

REGIONAL EDITION

AUSTRALIA

Embassy. Message from the Ambassador

The relations between Australia and Switzerland are continuously intensifying. Just last year, the Swiss-Australian relations had a highlight, with the visit of Federal Councilor Didier Burkhalter to Canberra in October. Mr. Burkhalter was the first Minister of Foreign Affairs welcomed by the new Government to Canberra. And he was the first Swiss Foreign Minister to officially visit the Pacific Islands.

During this visit, the Hon Julie Bishop and Federal Councilor Didier Burkhalter signed two agreements: one on the strategic cooperation between Switzerland and Australia, wherein the Ministers agree to have biannual political meetings; the other Memorandum of Understanding was on Science, Research and Innovation. Both agreements will strengthen our bilateral relations.

In March this year, Julie Bishop visited Switzerland. Outcome? Both countries now explore ways to find synergies in our diplomatic network. Australia wants to expand in Africa, where Switzerland has a large network. And we support Australia in order to reactivate its Embassy in Berne.

In July, there will be a Senior Official Talk in Canberra. Assistant Secretary of State and Ambassador Beat Nobs will meet his Australian counterpart Assistant Secretary Paul Grigson. Objective of the talk is to start implementing the projects discussed between the two Ministers.

The National Day of Switzerland in Canberra will be celebrated at the Residence on Thursday the 31st of July. Individual Invitations will be sent out.

I have as well the sad obligation to inform the Swiss Community that on Easter Sunday unexpectedly and peacefully our dear friend Hans Peter Studer, First Secretary and Chief of Chancellery, passed away. Hans Peter has worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1979. We have lost a valuable and dear friend. The farewell ceremony was celebrated in Canberra with friends and family.

Marcel Stutz, Ambassador

CSA. Spring Session Report (part 2)

The CSA (Council of Swiss Abroad) had its Spring Session on March 22. Marc Godat already reported on some issues in the last edition of the Swiss Review; here some more insights from Beat Knoblauch:

- The Swiss Referendum against mass migration which was accepted by the majority of the Swiss, has been discussed at length at Council level. The President, Mr. Jacques-Simon Eggly, stated that the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad fought against acceptance of the initiative as the consequences for the Swiss Abroad could be very negative, especially also with regards to the student exchange program, Erasmus, in Europe. Mr Eggly also stated that the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad has to take political decisions where the interests of the Swiss Abroad are involved.
- Ambassador Bruegger, Head of Consular Services in the Department of Foreign Affairs, stressed the following points: he confirms that some items on the agenda of the CSA have been there for quite some time and need to be resolved, such as bank accounts for the Swiss Abroad, electronic voting, and the Law of the Swiss Abroad.
- After 28 years as CEO of the ASO, Mr Rudolf Wyder went into retirement and was elected with great acclaim Honorary Member. As his replacement, Mrs Sarah Masantuoni and Mrs Ariane Rusticelli were elected as co-directrices.
- Regarding "direct" elections for CSA members, Ms Sarah Masantuoni presents the result from a larger opinion poll (6,000 replies). Some of the highlights: the CSA is not very well known but is in a position to represent the interests of the Swiss Abroad effectively. The majority thinks that a direct election by those Swiss who are registered to vote in Switzerland is positive. The Swiss Clubs abroad are encouraged to promote the CSA in order to get candidates or people interested in offices.
- This year's ASO Congress is in Baden from 15-17 August 2014.

Beat Knoblauch, CSA Delegate



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SWISSCHAM EVENTS

18/6 "EuroMix" Eat, Meet & Greet, Syd
 10/9 Eat, Meet & Greet, Melbourne
 13/10 Swiss Ambassador Cup, Melb



Hilti - Winner Swiss Award Australia 2014

SAAN

Swiss Australian Academic Network
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www.sbs.com.au/german

"Echo Helvetia" on Sundays 8:30-9pm
 Melbourne: 93.1FM / Sydney: 97.7FM
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 Adelaide, Melb., Sydney and Brisbane.

