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Official Announcement. Appointment of a new Honorary Consul for Switzerland in Victoria

Dear Compatriots,

As was published in the Swiss Review in March 2006, the Department of Foreign Affairs in Berne has decided to close the Consulate General in Melbourne on 30 September 2006. As of 1 October 2006, the Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney will be in charge of all administrative, consular and most cultural issues.

I take pleasure in informing you that in the meantime the Federal Government of Switzerland has nominated Mrs Erika Kimpton-Etter as Honorary Consul of Switzerland in Victoria with residence in Melbourne. The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has given its official assent to this nomination on 24 January 2007 in accordance with the Vienna convention on consular relations. I wish to thank you in advance for the support and assistance you may be able to extend to Honorary Consul Erika Kimpton-Etter in the exercise of her official functions.

Mrs Erika Kimpton-Etter, born in 1945 in Bern and originating from Ried/Kerzers FR, has been living in Australia since 1967.



**Erika Kimpton-Etter, New Honorary
Consul of Switzerland in Victoria**

Please take note of the new address of the Consulate of Switzerland in Victoria:

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*The Consul General of Switzerland,
Jürg Casserini*

Swiss Review. Editorial Notes and News

You will find additional information and articles in the online version of the Swiss Review under www.revue.ch (under menu Regionales > Australien). If your Swiss group or organisation is not yet listed in the Regional News, please advise us of your contact details and write us a short brief. The deadline for submissions for the June 2007 edition is on 1 st May 2007.

At the time of printing, there were no further developments with regards to the Social Security Agreement between Switzerland and Australia, which was published in the last edition. We will keep you informed of these Regional News as soon as they become available.

The Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney, publishes on a regular basis a Cultural Calendar of Events (available on their website) which covers all kinds of Events in Australia. It invites you to into the world of Swiss visual arts, music, sports and culture. Email syd.verretung@eda.admin.ch if you have items you want included.

Calling home? Please remember that since April 1 2007 the area code +41 1 is no longer valid for calls to the Zurich region. Replace the area code with +41 44.

If you have something to contribute please do not hesitate to contact me.

Marc Godat, Regional Editor

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Portrait. Ron Maitland - No Mountain Too High

Ron Maitland, husband of the late Ella Maitland-Bosshard, grew up in Western Australia. As a young man, he served with the AIF in North Africa (Tobruk) during World War II. Captured by the Germans in 1942, he was eventually imprisoned - after many hardships - in an Italian POW camp near Udine, in Northern Italy. When Ron escaped from that camp, he and his comrades fled across the Alps towards Switzerland where, high in the mountains, they could not believe their good fortune. They stumbled across Swiss guards who let them enter Switzerland! At a holding camp in Wald, in the Zürcher Oberland, Ron got to know Switzerland. He appreciated the care and hospitality he received. There, he met his wife, Ella. They married in Wald in 1944, however Ron's permit to remain in Switzerland ran out at that point and he was obliged to return to Australia, this time via Marseilles. Ella joined him in Western Australia the following year, where they had a daughter, Yvonne. Yvonne eventually moved to New South Wales, and in 1979 Ron and Ella moved to Bowral, NSW, to be near her.

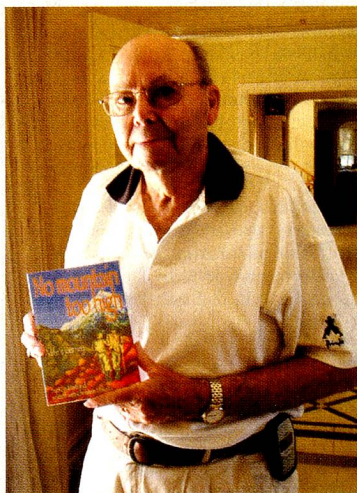
After Ella suffered a stroke, Ron used the lonely hours that followed to reflect on his life, which he began to write about. The result is **No Mountain Too High** and is co-authored by Christine Makella. It reveals a courageous and resilient life's journey, during which fortune favours the bold, and at unexpected moments. Enquiries about the book can be made to Yvonne Springett on (02) 4862 3322 or via email to springet@hinet.net.au.

