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The Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney is pleased to announce that it will be present in Brisbane from Tuesday 19 November until Friday 22 November 2013 at the Honorary Consul’s office located at:

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with a mobile passport machine in order to collect biometric data (photo, fingerprints and signature) from Swiss citizens who wish to have a new Swiss passport and/or identity card issued. Priority will be given to citizens whose Swiss passport has expired or will expire within the next 12 to 18 months.

Should you wish to take advantage of this offer, please note that you have to register by applying for the new Swiss document online on the following website www.schweizerpass.ch or www.passeportsuisse.ch. Make sure you note under remarks that you wish to have your biometric data taken during our Brisbane visit in November 2013. You will then be contacted in due course with details for making an appointment in the days mentioned above.

Swiss citizens living in Queensland will receive further information by email. It is therefore of utmost importance that you have a valid email address registered with the Swiss Consulate in Sydney. If you are not sure about this, simply send an email to syd.vertretung@eda.admin.ch. Should you use a free webmail service such as Hotmail, Yahoo, Gmail, etc, make sure your junk filter has the Consulate’s address in your “Safe Senders List”.

In order for the Consulate to prepare the necessary files, please note that the deadline to make an appointment is Monday, 4 November 2013.

CSA. Congress of the Swiss Abroad in Davos

Australia was represented strongly at this years Congress of the Swiss Abroad in Davos from August 16-18 with three delegates attending, Marc Godat (OId), Beat Knoblauch (NSW) and Roland Isler (Vic).

Agenda CSA Meeting August 16:

- Inauguration CSA term 2013-2017
- Consular Network Developments
- E-Voting. Response to the 3rd report by the Federal Council
- Online election of the Council of the Swiss Abroad
- Inheritance tax agreement with France
- Presentation: The Swiss in Australia

…and most importantly, the Law for the Swiss Abroad. The following is a summary of the Council’s response to the draft proposal, which you may recall we sent to all registered Swiss in Australia earlier this year:

«The Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) welcomes the creation of the Law for the Swiss Abroad. It considers the draft proposal prepared by the commission as an important legislative and administrative simplification. The law will form the basis for a future-oriented, holistic, sustainable policy in the field of international mobility of Swiss citizens.

However, the OSA strongly opposes the lifting of the compulsory enrolment requirement (Immatrikulationsobligatorium), and regards it as incompatible with the purpose of the proposal. Instead, the OSA advocated the networking of the consular missions abroad with the domestic departments for population control (Einwohnerkontrollen).

To achieve a coherent Swiss Abroad policy, the OSA considers it necessary that the development of a political Swiss Abroad strategy is expressly stipulated in the Act and that the Department of Foreign Affairs (EDA) is explicitly granted the competence to develop this strategy and coordinate the administrative activities in this area.

The OSA further advocates that the Federal governments obligation to provide information to the Swiss Abroad is strengthened and that the cooperation between the Swiss foreign institutions, in particular the Council of the Swiss Abroad, is enshrined in law.

Finally, the OSA also advocates that a legal basis is created in the Law for the Swiss Abroad that facilitates the introduction of e-voting and for non-discrimination of citizens living abroad.»

Presentation: The «Swiss in Australia» – although one of the last items on the agenda - was nevertheless a very important one. It gave us the opportunity to present a picture of our Swiss communities in Australia. Underpinned with many interesting visuals we covered a wide spectrum – business/science (SACCI, SAAN), folklore, history and main events (Swiss Festival etc). Every CSA Delegate received a copy of the book «The Swiss in New South Wales: A History», together with a holiday brochure about Australia. The presentation was very well received.

The Congress the next day (17 August) attracted around 380 Swiss from around the world. The theme was ‘Switzerland in time of Globalisation’ and visitors were able to participate in different workshops. During a chat with Federal Councillor Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf, the high-ranking politician revealed that she had family links to Australia and a visit downunder is on her agenda. Roland presented her with a copy of the SCV history book and movie documentary, which she gratefully accepted. In the evening we took the cable car up to the beautiful Hotel Schatzalp, were over dinner, many new acquaintances were made and old ones maintained.

Roland Isler - Council of the Swiss Abroad
Victoria Events (cont.)
12/12 Kapelle Grueti, Hüttenad (please check the website for all Swiss Club of Victoria events)

Ladies Luncheon
The Swiss Club of Victoria
Convenor: Heidi Giger
Tel: (03) 9889 9321
Bookings essential with the Swiss Club.

SwissKids
Convenor: Esther Blaser-Tokarev
Tel: (04) 244 9223
ester.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 Glyndor Road, Camberwell Victoria 3124
Tel: (03) 9868 9321, or Herbert Schweizer (03) 9561 7811
2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Swiss Diners Club
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SwissDinersClub/

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn
19 Lockwood Rd, Belgrave Heights VIC 3160
President: Chris Rostetter
Tel: (03) 9754 7390
helvet@bigpond.com
www.swiss.org.au/matterhorn
The Swiss National Day Picnic held on Sunday 4th August at the Austrian Club in Heidelberg West was a success, despite the wet and windy weather conditions, and from the feedback received, this new venue closer to the city will be the preferred place for future National Day celebrations.

