Dear Readers

I wish you all a Happy New Year. My wife, Meredith, and myself were very privileged to spend our first white Christmas in Switzerland and celebrating together with family. Therefore, I thought it would be very appropriate to make you a bit “glückschig” with some nice Winter pictures we took around my home town in Solothurn and while skiing in Zermatt.

Consulate. Travelling with Swiss-Australian Citizenship

The Schengen Treaty is an agreement between signatories where the free movement of persons between states in Europe is guaranteed. Switzerland is a signatory to this which means that common European rules for short stay visas and border controls are applied. Travel for citizens of states who are signatories is simple and citizens are able to enjoy free movement between all signatory states.

Of the 24000 Swiss nationals living in Australia, 80-85% of them are dual citizens of both Australia and Switzerland. This is a fantastic privilege to live and work in both Australia and Switzerland, however, there is a responsibility to stay informed when you travel on two passports.

According to the Airport police in Zurich, many Swiss citizens of dual nationality are caught out whilst travelling to and from Switzerland. This happens when Swiss citizens travel to Switzerland, have their Australian passport stamped and their presence in Switzerland registered as an Australian citizen.

It is possible to forget this when you are visiting friends and family and accidentally overstay the 90 days permitted as an Australian citizen when you are in fact a Swiss citizen, too! Similarly, problems can arise when entering Switzerland on an Australian passport and leaving on your Swiss passport. Your registration on the computer systems will not be updated and you may face problems at the border when you travel to Europe again.

The Airport Police in Zurich suggests that you enter and leave Switzerland and Europe on your Swiss passport or Swiss identity card to avoid any unnecessary complications. However, if you enter Switzerland only on your Swiss identity card, don’t forget to bring also some Australian travel documents in order to avoid problems when re-entering Australia after your visit to Switzerland.

If you are travelling to Europe on your Swiss passport or Swiss identity card you will be subject to the soft track border control which requires you to show a valid Swiss travel document. If you are travelling on your Australian passport this requires you to present, not only your passport, but possibly also proof of sufficient funds in your bank account, your visa and/or proof of accommodation and medical insurance.

Schengen-countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland

Consulate. Do We Know Your Details?

Please be sure to notify the Consulate General in Sydney about your new address, phone number, e-mail address, etc., without delay: [http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/reps/oeaes/vaus/cgsyd.html](http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/reps/oeaes/vaus/cgsyd.html). In this way you can be sure you will receive voting documents (provided you are registered with a Swiss municipality) and copies of “Swiss Review” “Newsletter” at your new (email-) address.
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SACCI is introducing a new quarterly events series called ‘Eat, Meet & Greet’. These events will be informal business networking meetings specifically tailored for SMEs and anyone interested in Swiss-Australian business relations. Eat, meet & greet will take place in both Melbourne and Sydney.

In the week of 12 March, SACCI will run ‘Location Switzerland’ investment seminars across Australia. Should you know or be aware of any potential investors or companies interested in Switzerland/Europe, please contact us. We will be more than happy to invite your ‘contact’.

SACCI EVENTS
2/25 Eat, Meet and Greet, Sydney
6/3 Zurich Gold Invitational, Sydney
8/3 Eat, Meet and Greet, Melbourne
12-16/3 Investment Seminars
Sydney, Melb, Perth (tbc)
28/3 Panel Discussion, Sydney
Registrations and more information as always on our website www.sacci.com.au.

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Swiss Playschool
Swiss Playgroup
Swiss Club of Victoria
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Griess mitenand / welcome to the new Year

Ruth, our Treasurer and Bush walk coordinator was the leader for the “Spring-Bush walk in November at Onkaparinga National Park. The path went up and down, and we even saw a few Kangaroos crossing our path. With a short stop at the beautiful lookout over the valley. Ruth spoiled us with coffee, tea and a self-made Zopf (bread). What a great park so close to our doorstep.

The Christmas Party at Morialta Park with perfect weather was fantastic and many family members and friends attended the party. As in the last few years we had a visit from Santa Claus, who brought all the kids a bag – free for all the members. This year’s bags were sponsored by a member of the Swiss Club.

The first weekend in February is our Camping Weekend at Port Eliot. Come along and leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind and join us at this beautiful caravan park at Port Eliot. End of February till mid March is the Fringe in Adelaide. Come along and have a night out to see a “Swiss Movie”. For Members of the Club free of charge.

