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Consulate. Biennale of Sydney

Extraordinary Swiss participation at the "19th Biennale of Sydney
March 29 to June 9 - «You Imagine What You Desire»

The Biennale of Sydney is an international festival of contemporary art presented for free every two years, showcasing innovative art with affiliated public and educational programs.

The 19th Biennale of Sydney «You Imagine What You Desire», curated by Artistic Director Juliana Engberg, will be open from 21 March until 9 June 2014. It will provide a rare and exceptional insight into Swiss contemporary art as not less than nine Swiss artists have been invited to participate in the programs and event. Art enthusiasts should not miss out on this unique opportunity to see Swiss Art in Australia.

Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia is supporting the following artists:

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Please consult the Biennale of Sydney Website for all details about the upcoming events at www.biennaleofsydney.com.au

Embassy. Message from Ambassador Marcel Stutz



Dear Compatriots in Australia, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

The Swiss-Australian relations had a high-light with the visit of Federal Councilor Didier Burkhalter to Canberra on the 27th and 28th of October last year. Mr Burkhalter was the first Minister of Foreign Affairs to be welcomed



Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpengruess of NSW having a go at archery at their sports and recreation camp weekend.

by the new Government in Canberra and the first Swiss Foreign Minister to officially visit the Pacific and Canberra. 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 meetings; the other on Science, Research and Innovation. After the formal meetings, the Swiss Foreign Minister invited his Australian counterpart for a lunch at the Swiss Residence.

My objectives for 2014 are:

- to further improve the coordination between the different Swiss and Australian actors (Swiss Citizens, SwissCham, SAAN and the Consulate General in Sydney and our Honorary Consuls in the Northern Territories, Papua New Guinea, Southern Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia and Victoria)
- to fill the signed agreements with life
- to organize the planned visit for the end of the year of an economic delegation headed by the State Secretary for Economic Affairs, Gabrielle Ineichen-Fleisch

I am very much looking forward meeting and working with you, our Swiss Compatriots – be it through direct contacts or be it through our highly efficient Swiss Clubs, spread out over whole Australia. If you want to share ideas with me or want to get in contact, please do not hesitate and send me a mail to marcel.stutz@eda.admin.ch

I wish all of you a blessed year and am looking forward meeting you.

Kind regards *Marcel Stutz, Swiss Ambassador in Canberra*

CSA. President's Meeting at Embassy in September

This is an early announcement that all Presidents of the Swiss Clubs, and possibly a Delegate from Bern, will be invited to the Embassy in Canberra for a daylong conference in September 2014.

In preparation for this event, we call upon all Expats to participate; certain agenda topics are set already, like e-Voting, Swiss Bank account fees, Swiss law for Swiss Abroad and the OSA Election process, but we are keen to hear from you what YOU think is important to discuss at this milestone meeting.

Please tell your club leaders about your ideas ASAP (before the end of March), or contact Beat Knoblauch on beatek@ozemail.com.au, so we can properly plan the agenda.

Marc Godat, CSA Delegate

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Welcome back to another year of social activities, Swiss style! We are looking forward to another good year of friendly gatherings and good times at the Club.

We are always happy to welcome new members. Membership is open to all Swiss, their families and anyone interested in our beautiful home country.

The Swiss Club is celebrating its 115th Anniversary in 2014. For the past 115 years, the club has contributed to multi-cultural Victoria, and has been a place of interaction and support for Swiss migrants and their families. We

would like to thank all of you, who have supported us over the years! Our club nights are Wed and Thu evenings but the restaurant is open Mon-Fri for lunch and Tue-Sat for dinner.

One of the big events on our Social Calendar is the Swiss Festival on Sunday, 6 April at Queensbridge Square. This event was established with the aim of getting all Swiss Groups in Victoria involved to celebrate Swiss culture, traditions and food together. Please come along to a friendly day of Swissness in the heart of Melbourne; we are always looking for volunteers, so if you can help, please email us. - It is a great way to get involved in your Swiss community.

VICTORIA EVENTS

26/2	Social Jass
5/3	Ladies Luncheon
6/3	Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand
12/3	Swiss Club Movie
15/3	Jass Night Swiss Club
21/3	AGM
26/3	Social Jass
6/4	Swiss Festival Queensbridge Sq. (please check the website for all Swiss Club of Victoria events)

Ladies Luncheon

The Swiss Club of Victoria
Convener: Heidi Giger
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Bookings essential with the Swiss Club.

SwissKids

Convener: Esther Blaser-Tokarev
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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
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Camberwell Vic 3124
Tel: (03) 9889 9321, or
Herbert Schwaerzler (03) 9561 7811
2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Swiss Diners Club

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

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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In the first few months of this year the choir will concentrate on consolidating our repertoire of songs, ready for our performance at the Swiss Festival. We are especially looking forward to joining up with the Kiwi Yodellers from New Zealand who have been invited to take part in this year's Festival.

