Matangi Hall for a lunchtime function. We had 125 people attend including families, the band and committee. A lovely meal of Sauerkraut, Potatoes, Speck, Ham and two varieties of Sausages was served. There was plenty for everyone and most people had a chance for second helpings. We were very fortunate to have the Swiss-Kiwi Yodel Group travel from Auckland to provide entertainment throughout the afternoon. This was certainly a special treat for everyone and enjoyed by all. The sound of all those Alphorns surely makes everyone feel a bit homesick. There was also a bit of an informal sing-along which provided a great atmosphere. The children's lampion parade was also well attended by the younger generation – great to see most of these children in Swiss costumes, as well as a lot of the adults. After lunch, we had the opportunity to listen to the speech from the Swiss Federal President and then it was time for the lucky ticket draw with some great prizes to choose from. Soon it was time for afternoon tea and again a great selection of home-made baking – always very popular together with the coffee schnapps. Many thanks to all the helpers – especially Vitus for making and cooking the Sauerkraut. There were a lot of comments on how great it was. Also thanks to all those who helped with the setting up and tidying up – many hands make light work.

### Forthcoming Events

Film Afternoon will be held on Sunday 18th October 1pm at the Tivoli Theatre, 32 Lake Street in Cambridge. The film will be "Kaeserei Goldingen" and this will be followed by refreshments. Cost is \$15 per ticket which includes crackers and cheese after the film (drinks available for purchase). Tickets must be pre-purchased either by contacting Beatrice on 07 843-7971 or email [be.leun@xtra.co.nz](mailto:be.leun@xtra.co.nz)

Family Walk will be held on Sunday 1st November at 11am. We will be meeting at the carpark on Limeworks Loop Road for this 2 1/2 hour return Pirongia Nikau walk. Bring a picnic lunch. Directions from Hamilton – take SH23 to Whatawhata, turn left on to Te Pahu Rd after the bridge over Waipa River. Limeworks Loop Road is about 10.6km on the right. For further information contact Anita 0274 985170.

Family Christmas Function will be held on Sunday 6th December – Samichlaus is held at 11am at the Newstead School on Morrinsville Road. There will be outdoor activities as well as biscuit decorating and card-making indoors. Santa will arrive during the afternoon. We will have a Christmas raffle, so please bring along some coins. Any donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted. Also please bring a plate of baking to share for afternoon tea. A BBQ lunch of sausages and bread will be provided by the club.

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# Auckland Swiss Club

### Past Events

#### Swiss National Day Celebration and Annual Fondue, 1 August

110 members attended a lovely Swiss National Day function. It was nice to catch up with many members and meet new people over a glass of excellent 'Glühwein'. The fondue was absolutely delicious. A big thank you to the kitchen team for all their hard work. The evening was rounded out with singing by the Female Choir and entertainment by Albert Ryter. Thank you both. We of course can't forget the raffle with excellent prizes up for grabs, although there were a lot of blue winning tickets. It was a great night and we celebrated Switzerland's birthday in style.

#### Pub Night, Flight 605 Bar in Morningside, 7 August

10 members joined Gary Keller in the aptly named 'Flight 605' bar in Morningside. The bar had a very distinct retro air travel feel and served popcorn as a bar snack. Everyone had a great time catching up. We welcomed one of our newest members, Tanja Binzegger. Thanks for hosting us.

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#### Jassen, Friday 14 August

Another fabulous night of Jassen! Here are the scores for the 17 dedicated Jassers:

1st	Andrew Iten	4145
2nd	Heinz Frei	4111
3rd	Emil Tellenbach	4073
4th	Fidel Good	3959
5th	Erwin Steiner	3919
6th	MarcoDeck	3832
7th	Marie-Theres Melville	3825
8th	Nelly Steinemann	3818
9th	Adrian Blaser	3794
10th	Simon Felder	3726
11th	Carmen Gordon	3654
12th	Louis Wallimann	3620
13th	Berta Good	3598
14th	Heidi Wilson	3591
15th	Franz Krieger	3565
16th	Walter Haller	3467
17th	Lynne Dunphy	3359

#### Pub Night, Malthouse, Greenhithe, 4 September

We met at the Malthouse in Greenhithe. It was a convenient location for Westies and people from the Shore. 9 Aucklanders welcomed 4 friends from the Hamilton club. The Swiss Society Vice President Hans and Vreni Vetsch were on their way to Europe, so they came by. We hope they caught the plane the next morning! No one from our group dared to take the microphone to entertain us with Karaoke. We nevertheless had nice chats and got to know some of our newer members, including the Habegger family. They have a nice café and ice cream shop in Takapuna (Swiss Garden Café). We hope to see many of you next time in Howick.

