

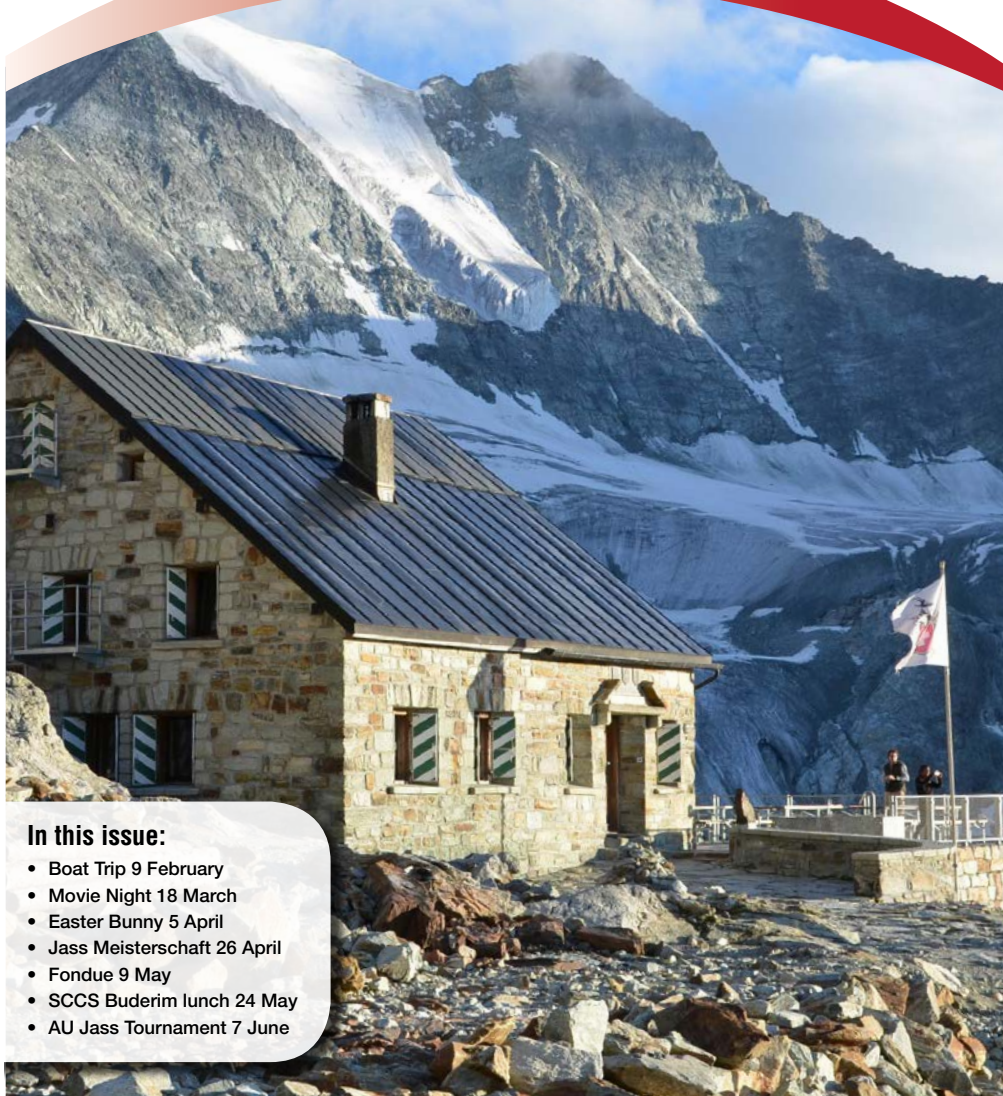


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Santa visited the Swiss club

SSQ parents and their kids eagerly awaited Santa's visit in December last year. He didn't disappoint and everyone enjoyed the day.



Welcome back Peter!

Yay, look what popped up in the editor's email inbox recently! Welcome back Peter, great to see that you are well again and back bush walking!

I invited all Swiss bushwalkers for which I had an email address for a walk last November, just before it got too hot. We went to Dularcha National Park on the Sunshine Coast Hinterland and did Roses Circuit, including walking through the disused North Coast railway line tunnel. It only took four and half hours so we had time for a quick dip in the sea at Caloundra as well. We all had fun and I plan to lead more of these walks.