Erwin Weinmann

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

President: Sylvia Hochuli
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The group will again organise the card nights at the Swiss Club this year. Congratulations to all the winners in 2013.

We would like to keep performing Swiss folk dances, but to do so we need more members. We are a happy relaxed group, so why not join us. Practice is on Tuesday night at the Swiss Club.

Silvia Hochuli

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

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On behalf of the Swiss Club, I wish our dearest Members and their Families the very best for 2014.

The last event for 2013 was our Christmas Party and many families took this occasion to come along to meet old and new friends. At our traditional "Würstli Brätli" back in October, everybody enjoyed the easygoing atmosphere and the "Schlangenbrot" and "Cervelat" sizzling on the open fire were a great attraction for the "kids".

2014 will be a big year! For Feb 14-16 we have the Holiday Park in Port Elliot organised. Join us at this beautiful caravan park at Horseshoe Bay. We will have a BBQ dinner on Saturday night.

In March / April, Palace Nova Eastend will show some French and German Films during the Film Festival. In April we have our outdoor activity with a Bike Ride and Lunch.

Bruno Zueger

SA EVENTS

14-16/2 Camping weekend, Port Elliot
Mar/Apr French Film Festival
20/4 Bike ride, City to Henley Beach
(for more details of any up and coming event please refer to the Swiss Express)

Regular 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.

"Jassabig" every second Month - first Friday (same time & date as Hockete).

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-errecke" 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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Dear friends

The annual picnic attracted over 50 people to our beautiful property in Giddegannup and the smell of sausages wafted through the leafy Toodyay valley. The year finished off with the Samichlaus at Perry Lakes. I am pleased to report that all children were accounted for at the end; a big thank you goes to

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Samichlaus Angelo for doing such a great job. Also gratitude goes to Jean-Pierre from Antoine's Prime Meats in Rivervale for his continued support and to Jean-Claude from Chez Jean Claude in Subiaco and West Leederville for providing the yummy Nussgipfel.

Our AGM is on Sunday Feb 23 at the North Perth Bowling Club. There will be a few vacant positions on the Committee which have to be filled. Without the support of everybody, we would be unable to run the events. Please email me if you have interest in a role. Come along to the meeting and enjoy Wienerli and Potato Salad at its conclusion.

Philippe Bossert, President Swiss Club of WA

WA EVENTS

9/2 Bickley Dam Swim

23/2 AGM

(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

Play Group

Petra Clogher – 0404 671 913 petrajost00@gmail.com
Facebook: Swiss Playgroup Perth

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 pelimu4243@yahoo.com.au

Swiss Yodelers

Traditional Swiss folk group. Peter Mueller (see above)

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Dear members and friends,

Welcome to another year of great fellowship at the Canberra Swiss Club. 2014 is set to bring something for everyone and we hope for your participation.

The Samichlaus function was well attended, with young families and grandparents too; it's heartening to see the young generations joining in. It seems the future of our club is assured. The Crèmeschritte Hörl went to sing at Jindalee nursing home to bring some pre-Christmas joy to Swiss and other residents; thank you for reaching out and extending goodwill beyond its own community.

For 2014, I would like to point out the Dinner Cruise on April 5. This event will be subsidised by the club in memory of Emil Hochuli. Details will be sent to members in the February newsletter.

CANBERRA EVENTS

7-10/3 Coast weekend

5/4 Burley Griffin Dinner Cruise

4/5 Bushwalk

(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 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 6-8pm. 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

22/2 Harbour Cruise (Yodelers)

23/2 Jazz Picnic, Berry Island

26/2 Seniors Luncheon (SCCS)

28/2 Fasnacht inspired craft (Playgrp)

16/3 BBQ at Bronte Beach

20/3 Get Together (SCCS Cent.Coast)

28/3 Buurehof fun (Playgroup)

5/4 Luncheon @ Eiger (SCCS)

11/4 Easter craft (Playgroup)

27/4 Boating/Kayaking, Narrabeen L.

(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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The Swiss Australian Cultural Association (SACA) plans the next Swiss+02 Art-Exhibition for 2015 at Bondi Pavillion Art Gallery. A comprehensive submission to secure the gallery space for two weeks in 2015 needs to be made in the first half of 2014.

In preparation of this submission SACA now calls on Swiss-Australian artists to register their interest to be part of this group exhibition. Please email your interest to participate ASAP. Looking forward to your early response.

Ursula Schappi, President

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Our Jazz Picnic at Berry Island is on Sunday February 23 from 11am. Swiss club supplies cold drinks, white and red wine for all to enjoy.

BBQ at Bronte Beach on Sunday March 16 from 11am; Swiss club to provide sausage sizzle.