Margrit Bachmann

Useful Online References

www.revue.ch
www.aso.ch
www.swissinfo.org
www.eda.admin.ch/australia
www.swiss.org.au
www.sacci.com.au
www.avs-ai-international.ch

Swiss Review Online (additional articles)
Organisation of the Swiss Abroad
Actual News by swissinfo/SRI
EDA - Swiss Representations in Australia
Swiss Clubs on the Net in Australia
Bilateral trade and investment information
OASI/DI and voluntary contributions



Important News. OASI/DI-Office Closure as of June 30

Notice to all members of the
voluntary old-age, survivors and
disability insurance scheme
(OASI/DI).

As already mentioned in the Swiss Revue December 2005, I regret to inform you that the Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva has decided to close all its OASI/DI offices abroad. The closures will take place in stages and will be completed by the end of 2007. Existing files will be gradually transferred to the Geneva office, which will administer them in the future. Please note that:

The OASI/DI-Office in Sydney will be closed as of 30 June 2007.

and all members will or have received a personal letter with more details.

I am aware that these changes may cause some concern. However, you may rest assured that the Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva will take all necessary steps to maintain the quality of its services. This notice does not affect recipients of any kind of benefits. For further information, feel free to contact the OASI/DI office in Sydney or the Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva.

You may also wish to consult the website at:
www.avs-ai-international.ch,
which has full information on OASI/DI and voluntary contributions.

AHV/IV Matters:

Please note: All administrative requirements like passport, ID-Card and Visa matters, change of address and/or change of marital status, registration, etc. will be handled by the Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney and,
**until end June 2007 including
AHV/IV matters.**

Jürg Casserini

Event Announcement. World Red Cross Day

Two events to be precise: The annual International World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day on 8th May, and the 30th anniversary of the 1977 Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions of 8th June. With regards to the latter, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Regional Delegation for the Pacific is organising an event and a photographic exhibition in Canberra. Read the full story on our online-article or visit the ICRC website on www.icrc.org.

Victoria

Swiss Club of Victoria

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Swiss Club Committee:
Vice-Pres./Secretary: Barbara Kündig
Treasurer: Urs Derrick Wildi
New members: Patrick Rychner, Mark Weber

Dear members and friends of the Swiss Club,

This is my first message as the newly elected president of the Swiss Club of Victoria. My purpose is to serve the needs of our members. As such, I would like to extend my greetings to all members and friends and invite you to participate in the life of the Swiss Club. Some of my many goals is to have a friendly relationship with all Swiss sub-groups and other Swiss organisations, to safeguard the future of the club, to further enhance the appeal the club to increase membership and support the redevelopment of the club's top floor. For those who do not know me, I have been a member of the club since 1996 and a member of the committee for the last 5 years.

The committee and I would like to thank Roland Isler, the outgoing president for his efficient handling of club matters including the launch of the history book and his dedication towards finding a new and reliable tenant for the ground floor of the Swiss Club. I am especially pleased that Roland has agreed to take over the newsletter editing enabling Patrick Rychner to join the committee. We would also like to thank Rita Schwärzler (Membership, Immediate Past President) and Ruth Plagge (Treasurer, Functions) who resigned at the AGM, for their never tiring commitment and friendship. Thank you both for a job well done!

The committee is joined by Mark Weber with Barbara Kündig as Vice-President/Secretary and Urs Wildi as Treasurer. I look forward to working with them. We are on a drive to recruit more committee members so if you feel you can contribute please get in touch with me.

I would also like to warmly welcome the newly appointed Honorary Consul for Victoria Mrs. Erika Kimpton. We look forward to a good cooperative relationship.

The committee and I wish to thank you for your continued support and invite you to join us at the club or the many functions and events for fun, good fellowship and fine food.

Rolf Huber

Upcoming Events

21/4:	John Wanner Swing Orchestra, Austrian Club
28-29/4:	Swiss-Italian Festa, Hepburn Springs
02/5:	Ladies Luncheon
03/5:	Kapelle Grüezi entertains (club)
19/5:	Jass Night Matterhorn
02/6:	John Wanner Swing Orchestra Austrian Club
07/6:	Kapelle Grüezi Mitenand (club)
16/6:	Jass Night - Swiss Club

Ladies Luncheon

The Swiss Club of Victoria
Convener: Heidi Giger
Tel: (03) 9889 9321

The next Ladies Luncheon of the Swiss Club will be on May 4th.

