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REGIONAL EDITION

AUSTRALIA

CSA. Spring Meeting Report, Berne, 16/3/2013

Congress of the Swiss Abroad, Davos August 16 – 18, 2013. The theme of this year's Congress will be "Switzerland in time of Globalisation". Discussion will centre around the strategy Switzerland should adopt for its future, being a non-EU member and having scarce natural resources. Also considered is the new situation as to the "Finance Place Switzerland" created by the abuses of some banks. Participants in the Congress are able to express their views in various workshops.

Centenary: Mr Rudolf Wyder, the CEO of the Secretariat of the Swiss Abroad in Bern is planning special events for the 100th Anniversary of the OSA in 2016. The Swiss Abroad will be contacted in order to participate in the planning and realisation of this important event.

Law Swiss Abroad: Mr Filipo Lombardi informed about the status of the new law for the Swiss Abroad, which is being discussed at the parliamentary level. The new article in the Constitution will regulate in a more coherent form, relationships between the Swiss Abroad and Federal and Cantonal institutions. Switzerland should have a coherent policy regarding the Swiss Abroad which should clearly mention the rights and obligations of the various authorities involved.

E-voting for everyone: the Swiss Abroad have lodged a petition to the Federal Authorities to have e-voting for all Swiss Abroad by 2015.

Banks/Taxation: The Swiss Abroad were informed by the relevant Federal Authority about current negotiations of Switzerland with some third party countries as to Double Taxation Agreements. It was mentioned on various occasions that the finance place of Switzerland has been severely tarnished by activities of some banks, and pressure has been put on the Federal Authorities to make sure that the Swiss Abroad can have adequate banking facilities in Switzerland. It was reported that some Swiss banks have cancelled bank accounts of some Swiss living abroad or are charging excessive fees to keep accounts. We will keep you informed about the progress on this topic!

Beat Knoblauch, CSA Delegate

Embassy. What Can Swiss Honorary Consuls Do?

Can honorary consuls issue passports or visas?

Can they marry a couple? Can they authenticate a document?

Swiss honorary consuls are often confronted with such requests, as revealed during a Regional Consular Conference, held in Sydney on March 15 and 16, 2013.

Switzerland became a member of the Schengen Agreement in 2008. The Schengen Agreement changed the role of honorary consuls considerably. Under the agreement, for example, honorary consuls are no longer authorized to grant visas.

Honorary consuls are the local representative of the ambassador or consul general. They act as the eyes and ears of the ambassador or consul general. This includes representing the ambassador or consul general at national holiday celebrations or other official events.

The honorary consuls maintain and expand a network of local contacts in local government, as well as in business, scientific and cultural circles. They report to the Embassy or Consulate General whenever an opportunity for Swiss interests arises and provide general information on Switzerland.

The honorary consuls further promote a spirit of solidarity within the Swiss expatriate community and strengthen its ties with Switzerland. They keep an eye out for destitute or helpless Swiss and let them know that help can generally be made available. The Swiss Clubs interact directly with the Embassy and the Consulate General. The Honorary Consuls are therefore not their first point of contact. But Swiss Clubs are an important part of the network of the Honorary Consuls.

The honorary consuls, after consultation with the Embassy or the Consulate General, assist the Swiss in need, both those living abroad as well as tourists, be it because of an accident, sickness, theft or imprisonment, etc. They inform the Embassy or Consulate General of any circumstances that potentially affect the Swiss. They also report on any event that could be of importance with regard to travel advice published by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

The only administrative duty of an honorary consul remains the confirmation of the proof of life for the AHV/IV. For all other consular and administrative services, Swiss citizens need to contact the Embassy or Consulate General.

We thank our honorary consuls for their outstanding work.

Marcel Stutz, Swiss Ambassador in Canberra

Marion Weichelt Krupski, Swiss Ambassador in Wellington

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SWISSCHAM EVENTS

12/6 Eat, Meet & Greet, Melbourne
13/6 Eat, Meet & Greet, Sydney
18/6 Export Symposium, Zug, CH

SAAN

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SBS Radio (on air in NSW/VIC/ACT)
www.sbs.com.au/german

"Echo Helvetia" on Sundays 8:30-9pm
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Victoria

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With the cooler months upon us, it's time to get warm and cosy. Where else than at the Swiss Club and the club restaurant! Join us for our Wed/Thur club nights. Enjoy a Swiss dish, a chat with a fellow member and maybe a Jass. Visitors are of course always welcome. Over the next few months, we have planned Jass nights, movie nights, Billiard, live music on the first Thursday of each month and much more. Check out our website and social calendar for further details. Interested in Swiss music and traditions? Our interest groups; the Companion Singers, the Folk Dancegroup Alpenrose, the Laughter Club Helvetia, the Swiss Kids, the Swiss Diners and the Ladies Luncheon are always looking for new participants.