Peter Zuend

Bushwalking in 2020 If you are interested in bushwalking with the Swiss Club, Peter will plan regular bush walks in 2020. Notice for bush walks will only be given in the week before the walk via email, so he can better match weather, park status and his availability. To receive this info, please email your interest to Peter Zuend bushwalker@swissclubqld.org.au



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SWISS SOCIETY**

***Preserve and promote
the Swiss heritage
and goodwill
between Australia
and Switzerland
through social and
cultural activities.***

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President's Report

Dear members and friends of the Swiss Society of Queensland,

I trust that you had a good break over the holidays and that you have gained all the energy and enthusiasm to welcome the New Year with wide open arms!

I know it hasn't been the best start into the new year, with all the heartbreaking news that have hit us lately. It is therefore very important to embrace what is around us and to look after ourselves and our wellbeing.

Meeting up with people and maybe with your fellow Swiss can just be the answer to make us feel better. I know, because I do, and I always feel great after meeting up with you all.

This year is again packed with many Swiss events and gatherings. The many more reasons to socialise.

The kick off for this year's events is the boat trip on 9 February, that we have widely publicised among the Swiss community. We have hired the boat exclusively for our members and friends. So, if you haven't booked yet and want to come aboard still, let Rita know, but be quick. I am sure she is more than happy to get you on board! She can be reached on her mobile on 0431 707 144.

In March, members have a chance to join us to watch the Swiss movie called "Usfahrt Oerlike" and at the beginning of April, we invite all our youngest members to hunt for Easter eggs. In May, we will be busy stirring the pot at the Fondue night. However, there are many more events planned throughout the year, so it will give you plenty of chances to meet with your fellow compatriots.

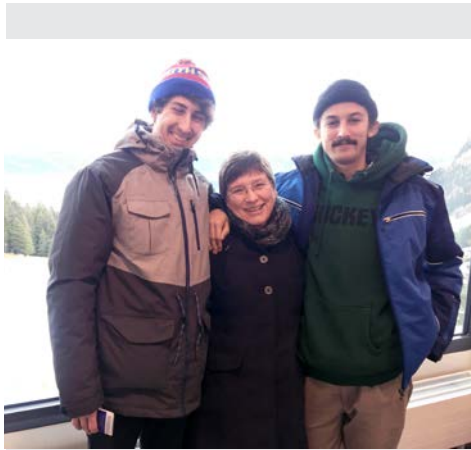
I am already excited and look forward to those events, however, the excitement doesn't end here. I would like to announce that we have a new committee member. Her name is Rita Brandli and she will take over the job from Luana to be our new secretary.

"Dear Rita, we are thrilled to have you join our committee and look forward to working with you". You can read more about Rita Brandli on page 4.

With the committee complete, I can now look forward to another busy club year. I am sure it will bring you a lot of entertainment. All you need to do is to come along, easy. As always, I am looking forward to seeing many more of you this year.

Your president,
Anita Meier





Rita Brandli with her two sons

Introducing our new club secretary

Hello everyone. For those of you who don't already know me, I am Rita Brandli and it will be 20 years in June since I came over to Australia from New Zealand with my family. I grew up in a fairly traditional way in a small village near Lucerne.

Having felt adventurous, I also lived in Geneva and London before settling in New Zealand.

I now live in the Redlands and enjoy my independence and freedom. My two boys have grown up and I have more time for my interests in singing, reading and meditation. I currently work full time in a challenging but rewarding role in Brisbane.

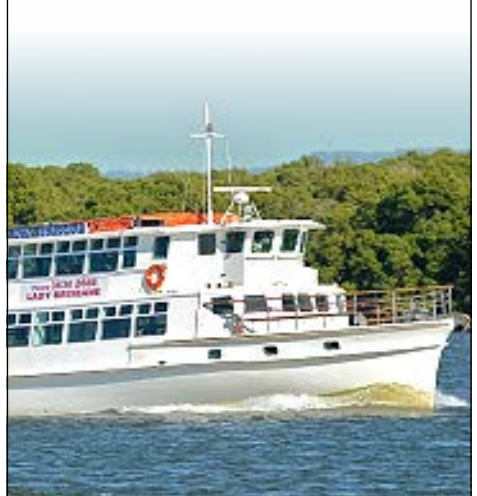
I am looking forward to meeting you in the near future at one of our functions.