We are looking forward to participating again with other Swiss groups in the Swiss & Italian Festa in Hepburn Springs on 2nd and 3rd of November. This festival celebrates the close links of the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs region with the Swiss and Italian communities, and have given joy to many early settlers from these two countries. See www.swissitalianfest.com

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrue
President: Sylvia Hochuli
92 Addison Drive, Elwood Vic 3184
Tel: (03) 9531 6575
hochuli@tpg.com.au
The group had a successful year, organising the Unterhaltungsabend and the card nights at the Swiss Club. All our performances throughout the year have given joy to many people, especially at the nursing homes.

We always welcome enquiries from prospective new members for the group. We wish all our friends and supporters a happy festive season and good health for 2014.

Trachtengruppe Schwyzergreut / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.
(contact same as Alpenrue as above)

The group would like to invite the retired Swiss/Australian Community (over sixty) to our mysterious and exiting Fahrt Ins Blaue. Cost is $30 per person, which includes a 3-course lunch.

If you are interested, please mail your cheque or call Sylvia (contact as above).

Sylvia Hochuli

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Pro Ticino - Pro Down Under
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South Australia
Swiss Club of South Australia
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North Adelaide SA 5006
President: Bruno Zueger
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www.swiss.org.au/swissclubsota/
Our yearly Cheese Fondue dinner held at the Austrian Club was booked out early this year with more than 140 guests attending. A big thank you to the local companies donating fantastic raffle prizes.

This year we organized a luncheon on the 1st of August to celebrate our Swiss Heritage. On Sunday the 4th of August we celebrated the Swiss National Day at the boathouse. Reg the amazing Magician did not only entertain the children with his tricks; the adult’s had a laugh too. Thanks to all the committee members and helpers.

We cordially invite all our members to the AGM on the 1st November at the Austrian Club followed by a dinner.

Our next events are being planned and we hope to see many of you attending them in the future. In October we have sausages sizzling on a stick in the Kuitpo Forest National Park just a stone’s throw away from the city. The Christmas Party and a visit from Samichlaus are again at Glover Park, North Adelaide. Please come along and enjoy a fun day with the traditional Rock Throwing event (Stei-Stosse) – even better if you arrive the day before and camp overnight.

The year will finish off with the Santa Claus/Samichlaus on Sunday the 8th of December at Perry Lakes. On the 23rd of February 2014, we have our Annual General Meeting.

What is left now is to wish all readers a wonderful festive season and a good start to the New Year.

Philippe Bossert, President Swiss Club of WA

WA EVENTS
20/10 Annual Picnic
8/12 Samichlaus / Santa Claus
23/12/14 AGM
(please check our website for updates)

The Goggeburra
Only “Goggenmutli” in Australia.
Président is every Tuesday.
Jennifer Leutenegger (08) 9277 7826
agogogburra@swiss.org.au

Play Group
Every 1st Friday of the month, Cynthia Reed, 0409 295 775
cynthiasroot@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
pelimus423@yahoo.com.au

Swiss Yodellers
Traditional Swiss folk group.
Peter Mueller (see above)

The Swiss Club Down South
Nicoletta Magnin
Wandering Cowaramup WA 6284
Tel: (08) 9755 5297
magninfamily@westnet.com

Swiss Corner Radio SEBI FM Adelaide
The Swiss Radio Corner “Schweizer -ereeke” every Saturday evening from 6-7 pm on 103.1FM. Call (08) 8211 7066 and make a music request.

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Dear friends
A group of members organised the Fon- due this year and was enjoyed by over 100 people. On behalf of the commit- tee, I wish to thank you for your efforts.

Our second Swiss National Day Celebra- tion on our property in Gedgiegannup was a great success with 120 people attending. The meat, provided by Jean- Pierre from Antoine’s Prime Meats in Rivervale, was outstanding. It was a pleasure to see so many people camp overnight – a great use of our property.

A big thank you goes to all the people in the committee and their partners for their help and to everyone who was there for set up and pack away.

Our annual picnic will be on Saturday the 20th of October at the property in Gedgiegannup. Please come along and enjoy a fun day with the traditional Rock Throwing event (Stei-Stosse) – even better if you arrive the day before and camp overnight.

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Philippe Bossert, President Swiss Club of WA
Dear members and friends,

Another series of cooking classes were held in September. Those who participated have again enjoyed a delightful culinary experience. Please check our newsletter and the website for events.

**CANBERRA EVENTS**

- **20 & 27/10 (tbc) Jass Competition**
- **8/11 AGM**

The regular Jass evenings are held every second Wednesday at the Harmonie German Club. New participants are always 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@netpace.com.au.

