

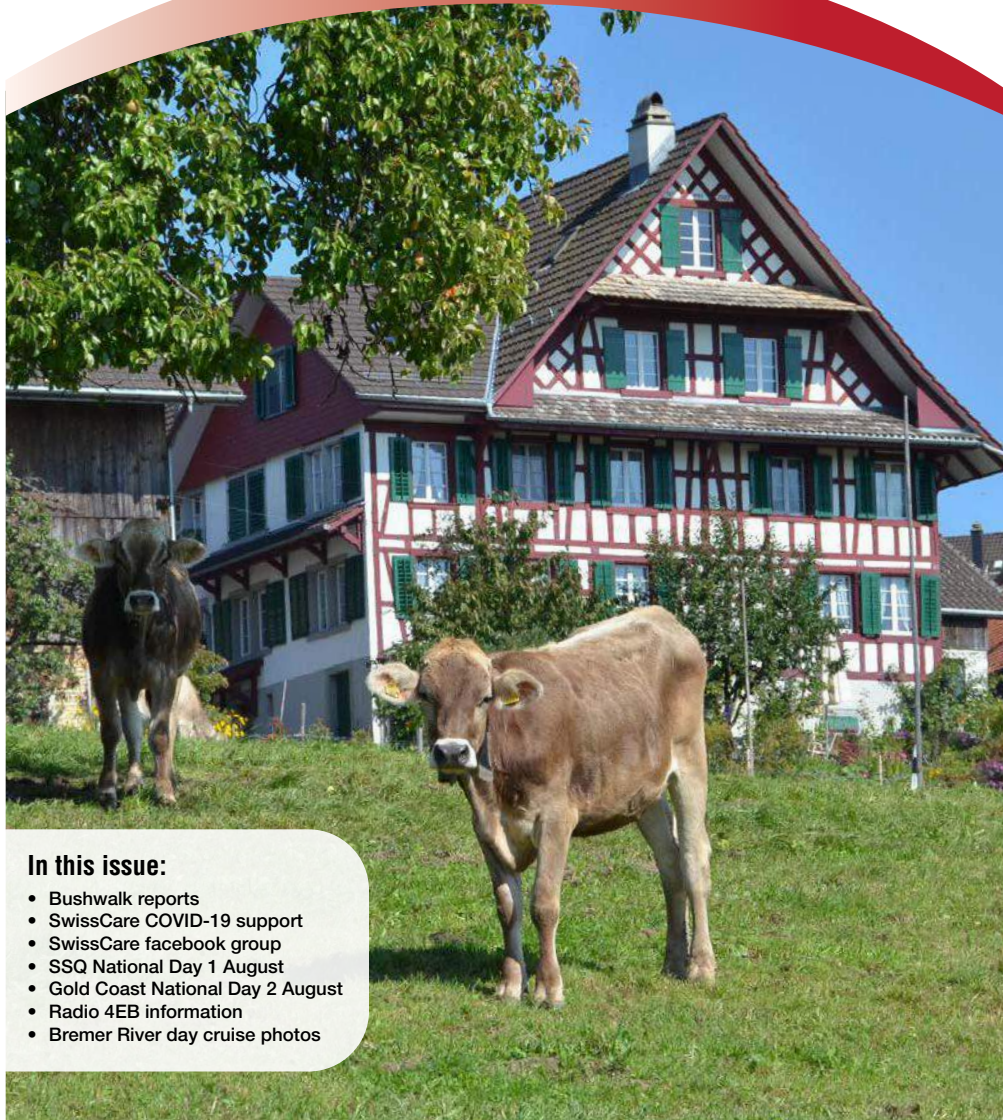


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Bushwalk reports

23 February – Apple Tree Park to Purling Brook Falls, Springbrook

The day was dry and cloudy and six people came to walk from Apple Tree Park along part of the Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk Track to Little Nerang Creek, then Warringa Pool where we had a swim and then on up to Purling Brook and Tanninaba Falls and then a couple of stunning lookouts and finally finishing at Gwongarilla Picnic Area at 2.30pm where we had left most of our cars and there is a lovely Cafe. We couldn't resist so had a lovely coffee just as it started to spit rain. Everyone left for home very satisfied with the 7.5km 4.5 hour walk.