Rita Brandli
SSQ Secretary

Don't forget! Bremer River Junction Day Cruise

Sunday, 9 February 2020

- When:** Sunday, 9 February 2020
- Meet:** Mowbray Park pontoon (100 metres downstream from City Cat Terminal), off Thorn Street. Parking is very restricted. Maybe park further away and walk/take the bus/ferry to Mowbray Park.
- Time:** Departing 9.30, returning 3.30pm (approx)
- Cost:** \$69 per adult, \$35 children (4–14 years)
- RSVP:** 28 January latest, but please call Rita, you might still be able to join us.
- Booking** Rita von Rotz 0431 707 144 or vonrotz@optusnet.com.au



The Sydney mobile passport station team will visit Brisbane in **May/June 2020**, keep an eye out for their email with more detail.

Ensure the Consulate General in Sydney has your up-to-date email address.



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Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney

Mobile passport station visit in Australia in 2020

The team of the Consulate General in Sydney plans to visit

■ **Brisbane QLD in May/June 2020** with the mobile passport station.

Registered citizens in QLD, NT and northern NSW will be contacted by email or letter two months prior to the visit with detailed information regarding dates, venues and procedures. Please ensure that the Consulate General has your up-to-date personal data and email address.

The Consulate General aims to provide this service to its compatriots rotating the locations, servicing each capital city on a regular basis.

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3	Thursday, 23 July	Sunday, 9 August
4	Thursday, 22 October	Sunday, 1 November

Swiss News of Queensland

Do you have a story, a photo, a Swiss destination worthwhile to visit, or some news or even a joke you would like to share with the Swiss in Queensland? Contributions from our members are always welcome, space permitting. We'd love to hear from you.

editor@swissclubqld.org.au

A warm welcome to our new members:

- Enrica Brazzelli and Gianni Zanda, with Sofia and Gabriele, Alexandra Hills
- Margaret Muller, Elanora

Welcome to the Swiss Society of Queensland. We look forward to getting to know you. Please contact any of the committee members for info about the club (see contact details on page 24).

Submission of all articles and photos for the Swiss News

Please email all text and photos
(separate jpgs if possible) to:

editor@swissclubqld.org.au

No special formatting/design needed.

and cc: anita@qbrg.com.au

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Swiss Community Care Society



www.swissclubqld.org.au/swiss-community-care-society

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Email:	care@swissclubqld.org.au				

Dear members, friends and compatriots,

Here we are in 2020! Let's hope that this year we will get the rain we so urgently need, but not too much of course, otherwise we will be worried about floods. Australia has always been a country of extremes!

The SCCS Christmas Lunch was a very pleasant affair with good company and good food. Everyone was busy reconnecting with fellow Swiss they had not seen in a while. We didn't get around to sing our German Christmas songs. We have to make-up next year by singing extra loud.



from left: from left: Hedi Bates, Erika Voser, Rita von Rotz, Franz Braun, Anita Bickel, Erika Vincent, Florido Bizzozero, Marianne Bucher

Above is the latest photo of the SCCS committee. I was going to resign from the secretary position, but no replacement was found. We are open to offers if anyone is

interested in the job. We did welcome a new member to our committee, Hedy Bates.

At our next meeting planning will start for the Buderim Seniors Lunch. Bärig-Röseli will perform like every year. We hope to see many of you there. In the interim stay well and cool.

The safest way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it in your pocket.

