

REGIONAL EDITION

AUSTRALIA

CSA. Elections of four Australian Candidates

The four members who represented our country on the CSA in the past have offered themselves for re-election for the period 2013-2017. Since they have made such a valuable contribution during the past four years, they were duly nominated as our representatives for the new period. They are, as you know:

Marc Godat from Brisbane
Noemi Guyer from Sydney
Roland Isler from Melbourne
Beat Knoblauch from Sydney

Since there are four vacancies on the Council for our country, and no additional nominations were received, I declare them as elected and congratulate them on behalf of all the Swiss in our country. These are voluntary positions, and apart from personal contributions and attendance at meetings in Switzerland on our behalf, involve personal financial outlays. I would like to add a word of thanks and appreciation for all they do on our behalf and for their continued enthusiasm of all things Swiss. Carry on the good work!

Peter Meury, Past Delegate CSA, Responsible for Australian Elections



Folk Dance Group Alpenrose @ the Swiss Festival

Consulate. Consular Consultation in Brisbane

The Consulate General is coming to Brisbane in November this year. Emails will be sent out in due time, so make sure your email is correctly registered with the Consulate.

In November 2012, a team of the Consulate General was present in the Swissclub in Melbourne to offer consular consultations days and to collect biometrical data for Swiss identity documents with special technical equipment. The presence of this team spared more than 120 people the time-consuming journey to Sydney. This year, the Consulate General will be in Brisbane in the second half of November 2013 offering the same services in Queensland. All Swiss registered at the Consulate General of Switzerland with an address in Queensland will receive the necessary information about these important Consular Consultation days well in advance. This information will be transmitted by electronic means. Therefore, please make sure that your personal data in your file with the Consulate General in Sydney are entirely correct, particularly your e-mail-Address and mobile number. You can send us an update any time by simply forwarding your details to syd.vertretung@eda.admin.ch.



Consul General of Switzerland Markus Meli with wife Christa
Photo: Henry Bois du Chesne, Design and Photography, Avalon Beach

I would like to use this opportunity to say good-bye to you. I have been in Australia together with my wife Christa since August 2009 and we will be leaving Australia already at the end of May to take over the directorate of the Consulate General of Switzerland in Frankfurt am Main. It was a great pleasure being with you for the last four years and we very much enjoyed our frequent trips to the different festivities of the Swiss Community all over Australia. My successor will be Mr. Ernst Steinmann. Ernst is currently the Swiss Consul General in St. Petersburg in Russia and he will arrive in Australia by the end of August 2013. I am sure Ernst and his partner Edith are looking forward to coming to Australia and I'm convinced they will soon feel at home in this beautiful country.

Markus Meli, Consul General of Switzerland

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SACCI EVENTS

16/5 Swiss Award, Sydney
28-30/5 Swiss Pavillon@CeBIT, Sydney
12/6 Eat, Meet & Greet, Melbourne
13/6 Eat, Meet & Greet, Sydney
18/6 Export Symposium, Zug, CH

SAAN

Swiss Australian Academic Network
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We are happy to announce the visit of Nobel Prize Winner Prof. Rolf Zinkernagel. Prof. Zinkernagel will be attending the World Conference on Immunology at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra as the guest of honor and will hold a public lecture on the 29 of April. In addition to this event he will be holding two public lectures in Sydney at the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute on the 1st of May and at the University of Melbourne on the 2nd of May. The Swiss community is kindly invited to join us on these events.

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"New home for an old lady"

Recently, the Swiss Club of Victoria, the Matterhorn Society and the Swiss Society of Victoria cooperated in finding a new home for a 154 years old Swiss flag. It is not just the age that is special, but also the elaborate embellishments. 'Die Schweizer in Melbourne', together with the year 1859 and a lovely flower arrangement, have been embroidered, and the crests of 22 cantons surrounding the Swiss Cross have been painted on.

What do we know of the history of the flag? In 'The Argus' newspaper, dated Tuesday, 10 April 1860, an article was discovered that describes a gathering of Swiss colonists at a shooting completion near Geelong. It says that Samuel Rentsch, Swiss Consul in Mel-

bourne... appeared on the platform behind the firing shed, and, in the name of the ladies of Zurich, presented a very handsomely-worked silk flag to the Swiss of Victoria."... "He concluded by hoping that the Swiss would value the gift of their fair countrywomen of Zurich, and preserve its honour unsullied at all perils." The reporter goes on describing the flag in detail and so we also know what the reverse side of the flag looks like: "...on one side was the emblem of strength, viz., a bundle of rods, through which was passed a spear, a sword, and a rifle, with the motto in Swiss over - 'Eintracht macht stark'..."