8 March – Larapinta Falls, Lamington

9 of us had an early start (7am in Christmas Creek Valley) to walk the four hard kilometers to the 70m falls. The weather was dry, sunny and only about 19 degrees in the morning. The first three kilometers were on a reasonable track starting with either a high log crossing or a wade through the flowing knee deep water, after Westray's Grave (a passenger on the crashed Stinson Airliner) it was offtrack trying to follow the occasional tape on trees. There was lots of back and forth across the creek. Dry shoes was an impossibility. Along the way we saw many idealic swimming pools and cascades and small waterfalls. Eventually at 11.30am we reach the base of the huge Larapinta Falls (70m). It was just warm enough for a swim in this green wet and windy caldron. The sun was perfectly shining into the gorge, which it does not do for very long.

The return trip down the creek only took 3 hours, with the way more obvious. At 3.30pm we were on our way home. Some of us camped the night before at the beautiful Stinson Memorial Park campground. The valley was iridescently green which was so nice to see after such a long drought.

Peter Zuend

If you are interested in bushwalking with the Swiss Club, Peter Zuend 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. Please email your interest to bushwalker@swissclubqld.org.au

NOTE: due to COVID-19 bushwalks are suspended for the time being.



DEADLINE
for submissions for
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23 July 2020

**THE MISSION OF THE
SWISS SOCIETY**

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

DISCLAIMER

Letters published in this brochure do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the committee. We reserve the right to edit submitted articles in order to fit them in the available space.

When photos are taken at events, please advise the photographer(s) if you do not wish your picture to appear in the Swiss News. Otherwise we presume you consent for photos of you/ your children to be published in the Swiss News.

ABN 79 756 877 680

President's Report

Dear members and friends of the Swiss Society of Queensland,

I hope you and your families are well.

First of all, I would like to share some good news with you all! We have a new little member join our club and I want to congratulate our members Elise and Charles on their new addition to their family. I am sure Lucy will be a great sister to Charly. I can't wait to meet him.

This club year is very different from any others in the past. You have probably noticed that we had to cancel the film night, the Easter Bunny event as well as the Fondue and Raclette night. That being so, I can imagine that some of you might miss the interaction with your fellow Swiss and I wanted to let you know that there are activities that you can take part in. Some of the Jassers are playing the classic card game called *Schieber* with one another online and there is also a Facebook page called *SwissCareCOVID19* (an initiation that we have set up to help people) where you can also engage in.

Having said that, I am sure some of you have found the time to be creative or were able to unwind and hopefully some of you found the time to just be able to be in the moment. I myself have taken up quilting, something I wanted to do for a very long time. Now, as I have nearly finished it, I was thinking that this would make the perfect gift for my daughter's birthday.

I am hopeful that the club's **Swiss National Day** will be one of my next projects to tackle. This year would be rather special, as it falls on the proper date, which is the **Saturday, 1 August**.

We will let you know if this event will go ahead or not a bit closer to the date and send out an email, post it on our website and Facebook page.

In the meantime, if for any reasons you find yourself in a tough situation, then let us know please. We are here for you and we do our best to help. We have also included the letter which was sent out by the *SwissCareCOVID19* initiative earlier in March and it can be found in this edition of the *Swiss News* on page 8.

Now allow me to thank Alice, as she has again done a formidable job with our *Swiss News* magazine. Considering that she didn't have much material to use, she has managed to compile many interesting articles. Thank you Alice, you make my job a lot easier and I am sure that our members appreciate your work too.

Finally, I want to thank all of our members and friends of our club. Your membership and donations, as well as any money raised at events, allow us to help members in need. So, I send out a big thank you to you all!!!!

I wish for you all to stay healthy and HAPPY in those challenging and changing times.

Your president
Anita Meier





Emails to the club

I'm writing to you today to see if anyone from your organisation would be interested in getting involved. I'm a journalist currently based on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

I'm also half Swiss and recently met with some people from Swissinfo in Bern. We are talking about collaborating on a podcast about Swiss Expats living in Australia. I'm looking for people with interesting stories about how and why they left Switzerland, their experience living in Australia/do they continue Swiss traditions, etc.

I need to pitch two or three examples of people I would interview before we record some pilot episodes.

You can listen to my most recent podcast series, **North East Arnhem Land with Mon** via the link below.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/north-east-arnhem-land-with-mon/id1453473274>

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call on 0490 688 023 or email me anytime. monika_ohanlon@hotmail.com

Have a lovely day.