Erika Vincent

Buderim Lunch 24 May 2020

- Date:** Sunday, 24 May 2020
- Venue:** Headland Golf Club, Golf Links Road, Buderim
- Time:** Doors open 10.30am
hot lunch buffet at 12.30pm
- Cost:** \$25 includes buffet lunch, dessert, coffee, paid-up SCCS members over 65 free. Drinks must be purchased at the bar.
- RSVP** by 20 May 2020.
It is most important for catering reasons that we receive all reservations by 20 May 2020.
- Phone:** Rita von Rotz: 0431 707 144 or Anita Bickel: 0457 457 211
- Email:** care@swissclubqld.org.au





With Deepest Sympathy

Herbi and Doris Hunn

Dear SSQ members,

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of one of our SSQ members Herbi Hunn. Herbi was an eager participant at the yearly Brisbane "Jassmeisterschaft" and regularly attended the 1 August celebrations and events of the Swiss Community Care Society. He had been diagnosed with Motor-Neuron-disease a few months ago. His health deteriorated rapidly and in the end he was ready to go.

Just a month afterwards, Herbi's wife Doris passed away too. They are reunited once again.

The funerals took place on 12 November and 19 December at the Glasshouse Uniting Church, Beerwah Q 4519

The Swiss Society of Queensland extends their heartfelt condolences to their sons Dany and Derek and families.

Together Again – RIP Herbi and Doris.

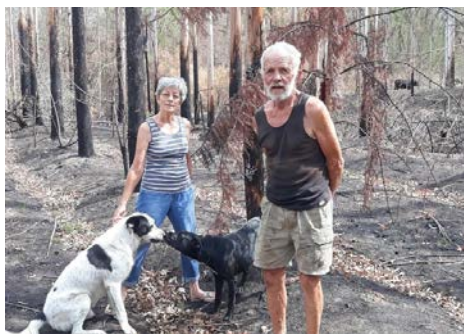
Financial help for Swiss families affected by the recent bush fires

If you have been affected by the recent bushfires, please contact the Swiss Community Care Society on care@swissclubqld.org.au, you might be eligible for financial help.



Help us to help others!

The Swiss Community Care Society helps fellow Swiss members in need. Why not become a life member? Or for just \$25/year (couple) you can help. Call Anita Bickel on 0457 457 211 or email: care@swissclub.org.au



SSQ members Hans and Heidi Tribolet have been badly affected by the bush fires. They have managed to save their Bio Farmhouse, thanks to the fire brigade, but have lost all their fences/water pipes, etc. Hans and Heidi are long standing and supportive members of our club. You can donate here to help them rebuild:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-hans-and-heidi-recover-from-bushfire>

Read about them here:

<https://desktop.12app.ch/articles/18988302>



Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group



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Baerg-Roeseli
Swiss Yodel – Brisbane

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Secretary: Paul Spirig

Ph: 0413 235 208

Treasurer: Peter Weidmann

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Irregular rehearsals on Thursdays, 7.30 to 10pm,
community room St Thomas' Anglican Church,
69 High Street, Toowong. Parking at Kensington Tce.

Dear friends of the choir,

15 years ago my parents invited my family and me to go and see the yodel choir "Bärgröseli" Alpnachstad. Alpnach is the place of my origin stated in my Swiss passport. There about every second person used to be called Wallimann, so it was no surprise to me that half the members of the choir had my last name. After the concert there was unfortunately no opportunity to meet the members, something I always regretted. I liked their Facebook page and thought it would be nice to get in contact someday.

Last year I got a unexpected letter from an unknown person sent to the PO Box of the Swiss Society of Queensland. It was a very nice enquiry regarding my connection to both Bärgröseli choirs. Someone had tried to google her friend Fredy Wallimann and to her surprise ended up on our page in Brisbane. After emails and letters with gifts, it became clear that Heidi from Goms, who loves Queensland and spent holidays here, would love to help in building a connection between Fredy and myself. We all agreed to meet in Berne in August last year.

Before the meeting my father showed me on our family tree how Fredy and I are distant cousins and told me how our families leased the same small farm one after the other.

What a remarkable day it was when the five of us, Fredy, Heidi, her husband Ruedi and their dog Neti met with me in the old town of Berne.

The highlight was a stroll to the Berner Münster, the cathedral, where Fredy couldn't help himself and had to yodel. All the tourists and visitors clapped in disbelief at such a treat. In the streets we were stopped by random Swiss. Fredy is a very kind, caring human being and it turns out he is famous too. He not only founded his choir with

his six brothers, he is also a composer and the conductor of the Jodlerklub Wiesenberg. He released several CDs, starred in a documentary and had numerous performances on Swiss TV. We even have one of the songs from Wiesenberg in our repertoire, "Ewigi Liebi", originally a rock song, that was requested for a wedding.