Victoria

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VICTORIA EVENTS

20/6 Billiard Competition
 25/6 Social Jass
 2/7 Ladies Luncheon
 3/7 Kapelle Grüezi Mitenand
 5/7 Jass Night
 16/7 Swiss Movie Night
 23/7 Social Jass
 1/8 Nat. Day Lantern Procession
 1/8 SC Swiss National Day Dinner
 3/8 Swiss Nat. Day Fam. Picnic (Matterhorn)
 7/8 Kapelle Grüezi Mitenand
 9/8 Jass Night (Matterhorn)
 26/8 Senior Members` Luncheon
 27/8 Social Jass
 30/8 Jass Night SC (Final)
 7/9 Kapelle Grüezi Mitenand
 14/9 Kaffeeklatsch (Trachtengr.)
 17/9 Movie Night SC
 2/10 Kapelle Grüezi Mitenand

(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

Les Bavards

French conversation group meets every
 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6:30pm

SwissKids

For Swiss kids of all ages. 1st Saturday
 of the month, 2-4 pm at the Swiss Club.
 Convenor: Esther Blaser-Tokarev
 Tel: 0424 220 523
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2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

The Swiss Companion Singers

Convenor: Heidi Giger
 107 Glyndon Road
 Camberwell Vic 3124
 Tel: (03) 9889 9321, or
 Herbert Schwaerzler (03) 9561 7811

3rd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Swiss Diners Club

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

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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 Belgrave Heights VIC 3160
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The next big event on our calendar
 is the Swiss National Day Picnic on
 Sunday 3rd August, which will again be
 held at the Austrian Club. We hope for
 a beautiful winter day and look forward
 to seeing many of you.

The experience of singing with the
 Kiwi Yodlers at the recent Swiss Festival
 reminded us how enjoyable it is to sing
 in a larger group. Please contact Chris
 if you would like to join our Choir!

Erwin Weinmann

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli
 92 Addison Street, Elwood Vic 3184
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We extend an invitation to all our
 Senior Citizen (over sixty) to a wonder-
 ful afternoon of coffee, Cakes and a
 Chat=Kaffeeklatsch at the Swiss Club.

There is no charge for this cosy after-
 noon, however our Group is thankful
 for any donations. Please book with
 Marlies Kruppenacher 9503 9921 or
 Rosmarie Oswald 9583 9048.

Silvia Hochuli



Unterhaltungsabend @ the Swiss Club

**Trachtengruppe Schwyzergross
 / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.**
 (contact Silvia Hochuli - as above)

Friends, past members of the Dance
 Group, members of the various Swiss
 groups and patrons of the Swiss Club
 contributed to a fantastic night.

Kappelle Gruezi mitenand under the
 leadership of John Wanner, once again
 had a fantastic effect on all the guests.

Congratulations to Roger and the
 whole team for the best meal and
 excellent service. The "Tombola" was
 the big winner. Thanks to everyone for
 making the night a huge success.

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Grüezi Mitenand

The Fondue evening was an evening
 filled with entertainment, music, and
 dance but of course most importantly
 with a delicious fondue produced by
 our new "Master Chef" Lisa Martin and
 her fantastic helpers.

The evening started to roll-on and be-
 tween the food, old and young had a go
 at tossing a coin at a Kirsch bottle, had
 a dance to the Swiss music provided by
 Carmen Trochsler, moderator from the
 Swiss Radio Corner "Schweizerecke".

It was my pleasure to welcome so many
 "Jasser and Jasserinnen" to Adelaide.
 The 4th Australian Jass Championship
 2014 was over the Queen's Birthday
 Long weekend. Many players came to
 present their skills and enjoyed the
 great program over the weekend. Many
 sponsors supported us. A very special
 "Thank you" to Dieter Loelliger and
 Ruth Bloch for organizing this remark-
 able Championship.

National Day: Come and join us at
 Claudia and Walter Preisig's property
 with a big wood fire and a bigger BBQ.
 With lots of entertainment and music
 to dance and sing along. The "Swiss
 Radio Corner" will surprise us.