**Canberra Community Radio FM91.1**

broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 6-8pm. Gabby 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

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**New South Wales**

### NSW EVENTS

- **13/10 Tournoi de pétanque (Cercle R.)**
- **26/10 Buure Zmorze, Austrian Club**
- **28/10 Ryte Ryte Roessli (Playgroup)**
- **Nov: Jass Tournament (tbc)**
- **26/11 Prep. for Samichlaus (Playgroup)**
- **30/11 Christmas luncheon (S.Seniors)**
- **5/12 Cent. Coast Karneval Cruise (SGS)**
- **16/12 Children’s Samichlaus (Playgr)**
- **16/12 Unplampte, Eiger Restaurant**
- **Feb: Brunch (tbc) (Cercle Romand)**

(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, soirée pub
2nd Friday: Social Evening (Frenchs For.)
Last Tuesday – Swiss Play Group (Kirribilli, except July)

**Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)**

President: Ursula Schappi
www.swissculture.org.au

SACA held its Annual General Meeting on 16th August 2013 at the Goethe Institute, Wooloahra. After many years of active contribution, Mrs Bronwen Kretz, decided not to stand for re-election and the meeting thanked Mrs Kretz for her past leadership.

At the close of the AGM, the Acting Consult General, Mr. Bernhard Furger, forewarned that a number of Swiss artists were invited to participate at the forthcoming 19th Biennale of Sydney, from March to June 2014.

The guest speaker of the night, Swiss-born artist, Lucienne Fontanaz, then presented her latest artwork about the representation of women and sexuality in both the Middle Ages and in today’s popular media imagery.

Ursula Schappi, President

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**Dear Swiss**

After a successful Swiss National Dinner function at the Concordia club in Tempe and the Swiss picnic the following Sunday, pictures and stories are listed on Face book or the Swiss web page.

The Swiss club of NSW is continuing the ever popular “Buure Zmorze” at the Austrian club in Frenchs Forest on Sunday October 20 from 10am to 1pm. You are able to book for this event through www.trybooking.com or call me on 8677 0864 or 0403 502 048 to reserve your seat.

The Children’s Samichlaus Event is this year at Forsyth Park “Neutral Bay” with a BBQ and free Hot dogs for the Kids. Please reserve your spot, as there is a maximum of only 70 participants all up. Contact Jessica from the play group on 0409-672-646 or jessica@swiss.org.au.

“Unplampte” Christmas Monday the 16th of December is again at the Eiger Restaurant in Petersham as of 6pm. The Swiss Club is supplying quality Nuts, Chocolates and Christmas Cookies, all other food needs to be ordered in the restaurant.

We look forward to see you any of these Functions.

Daniel Frutiger, President

**Swiss Play Group**

Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre
16 Fitzroy St, Kirribilli (except July)
2014: Noemi Bangel, 0416160919
noemi@gustavkaser.com.au

The highlight of the year is without doubt the coming of Samichlaus. After this, I wrap up following 4 happy years of active contribution have again enjoyed a delightful culinary experience. Please check our newsletter and the website for events.

Jessica Steiger-Thorpe

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All services are offered in German or English. Alle Dienstleistungen werden in deutscher oder englischer Sprache angeboten.
Our next performance will be on Saturday, 12 October together with four local German choirs at St Christopher’s Church, Croydon, followed by the Swiss Seniors’ Christmas luncheon on Saturday, 30 November. The ever popular Swiss Yodlers’ Harbour Cruise will take place on Saturday, 1 March 2014. Further details will be provided in the next issue.

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Le cercle romand regroupe toute personne intéressée par le 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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Contact / Support Officer: Ursula Mooser: (02) 9428 5593
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Xmas luncheon at Concordia on Nov 30
Alois Kretz, President

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Detailed information about the activities can be found on our website.

QUEENSLAND EVENTS

19/10 Dinner Dance
2/11 AGM & Table games
17/11 Helpers & New Member BBQ
24/11 End of year Picnic (Gold Coast)
1/12 Samichlaus Brisbane
7/12 AGM & Xmas Lunch (SCSS)
7/12 Christmas by Candlelight (Sunsh.C)
8/12 Samichlaus (Fraser Coast)
12/12 Last Jass evening for 2014
Feb Cannikale Dinner Dance (Bcc)
2/2 Sunday @ the Beach (Frazer C.)

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 707 164

Swiss German Playgroup
www.swiss.org.au/syfg
Ruth Milwright, President

Gold Coast Group
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Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group
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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. They have a live band and enjoy the company of our Swiss friends. We have several opportunities for the wider Swiss community as well as bookings for private functions. If you would be interested in joining us or booking a function welcome your enquiries.
Katja Wallimann Gates, President

Swiss Community Care Society (QLD Chapter)
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President: Lotly Wibler
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Swiss Folk Dance Group
Swiss Club Sunshine Coast
Contact: Hannah Smith
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www.swiss.org.au/sscswc

Our Swiss National Day, attended by 43 adults and 5 children, was held at a new venue, the community hall at Kureelpa. The hall was decorated in the national colours of Switzerland, red and white, and with flags, lampions and candle lights. A raffle was held as a fund raiser for the Club, the many lovely prizes on offer ensured that the tickets sold quickly.

The next scheduled function of the Club is the Christmas by Candlelight Dinner on Dec 7 at the Yandina RSL. Hall. Members and non members are welcome. Events for 2014 are not yet finalised and will be on our 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!

Beatrice Bruin-Broennimann

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