I am very grateful to Heidi, who did not give up on searching for me, and hope this new-found connection between the two choirs can last.

Katja Wallimann Gates



From left: Ruedi Schürch, Katja Wallimann Gates, Fredy Wallimann, Heidi Schürch and dog Neti in front of the Bundeshaus, Berne August 2019



Fraser Coast Group



www.swissclubqld.org.au/fraser-coast-swiss-group

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18 Grey Gum Ct, Urraween Qld 4655

Since August 2001: Get-Togethers for Aussie-Swiss-Families in the areas of Hervey Bay, postal codes 4650, 4655, 4659, 4660, 4662, 4670. Please note, participation at all events at your own risk.

Wishing all the Swiss-Aussie families in the Fraser Coast and Wide Bay and Brisbane area a Healthy and Happy 2020.

Past events

For Santa/Christmas celebration 27 of us could again use Silvia and Emil's property with a pool to cool down. Cute "Grittibaenzen" won prizes, but the wings of the beautiful "Christchindli" did sadly not like the humidity.

We enjoyed Charles Knie's miniature horses with the Moscow Circus visiting Hervey Bay.

Getting older! After Yvonne and Albert, it was Martha's 90th Birthday to celebrate. Congratulations!

We would love to meet some of the Swiss-Aussie new arrivals or holidayers from the south at our lunches on 15th of each month (see calendar). On 15 January a big group of 28 made their way to chat and eat together.

A Jass group also meets some Saturdays at private homes.

Have you lost all or part of your belongings in the recent bushfires? We could help financially or with material/swiss souvenirs, etc. We could also accommodate someone for free for a relief holiday for a couple of days. Please contact Cecile.

The unit of my late ex-husband Sigi is for sale in Minusio in case someone considers to live back in Switzerland in sunny Ticino.

Mark it in your calendar!

15th of each month: from 11.30 am lunch at AquaVue, Esplanade Torquay-Hervey Bay or as advised by email.

Saturday, 11 April Easter Bunny visits at a private property.

Saturday 1 August Fraser Coast Swiss Group – celebrating 20th Swiss National Day – hurray!

For details and to receive invitations contact the organiser on 0409 286 326 or cecile.scherrer@bigpond.com or online.



Harvey Bay gathering



Charles Knie and miniature horses in Hervey Bay



Gold Coast Group



www.swissclubqld.org.au/gold-coast-swiss-group

Bruno Vogt Ph: 07 5559 4600
Hansruedi and Merla Schwegler Ph: 07 5529 4763

Email: bruno@gumtreegully.com.au

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone!

Ruedi, Bruno and Kathi extend a big **Thank You** to Daniel Wuthrich, Irene & Walter Müller, and Monica & Peter Krummenacher for looking after our 2019 activities. It's been very much appreciated!

Gold Coast members are encouraged to join and enjoy Brisbane events since our next gathering will only be on **2 August 2020 for the Swiss National day picnic.**

Gold Coast members gathered at the End of Year Picnic in December



Movie Night

Wednesday, 18 March 2020



Please join us for a fun evening, which we will start with a small dinner ("Wienerli" and bread), then we will watch the movie and end the evening with a yummie dessert and chatting with friends.

Date: Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Time: 6pm for a light dinner which consists of wienerli and bread, coffee and cake. The movie itself starts at 7pm.

Venue: Anglican Church Hall
56 Racecourse Road, Ascot

Cost: \$10 for dinner and a gold coin for the movie.

RSVP: Anita Mob: 0401 957 309,
email: anita@qbgrg.com.au

When Hans (Jörg Schneider) looks back, he must say: That was a good life! He saw the world, loved his wife Martha and yes, two, three things went wrong. But that doesn't need to be talked about. And now? Two years ago, Martha died, Hans can barely manage his daily routine anymore, and after a visit to the vet, his beloved dog Miller doesn't return home. Hans is tired. Basically, he can't be bothered anymore. He wants to die. But one doesn't talk about this. At best maybe with Willi (Matthias Gnädinger), his friend. He trusts in him, he considers him as his ally, who should help him implement his plan... The movie has received the "Prix Du Public" at the Solothurner Filmtage in 2015, in English subtitles.