SA EVENTS
3-5/2 Camping weekend, Port Eliot
Feb/Mar Movie evening
Apr Bushwalk

For more details of any up and coming event please refer to the Swiss Express)
Western Australia

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Dear Friends

A successful year for the Swiss Club of WA comes to an end. The new committee comprising of Karin Villenin, Nicole Waldmeier, Simon Waldmeier, Peter Spann, Paul Schaub and Nicole Gasser and the old hand, Pierre Bratschi, set as goals to have the traditional functions of the Club continue and to attract new members and have the existing members come back to celebrate the various Swiss related events.

First up was the Nettzgete / Slaughter Feast at the Rhein Donau Club where a full hall ensured a night that was enjoyed by all with fine food and entertainment. The Easter picnic at Biggeganup had a lot of children’s activities including egg colouring, and the old favourite, the Easter egg hunt. Then we had the Fondue at the North Perth Bowling Club. This was another night where we had a full house with a great fondue and a cheesy smell. The first of August Ball and the bonfire night where we had a full house with a lot of traditional entertainment, including the Alphorn Blowers and the Yodelers. In September, we had the annual spring walk at Bickleym Dam. A large crowd braved the weather conditions and the smell of sausages filled the air at the conclusion of the walk. The annual picnic saw the strong men and women compete in the Stei-Stosse / Stone Throwing as well as the water balloon throwing competition. The year’s events were brought to an end with the Samichlaus / Santa Claus. This year, he was accompanied by a “Schmutzli”. A few of the children were told that they have to help their mum and dad and they appear after all these years, some still need to be reminded to share with their siblings!

This leaves me with thanking my fellow committee members for all their efforts and hours spent planning and executing. There were also numerous other people who have helped make this year successful. Thank you very much, it is not easy to find volunteers and you can all be proud of what you have helped to achieve this year.

Philipp Bossert, President

WA EVENTS

26/2 AGM, Dutch Club

Swiss Radio Perth
Every Thursday 7-8pm (4th Tuesday of the month in French)
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The Gugguburras
only “Guggemusig” in Australia. Practice is every Tuesday.
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Swiss Yodelers
Traditional Swiss folk group.
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Dear members and friends,

Welcome to another year of great fellowship at the Canberra Swiss Club. The committee has put together a calendar of events for 2012 which hopefully, offers something for everyone. We will start the New Year with a film night presenting ‘Cool runnings’, a title which provides great entertainment for young and old.

New South Wales

NSW EVENTS

29/1 Brunch (Cercle Romand)
18/2 Annual Harbor Cruise (Yodelers)
19/2 Jazz Picnic, Berry Island
23/2 Swiss Historical Book Fundraiser
26/2 Rafting (bc) (Cercle Romand)
3/3 Event Community Care (bc)
16-18/3 Camping weekend (combined)
15/4 Fondue Vigneronne (Cercle R.)

(all events organized by the Swiss Club except where otherwise stated)

Regular Monthly NSW Events:
1st Monday: Social evening, jass, and Committee meeting (Eiger)
1st Wednesday: Swiss Entrepreneurs Lunch (Lord Nelson lowerw)
1st Thursday: Cercle Romand, soiree pub
2nd Friday: Social Evening (Frenche For.)
Last Friday – Swiss Play Grp (Frenche For.)

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The Swiss club of NSW has organised some dates for the next few outings.

January 29 is a Brunch organised by the Circle romand in Clontarf reserve at 11am.
February 19 is the annual Jazz picnic at Berry Island North Sydney organised by the Swiss club as of 11am. February 23 is an important Fundraiser for the new Swiss Historical Book, which is in the final stage of printing; organised...
by the Consul General, Mr. Markus Mehl and Sonia Schweizer.
March 3 is the Swiss community care society function: place to be organised. March 16/17/18 Camp-
weekend combined with Circle Romand. Swiss Dancers and the Swiss Club at Kangaroo valley.
April 15 is the Fondue Vigneronne at the Eigerrestaurant in Artarmon, NSW 2064.