The Ladies Luncheon includes a 2 course meal (set menu), wine, soft drinks, coffee, and a guest speaker covering all spectra of life. Members and friends are most welcome.

Bookings are essential with the Swiss Club. Tel: (03) 9650 1196.

The Swiss Companion Singers

Convener: Heidi Giger
107 Glyndon Road
Camberwell Vic 3124
Tel: (03) 9889 9321

We are a mixed choir and meet at the Swiss Club every second and third Thursday of the month for practise, singing old and new folk songs.

New singers are always welcome and do not need a voice of 'Caruso' quality as the group conveys foremost a friendly atmosphere.

Singing is good for the soul! If you have any questions, please contact me or Herbert Schwärzler on 03 9561 7811.

Heidi Giger

Young Swiss Group

Convener: Amy Bohren
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Bayswater, Vic, 3153
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amybohren@hotmail.com
www.swiss.org.au/scvyoung

We meet on every second Wednesday of the month at the Swiss Club, 89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Anyone is welcome to come along. If you would like further information, please call me or join the email group via the above link on the Swiss Club website.

Amy Bohren

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

3 Bluegum Court
Upwey Vic 3158
President: Marco Unternährer
Tel: (03) 9752 6996 (h) or
Tel: (03) 9388 8777 (b)
mrunt@optusnet.com.au
www.swiss.org.au/matterhorn

We meet every Wednesday evening at Marco's address (see above) for practice - why don't you join us one evening to see how much fun we have!

The CD that will present some of our favourite songs and a few other gems is in the final stages of preparation, ready for the big launch at our 'Night of Swiss Folklore' on the 2nd of June. We hope to see you there! Bookings from 1st May - ring Marco at the above numbers.

Upcoming Events

19/5:	2 nd Jass, Horticulture Centre, Jolimont Road, Forest Hill
2/6:	CD-Launch, Polish Community Centre, 1325 Stud Road, Rowville

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli
92 Addison Street
Elwood Vic 3184
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hochuli@bigpond.com

The group continues the tradition of folkdancing.

Upcoming Events

5/5:	Unterhaltungsabend Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose (Swiss Club)
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Please book with Roger Moullet at the Swiss Club on 9650 1196. For information ring Sylvia. We look forward to see you there.

Sylvia Hochuli

Trachtengruppe Schwyzerguess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

Vice-President: Silvia Hochuli
(contact details as above)

We have eleven members in the group. Over the past twenty years we have enjoyed our contribution to the community. We have visited sick and lonely people. We have organised the Kaffeeklatsch and of course the very popular mystery trip. We also take part in the seniors Christmas.

Sylvia Hochuli

Groupe Romand Du Victoria

Présidente: Marianne Puccinelli
Tél: (03) 9561 9595
www.swiss.org.au/chfrvic

Our group aims to provide the opportunity for French-speaking persons and their families in Melbourne and Victoria to develop a sense of community focused on the French language and cultural traditions, in particular those originating from the French-speaking Cantons of Switzerland. We organise 6 regular outings per year.

More information on our activities can be found in our webpage.

Michel Beuchat

Pro Ticino - Pro Down Under

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Swiss Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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For further details refer to the NSW section.

SANM

Swiss Academic Network Melbourne
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The "Swiss Academic Network Melbourne" (SANM) was established in Oct 2004 with the help and support of the Swiss Consulate in Melbourne.

Together with the efforts of a small group of committed Swiss academics, SANM subsequently developed into an active organization and as of Dec 2006, has about 76 members in Melbourne.

SANM provides a networking vehicle for Swiss academics in Melbourne and in Australia at large, and is also trying to foster bilateral academic exchange between Switzerland and Australia. SANM also intends to encourage short-term visiting Swiss academics to participate in SANM and to use the SANM network to the benefit of its membership.

SANM organizes meetings each second month that alternate between social get-togethers and formal presentations. More information, including details for membership and upcoming events can be found on regularly updated SANM website. There is no membership fee to join SANM.