Kind regards,

Mon



We would like to introduce Charly, little baby boy of Elise Charrière and Charles Mitchell, members of the Swiss Club.

Charly was so keen to discover our World that he came 3 weeks early, on the 29 December 2019 at 23.20, he weighed 3.225 kg of pure cuteness and 48.5cm tall.

He is so funny already and his parents and his sister Lucy are totally smitten!



The Swiss Society of Queensland would like to congratulate Elise and Charles and Lucy on the safe arrival of Charly.





If you are in need of a Justice of the Peace, Swiss Club member Elise Charrière is happy to assist.

Elise can be contacted on
elise.charriere@gmail.com

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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Thursday, 23 July 2020

A warm welcome to our new member:

- Julie Zehntner, West End

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).

Update Hans and Heidi Tribolet

Top of the list, we've had RAIN!! I cannot describe how much this lifts everyone's spirits. People from all corners of the world have rallied to support mum and dad (Hans and Heidi) after their bush fire ordeal.

Your donations have paid for a bulldozer to come and clear the burnt fence line, for part of the 5200 new steel posts and 7 palette of barb wires. The burnt posts and twisted wires were carted off, and fallen trees moved out of the way. Blaze Aid have been wonderful, even coming out late in the evening to help unload a semi-trailer's worth of barbed wire. These volunteers are an amazing group of people giving their time and energy. Some are families with teenagers who are using their summer holidays to help others. They are inspiring and wonderful and make us hopeful for the future. One man, entirely on his own initiative, has come from town to spend his Christmas holidays helping out people in need after the fire. A contractor from Brisbane has offered to bring machinery for post ramming. The place is a hive of activity, with a real feeling of optimism starting to pervade.

Again, thank you all so much! You are making a huge difference and turning this sense of devastation, dismay and struggle into a living experience of hope, love and kindness and faith in humanity!

January 25, 2020 by Nicole Tribolet

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



Information from the Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney

Dear Compatriots,

The spread of the coronavirus (Covid-19) is more and more a matter of concern for all of us. Since being declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 12 March 2020, the situation changes constantly and the Australian Government informs us daily about new changes and new restrictions.

In Switzerland, the Federal Council called on Swiss tourists and business travelers to return home. In co-operation with the Swiss Government, the Consulate General and the Embassy in Canberra organized a repatriation flight on 04.04.2020, executed by Edelweiss, from Sydney to Zürich. There are no plans for a second repatriation flight as there are still commercial options available to fly to Europe. **If you know of any tourists still in Australia please tell them to use the available commercial flights as soon as possible.**

The Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney remains open for the time but has to focus more and more on emergencies related to COVID-19. Swiss travellers in Australia are very much affected by the situation, so the Consulate General in co-operation with the Embassy in Canberra is doing its best to advise and assist.

Our Visa Section is closed until further notice due to a decision by the Swiss authorities which has been implemented worldwide. The Consular Section of the Consulate General is available for any request, for any emergency that may arise and for any matter you may want to discuss. **However, please contact us by calling on weekdays during working hours 02 8383 4000 or by writing an e-mail anytime to sydney@eda.admin.ch in order to make an appointment.** Non-urgent consular requests will be dealt with in due course, but may

take a bit longer than in the past. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

We also urgently advise you to observe the information and recommendations of the local authorities, the Departments of Health and of Home Affairs. Please follow the latest developments and you must comply with local regulations.

Please also follow the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) and consult the website of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) travel advice "Focus Corona Virus" for further information.

- Australian Department of Health <https://www.health.gov.au/>
- Australian Department of Home Affairs (Immigration/Travel Advice) <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au>
- WHO <https://www.who.int/> FOPH
- FDFA Travel Advice "Focus Corona Virus" (de, fr, it) <https://www.eda.admin.ch>

Please do not hesitate to contact this office in case of further questions. We will assist where and however we can.

We wish you and your family all the best, stay safe and keep healthy!

Kind regards,

Bernadette Hunkeler Brown
Consul General

and the team of the Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney

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Swiss Community Care Society



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Dear members, friends and compatriots,

At present nothing is as it used to be. Everybody is in some way affected by the Corona Virus. The SCCSQ is no exception. Therefore, we are writing to you to inform you about what we still can do and what not.