DID YOU KNOW?

Oerlikon is a suburb in the northern part of the city of Zürich, Switzerland. A formerly independent municipality, Oerlikon was merged with Zürich in 1934 and forms today, together with Affoltern and Seebach, the city district 11.

The name Oerlikon goes back to the Alemannic settlement founder Orilo. Oerlikon was mentioned for the first time in the year 946 (other source: 942) as Orlinchowa. At that time the town consisted of no more than one dozen houses. Later on it was part of the municipality

of Schwamendingen, where the inhabitants of Oerlikon went to school and attended church.

In 1855 the line from Oerlikon to Winterthur via Wallisellen was established by the Schweizerische Nordostbahn. The following year the line was extended to Zürich Hauptbahnhof through the Wipkingen Tunnel. Lines from Wallisellen to Uster (1856) and Oerlikon to Bülach via Glattbrugg (1865) followed, which triggered the industrialisation of Oerlikon (ie Maschinenfabrik Oerlikon), and a massive population growth. In 1872 Oerlikon was separated from Schwamendingen and became its own municipality.



EASTER Bunny

Sunday, 5 April 2020



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All Swiss members and their families are welcome to join us again for the big Easter basket hunt.

This year the Easter Bunny will visit us at Simpson Falls picnic area (328 Sir Samuel Griffith Dr, Mount Coot-Tha)

The popular Simpson Fall picnic spot is nestled between tall gum trees in the Mount Coot-Tha forest. The picnic area has barbecues, tables and toilets.

It has also plenty of grassy space so you can throw down the picnic blanket, relax and enjoy the surrounds.

We will also be doing some craft activities for the little and not so little ones.

Date: Sunday, 5 April 2020

Time: from 10am onwards

Venue: Simpson Falls picnic area. We will mark our table with a small Swiss flag.

Cost: Member kids free.
Non-member kids \$7 each

RSVP: By 29 March 2019
Anita Meier 0401 957 309
anita@qbrg.com.au

Bring: Picnic, drinks, soccer ball, frisbee, sunscreen, fold up chairs, insect repellent.





Jass Meisterschaft Brisbane

Sunday, 26 April 2020

“Undenufe,
Obenabe, Stöck”

All eyes are on the cards once again. Itchy fingers get their fair workout and minds are on no walkabout. In between games a cuppa and a bickie because those tactics can be a bit tricky. Now, eyes are on the cup. Whose name will be on the golden plaque?

Date: Sunday, 26 April 2020

Time: 8.30am for 9am start

Venue: Anglican Church Hall, 56 Racecourse Road, Ascot

Cost: \$20 Members, \$30 non-members

Costs include: lunch and dessert and coffee and tea during the day.

RSVP: 17 April 2020

Rita von Rotz, 0431 707 144
vonrotz@optusnet.com.au or

Note: Early RSVP is very much appreciated.

Lunchers and socialisers should also book for catering purposes.

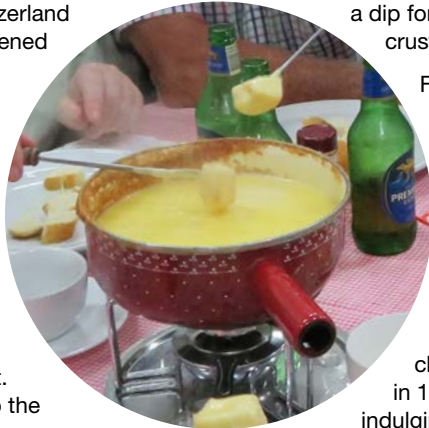


Fondue Evening

Saturday, 9 May 2020

The once-a-year event not to be missed at the Swiss Club!

Fondue originated in Switzerland as a way of using up hardened cheese. Deriving from the French verb fondre, meaning “to melt,” fondue was a classic peasant dish. Accounts vary on how fondue was originally created. Traditional fondue is made with a mixture of Emmenthaler and/or Gruyere cheese and wine, melted in a communal pot. Cherry brandy is added to the melted mixture, which becomes



a dip for pieces of stale bread and crusts.