Bruno Giger

Saturday Morning Swiss School

Convener: Barbara Kündig
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www.swiss.org.au/scvschool

Our teachers, Petra and Diana, teach the children all about Switzerland in a playful and engaging way. The children learn in small groups according to their language abilities. There is a small amount of self-learning between school lessons. The school is open to all children with a Swiss background and of school age 5 years and over. New families are always welcome. For more details please refer to our website.

Swiss Playgroup

Ingrid Preston
17 Mary Avenue
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We meet every first Thursday of the month at the Swiss Club from 11AM - 2PM. Swiss families welcome.

South Australia

Swiss Club of South Australia

64 Castle Street
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Regula Muller
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Tel: (08) 8337 0333 (evening)
www.swiss.org.au/swissclubsa

Gruenzi mitenand!

A group of car enthusiasts took pleasure in an interesting drive through the Adelaide Hills to the banks of the River Murray. Some questions along the drive towards Mannum were tricky while others were very easy - young and old enjoyed themselves and compared results during lunch at the Pretoria Hotel. Thank you Warren (organiser), we all had a fantastic time.

The Easter walk at Mount Crawford Forest was enjoyed by many. Some brought their bikes along and explored the great trail along the creek and over the hills. The 'Eiertuetsch' was good fun, some members are very artistic and it almost hurts to crack the beautifully decorated Easter eggs.

Upcoming Events

19/5: Cheese Fondue Night, Austrian
Assoc. 11-17 Torrens Rd, Ovingham

Join us for a great night with Swiss Cheese Fondue cooked by Martin and his helpers as well as entertainment by the famous 'Jaegermeisters'. Bring your own caquelon. Bookings are essential! Call Denise for further details on: 08 8277 6153.

"Hockete" stands for a casual get-together - everybody is welcome to join us on the first Friday of the month at the Austrian Association at 11 - 17 Torrens Road, Ovingham from 6.30 pm onwards. Come along for a delicious meal and the chance to brush up on your 'Schwyzerduetsch'.

The "Schwyzer Frauechraenzli" meets on the first Monday of the month. We are group of 50+ aged ladies who enjoy a good time out, be it a visit to the movies, lunch in a park or an excursion. You are welcome to join us. For further details please call Rosmarie Copeland on (08) 8336 5932.

To get the latest information about our functions, check our website or contact Sibylle Faeh for a newsletter on (08) 8294 8203.

Swiss Radio 5EBI Adelaide
Listen to the Swiss Corner every Saturday between 6 - 7 pm on 103.1FM. Phone-ins are welcome on (08) 8211 7066. Why not surprise a loved one with a special song?

Keep in touch with your 'Heimatland' and attend a Swiss Club function.

Maya Schnider, Secretary

Western Australia

Swiss Club of Western Australia
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Bonjour!

Dear members and readers, again have we passed another successful year in the new Millennium and welcome the new year 2007. It is going to be another year with a lot of functions and events. As we always mention, also non-members are welcome to our functions and events. So don't hesitate to contact us and book yourself and your Swiss or non-Swiss friends a seat at our next function and have fun.

Just a few weeks ago we again had a very successful Fasnacht weekend with colourful costumes and great music. Also, the Guggeburras turned up with their new Costumes which just looked awesome.

I wish you all the best till the next issue or on one of our functions.

Claudia Henzen

Upcoming Events

26/5: Metzgete, Rhein Donau Club
10/6: Jassmeisterschaft
16/6: Raclette Night, Dutch Club
30/6: Wine Bottling at Garbin Estate

For more information on all our events please check our website.

Regular Events:

Swiss Sport Club. Usually every first Friday of the month at 7.30 pm. Contact Monika Ritter on 9447 7673 or email her on ritterfamily@bigpond.com if you want to attend.

Jass Evening. Every Third Thursday of the month starting at 7.00 p.m. sharp. Borsalino Ristorante, 35 Hampden Road, Nedlands, 9389 8141. Fully licensed. For more information please contact: Peter Mueller (08) 9291 8402

Swiss Radio 6EBA Perth
Swiss Radio Perth broadcasts on 6EBA FM on 95.3 MHz, between 7pm and 8pm every Tuesday night. The programme is in French every fourth Tuesday of the month and the other programmes are in Swiss German. Contact the presenter at the studio on (08) 9227 5953, during the program, or James Kunz on 9370 5307.