The Buderim Seniors Lunch is cancelled. I assume you all expected this. With older people most at risk from the virus, and all the governments concern about social distancing, what else could we do? The good news is the SCCSQ is still here and within the current restrictions willing and able to help.

Therefore, if you find yourself in difficulties or in quarantine or just find it hard to cope with the social isolation, please give any of us a call.

Above are all our phone numbers, we will be available even if it is just for a chat, don't hesitate to call us. We are aware that at present we are faced with a situation we did not think possible a few weeks ago. Consequently, unusual measures are needed to get through this, together!

Franz, our President, has been liaising with the Swiss Club and other Swiss groups in the area, please refer to the additional information included here.

We don't know how long the virus lock-down is going to last, but it will pass. As soon as this happens, we will contact you again to inform you about future get-togethers and functions of the SCCSQ.

Warmest wishes for good health.

Erika Vincent and Anita Bickel



Our Buderim lunch is cancelled, but rest assured, one day, it will be back – until we meet again, take care!



Swiss Care Queensland COVID-19 Community Support

Dear members, friends and compatriots of the Swiss Society of Queensland, the Baerg-Roseli Yodel Club, the Gold and Fraser Coast Swiss Clubs, Council of the Swiss Abroad Oceania (CSA), Honorary Swiss Consulate and Swiss Community Care Society,

Our world as it was has changed for all of us and seems to be still changing on a daily basis. We are very much aware of the challenges and uncertainties it causes to us all in our daily lives.

The Presidents of the various Swiss community clubs have the following messages for you:

Swiss Society of Queensland

- Anita Meier, 0401 957 309
anita@qbrg.com.au

We wish for you and your family to keep healthy during these unprecedented times. Let's work together, stay positive and care for each other. If you need help, please contact me.

Baerg-Roeseli Yodel and Folklore Group

- Gabriel Dubler, 0435 570 241
yodel@swissclubqld.org.au

All 14 members love to entertain together and entertain you, but now it's one by one. Would you like Willy to play Alphorn or Schwyzerörgeli, Peter Gerber the accordion or mouth organ, Iris or Gabriella to yodel, Katja and the other members to sing for you? I'd be too boring singing the Bass accompaniment, but you can call me and I'll organise something for you. Why not? The phone works well.

Council of the Swiss Abroad Oceania

- Katja Wallimann-Gates, 0418 737 488,
Katja_w_gates@yahoo.com.au

We are all here to help you through these difficult times. Thank you Franz for organising the Swiss Care Covid-19 Community Support Group.

I am your delegate for the Council for the Swiss Abroad and see myself as a link between the Swiss government and yourself - in both directions. If you are looking for a form or need help with a Swiss issue please don't hesitate to contact me.

As a Biologist I have an understanding around the science of the virus. I am not a medical doctor but would be happy to talk to you if you have virus related questions. Or call me anytime if you are just in need of a chat.

Swiss Community Care Society

- Franz Braun, 0421 384060
franzbraun@hotmail.com or
care@swissclubqld.org.au

Our special thoughts and concerns are about our elderly and vulnerable members and we have set up the Swiss Care COVID-19 Community Support group. We are here to help in any way we can, we have wonderful people ready to help you if needed with:

- Groceries
- Pick up medicine
- Follow-up calls, etc

Just let us know and we will arrange it for you!

However, we still need to protect ourselves and need to apply social distancing; we can therefore not take you to places such as doctors' appointments etc.

We have also created a Private Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SwissCareCOVID19>

If you have internet access and a facebook account, we encourage you to join, if you don't have one, perhaps your children do, if not, don't worry, you can reach us by phone and e-mail.

We are looking for volunteers, please let us know your name and what you can do (pick up, delivery etc) and we will get in touch with you.

Thank you and stay safe.

On behalf of all,

Franz Braun
President, Swiss Care Society Queensland





SwissCareCOVID19 Facebook group



To help and assist our members during the COVID-19 crisis and to stay in touch, we have created a private Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SwissCareCOVID19>

Some of us NEED HELP while many WISH TO HELP!

on the FB PAGE

- read/post useful information in relation to COVID

in our CHAT group

- we entertain each other with jokes, ideas and express our feelings

If you are looking for help, know of a compatriot who needs help, or would like to offer help, please contact us:

Tell us in the CHAT group
email: care@SwissClubQld.org.au
Call Franz Braun 0421 384 060
Call Anita Bickel 0457 457 211

(picture above:) For our facebook coverpage, we asked our Chat members for a photo, drawing, cutout or message on "how you see Swiss Care COVID". Several projects were submitted and the winner is Enrica Brazzelli. Enrica, who likes to draw, created this image on her phone with a pen. Thank you Enrica.