We know nothing further until the flag was 'unearthed' during a clean-up at the Consulate General Melbourne in 1983. The Matterhorn Society looked after this truly historic flag ever since. The Swiss Society and the Swiss Club will honour that commitment ensuring that it will be preserved for future generations of Swiss in Victoria. A small celebration on 7 February marked the official handover.

Roland Isler, Editor "Edelweiss"

VICTORIA EVENTS

4/5 Unterhaltungsabend (Alpenrose)
11/5 2nd Jassabend (Matterhorn)
(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

Convener: Esther Blaser-Tokarev
Tel: 0424 220 523
esther.blaser@gmax.ch

For Swiss kids of all ages. 1st Saturday of the month, 2-4 pm at the Swiss Club.

The Swiss Companion Singers

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

2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month.



Left to right, Erwin Weinmann, Chris Hostettler, Barbara Kündig, Roland Isler, Franz Schellmann, Basil Jenkins

Swiss Diners Club

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

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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The highlight of the Choir's participation in the Swiss Festival at its new venue in the city was the opportunity to practice and perform with the Sydney Yodellers. Over the years a close relationship between the two choirs has developed, and we greatly appreciate each opportunity for coming together and sharing our enjoyment of Swiss songs and folk music.

Erwin Weinmann

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli
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Unterhaltungsabend at the Club, Saturday 4 May. Three course dinner, Music by Gruezi mitenand, Tombola with lots of prizes. Cost: \$40p.p. Bookings must be made with the Swiss Club.

Trachtengruppe Schwyzergruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

(contact same as Alpenrose as above)

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SA EVENTS

21/4 Bike ride
1/6 Fondue night
(for more details of any up and coming event please refer to the Swiss Express)

Regular Events:

"Hockete" every month - 1st Friday of the month - come and join us along for a meal and a drink.

"Jass abig" every 2nd month - first Friday (same date as Hockete) play with us a hand of Jass 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 5EBI FM Adelaide

The Swiss Radio Corner "Schweizer-erecke" every Saturday evening from 6-7 pm on 103.1FM. Please phone in on (08) 8211 7066 and make a request.

Western Australia

Swiss Club of Western Australia

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Dear friends

Another year has started for the Swiss Club of WA. We are excited to announce our inaugural Swiss Weekend on the 13th and 14th of April, organised by Kalao World Cuisine and the Swiss Club of WA. Entertainment is provided by the Swiss Jodellers, Alphorn Players and the Guggabarras.

For those people who wish to be on our regular email list, please email us your contact details.

Philippe Bossert, President Swiss Club of WA



WA EVENTS

13-14/4 Swiss Weekend
(please check our website for updates)

The Guggemurris

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

Play Group

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

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,

The coast weekend in March was a great success. Despite the many attractions in the capital on this Canberra birthday weekend, many ventured out to join us at the coast. Those who did were treated by glorious autumn weather with great swimming conditions. The raclette on Saturday night held under a bright star night, was the highlight of the weekend, although there were many other highlights such as playing Jass in the summer sun, or the local wildlife like the two goanas, possums and the many kangaroos providing much entertainment throughout the three days. They no doubt were attracted by the delicious smells of our cooking.



"Jass in ther sunshine" with Hans Brüngger, Gaby Hasler, Hanspeter Studer and Gaby Hoffmann

CANBERRA EVENTS

7/4 Bushwalk
31/5 Fondue night
June Film night (tba)
(please also refer to newsletter / website)

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

20/4 2nd Luncheon, Eiger (Care Soc.)
5/5 Coogee to Bronte (Sch.f.Kids)
18/5 Dinner Dance, Austrian Club
2/6 Darling Harb.Playg. (Sch.f.Kids)
9/6 Buure Zmorge, Austrian Club
16/6 Raclette (Cercle Romand)
30/6 Cycle Tour

(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)

Regular NSW Events (cont.)

1st Wednesday: Swiss Entrepreneurs Lunch (Lord Nelson brewery)
1st Thursday: Cercle Romand, soiree pub
2nd Friday: Social Evening (Frenchs For.)
Last Friday - Swiss Play Grp (Frenchs For.)

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)

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Dear Swiss

The Swiss club of NSW has organised a new Activity in form of celebrating Fasnacht back on the 2nd. of March. There were 12 people interested in participating such an Event. If you feel this could have more potential and grow to something bigger and better, by hiring a hall and work closer together, please give me feedback or contact me anytime. Also the Buure Zmorge will be at the Austrian Club, as "Ice and Slice has been sold, on the same note, Sofia's Restaurant in Allambie Heights has also been sold late last month, its regretful, that yet another Swiss Place has disappeared. I wish everyone a exciting Autumn and hope you can support your club.