Bruno Zueger, President

SA EVENTS

1/8 Luncheon for Members
 2/8 Swiss National Day Celebration
 Sep Bushwalk (tbc)
 Oct AGM (tbc)
 Oct Würstli Brätle (tbc)

(for more details of any up and coming
 event please refer to the Swiss Express)

Regular SA Events

"Hockete" every 1st Friday of the
 month; come and join us along for
 a meal and a drink at the Austrian
 Association at 11-17 Torrens Road,
 Ovingham from 6 pm onwards.

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

Swiss Corner Radio 5EBI FM Adelaide
The Swiss Radio Corner "Schweizer-ecke" every Saturday evening from 6-7 pm on **103.1FM**. Call (08) 8211 7066 and make a music request.

Western Australia

Swiss Club of Western Australia

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Almost 200 guests enjoyed this year's Metzgete. The Swiss Club was invited by the Austria Club and the menu was adjusted to accommodate our Swiss wishes. We were very well looked after and the feedback was: "very good, tender meat, very tasty, delicious". The "Alphornblaeser" were also well anticipated and very entertaining.

Our next event promises to be equally entertaining. Imagine an overcast, cold, rainy (or snow-white) winters' day outside and you're in a warm, cosy chalet with a wood fire crackling away. We are inviting you to join us for the fondue in the North Perth Bowling Club on June 21.

Ursula Knecht, President

WA EVENTS

21/6	Fondue, North Perth Bowling C.
2/8	Swiss National Day / Bonfire
Sep	Spring walk (tbc)
Oct	Annual Picnic (tbc)

(please check our website for updates)

The Guggeburras

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



WA Swiss Club Committee 2014



Bushwalkers rest - Canberra Swiss Club

Play Group

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Monthly Jass

Every 3rd Thursday of the month, from 6.30pm, North Perth Lawn Bowling Club, Farmer Street, North Perth.
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Swiss Yodellers

Traditional Swiss folk group.
Peter Mueller (see above)

The Swiss Club Down South

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Dear members and friends,

In April we held our 'Dinner Cruise' on Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin. A total of 48 guests attended from as far away as Sydney and northern NSW. It was an evening of socialising and catching up with friends over a delicious 3-course meal and a glass of wine. After dinner and under guidance of our conductor, everyone joined in to sing a series of well-known songs.

The bushwalk in May to Molonglo gorge was attended by a group of keen and hardy walkers who braved the rather chilly conditions on an otherwise mostly sunny day. A picnic and bbq followed to satisfy our rumbling stomachs. Once more we were reminded about how lucky we are to live in a place where the bush is right on our doorstep, with little more than a short drive to many interesting destinations.

CANBERRA EVENTS

13/6	Fondue night
3/8	Swiss National Day
Sep	cooking course or lotto (tbc)
4/10	Crèmeschnitte-Chörli sings at the Sängerfest
19/10	Jass Tournament

(please also refer to newsletter / website)

The Australian Sängerfest is a German language song festival that is held every three years and brings together choirs from all over Australia - this year in Canberra. The Canberra Swiss Club's Crèmeschnitte-Chörli will be participating and invites you to come to the Gala Sängerfest Concert. If you

love hearing the sound of hundreds of voices, this is for you! Tickets available from Ticketek. Individual choir performances will be held on 5 October at the Southern Cross Club.

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

Canberra Swiss Club Choir We sing traditional songs in our national languages. Rehearsals are held at the Harmonie German Club from 6pm to 7.30pm on the last Tuesday of every month. Contact Regula Neilson at r.neilson@netspeed.com.au.

Canberra Community Radio FM91.1, broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 6-8pm. Gaby and Werner present an informative and entertaining programs with local content and news from Switzerland. So tune in your radios on Monday nights.

Heinz Buettikofer, President

New South Wales

NSW EVENTS

19/6	C.Coast Seniors Luncheons (SCCS)
30/6	AGM & Fondue Night
6/7	Christmas in July (Schw.f.kids)
26/7	Senior Luncheon (SCCS & Yodelers)
3/8	National Day Picnic, Castle Hill
14/9	Blue Mtns Bushw. (Schw.f.kids)
18/9	C.Coast Seniors Luncheons (SCCS)
4-6/10	Camping (Schwyzerd.for kids)

(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 Friday	Swiss Play Group (Kirribilli, except July)

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)

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Dear Swiss members and friends,

After a successful Buure Zmorge at the Austrian club, the Swiss club asks for your loyalty to attend the annual AGM Monday June 30 at the Eiger Restaurant in Petersham as of 6pm for a social drink and welcome. The meeting starts at 6:45 sharp and concludes no later than 7:30 pm. There will be a Fondue night just after the meeting. Please book early directly at the Eiger restaurant. Phone 9564 1160.