Members posting some photos in the chat group of how they keep busy, baking "Zopf", gardening, and "making your bed" competitions with their children.



Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group



www.swissclubqld.org.au/yodel-folklore-group-baerg-roeseli



Baerg-Roeseli
Swiss Yodel – Brisbane

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Secretary: Paul Spirig
Treasurer: Peter Weidmann

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Email: yodel@swissclubqld.org.au

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,

On 11 February 2020 we prepared a great video-message for the Chinese people in confinement, for Wuhan's Television. Unfortunately, the clip was not broadcast, considered unsuitable, as we filmed it in our Toowong church. Never mind, we'll renew the experience for you, it sounded fantastic. "Bim-Bam" with echo is magic, wait until you hear it!

Hans Helbling, long standing member of the Swiss Club, was so lucky to be born on 28 February. He had invited us to perform at his party only days before social distancing came into force in Australia. What a first, you can watch a short video extract on <https://www.facebook.com/SwissSocietyOfQld>.

Bärg-Röseli was then contacted by Bahador, who is producing the "Music Masala – A Spicy Blend of Music and Life" project. It is open for musicians/bands that play world/traditional/

folk music to join in creating a brand-new series exploring the music and life of 15 local musicians.

This was to be done in 2 parts: interview one day and the choir performing in the big recording studio at Radio 4EB.

We recorded the interview with Peter Weidmann, Katja Walliman-Gates and myself. All good, but the choir didn't make it before Radio 4EB temporarily closed its doors on 25 March.

Once completed, the CD compilation will be disseminated countrywide, and sessions will be played on Radio 4EB and nationally via the Community Radio Network.

The Coronavirus stopped our rehearsals, but we have a few projects in mind which will surprise you soon.

Keep safe and healthy.
Gabriel Dubler, President



Interview with the team from Bahador, at the Radio 4EB station.



Fraser Coast Group



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

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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.

Dear members,

I'm doing nothing and a lot – especially in the garden, weeding etc.

For known reasons I will not organise any gatherings and events for the foreseen future.

But I am happy to help and try to support you with any problems and questions you have.

Together as a Swiss-Aussie community we will find a solution and help each other – as much as we can. But keeping our physical distance.



We all need to practise physical distancing.

Buying groceries

If you have no credit card to order groceries from Coles or Woolworth, or only need little much below the required \$50, I could offer to order for several together and bring it to your door with the bill.

But you would need to write / send me your grocery list with as much details as possible – to order the right things online, ie milk – full cream, low fat, long life, size etc. Please call me if you need details how it could work.

Keeping connected to other members

If you would like contact by phone or email from other Swiss/Aussies in our area - please let me know and I will send your request to other members, who could contact you.

Cotton masks

I could maybe organise some home made cotton material masks from friends if you need any – let me know.

Hope we all are going safe and healthy through this difficult times.

Please call or email me if you have any questions – I know most of the services available in our area, while attending meetings at the Neighbourhood centre – so ask me about it. Contact me for a full list of services.

I hope you all had a Happy Easter! Stay home whenever possible and keep the distance – until we have better news.

Cecile



Gold Coast Group



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Swiss National Day Picnic Sunday, 2 August 2020

There will be a casual get-together on the Swiss National Day celebration. A time to catch-up and reflect as a member of the Swiss Community.

“Bratwurst” and “Cervelats” with bread available for sale.

Please bring your own salad and drinks. A plate of dessert to share with everyone would be appreciated.

Time: 11am onwards

Place: Schuster Park, Tallebudgera
UBD Map 70, B3
Exit M1 at Tallebudgera Exit
come back under motorway and
then turn left into Heather St. This
Leads you straight into the park.

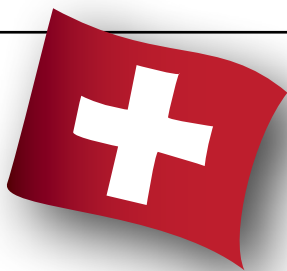
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Kathi 0420 882 737

***Note: This event will be held only if current social distancing restrictions are being lifted.
We will notify you if the event will be cancelled.***



OMG! look at these amazing Swiss “creme schnitten”, just divine! (editor)





1 August Swiss National Day

Saturday, 1 August 2020

Note: This event will be held only if current social distancing restrictions are being lifted. We will notify you if the event will be cancelled.