Looking for an affordable but stylish CBD function space? The Second Floor at the Swiss Club is the place to go.

The Swiss Club of Victoria; the place to experience a piece of Switzerland in Australia, and to socialize with fellow Swiss.

VICTORIA EVENTS

6/6 Live Music Kapelle Gruenzi Mitenand
7/6 Billiard Bernard Sandoz Cup
3/7 Ladies Luncheon
4/7 Live Music Kapelle Gruenzi Mitenand
6/7 Jass Night
17/7 Movie Night
1/8 Swiss National Day Celebrations
4/8 National Day Picnic (Matterhorn)

Victoria Events (cont.)

10/8 Final Jassabend (Matterhorn)
4/9 Ladies Luncheon
5/9 Live Music Kapelle Gruenzi Mitenand
8/9 Kaffeeklatsch (Trachtengruppe)
14/9 Jass Night
18/9 Movie Night
25/9 Half Yearly Meeting
(please check the website for all Swiss Club of Victoria events)

Ladies Luncheon

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

Bookings essential with the Swiss Club.

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
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Herbert Schwaerzler (03) 9561 7811

2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Swiss Diners Club

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

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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The Matterhorn Choir is on the move; our choir practices are now at a new location: St. James Uniting Church (Wattle Park), 1201 Riversdale Road, Box Hill South, still on Wednesdays 8.00 pm. We are hoping that this more central location will make it easier for new singers/yodellers to join us for practice!

In the spirit of renewal we have also decided to move the Swiss National Day Picnic closer to the city. It will be held on Sunday 4th August at the Austrian Club, 90 Sheehan Road, Heidelberg West (where the Swiss Festival was held for the last few years). We look forward to seeing you there on a beautiful winter day!

Erwin Weinmann

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli
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Our group participated at the 20th Volkstanzfest at the German Club Concordia. Over 250 performers representing Austrian, German and Swiss groups from different states took part.

At the Unterhaltungsabend, we were honoured to have the Consul General Mr. Markus Meli and wife Christa with us. They are leaving Australia for the next posting. Our best wishes go with

them. To everyone, thank you for being part in making the night a huge success at the Swiss Club.

Trachtengruppe Schwyzgruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc. (contact same as Alpenrose as above)

We would like to extend an invitation to all our Senior Citizens (over sixty) to a wonderful afternoon of Coffee, Cakes and a Chat "Kaffeeklatsch" at the Swiss Club. Sunday, 8 Sept from 2pm. There is no charge for this cosy afternoon, however our Group is thankful for any donations.

Please reserve a place by ringing or leaving a message with Marlies Krummenacher 9503 9921 or Rosmarie Oswald 9583 9048. RSVP by 2 Sept.

Silvia Hochuli

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Swiss Club of South Australia

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Dear Club Members and Friends of the Swiss Community of South Australia.

Autumn has been a great time with lots of activities. I would like to mention our participation at the Australian Day Parade, presenting our Swiss Community, and being a part of the unique Multicultural Community here in South Australia, was a fantastic experience. Our recent event for our Members was the Bike ride from the City to the West Beach along Torrens River. Family with their young children participated and we all enjoyed the ride and lunch at the beach side

SA EVENTS

1/8 Luncheon for Members
4/8 Swiss National Day Celebration
Sep Bushwalk (tbc)
(for more details of any up and coming event please refer to the Swiss Express)

Regular Events:

"Hockete" every 1st Friday of the month; come along for a meal and...

"Jass abig" a hand of Jass every second Hockete at the Austrian Association at 11-17 Torrens Road, Ovingham from 6 pm onwards.

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

Swiss Corner Radio SEBI FM Adelaide

The Swiss Radio Corner "Schweizer-erecke" every Saturday evening from 6-7 pm on 103.1FM. Call (08) 8211 7066 to request a song or share some news.

Western Australia

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Dear friends

The committee of the Swiss Club of WA is very pleased to announce that our inaugural Swiss Weekend in the City in mid April was a great success. On Saturday, over 100 people enjoyed a beautiful dinner and the outstanding entertainment by the Swiss Yodellers and Alphorn Players. On Sunday, about 80 people came along to the BBQ with Bratwurst and Cervelat and a sumptuous salad buffet - the Swiss Alphorn players treated everyone to familiar sounds. A big thank-you goes to everyone that helped to get the event off the ground, including contributions from Kalao World Cuisine, Antoine's Prime Meats, Chez Jean-Claude Patisserie, Geobruigg Australia and the Honorary Consulate of Switzerland in Perth.