#### Jassen, Friday 11 September

Once again, we had a nice Jass evening even though we were only 13 of us. I very much enjoyed the feast afterwards - Zwetschgen-Wähe, Asparagus rolls, the Goods' beautiful cheese straight from the farm, and dried fruit and nuts straight from the shops. Thank you all. Nelly Steinemann

Here are the winners and the not so lucky ones:

1st	Louis Walliman	4025
2nd	Andrew Iten	3947
3rd	Carmen Fitzi-Gordon	3938
4th	Ian Gordon	3885
5th	Edith Hess	3800
6th	Heinz Frei	3774
7th	Walter Haller	3746
8th	Nelly Steinemann	3727
9th	Emil Tellenbach	3701
10th	Berta Good	3675

11th	Fidel Good	3663
12th	Franz Krieger	3591
13th	Lynne Dunphy	3512

#### Rollerskating, 13 September, at Skateland in Mt. Wellington:

My kids had been excited for days to join our Rollerskating event on Sunday, 13th September. Finally they could put their skates on and go onto the rink. With a bit of a surprise they realised that they weren't quite as pro as they hoped to be. But within the first quarter of an hour their skills improved by a huge amount already. We were only a small group of 10 Swissies with friends and enjoyed each other's company in the hired party room when we needed to have a rest. It was great to get to know the Lanigans a bit better! It was a fun afternoon with lots of laughter, some good races and certainly a few bruises. Tanja Latham

### Forthcoming Events

#### Movie Night, Friday 2 October, 7:30pm at the Danish House

"Vater's Garten" is a portrait of an elderly Swiss couple looking back onto their lives and sharing their views of how things should be. It will bring a lot of smiles to your face and remind you of the way you were brought up. Your partner will gain a deeper understanding about you by watching it - the film has English subtitles.

#### Jassen Friday 9 October

##### 7:30pm at the Danish House

6 Rockridge Avenue, Penrose  
We look forward to catching up over a game or two.

#### Pub night Friday 06 November

We are going to Applejack Highland in Howick. See website for details, or check on your email.

#### Walk, Sunday 8 November

Join us for a stroll in a part of Auckland that you might not know yet, the Point to Point Walkway from St Heliers along the Tamaki Inlet. You will find an amazing variety of scenery, which includes estuaries, parks, reserves and even a sand spit with great birdlife. We plan to walk for 3-4 hours, it is not strenuous, only a few small hills. More details to follow on Facebook and Swiss Society website, and via email. Or enquire with Nelly, 09 4794038 or e-mail nsteinemann@xtra.co.nz .

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**Jassen Friday 13 November 7.30pm at the Danish House, 6 Rockridge Avenue, Penrose**

What better thing to do to mark the start of the weekend than a bit of fun and competition.

*Looking ahead further*

**Saturday 28 Nov – Working bee**

**Sunday 06 December**

Santa comes to the farm

**Saturday 12 December – Carol singing**

### New members

We welcome Tanja and Bjorn Binzegger to the Club. We look forward to meeting you at one of our events.

Daniela Bossart

## Kaffeekränzli and The Great Swiss Bake-Off

This fabulous new event was created between Emil Tellenbach and Peter Deutsche. Well planned and advertised, it attracted some 55 people who came along to enjoy some great music, a music quiz and of course a vast array of cakes and other baked goods. Some 17 aspiring bakers brought an entry – and what an amazing selection they created! Two judges, Franz Müller from the Swiss Bakery in Milford and Tanja Latham carefully inspected and tasted all entries using a very professional judging system.

The event started off with some great music provided by Emil Tellenbach on the Accordion and Konrad Mittermeier on the Bariton (something like a smaller-sized tuba). They were accompanied by the Swiss Ladies' choir for three songs, including "Guete Sunntig miteinand" and "Wir fahren mit der SBB". This was followed by the music quiz: Emil and Konrad played small snippets from 24 well-known Swiss songs whose titles the audience had to guess. And then of course the audience was let "loose" on the cake selection. What a queue! Given the number of cakes, everyone got a really big plate so that they could test as many entries as possible. Incredibly, almost everything was polished off in short order. Nobody cared about their health for about half an hour and then immediately forgot about it.

And then it was time for the prize-giving. Our champion chef **Edith Hess** won the first prize in the Great Swiss Bake-Off with her beautiful Croquembouche (an artistic mountain of Profiterols), followed by **Daniel Jacot-Descombes** with his lovely coffee cheese cake. Third equal were **Antoinette Rajanathan-Geiger** with her Aargauer Rübli mini cupcakes with lemon curd and lemon meringue, and **Henri Werffeli** with his Pavlova roll with mango and passionfruit. Note the equal number of women and men among the winners!

Next, the winners of the Swiss music quiz were announced. Not surprisingly, it was three ladies from the Swiss Choir,

with their amazing music memory. The winners were **Renate Meyer-Knecht**, **Edith Hess** and **Irene Knowles**. Congratulations, ladies! Thanks go to Emil, Peter and of course the Auckland club committee for organising such a fun afternoon, all the bakers, to Franz and Tanja for their hard judging work and to Alex for serving up real coffee from her Jura coffee maker. Let's do it again next year!

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Tanja Latham-Zurbruegg and Franz Müller



Some of the 17 entries



L to r: Henry Werffeli, Antoinette Rajanathan-Geiger, Edith Hess and Daniel Jacot-Descombes

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The Swiss Café and Bakery has been operating in Milford since 1993 and specialises in all things Swiss. All our products are baked fresh daily without the use of premixes. Some of our European specialities include Berliners, Engadiner Nusstorte, Zuger Kirschtorte, Swiss fruit flan and many more! We also offer catering, special occasion cakes and party breads upon order. As well as our baking we offer cabinet food and a full cooked breakfast menu in store. Although we have a wide range of traditional products our bakers are always keen to develop new products to keep up with customer demands. We are proud to now have a wide range of gluten free sweet and savoury items which we endeavour to keep expanding! We are also proud to serve award winning coffee from Toasted Espresso.

Open:  
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