Consulate General:
Swiss Community
Care Information

Available additional services to our
future seniors, born 1950 or earlier.

On behalf of the Swiss Community
Care Society NSW and QLD, the
Consulate General suggests that
future seniors, starting with
birthday years 1950 and earlier,
which are not yet members of the
above Society, but would like to be
included in newsletters and
activities for Seniors, to come
forward and contact the SCSS in
NSW (Tel. 02/9669-1749), or in
QLD (Tel. 07/3298-5300)
in order to find out “what this
Society can do for you”.

Ernst Hofstetter,
Deputy Consul General

CSA Infoboard.
Appeal to the Swiss passport holders in Australia!

Switzerland has a long tradition as a democratic country, and one of
the characteristics of the Swiss system is that it is a participating democracy. That
means, Swiss citizens are not only allowed to, but are encouraged to participate
in the political process. We should keep in mind that the Swiss passport is not
only a privilege but also encompasses civil duties and obligations. Real
democracy only works if the citizens participate.

World wide, about 23.91% of the Swiss abroad have registered to vote but in
Australia, the figure is only 14.35%. It looks as if the distance from Switzerland
plays a certain role here in Australia. Distance from Switzerland however, is not
an excuse, as voting information is readily available and is sent to each
registered Swiss voter to his or her nominated address with sufficient back-
ground information on each subject which comes up for a Federal vote or
election. An interesting website is always www.swissinfo.ch with current
information.

It is fairly easy to register: either you contact your place of origin in Switzer-
land (Himmattor), or any of the local councils [Gemeinde] where you have been
registered once in Switzerland [it does not have to be the last place of
residence].

Swiss from abroad can make a difference, let’s seize the opportunity!

Beat Knoblauch, CSA Delegate

Nation-wide

Swiss-Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
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www.sacci.com.au

Recent events included the Swiss
Ambassador Cup; Members, guests and
friends of SACCI played and dined at the
No. 1 event for Swiss businesses in
Australia. Further, our “Cruise with the
Europeans” was attended by a record
number of 560 guests.

Check our website www.sacci.com.au
for event announcements, pictures of
part events, regular trade statistics
updates, Swiss and Australian business
news as well as SACCI member news.

Wishing you all a healthy and
successful 2010!

Marcel Svatos,
SACCI General Manager

SACCI Swiss Ambassador Cup - a record number of participants

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Nation-wide (cont.)

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The Swiss Yodelers of Sydney helped the Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn from Melbourne to celebrate their 40th anniversary

Meet at the Club every second and third Thursday of the month for practice.

Young Swiss Group
Convener: Amy Bahren
abahren@swiss.org.au
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/YoungSwissMelbourne/
We meet once per month. Anyone is welcome to come along.

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn
3 Bluegum Court, Upwey Vic 3158
President: Marco Unternährer
Tel: (03) 9752 6996 (h) or
Tel: (03) 9388 8777 (b)
munrat@optusnet.com.au
www.swiss.org.au/matterhorn
The Folkloristic Evening held last September to celebrate our 40th Anniversary turned out to be a great success. Our choir was joined by the Swiss Yodelers of Sydney, the Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose, Irma Thalmann on the alphorn and the duo of Dieter and Julia to entertain the more than 400 guests with a colourful program – many thanks to all of them! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Swiss community in Victoria for its continuing support over many years.

We are still looking for new choir members: if you like singing, you’re very welcome to join us at one of our practice sessions on Wednesday night at Marco’s place.

Erwin Weinmann

Swiss Folk Dance Group
Alpenrose
President: Sylvia Hochuli
92 Addison Street, Elwood Vic 3184
Tel: (03) 9533 6575
hochuli@tpg.com.au

A new year has started, we will learn new dances. And what else? We would like to have more members. Come and join us. Practice is every Tuesday night at the Club. For information ring Sylvia or Nancy on 9830 7530.

First Jazz night is on March 20. The date for our Unterhaltungsschanz at the Club is May 8. We look forward to welcoming you there for a fun night.

Silvia Hochuli

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

Groupe Romand Du Victoria
Présidente: Marianne Puccinelli
Tel: (03) 9561 9595
www.swiss.org.au/chfrvict

Pro Ticino – Pro Down Under
President: Claude Rossi
5 Falls Road, Healesville Creek Vic 3139
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Saturday Morning Swiss School
Convener: Andrea Pinch
Tel: (03) 5331 6762
pinch@batkey.net.au
www.swiss.org.au/svschool

Swiss Playgroup
Ingrid Presten
(03) 9772 0516
Chantal Imbach
(03) 8407 3766
www.swiss.org.au/svplaygrp
Meets 1st Thursday of each month from 11am-2pm at the Swiss Club.