Dear members and Swiss friends,

The Swiss Society of Queensland Committee cordially invites you to our National Day celebration.

The venue is ideal for the day's activities and even overnight stay. There are plenty of grassy areas to play ball games or kick a footy, etc.

The program is yet to be finalised and released and will be published online.

Camping details

Overnight camping is allowed. You can bring your caravan, camper van or tents. Camping is available at special rates. There are large amenities with toilets and showers.

Important: Tent or caravan sites must be booked in advance. For information and camp ground bookings please contact the caretaker of Samford Showground, Terry: 0450 882 842.

Come and join us for this special event!

Lots of Swiss goodies available for purchase.

Bring your hats/umbrellas for shade!

Program (subject to slight variations)

- 10 am Setup tents for overnight visitors
- 11am START of event, bar, sweets, music by Radio 4EB 98.1FM
- 12noon Lunch served by SSQ
- 1pm Welcome by SSQ President
- 1.30pm onwards: children fun activities including games
- 1.30pm Jodel by Priska and Jakob Meier
- 2pm Baerg-Roeseli Yodel Choir
- 2.30pm Official address Swiss President and National Anthem
- 4pm Raffle draw of many prizes
- 4.10pm Children's Disco
- 5pm Dinner, soup by Baerg-Roeseli
- 5.30pm Lampion procession followed by bonfire and evening activities



The “Riegelhaus”



The “Riegelhaus” is a skeleton structure made of wood, in which the horizontal reinforcement (for example to withstand the wind) takes place by means of diagonally installed struts and the spaces between are filled with clay plastered wood mesh or filled with masonry. The timbers were joined by a carpenter, without the use of metallic fasteners such as nails or screws.

The “Riegelhaus” has evolved from the more primitive, post-historical post construction via the ridge pillar house with the ridge pillar. In contrast to the “Riegelhaus”, here the wall posts are buried in the ground and do not sit on a threshold. With the ridge-column construction, the “Riegelhaus” construction developed and was one of the predominant construction methods from antiquity to the 19th century and was spread in Central Europe north of the Alps to England. In the late period of this construction, the related “Bundwerk” appeared in the Alpine region. The modern successor to the “Riegelhaus” construction is essentially the wooden frame construction.

Initially, the carpenter, who was originally mostly a builder, made an elevation or construction, formerly directly on the work floor, later and today on a wooden surface, the drawing floor. Today, this is mostly done

by the architect, civil engineer or planning office. Nevertheless, a carpenter must master this work. He also uses CAD programs for this. Sometimes a model is also made.

The vertical woods are referred to as posts, sticks, supports, rods or stands, the slightly sloping ones as struts or swords, the horizontal ones as sleepers, frames, bars or purlins. Logs that run at an angle of mostly 45 degrees for transverse stabilization are called hinges or braces, they connect the parts that are perpendicular to each other. Struts are often arranged symmetrically and should point upwards to the outside so that wind forces from the side can be better absorbed.

Pedunculate oak or sessile oak are mostly used as types of wood, and fir is used in areas rich in coniferous wood, as they are weather-resistant and withstand rot - provided constructive wood protection is required. There are several ways to fill in the gaps:

- Wattle with clay
- Clay wrap with lime or clay plaster
- Brick lining, quarry stone, aerated concrete or clay blocks and plastered if necessary.

The wood braid is made of solid wood, and also made of flexible rods made of wicker, for example.

In northeastern Switzerland, particularly in the canton of Thurgau and in the Zurich wine country, over 90 percent of older farmhouses are timbered houses; In this region (over 600,000 pure “Riegelhaeuser” and numerous mixed forms are estimated) there are villages (Unterstammheim and Oberstammheim, Nussbaumen, Üsslingen) that consist almost entirely of timber framed houses. The red painting of the bars and the white infill are typical. The rectangular grid is almost always crossed by diagonal bars. The open-air museum Ballenberg was founded to preserve endangered “Riegelhaeuser”.

Cover photo of a beautiful Swiss “Riegelhaus” supplied by Gabriel Dubler, thank you!