August 3 is the Swiss National Day Picnic at Castle Hill Show ground, organised by the Swiss Jodlers.

Daniel Frutiger, President

Swiss Play Group

North Sydney Community Center
Inside Civic Park, 220 Miller St.
Noemi Bangel. Tel: 0416 160 919
noemi@gustavkaser.com.au
www.swiss.org.au/sps

The Swiss playgroup meets at the above address on the last Friday of the month (unless school holidays) from 10-12. On all other Fridays, the playgroup will meet at various venues.

Noemi Bangel

Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

Beatrice Sidari. Tel: (02) 9602 9395
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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

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July 26, we will perform at the Swiss Seniors' Luncheon. August 3 is the Yodler's annual Swiss National Day Celebration at Castle Hill Show Ground.

Anyone wishing to apply for a stall selling Swiss products, please do so well in advance as there are a limited number of places available.

On the weekend 4/5 October we will be taking part in the German Singing Festival in Canberra together with choirs from all over Australia. This is another first for the group which we are looking forward to very much.

Our alphorn players and bell ringers have been active at functions and wedding throughout the year and are available on request.

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)

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Saturday July 26 is the Swiss National Day Senior Luncheon at the Concordia Club. The Central Coast Seniors Lunches take place June 19 and September 18. Keep in touch!

Armin Roth

Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

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Since the publication of "The Swiss in New South Wales: A History", the second main task for the Swiss Historical Society was to find a permanent home for this collection, a place where it would be professionally stored and maintained in perpetuity. Now we are

delighted to announce that the State Library of New South Wales has taken all the documents, such as the annual reports and meeting minutes of the Swiss Society and the Swiss Club of New South Wales from 1898 onwards, the original photos of various community events and other related materials. In due course these materials will be catalogued and made available to interested readers.

Queensland

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Dear members and friends.

Our National day will be held this year on Sat Aug 2 at the Samford Showground. Bring you tent or Campervan and spend the night. Powered sites available

QUEENSLAND EVENTS

21/6	Raclette
10/7	Film Night
27/7	National Day (Gold Coast)
2/8	National Day (Brisbane)
2/8	National Day (Sunshine Coast)
3/8	National Day (Fraser Coast)
31/8	Picnic
4/9	Film Night
6/9	Metzgete (Gold Coast)
20/9	Dinner Dance
4-6/10	Camping Weekend (organized by SSQ unless otherwise stated)

Jass Regular Jass evenings held each alternate week. Contact: Fredi Vogel: 3289 1183, or Rita von Rotz: 0431 707 144

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

Rita von Rotz, President

Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

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Baerg-Roeseli meets every second Thursday at 7.30pm at the Danish Club

to practice singing with our teacher Elspeth, 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 are interested in joining us or book us for a function we welcome your enquiries.

Katja Wallimann Gates, President

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4 informal Get-togethers per year, Ladies Luncheon & Games nights.

We will celebrate our National Day with a Bonfire in Bauple on Nicole and Ian's Property, with camping possibilities, farm animals, canoeing and "Bauple Nut", Macadamias.

Swiss Club Sunshine Coast

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The Club held its Annual General Meeting on Mar 21 at the Anglican Church Hall in Cooroy. The President was pleased to see so many attending and also welcomed 4 new members. The function was catered again by Ueli Marfurt, assisted by Sylvia Siegenthaler and the meal was enjoyed by all.

The Swiss National Day celebration will be held on Aug 2. The popular monthly "Ladies Lunch" and "Gentlemen's Lunch" will now be combined on the first Friday of every month. The luncheons are at different venues on the Sunshine Coast and are a great opportunity to catch up and have a chat.

We invite all Swiss on the Sunshine Coast and 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!

Beatrice Bruin-Broenimann

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