Paddle boating / kayaking on Narrabeen Lakes, Sun April 27. Swiss Club offers the hiring of the Boats. Social Sport Gathering: BYO Picnic and Beverages.

Daniel Frutiger, President

Swiss Play Group

North Sydney Community Center
Inside Civic Park, 220 Miller St.
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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 in Sydney. A calendar has been drafted for the activities for 2014, for more information please contact Noemi.

Noemi Bangel

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.

The Swiss Yodelers of Sydney

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The Swiss Yodlers' of Sydney wish all our compatriots the very best in 2014.

Our last performance for the year was at the Swiss Seniors' Christmas luncheon held on Nov 30 together with SACA member Regula Scheidegger who played the violin. Thank you!

The AGM was held on 9 December, and the Yodlers invited Swiss visitors and

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yoderlin Ursula Wicki and her partner Simon, hand oergeli, to the Usplampete on Dec 16 where they entertained the local expat community in great style.

Our traditional Harbour Cruise will be held on Sat February 22, departing Huntley's Point, Gladesville at 6 pm. For bookings contact Karin: 0414 999 462.

Alois Kretz, President

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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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I trust you started the new year well and healthy. We are ready for a Seniors Luncheon on Wednesday, 26th February, 12 noon, at Il Bolognese. The Central Coast Group will have a get-together on Thursday, 20th March, 12 noon; and we have a Luncheon at The Eiger on Saturday April 5. Call us for a reservation! Talk to us, keep in touch!

Armin Roth

Swiss Folk Dance Group 'Alpegruess'

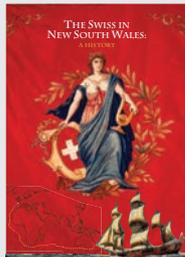
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Our sports and recreation camp weekend at Pt. Wollstonecraft was great. We tried our hands at archery, canoeing, bocce, swimming and tennis; exhausting but rewarding. Naturally, the social element was very important, a good feed with our senior chef Bruno and sous chef Heinz, a good drop of wine and a boogie woogie after dinner on Saturday night rounded off a busy day.

We'll be off camping in February. Yes, we don't only dance, we also have fun!

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

QUEENSLAND EVENTS

16/2	Bus trip
20/2	Film night + Jass
1/3	Dinner Dance
2/3	Bush walk
9/3	Family Picnic (Gold Coast)
16/3	Family Picnic, Chermside
6/4	Easter Bunny
27/4	Jass Meisterschaft

(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

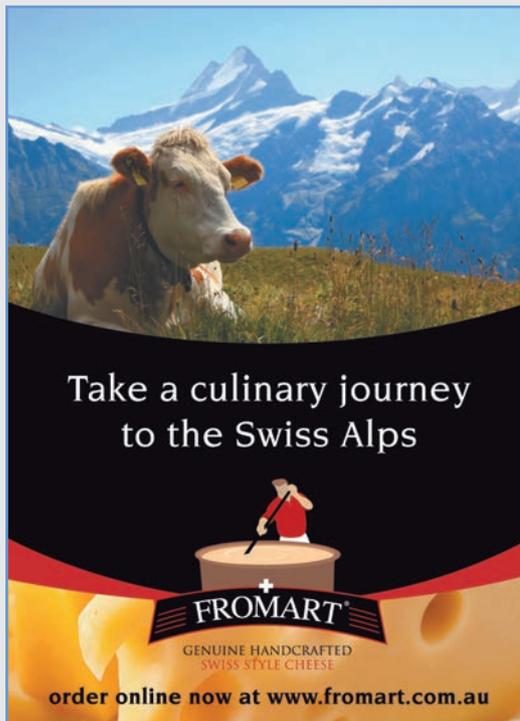
Swiss German Playgroup every Tuesday at various playgrounds. Contact Sandra Landolt on 0402 655 158 or e-mail sandralandolt@yahoo.com.au or visit swissplaygroup.blogspot.com

Rita von Rotz, President

Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group Baerg-Roeseli

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Baerg-Roeseli meets every second Thursday at the Danish Club, at the



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same time as the Jass group, to practice singing with a 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 are interested in joining us or booking a function we welcome your enquiries.

Katja Wallimann Gates, President

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4 informal Get-togethers per year, Ladies Luncheon & Games nights. Event details see website

Cecile Scherrer

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39 members and their guests celebrated Christmas with a Candlelight Dinner on Dec 7 at the Yandina RSL Hall. The Club's chef Ueli Marfurt prepared a scrumptious buffet of cold meats with Buendnerfleisch, smoked salmon, traditional ham on the bone and a selection of salads and dessert. Ladies of the Club baked traditional Christmas cookies which were very popular. A raffle was held during the evening with many prizes on offer.

Events for 2014 are not yet finalised so check dates and details 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. "Gentlemen's Lunch", on the same day as the Ladies, but at a different restaurant, 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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