The Swiss Yodellers of WA
The Yodellers are the only traditional Swiss folk group in Western Australia. They are a unique experience, presenting Swiss folk music. For enquiries, ring Peter Mueller on (08) 9291 8402 or write to 8 Mitchell Road Walliston WA 6076.

The Guggeburras
They are different, they are fun and they are the only Guggemusig in Australia playing artfully out of tune, with colourful costumes and unique face paintings.

Twenty enthusiastic members of all ages and talents have again come out of hibernation and are meeting every Tuesday evening to practice new songs for the coming Season 2007. This colourful group welcomes any carnival-inspired person, who wants to join them, especially Brass players and Drummers.

Contact Jennifer Leutenegger on (08) 9277 7826 or send an e-mail to guggeburras@swiss.org.au for more information.

Play Group
The Swiss playgroup meets every first Friday of the month. If anybody is interested in joining our group or just wants some more information please call Karin Villemain on 08 9203 5953 or Alexandra Schaub on 08 9403 2241.

Claudia Henzen

Northern Territory

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ACT

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www.swiss.org.au/canberraclub

Dear members and friends,
The year kicked off with a film evening in February, this time with the sombre

title 'Grounding'. It brought, as expected, a more mature audience with an interest in the once strong and proud flagship carrier Swissair. During the chat over coffee, moments of nostalgia and sadness were quite noticeable in the audience.

Upcoming Events

22/4: Bushwalk
May: Film Evening (date tba)
15/6: Fondue night

For more specific event details please check out the newsletter or the web site.

Canberra Ethnic Radio FM91.1
...broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 5-7pm. Werner and Gaby present an informative and entertaining program with local content and news from Switzerland. So tune in your radio on Mondays.

Heinz Büttikofer

New South Wales

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)
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SACA launched into the new year with its first event at the studio of Swiss jewellery designer, Ernst Pfenninger. The studio visit included a workshop demonstration by the master goldsmith and silversmith and the opportunity to view his beautiful collection over a glass of wine.

Planning for other events is well in hand and include a private viewing of the Archibald Prize Exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW on Thursday, 19 April.

SACA will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 24 May. This will be followed by a drinks function with guest speakers, Brigitte Bänziger and David Hulme of Bänziger Hulme Fine Art Consultants, who will talk about their work as art dealers. They will offer tips on how to find; how to buy and sell; and how to store quality paintings and prints. You are invited to attend this event - contact Elizabeth Isele for an invitation.

We encourage you to join SACA and be personally involved in special events for SACA members.

Upcoming Events

19/4: Archibald Prize Exhibition
private tour - Art Gallery of NSW
24/5: SACA AGM - followed by drinks
and guest speakers

Swiss Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
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SACCI's aim is to promote the expansion of bilateral trade relations between Switzerland and Australian business. Celebrating 20 years, SACCI continues to promote Swiss industry and facilitate networking opportunities for our members. We provide a variety of services to our members including the forwarding of trade leads, business partner searches and a trade magazine, through to numerous functions and events held across Victoria and NSW.

The SACCI Secretariat is responsible for handling all commercially related enquiries on behalf of the Consulate General of Switzerland. Please contact us if you have a query or if you would like further information about the chamber and its services. Regardless of which state you reside in, please consult our website for details on the type and variety of activities we are involved in or simply call.

Dean Storchenegger

Swiss Entrepreneurs
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Meet Swiss entrepreneurs and promote your business. The purpose of this event is for you to meet fellow Swiss business professionals, exchange contacts, share your experience and speak some 'Schwyzerdütsch'. It is a great opportunity to promote your business to other Swiss living in Australia or talk about business ideas with other entrepreneurs in a relaxed atmosphere. Meet us at this informal social networking opportunity for Swiss business people every first Wednesday of the month at Lord Nelson Brewery Hotel in the Rocks, Sydney. For more information please visit our website.

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The committee meets at the Eiger every first Monday of the month and the Jassers get together at the Eiger every Monday night. Every second Friday of the month, we also have a meeting at the Austrian Club in Frenchs Forest for a meal, chat or Jass.