Please check our website for fondue bookings and for this years' 1st of August celebrations; information will be released a bit closer to the event.

Philippe Bossert, President Swiss Club of WA

WA EVENTS

22/6 Fondue, North Perth Bowling Club
(please check our website for updates)



Members of the Canberra Swiss Club before the walk to London bridge at the upper end of Googong dam



Swiss Club of WA: A lot of fun and laughter at the inaugural Swiss Festival!

The Guggeburras

Only "Guggemusig" in Australia. Practice is every Tuesday. Jennifer Leutenegger (08) 9277 7826 guggeburras@swiss.org.au

Play Group

Every 1st Friday of the month. Cynthia Reed, 0409 295 775 cynthiaroot@gmail.com

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

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Honorary Consul

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Northern Territory

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Canberra Swiss Club Inc.

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Dear members and friends,

This year the Fondue night was held a bit earlier than other years, so as you read this item, most of us are still digesting the delicious meal. On behalf of the committee I wish to thank our sponsors who donated the many great prizes for the tombola.

After nineteen years of tireless contribution to the Canberra Swiss Club, we are sad to see Hans and Alice Brüngger leave Canberra. They return to Melbourne to be closer to their family. On behalf of the Committee and all the

members I wish to thank them for all they have done for the club and wish them well in their retirement. We hope to see them back from time to time. Canberra's loss is Melbourne's gain.

In early April we had our yearly bushwalk. Heading into the hinterland of Queanbeyan, we enjoyed a day of splendid weather walking to the London bridge at the upper end of Googong dam. Spending a great day outdoors, finishing up with the traditional BBQ rounded off another social occasion. - Getting together and enjoying each other's company, isn't that what our club is all about?

CANBERRA EVENTS

- 14/6 Film night
- 28/7 Swiss National day celebrations
- 26/9 Power of Attorney seminar

(please also refer to newsletter / website)

Plans are under way to hold another series of cooking courses in September. Details will be posted as soon as they are available.

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

Canberra Swiss Club Choir If you enjoy singing in a small group on a regular basis, then our choir is just right for you. We sing traditional songs in our national languages. From time to time the choir performs with the German and Austrian choirs. Rehearsals are held at the Harmonie German Club from 6pm to 7.30pm on the last Tuesday of every month. Check the web or contact the coordinator Regula Neilson at r.neilson@netspeed.com.au.

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

Heinz Buettikofer, President

New South Wales

NSW EVENTS

- 9/6 Buure Zmorge, Austrian Club
 - 16/6 Raclette (Cercle Romand)
 - 25/6 Romand dance theme (Playgrp)
 - 30/6 Cycle Tour
 - 1/7 Fondue Night, Rest.Eiger
 - 7/7 Day at Central Coast (Sch.f.Kids)
 - 12/7 AGM, Austrian Club
 - 14/7 Pique-nique (Cercle Romand)
 - 20/7 Seniors Luncheon (Care Soc.)
 - 30/7 Servelat am Spiess (Playgroup)
 - 4/8 Fete Nationale (Cercle Romand)
 - 4/8 National Day Picnic (Sch.f.Kids)
 - 25/8 Assemblée Générale (Cercle Rom.)
 - 27/8 Globi theme (Playgroup)
 - 24/9 Lantern making (Playgroup)
 - 13/10 Tournoi de pétanque (Cercle R.)
- (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 Tuesday - Swiss Play Group (Kirribilli, except July)

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)

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Dear Swiss club members of NSW

The members of the committee have worked hard to establish Face book and twitter, as well as a step forward to improve and actively update the web page, thanks to all who are involved. Of course we would like, that members also like what we do; for feedback purposes.

The committee has organised a few interesting outing in June and July. Buure Zmorge on June 9 at the Austrian club in Frenchs Forest 10am-2pm. Cycle trip to the Concordia club in Tempe June 30, start is at the Olympic train station at 10.30. Fondue Night at the Eiger Restaurant in Stanmore July 1. The AGM will be at the Austrian club on July 12 as of 6pm.onwards

Please support your Club, Gruss.

Daniel Frutiger, President

Swiss Play Group

Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre 16 Fitzroy St, Kirribilli (except July) Ph: 0409 672 464 sps@swiss.org.au www.swiss.org.au/sps

Swiss Playgroup Sydney is a gathering of babies to preschoolers with their parents for play, songs & craft on the last Tuesday of each month from 9.30-11.30am. In April we enjoyed 'Papa Moll' and songs accompanied by Nicola on the recorder, as well as autumn craft and Swiss flag helium balloons. It will be important to RSVP for the July playgroup when we'll be celebrating National Day with the children, who

SWISS ROESTI CLIQUE IN SYDNEY

is calling those who play beautiful Basler Fasnachts Musig. We are looking for drummers and pipers (piccolo players).