French gastronome Brillat-Savarin mentioned fondue in his 19th century writings, but fondue really hit its heyday in 1956, when chef Konrad Egli of New York's Chalet Swiss Restaurant introduced a fondue method of cooking meat cubes in hot oil. The chocolate fondue followed in 1964 as another way of indulging in something delicious.

Please note: Pre-paid bookings only.

Date: Saturday, 9 May 2020

Time: door opens @ 5.30 for a 6.15 start.

Venue: South Brisbane Sailing club,
68 Hill End Terrace, West End

Cost: Members pay \$30
Non-members pay \$38
Member families \$70
Non-member families \$90 (2 adults and 2 children under 12). Price includes fondue, coffee and dessert. Drinks can be purchased at the bar. No B.Y.O.

RSVP: by 24 April 2020
Anita, mob 0401 957 309
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Payment required by 24 April.

Pre-paid bookings only, with 2 options:

- EFT Direct Bank payment: Westpac, BSB 034-002, Account 708 120, Swiss Society of Queensland, with your name in the description.
- Cheques payable to: Swiss Society of Queensland, PO Box 3240, Newstead Qld 4006, with your name at the back.

Groups of 4 and more, including children, will receive allocated seating.

Please send us the full name of every participant, including children's names and age.

Please let us know if you can bring a cheese fondue caquelon when you book.





10th Australian Jass Tournament

Pennant Hills Bowling Club – Sydney

Sunday, 7 June 2020

Switzerland, known for its watches, chocolates, cheese and the beautiful scenery, is also very proud of its traditions, some better known like fondues, yodelling and banking and our national game of “Jass”.

The Game of Jass is played everywhere, in pubs, clubs, around the family table, on holidays, in the army, etc. Many tournaments and championships are held throughout the year.

And so it is the same here in Australia, where Swiss Communities uphold this tradition. There are Club and Regional Tournaments as well as the Annual Australian Jass Tournament. The latter is held in various Australian capital cities and now in 2020 it will be held in Sydney.

Detailed planning is underway and more information and a registration form will be published later on.

Venue info: Pennant Hills Bowling Club <https://phbc.com.au/> The Club is located at 52 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills 2120 and is within easy walking distance of Pennant Hills Train Station.

As most participants will probably stay for more than just the weekend, there is lots to see in Sydney. Vivid is on during May/June see <https://www.vividsydney.com/> for more information.

Accommodation: Ibis Hotel Thornleigh is nearby and access can be by train. <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3238-ibis-sydney-thornleigh/index.shtml>

Information will also be posted on <https://www.facebook.com/jasstournament>

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Beat (Bepo) Popp and Lorenz Sonderegger
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Council of the Swiss Abroad

I hope you had a good start into the new decade!

In mid August I attended the Congress for the Swiss Abroad in Montreux. Even the Hotel Tralala I stayed in was a nod to Montreux being the city of the Jazz festival and had very funky decor.

A summary for the meeting of the delegates of the Council of the Swiss Abroad can be found at csa-oceania.org. On the webpage of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (aso.ch) you can read the minutes and find a link to watch the session.

The most passionate topic on the day was the lack of progress of e-voting and after a comment of mine I got interviewed by the Swiss TV. A short interview of me was shown in the early news.

Following we had our inaugural meeting of the new group 'Ambassadors for Peace'. The proposed aim is to spread the Swiss values of humanity and diversity and the acquired tolerance as immigrants towards a multitude of humans, their opinions, culture and religions, both in their new homeland, as well as in Switzerland.

My day ended with a reception celebrating the opening of the Congress.

The next morning we had to choose between the major Swiss parties introducing themselves for the upcoming federal elections or visit Chillon castle. Since Chillon is one of

the most visited castles in Europe I couldn't resist and spent an interesting morning immersed in history.

The afternoon gave me hope! Talks and discussion were held around the topic of the role of Switzerland in the future. Specially the young adults were impressive.

The day ended with a Gala dinner with views over the lake, time to chat and catch up with Swiss from all around the world.