Swiss Playgroup have had the annual Samichlaus Event at the Scandinavian Club at Frenchs Forest on 4
Decem-

ber. All kids had enormous fun and received a hot dog, drink and a nice looking Goodies Bag from Santa. Like
every year, this is always a very well attended event. Everyone helps on the day to make sure all are fed and
happy. It’s a real teamwork situation, and of course, a lot of preparation and work; thanks to all the volunteers who
helped on that day.

The Upslampe at the Eiger restaurant was well attended also, where the Swiss club provided nuts, chocolates and Christ-
mas cookies to all members.

Barry McNee had interviewed and recorded some members on the Day, which he then put on the Swiss Club
web page and YouTube. Everyone had fun with this last activity for that Year, thanks to the never tiring Siggi Ackern-
mann and his accordion as he entertained the crowd. Once again, a special thanks goes to him.

Daniel Frutiger, President

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Our group joined with the Swiss Yodeler Choir “Matterhorn” from Melbourne for a long weekend in Wagga Wagga at the end of October. There was much win-
ing, dining, singing and exploring the local tourist attractions of which there are many. Our thanks once again go to
Elisabeth and John Rossman of Wagga Wagga who were integral in organizing a Mayoral reception at the Council
Chambers, where we were given a warm welcome as we performed infront of the local community. On both Saturday
and Sunday, we performed at the Wagga Wagga Botanical Gardens dur-
ing the annual festival which is held there. Thinking of touring in NSW? The yodelers can heartily recommend Wagga Wagga.

The AGM was held in November and there are no changes to report. The group had pleasure in attending the Seniors’ Christmas Luncheon at the German Club in Tempe recently, where we performed and sang Christmas Carols together with those attending. Our thanks go to Regula Scheidegger who accompanied us delightfully on violin for the Carols.

We start singing (practising) in early February so if you feel like having a go come along, just give me a call.

The Swiss Yodelers Annual Harbour Cruise will be held on Saturday, 18 February 2012. We look forward to welcoming you on board.

Alois Kretz
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Le cercle romand regroupe toute per-
sonne 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
des sorties et réunions régulières.

Nos activités sont réparties tout au
long de l’année: soirées pub le premier
jeudi de chaque mois, tournoi de
jass, randonnée, week-end camping et
d’excursions en bus. Un dîner annuel
se déroule en novembre.

Comme d’habitude, nos membres
seront informés par courrier/émail
séparé. Au plaisir de vous rencontrer,
Pour le comité, Christian Dubois, secré.

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First Seniors Luncheon/Italian style:
Saturday, 3rd March and First concert
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Queensland

QUEENSLAND EVENTS
4/2 Get-together, Wondunna (Franz C)
11/2 Dinner Dance
19/2 Bushwalk
3/3 Gemüterlicher Abend
18/3 Bus trip
22/3 Fil night and Jass
24/3 Multicultural Gala Concert (Franz C)
25/3 Cultural Festival (Franz C)
25/3 Family Picnic (Gold Coast)
25/3 Bushwalk
1/4 Easter Bunny
15/4 Jass Championships
All events organized by the Swiss Club of Qld except where otherwise stated.

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Happy New Year!
The committee has been busy organis-
ing an interesting program for 2012. We have retained well-liked functions and are introducing new ones. For
example, in March, Jose will arrange a bus trip that we hope will be enjoyed by a large number of participants.

Detailed information about the activi-
ties can be found on our web page as
they become available. Please come and join us – everyone is welcome.

Jass every second Thursday. Contact
Hans Heer on 07 3846 6679. We now have a Beginners table!

Tennis every Wednesday nights, 7-30 pm start, Fairfield. Call Marc on 07 3899 8966.

Swiss German Playgroup every second Tuesday, and meets at different playgrounds. Contact Katrin on 0403 855 697 or swissplaygroup.blogspot.com.

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We have 6 informal get-togethers/year
and walk at the Cultural Festival parade come + join us, guesto also welcome!

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Our regular monthly “Ladies Lunch” on the first Friday of every month continues to be popular with the ladies meeting at a different venue every month to catch up and have a chat. Details are placed on our website and sent via direct email.

We invite all Sunshine Coast Swiss, 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 or email Hanni or Walter if you like to have a chat and find out more. We are happy to help.

Beatrice Bruin-Brennemann

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ASO Portal Australia (Local CSA Delegates / Hot Topics)
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