South Australia

Swiss Club of South Australia
64 Castle Street
Parkside SA 5063
President: Bruno Zueger
www.swiss.org.au/swissclubsau
Gruenzimtmenadn

Our first event in spring was the Wuerstelboeckelet at Kuipko Forest. Even it was raining and cold, members from far south east turned up and enjoyed the good company and the warmth of the fire.
The Christmas Party at Mordialloc Park with perfect weather was fantastic and many members with their family and friends attended the party. We had a very special visit from Santa Claus, who brought all the kids a bag with homemade cookies from Santa’s helper Eva.

The Swiss Club of SA wishes you and your family all the best for the coming New Year 2010; we hope to see many of you at these upcoming events.

**South Australia Events**

**January 2010**
- Sat 23: *Tea Down Under*, Willunga Oval
- February 2010
  - Fri 05: *Camping Weekend*, Port Elliot

**Regular Events**
- "Hocketta", first Friday of the month at the Austrian Association at 11-17 Years Road, Davenport from 6.30 pm. New Chef: Cook Schnitl with permission to perform!
- "Schwyzer Fruehchraetzi", first Monday of the month. Enjoy a good time out. Call Sandra Grootendorst on (08) 8336 5932 for more details.

**Radio SEI* - Swiss Corner**
*"Swiss Corner" every Saturday 6-7 pm on 103.1FM. Phone-ins on (08) 8211 7066.
- Bruno Juegert, President

**Western Australia**

**Swiss Club of Western Australia**
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Northbridge WA 6005
President: Peter Gabathuler
Tel/Fax: (08) 9296 3960
swissclubwa@swiss.org.au
www.swiss.org.au/swissclubwa

Over 50 adults and children joined us on 4th October at Ellis Brook Valley for our annual Wildflower Bush Walk. The Blue Wren Walk took us past, the waterfall to an outlook and then further up to the top of the Darling Range. Bushes were in full bloom and there was the occasional cowlup orchid plus plenty of other wildflowers. A short test was held at the rock pool, to take in the magnificent view to the City of Perth. Back at the picnic area, the smell of grilled sausages soon took over. It was great to see many new members coming for their first Swiss Club outing.

On Dec 6th, the Swiss Samichlaus came to Perry Lakes. Grill Braustur, Cervetia plus traditional Swiss Nussgipfel, home made Basler Leckli and other goodies were on sale. The sound of Alphorns, played by Richard and Hanspeter gave the event the special Swiss flavor. It did not take long for Sego to stir with his accordion, to have a group of singers and songers around him. Over sixty children under 12 years of age went up to Santa to receive a Samichlaus Bag and a Coca-Cola. Some even had a ‘Weli’ for Santa. Young and old had a very enjoyable day.

The club’s financial year now is January to December. The AGM therefore has to be held before the end of March. A few of our committee members won’t be available for re-election. Please consider, which position you may wish to take on:
- President, Secretary, Treasurer or Magazine-Editor? Check out our website, be part of it, join the Swiss Club of WA.

**WA Events**

**February 2010**
- Sat 13: Karneval with the Guggenbueras at the Rhein-Donau Club
- Sun 14: Children’s Fasnacht, Rhein Donau Club
- Sun 21: AIMG at the Dutch Club

Come along and join the fun! You will find more information on our website.

Peter Gabathuler
Regular Events / Groups:

**NEW Swiss Radio Perth**, every Tuesday 7-8pm (4th Tuesday of the month in French) on 95.3MHz, or on www.geba.com.au.

Studio / Presenter: (08) 9127 5953, General Info, James Kohn: 0414 421193.

The Guggenbueras, only “Guggenmusig” in Australia, practice every Tuesday. Contact Jennifer Leutenegger on (08) 9277 7826 to send an email to guggenbueras@swissclubwa.org.au.

Swiss music is coming up!

**New South Wales**

**NSW Events**

**January 2010**
- Sat 30: Opera, Sydney Domain (SACA)
- Sun 31: Branch (Seriele Rondani)

**February 2010**
- Mon 01: Socialising in the City
- Wed 03: Swiss Entrepreneurs

**March 2010**
- Wed 03: Swiss Entrepreneurs

**April 2010**
- Wed 07: Swiss Entrepreneurs

**Western Australia Events**

**February 2010**
- Fri 13: Film night

**March 2010**
- 13-14: Weekend trip (destination tba.)
- The 2, 9 & 16: Cooking Classes

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**Noemi Gayer**

**Swiss Playgroup Sydney**
Sandra Ursenbacher (02) 9975 6987
Every last Friday of the month from 10:30am - 12 noon. Please call us to confirm the date before your first visit.
See you there at Frenches Forest!
Sandra Ursenbacher

**Schweizerdicks For Kids**
Beatrice Sidari: Tel: (02) 9602 9395
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Every first Sunday of the month, if you are interested in our diverse activities, please call or email Anna or Bea.