The banner features a blue sky background. On the left, there's a close-up of a wooden roof truss. In the center, the text 'Blue Sky Carpentry' is written in a large, stylized, blue and yellow font. On the right, a cartoon character of a carpenter wearing a hat and overalls is holding a sign that says 'NO WORKING'. Below the main title, there are three images: a wooden roof truss, a modern house with a covered porch, and a close-up of a wooden floor with a herringbone pattern.

Blue Sky Carpentry

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DID YOU KNOW?

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** is a specialised agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health. It is part of the UN Sustainable Development Group. The WHO Constitution, which establishes the agency's governing structure and principles, states its main objective as ensuring "the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health." It is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, with six semi-autonomous regional offices and 150 field offices worldwide.

It was established on 7 April 1948, which is commemorated as World Health Day.

The WHO's broad mandate includes advocating for universal healthcare, monitoring public health risks, coordinating responses to health emergencies, and promoting human health and well being. It provides technical assistance to countries, sets international health standards and guidelines, and collects data on global health issues through the World Health Survey.

The WHO has played a leading role in several public health achievements, most notably the eradication of smallpox, the near-eradication of polio, and the development of an Ebola vaccine. Its current priorities include communicable diseases, particularly HIV/AIDS, Ebola, malaria and tuberculosis; non-communicable diseases such as heart disease and cancer; healthy diet, nutrition, and food security; occupational health; and substance abuse.

The World Health Assembly (WHA), composed of representatives from all 194 member states, serves as the agency's supreme decision-making body. It also elects and advises an Executive Board made up of 34 health specialists. The WHA convenes annually and is responsible for selecting the Director-General, setting goals and priorities, and approving the WHO's budget and activities. The current Director-General is Tedros Adhanom, former Health Minister and Foreign Minister of Ethiopia, who began his five-year term on 1 July 2017.

The WHO relies on assessed and voluntary contributions from member states and private donors for funding. As of 2018, it has a budget of over \$4.2 billion, most of which comes from voluntary contributions from member states.





The committee of the Swiss Society of
Queensland is hoping that you all had a

HAPPY
Easter

despite the rules and restrictions
we live with at the moment.

Times are different right now, and we all have to
adjust to a temporarily new way of life.

Now more than ever, we are here for you, if you
need help, please reach out. We are here to assist
and help each other however we can.

Together, we will get through this!

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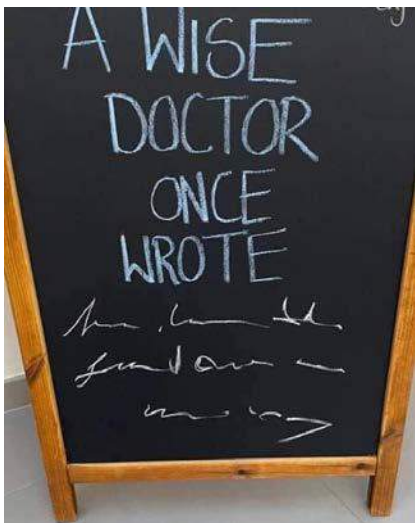
Friends and family in Switzerland and in Australia
have been busy baking and creating at Easter this year.
How beautiful are these delicious creations?

Yumm!



The Joke Bōxli

A laugh a day keeps the doctor away...



Until further notice, the days of the week are now called: thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today and nextday!



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Dear Swiss friends,

You probably start feeling nauseous when hearing this word once more – we do – so let us just call it the “current situation”. Due to the current situation, a significant amount of office personnel in Brisbane is allowed to work from home to create a distance to their co-workers. This also comprises radio announcers. When I was listening to Radio ABC on my way to work, only one radio announcer was in the studio while the second one joined in from her ‘home office’ in her mother’s house.

Radio 4EB is impacted by the current situation too. As well as all 50 plus language groups, the Swiss German-Austrian-German language group has been asked to prepare their programs on computers outside the studio to avoid close contact to other people.

What we do not want to avoid is our contact to you, our honoured listeners. We still provide you with easy listening radio programs in German and Swiss German, at our usual program times. With the exception that our programs are currently 50 minutes, instead of 60 minutes, this is to provide extra time to deliver CRN’s National Radio News, as well as required community notices relevant to the current worldwide situation.