All ages welcome. We practise once a month in the City

Contact Kurt Bieri Phone (02) 9634 4536 kriebieri@bigpond.com

will again have a chance to cook their own Servelat over a fire in the backyard at Ursula's place.

Jessica Steiger-Thorpe

Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

Beatrice Sidari: Tel: (02) 9602 9395 Mobile: 0418 280 178 bsidari@bigpond.com

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 Yodlers' will sing at the Swiss seniors luncheon, organized by the Swiss Community Care Society on Sat. 20 July 2013. We do this with great pleasure to bring a little of "die Heimat" to our seniors.

The Yodlers' 1 August 2013 celebration will be held on Sunday 4 August 2013 at the Castle Hill Show Ground. Requests for stalls selling Swiss products should be applied for soon.

A flyer will be sent early July with full details of the event. We look forward to welcoming you all there.

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. 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 1535 President: Armin Roth Tel: (02) 9669 1749 Contact / Support Officer: Ursula Mooser: (02) 9428 5593 scs@swiss.org.au www.swiss.org.au/scs

Nation Day Luncheon with the Swiss Yodelling group takes place on 20th July 2013 at Concordia. Please call us for a reservation. Talk to us, keep in touch!

Armin Roth

Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

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Our National Day will be held in a new place at Pine River Pony Club of Youngs Crossing Rd, Petrie. From Petrie along Dayboro Rd turn into Youngs Crossing Rd, 100 m turn right into the Pony Club, lots of parking. Bring a chair and a table with you, if you have an open gazebo for shade or rain. No BYO. No Glass.

QUEENSLAND EVENTS

9/6	Australian Jass Championship
9/6	Swiss Dinner & Folkloric Show
6/7	Raclette
28/7	1st August (new venue!)
3-4/8	Swiss National Day (Fraser Coast)
4/8	1st August (Gold Coast)
5/9	Jass and Film night
28/9	AGM / Table games
5-7/10	Camping weekend
19/10	Dinner Dance

(organized by SSQ unless otherwise stated)

Jass Regular Jass evenings held each alternate week. We now have a beginner's table for those wanting to learn the game and a French card table
 Contact: Fredi Vogel: 3289 1183, or Rita von Roth: 0431 707 144

Swiss German Playgroup every Tuesday at various playgrounds. Contact Sandra Landolt on 0402 655 158 or e-mail sandra.landolt@yahoo.com.au or visit swissplaygroup.blogspot.com



Baerg-Roeseli at the Fraser Coast Festival, Hervey Bay, Photo Iris Roethlisberger

Gold Coast Group

Contact: Franz Huber
 Bus: (07) 5597 0666 / M: 0414 97 0666

Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

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 Secretary: Gabriella Veidt-Wiedmer
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www.swiss.org.au/syfg

Baerg-Roeseli meets every second Thursday at the Danish Club at the same time as the Jass group to practice singing with our excellent teacher, 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 would be interested in joining us or booking a function we welcome your enquiries.

Katja Wallimann Gates, President

Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)

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

Fraser Coast Swiss Group

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www.swiss.org.au/page.php?ID=105

4 informal Get-togethers, Ladies Luncheon. Welcome to all visitors.

12 of the Yodel & Folklore Group Berg-Roeseli performed both days at the Brolga Theatre and on 2 stages at the Fraser Coast Cultural Festival. The Alp horn was much admired. An Austrian Tourist had to come to Australia to see a real Alp horn for the first time !!

21 members of the Brisbane Swiss Club also enjoyed the 40 Food stalls and our great diversity of entertainment while on their yearly Bus-Trip.

The Swiss Cheese Fondue at the Beach had 22 "Swaussies" enjoying this first time event with superb view over the Hervey Bay waters

Cecile Scherrer

Swiss Club Sunshine Coast

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The Club held its Annual General Meeting on 15th March 2013 at the Te-wantin RSL Club. The current members were re-elected and 2 new committee members were nominated and elected. The Committee then met subsequent to the AGM at which events and functions for this year were discussed. In

addition to the 1st August function and the Christmas dinner the Club is planning to hold a fondue night. Dates and details will be posted on the Club's website.

Our regular monthly "Ladies Lunch" on the first Friday of every month continues to be popular, with the ladies 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.

The men do not want to miss out and have their own "Gentlemen's Lunch" on the same day as the Ladies, but at a different restaurant and is organized by Franz Kaech.

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!

Please ring Hanni (phone number above) if you like to have a chat and find out more, we are happy to help. We also welcome your enquiries and suggestions via email to scsc@swiss.org.au, you will get a prompt response.

Beatrice Bruin-Broennimann

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