**The Swiss Yodelers of Sydney**
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We enjoyed the weekend festivities and the hospitality of our Melbourne colleagues. Good luck for the next 40!

The yodellers performed at a charity function in November and also at the Swiss Seniors Luncheon in December.

Our next function is the annual Swiss Yodeller’s Savoury Cruise to be held on Saturday, 27 February 2010.

Should you wish to join us on these occasions in the future please contact Alois.

Alois Kretz

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**THE ROESTI CLIQUE**

in Sydney is looking for Drummers and pipers (piccolo players)

All ages welcome.

We practise once a month in the city.

Contact Kurt Bieri
(02) 9634 4536

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**Swiss Seniors of Sydney Area**

2/73 Frederick Street

Rockdale NSW 2216

Contact: Ida Gugger (02) 9597 7096

As Ms Ida Gugger has now retired as convener following 27 years of continuing attention to this group. The Swiss Community Care Society has taken over the prime responsibility of organizing the regular luncheons.

The first one will be held at the Concordia Club on Saturday 6th of March and the subsequent one on Saturday 22nd May at The Esquire. Invitations will be sent out by Ursula Moore and the enrolment phone number will be (03) 9669 1749 Armin and Elisabeth Roth.

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**Swiss Folk Dance Group ‘Alpgeieurz’**

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Tel: (02) 9560 0666

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**Swiss Historical Society Inc.**

C/- Schweizer Kobras

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Australia Square NSW 1215

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The Swiss Historical Society welcomes new members! If you are interested, please contact us at the address below. You can contact Bettina Boss to get a membership application form.

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**Cercle Remand Du N.S.W.**

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www.swiss.org.au/cercleremand

Le cercle remand 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, pique-nique, tour de cuisine, pétanque, bowling, beach volley, randonnée, week-end camping et les temps très appréciées journées fondue et raclette. Comme d’habitude, nos membres seront également informés par courrier/email, etc.

Pour tout les détails sur notre programme d’activités, veuillez consulter notre site internet ou Anne Replandino. Au plaisir de vous revoir!

Pour le comité, Christian Dobais, secrétaire.

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**Swiss Community Care Society**

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For 2010 we have taken over responsibility of organizing the Seniors luncheon and will continue with the outings as in the past. New participants and members are always welcome.

Armin Roth

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**Swiss Society of Queensland Inc.**

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**Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group**

Baerg-Roeseli

President: Jakob Berger
Tel: (07) 3202 6101
Secretary: Elly Schuetz
Tel: (07) 3207 7101

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**Wedding Fraser Coast Style – Congratulations to Erika and Alex**

Berner, Ruth Millwright, and George Brench as new committee members. Many thanks also to the outgoing committee members Tim Piddell and Rilla Brandli, as well as Carmen Piddell and Matthias Neurohr.

We are now looking ahead to another year of events. We will organize an art event. As usual, we organise an event where you can meet and mingle with other Swiss people and you can contact us by phone number as well.

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**Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)**

Postal: SGC, c/- Erika Vincent,
181 Kungahna Creek Rd. Kungahna 2464
President: Lerby Whitley
Tel: (07) 3288 5300 / Secretary: Erika Vincent, Tel: (07) 6679 7210
Contact Sunshine Coast: Ursula Sheldon, Tel: (07) 5443 4272

Have you considered becoming a member and receiving our Newsletter three times a year, giving you details about our functions and other information regarding the Society? Anyone interested, please give us a call. Kind regards.

Lerby Whitley

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**Frasier Coast Group**

Contact: Cecile Scherrer
Tel: (07) 4194 0105
Mobile: 0409 286 326
cecile@swiss.org.au

We have very informal Get-Togethers.
Check the website or call for details...

Cecile Scherrer

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**Swiss Club Sunshine Coast**

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Our website under www.swiss.org.au/scsc has contact details, reports of our past functions and an online joining form. Registered Club members receive individual email invitations to all our functions. Please ring our club president to discuss any questions you may have or contact us via email.

Verena Bachmann