Maybe you are a new listener to Radio 4EB, in the greater Brisbane area available on 98.1FM. Our new website www.4eb.org.au makes it easier than before to listen to our radio programs on your PC, tablet or smart phone via the internet. Another great addition is that all our previous programs are kept in archive: You can browse and re-listen as far back as mid-February 2020. So, if you have extra time, please, listen back today!

The German language program is on

Monday 21h – 22h

Friday 9h – 10h

Saturday 11h – 12h

For our friends ‘de la Romandie’, the French language program is every Saturday 17h – 18h.

Our broadcasting times depend on membership. Please, become a member to keep this program alive. Email us your wish list of your favourite Swiss songs and music to 4ebgerman@gmail.com. And while you are at it, please like and follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/4EBGerman.

Danke für's zueloose.

*Maria Steiner, Thomas Mühe and the
German language program team*



The alpine butterfly knot



Somebody once told me that the Chinese word for "crisis" is being composed of two Chinese characters signifying "danger" and "opportunity" respectively. I never forgot this advice!

While the low aussie dollar is nearly killing our business, the ability to serve our valued customers online is a blessing in this situation.

But I did not really want to talk about cheese! While most of us are staying home as much as possible, the current situation will offer many opportunities that the hectic modern life has kind of taken away from us. We are all incredibly busy, and even if we are not, nobody dares these days to admit that maybe we are just snoozing in the hammock and enjoying the fresh Aussie air...

When talking to relatives in Europe, some say that something like this crisis HAD TO HAPPEN. We were all conditioned (by media, advertising and politicians) to do more, acquire more, spend heaps and buy stuff. Everything has to grow constantly, so we can spend more and at the same time create more waste as a consequence. Now that we have to stay home, spend more time with the family and possibly look at a future of acquiring less (due to less income or for some due to diminishing debt fuelled purchasing power...), maybe this crisis is a great way to RETHINK how we live and what is important in life.

Have you realised how politicians treat each other really well in this situation? All the

bickering and nasty stuff is now gone, what a nice change. One guy from the opposition even admitted that the other party did well in a particular situation. We can actually be nice to each other! Why not do this in normal times? Maybe we can find a government system in the future where politicians at all times work more TOGETHER than AGAINST...

With 3 kids permanently at home due to the school closure (for maybe a long time...), we thought this is a good time to teach them some "extra-curricular" skills.

So I started a list of new things we could do and learn:

Teach the kids to...

- bake some fresh bread on their own
- make some fresh pasta from semolina and farm eggs
- start a new no dig vegetable garden to grow their own food
- cook their own lunches to take to school (when they get back)
- learn and apply a minimum set of basic knots (the alpine butterfly knot is my all-time favourite so far...)
- use a sewing machine
- change a car tire without the professional mechanic
- sit still and meditate (without a mobile phone...!)

Now is the time for us to give them some new skills!

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.
Or we can turn it into one...!

Stay safe and well

Christian @ Fromart

<https://www.vdiffclimbing.com/alpine-butterfly/>



JASSEN

during COVID-19



So you are missing your regular Jass? Well, we played our first "virtual" Schieber! And it works really well! Willi (William Montandon) worked out all the details on how to get multiple players organised. Here is what you do (I use Google Chrome, but other browsers should work fine):

1. Navigate to Schieber.ch – follow the prompts and register with your email address and give yourself a Player Name (mine is FranzH). You can play just yourself against 3 computers, or you can organise yourself with 3 others and play together.
2. If you don't have it already, download *Whatsapp* for your mobile device, so you can all connect and talk together while playing. (There is a Chat option, but talking is easier). And off you go! If any of you need assistance, feel free to contact me on 0484 597 451.

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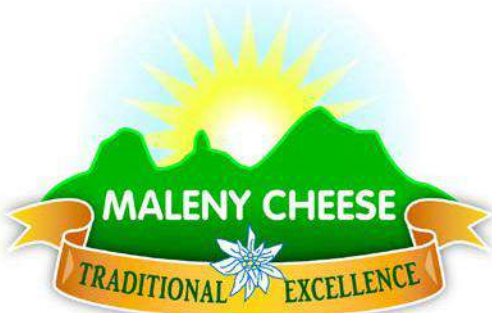
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With good company, vocal entertainment from choir members, good food, the bar open, what could be better!

Thank you and till next time.

Evelyne Upton



Photos by Gabriel Dubler, thank you!



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