New members are always very welcome. If you or your friends with a Swiss connection are not yet members, give it a go. You can join with a membership form online at our website.

Upcoming Events

13/4: Get Together, Eiger Rest. Petersham
28/4: Combined function with the Jodelers (music, dancing and dinner)
5/5: Winetasting, Mabrook Estate
11/5+ Get-together, Austrian Club,
8/6: Frenchs Forest
16/6: Bowling Competition
(with Cercle Romand)
25/6: Fondue Night, Eiger Restaurant

Other events: "Jass School" for beginners to learn to Jass (please see the Swiss Community News for details).

So if you feel like a bit of friendly Swiss company and a nice glass of wine or beer and some delicious food, come and join us at the Eiger or the Austrian Club, or at one of our forthcoming functions.

Noemi Guyer

Swiss Playgroup Sydney

Gabriela Elias
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Helena Nobs
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Swiss Playgroup of Sydney meets every last Friday of the month at 10:30 am at the Austrian Club, Grattan Crescent, Frenchs Forest. The children's ages go from newborn to school age. We all contribute something for morning tea or lunch on the day. New families coming from Switzerland can easily make friends here and find lots of helpful information. If you are interested in coming along, please call one of us for more information.

Helena Nobs

Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

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We are a group of Swiss, Swiss/Australian, Swiss/International families who get together every first Sunday of the month. What a great opportunity to catch up on the Swiss German language and some fun traditions like Fasnacht (first time this year), Easter 'Eiertuetsche' und 'Chlaeuste' as well as lots of other activities. We have a German video and tape cassettes library for the kids and would like to add to it. If anybody has any German or Swiss German videos or cassettes to get rid of, they will find a loving home in our 'Deutschothek'.

If you are interested in joining our group or would like to get some more information, please call or e-mail Anna or Bea.

Swiss Yodelers and Alphorn Group of Sydney

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We are still fairly windblown, having just disembarked from our annual harbour cruise. This year we had the good fortune of being joined by "D'Schwoergelis" of Melbourne who helped entertain us with their traditional music throughout the evening. "D'Schwoergelis" went on to play and yodel at the wedding reception of a young Swiss couple and were warmly received by guests of all nationalities. A yodellers' family recovery party was held the following day for our visitors and their wives to thank them and to hear a little more of their music before returning to Melbourne.

Upcoming Events

28/4: Musical / Dinner / Dance Evening
Austrian Club, Forestville

The yodellers will be joining forces with The Swiss Club and The Swiss Community Care Society on 28 April, at the Austrian Club, Forestville for a musical / dinner (if you wish) / dance evening so as to create greater contact and social interaction among the local Swiss community. The Swiss dance group "Alpegruess" will also be joining us as well, and the band Tyrolean Echo will be making music. A cover charge of \$10 will be in place and we look forward to a full house on this occasion.

Alois Kretz President

Cercle Romand Du N.S.W.

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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.

Nos activités sont réparties tout au long de l'année: soirées pub le premier jeudi de chaque mois, tournoi de pétanque, bowling, beach volleyball, randonnée, week-end camping et les tousjours très appréciées journées fondue et raclette.

Prochaines Activités

3/5: Soirée pub, Woolwich Pier,
Hunters Hill
20/5: Raclette, Danish Club,
Frenchs Forest
7/6: Soirée pub, Woolwich Pier, Hunt.H.
16/6: Bowling, WondAbowl,
Top Ryde Shopping Centre

Comme d'habitude, nos membres seront informés par courrier/email séparé.

Pour tout les détails sur notre programme d'activités, veuillez consulter notre site internet ou par tél. 9874 9096 Anne Resplendino, Présidente.

Au plaisir de vous rencontrer,
Pour le comité,

Erik Dupont, secrétaire.

SBS "Swiss Radio"

Sydney 97.7FM / Melbourne 93.1FM

Swiss Community Care Society

President: Beatrice Stuber
Tel: (02) 9241 6677 (work)
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beatrice@rplawyers.com.au

We have a new community support officer, Mrs. Ursula Mooser, home phone (02) 9428 5593, email mooserclan@exemail.com.au. We welcome her assistance to the continuing efforts of this group. The mailing address is P.O. Box 282, Bondi Junction, NSW 1355. Ms Margrit Bachmann continues as Project Coordinator for gathering and publishing stories of Swiss migrants in Australia.