Daniel Frutiger, President

Swiss Play Group

Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre
16 Fitzroy St, Kirribilli.
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www.swiss.org.au/sps

Swiss Playgroup Sydney is for babies to preschoolers with their parents to gather for play, songs & craft on the last Tuesday of each month from 9.30-11.30am. We have mainly done Swiss German Chinderlieder/Versli to date, but would welcome parents to expose the kids to songs/stories in other Swiss languages!



Marco Godenzi @ Swiss Play Group

We had a fairly wet start to 2013 but a fun 'date night' at Sydney Festival's

'Eraritaritjaka' and a fantastic pool party in February with the Nenz family.

Our new home at the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre has been a good fit, and the March playgroup was a fabulous morning replete with hot playdough and Schellenursli-inspired felt craft.

Jessica Steiger-Thorpe

Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

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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.



Upper Colo River Camping weekend

The Swiss Yodellers of Sydney

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The yodelers and alphorn players participated in the Swiss Festival held in Melbourne on Sunday 17 January, 2013. There was not a cloud in the sky and the sun beat down mercilessly. In other words it was hot! Whilst there was no moisture to dampen our spirits, a great time was had by all who attended. The group was able to catch up with and renew our strong friendship with the Swiss Yodel Choir, "Matterhorn" of Melbourne.

The annual harbour cruise on 23 February, 2013 was completed before a severe storm hit Sydney for which we were very grateful. The Consul General, Mr. Markus Meli was thanked for his continual support of the Yodelers during his time in Australia. We wished him and his wife Christa well in their new posting.



Yodelers @ Harbor Cruise

The yodelers, bell rings and alphorn players perform for weddings, birthdays and Swiss Celebrations. The group practises on Monday evenings in Chatswood. If you wish to find out more or join us in a practise session, please give me a call.

Alois Kretz, President

Cercle Romand Du N.S.W.

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Swiss Club of NSW: Fasnacht organised by Swiss Club President, Daniel & Maria, who provided scrumptious Chuechli

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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2nd Luncheon: 20th April at the Eiger Swiss Restaurant. Please call us for a reservation. Talk to us, keep in touch!

Armin Roth

Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

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QUEENSLAND EVENTS

21/4	25 Jubilee Jass Meisterschaft
4/5	Fondue (SSQ)
5/5	Fondue in the Backyard (FC)
30/5	Film Night
2/6	Buderim Lunch (SCCS)
9/6	Australian Jass Championship
9/6	Swiss Dinner & Folkloric Show

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

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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.

Ruth Milwright, President



Margaret Gilmartin @ Gold Coast BBQ

Gold Coast Group

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Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

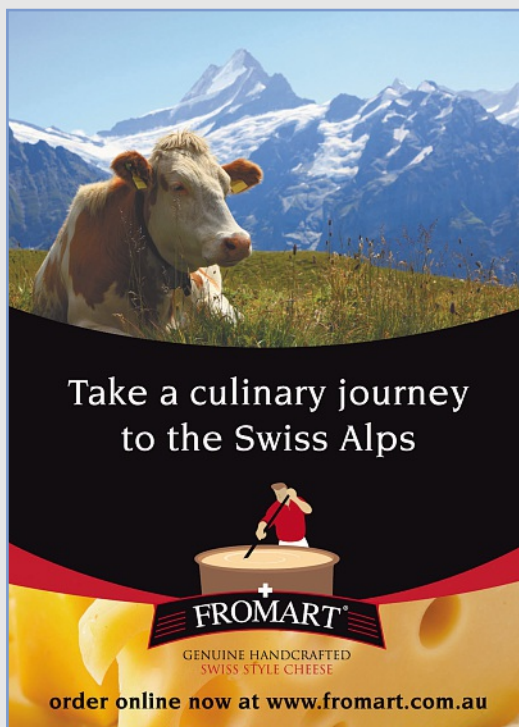
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Baerg-Roeseli meets every second Thursday at the Danish Club at the same time as the Jass group to practice singing with our excellent teacher, play Swiss music and enjoy the company of our Swiss friends. We have several opportunities to perform for 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



Baerg-Roeseli @ 1.August Foto: Lydia Haas



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

The Fraser Coast Cultural Festival was a success with the Yodel & Folklore Group Berg-Roeseli participating as well 20 members from the SSQ visiting

Cecile Scherrer

Swiss Club Sunshine Coast

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The games night in January had to be cancelled due to the stormy weather from ex cyclone Oswald which brought heavy rainfalls and high winds to our area with the associated risks of flooding and falling trees.

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. The men no longer wanted to miss out and have started to 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 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; you will get a prompt response.

Beatrice Bruin-Broennimann

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