When Charlie Chaplin was accused to be a communist he left the US and lived for the rest of his life in a stunning mansion above Montreux. The mansion is now a museum and we spent Sunday morning exploring it.

Afterwards we were driven in small buses to the world heritage vineyards of the Lavaux. Local wines, local specialities and an amazing view led to fruitful discussion and renewed love for our country.

For the next year I plan to attend the March session of the council in Berne but will unfortunately skip the congress in Lugano. I haven't seen the program yet, but the three congresses I attended so far were all interesting, with stunning excursions. Consider attending if you are in this area. The Congresses in August are open to the public and are normally a three day event. The public is most welcome to watch the parliament but is not allowed to take part in the discussions or vote. Sessions and events can be booked separately.



The six delegates from Australia and New Zealand are planning a conference for the presidents of the Swiss clubs in Oceania in October in Auckland.

I hope I can be your delegate in an efficient and positive way for the second part of my

four year legislature. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

*Katja Wallimann Gates,
delegate for the
Council of the Swiss Abroad*



*World heritage area Lavaux with Lake Geneva and the French alps in the background
Photo K. W. Gates*

DID YOU KNOW?

Lavaux is a region in the canton of Vaud in Switzerland, in the district of Lavaux-Oron. Lavaux consist of 830 hectares of terraced vineyards that stretch for about 30 km along the south-facing northern shores of Lake Geneva.

Although there is some evidence that vines were grown in the area in Roman times, the actual vine terraces can be traced back to the 11th century, when Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries controlled the area.

It benefits from a temperate climate, but the southern aspect of the terraces with the reflection of the sun in the lake and the stone walls gives a mediterranean character to the region. The main wine grape variety grown here is the Chasselas. Since 2016, the vineyards of Lavaux are not treated with synthetic pesticides any more.

Under cantonal law, the vineyards of Lavaux are protected from development. Since July 2007, Lavaux is one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



The Joke Box

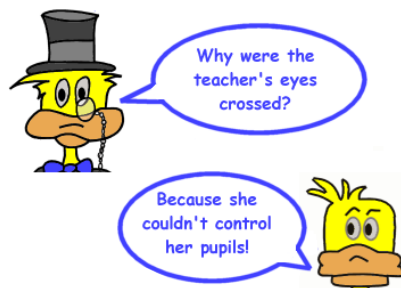


Remember these....



Sent in by Daniel Kuenzi, created by Cornelia Kuenzi while overseas last year.

Wife: "The car is not starting. Dashboard shows the sign of a person sitting on toilet."
Husband: "What...??
Send me a picture."



‘Die Schweizerstunde’

German language program on Radio 4EB 98.1FM



Maria in the studio

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How does he spend his money?

The famous tennis star is an active philanthropist who collaborates with Bill Gates and others to educate children and assist those affected by natural disasters.

He works to help others through his non-profit foundation, the Roger Federer Foundation, as well as through other charitable deeds.

The multilingual Federer speaks English, German, Swiss German and French.

Federer is a dual citizen; he holds both Swiss and South African citizenship, the latter due to his mother, Lynette, having been born in South Africa.



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Photo cover page

The Moiry Hut "Cabane de Moiry"

The Moiry Hut (2,825 m) (French: Cabane de Moiry) is a mountain hut located between the Moiry Glacier and the Aiguilles de la Lé, south of Grimentz, Anniviers Valley, in the canton of Valais, Switzerland. It is owned by the Swiss Alpine Club, Montreux section.

In Summer 2010 a new building was added and the 90 years-old hut was renovated. The new building has 8 small four beds dormitories (extra charge) with glacier view.

The hut can be reached in one and half hour walking from the end of Moiry road (2350m). The path is steep at some sections, snow can cover some part of the trail late in the season, sometimes until the end of July or mid-August.

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The Swiss Care Society AGM and Christmas lunch

The SCS AGM and Christmas lunch was a huge success, with a large attendance by members and delicious food, prepared by Jakob and the SCS committee, thank you to all the volunteers!



Photos by Gabriel Dubler, thank you! those food platters look delicious, yummm!



The Swiss Care Society AGM and Christmas lunch