Armin Roth

Swiss Seniors of Sydney Area

2/73 Frederick Street
Rockdale NSW 2216
Tel: (02) 9597 7096

Upcoming Events

5/5: Luncheon, Eiger

Enrolment is as always by phone to Ms Ida GUGGER, (02) 9597 7096 or by mail to the above address.

Armin Roth

Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

President: Marco Nussbaumer
7 Wallace Street
Willoughby NSW 2068
Tel: 9560 0666

After a creative break we are ready to once again embrace the Swiss culture of Folk Dancing. Involvement does not require great commitment as we often practise for a special event rather than regularly every week. We have two events coming up and work for these over a few weekends. We are a fun group to be with so why don't you join us for a social practice session and see if you like it?

Queensland

Swiss Society of Queensland Inc.

PO Box 10, Wellers Hill QLD 4121
Tel: 0500 8 1 1291
President: Sybille Goss
www.swiss.org.au/ssq

Gruezi, bonjour, buongiorno, g'day to all Swiss in South East Queensland

I trust that by now everybody is back in the swing of 2007. Our club started the year with our traditional "Gemuettliche Abe" in the clubhouse in Newstead. This was as usual a true Queensland-style event, very relaxed and everybody brought along a nice platter to share. By the time you read this column, the Swiss Society of Queensland would have also had the first combined Picnic with the Swiss Care Society and I would think that this is only the first one in a series of joint activities.

Upcoming Events

15/4: Bushwalk
22/4: Jass Championship
5-7/5: Camping Weekend
19/5: Raclette
20/5: Bushwalk
27/5: Buderim Lunch (SCCS & SSQ)
7/6: Cinema Night at the Clubhouse
17/6: Bushwalk
30/6: Fondue

We also play Jass every 2nd Thursday and Tennis every Wednesday - please go to www.swiss.org.au for more details. You will also find more info about our bushwalks or any other ad-hoc activities.

As usual, we invite anybody with a Swiss connection to come along to any of the events. There is always a real mix of nice people you can meet and mingle with. Don't forget that Raclette and Fondue Nights are always a big hit, so book early to avoid disappointment!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the committee members.

Sybille Goss, President

Gold Coast Group

Contact: Bruno Vogt, (07) 5559 4600
or **Franz Huber, (07) 5530 5061**

For more details about the Metzgete and all other activities please visit our website.

Upcoming Events

14/7: Metzgete

Young Swiss Group

Contact: Matthias Neurohr
Tel: (07) 3376 1786
mneurohr@swiss.org.au

Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

President: Jakob Berger
Tel: (07) 3206 6101
Secretary: Elsy Schuetz
Tel: (07) 3207 7101

The Yodel Choir is still going strong and we plan to celebrate our 20th anniversary in September. We will perform at the Senior Citizen Day on May 27 and the Metzgete on July 14. We would also love to hear from anybody who would like to join the Choir. We meet every 2nd Thursday for practice with Aja, our music teacher, who guides us through new songs.

Jakob Berger

Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)

Postal: SCCS, c/- Toby Meier,
6 Cornell Street, Robertson 4109
President: Lorly Wihler
Tel: (07) 3298 5300
Secretary: Toby Meier (07) 3343 6733

Contact Sunshine Coast:
Ursula Sheldon, Tel: (07) 5443 4272

Have you considered becoming a member to receive our Newsletter 3 times a year, giving you details about our functions and other information regarding the Society?

We have two yearly functions and organise visits when something is amiss or when we know a person would like a visit.

Anyone interested please give a call.

Kind regards

Lorly Wihler

Fraser Coast Group

Contact: Cecile Scherrer
Tel: (07) 4128 6326
cecile@swiss.org.au
www.swiss.org.au/page.php?ID=105

Invitation to all Aussie-Swiss families, visitors and all people with a connection to Switzerland to join our get-togethers every three months.

Upcoming Events

28/4: Get-Together & Dinner at
"Sticky Beaks", Apple Tree Creek