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This year has taken many unexpected turns and not many things are as they were a year ago. We are happy to be able to invite you to our end of year function.

This year we are meeting at the Gallopers Club in Ascot as the church hall still has many restrictions in place that make it impossible for us to hold the function there. We can meet from 10.30 am and can stay in the dining room until 1 pm. There is an outdoor and bar area for those who want to stay and chat longer.

We will have a short AGM at 11 am and lunch no later than 12 pm.

In preparation for our AGM we publish the presidents and financial reports in this newsletter to keep you up to date in case there are unexpected changes to our plans. We will not read them at the AGM due to time restrictions, but we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

We are already half way through the current membership year and I enclose the invoice that I completely forgot in our May newsletter. We appreciate your continued support.

Anita Bickel

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

**Gallopers Sports Club - Corner Nudgee & Lancaster Roads, Ascot**

Set Menu - alternate serve - Fish and Chips & Salad or Beef Stroganoff, Rice & Greens

Dessert: Pavlova or Apple Pie and self-serve coffee station

Please let us know of any special dietary requirements.

The Menu is free for members, and \$ 25 for non-members.

Doors open at 10.30 am, please come early as we can't stay in the dining area past 1 pm.

**RSVP until 15<sup>th</sup> November** is a must, your name and phone number will have to be provided to the Gallopers Club.

By phone Rita von Rotz 0431 707 144 or Anita Bickel 0457 457 211

or by email [care@swissclubqld.org.au](mailto:care@swissclubqld.org.au)

We are looking forward to catching up with many of you.

### The Committee

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## Presidents Report

### Dear Members, Supporters & Golden Oldies of the Swiss Community Care Society

What a year we have all just gone through and are still going through. It just shows us how quickly things can change, and we all have to be ready for whatever is around the corner.

Whilst Covid 19 has turned all our lives up-side-down it has brought some very positive aspects with it. I have been amazed just how you all take care of each other. Total strangers came forward to volunteer to take someone under their wing to ensure their isolation was bearable. The many phone calls, follow ups, hampers and shopping done for older compatriots, just wonderful. Quite often we forget how lucky we are and how well we are cared for, but there are always some struck down with illness or other burdens and a visit or encouragement from us goes a long way.

Unable to hold our usual Christmas function, as the church hall still has restrictions in place, we have been looking for another way to get together. As we are all in an age-group that is high(er) risk, we need to make sure we follow all the legal and social obligations. Thanks to Rita we found an option to hold a Christmas Lunch at the Gallopers Club in Ascot.

Good to see that Erika our secretary recovered well from her operations and we wish Anita our treasurer a speedy recovery with her broken leg.

Thanks to our great committee and members we have been able to assist lots of people, either with repatriation to Switzerland, visits to homes and hospitals and of course moral support. A special mention of Gabriel Dubler, despite his busy schedule he got the Facebook Group up and running, coordinating info and news, it's just wonderful to see that many of you are using it. Also, Katja Wallimann Gates is doing a fantastic job on our behalf as a delegate to the Council of Swiss Abroad and she will address you at our meeting.

Thank you all for your wonderful work, I am humbled to be part of such a good group.

Wishing you and your families all a happy & healthy Christmas and a good start for 2021.

Franz Braun, president

## Financial Report

<b>Profit and Loss Account</b>		
	<b>2019/2020</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$	\$
Membership Fees	160.00	1,220.00
Donations	730.00	3,251.00
Interest	327.84	169.83
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,217.84</b>	<b>4,640.83</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Postage/Office/Stationary	515.73	596.94
Committee	0.00	1,002.62
Floral Tributes	20.00	20.00
Senior Citizen Functions	899.62	1,801.35
Wellfare Assistance	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4,435.35</b>	<b>6,420.91</b>
Net Operating Surplus	(3,217.51)	(1,780.08)
Accum.Funds year begin	20,532.74	22,312.82
<b>ACCUMULATED FUN</b>	<b>17,315.23</b>	<b>20,532.74</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash in Hand	455.20	490.35
Cheque Account	1,860.03	5,042.39
Term Deposit CBA	15,000.00	15,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>17,315.23</b>	<b>20,532.74</b>

You may note significant differences in membership fees, donations, cost of functions and committee.

- As we had to cancel the Buderim lunch due to Corona Restrictions, we only had the cost of one function in the last financial year.
- Since I forgot to send out the membership invoices with the last newsletter in April/May and many members usually paying cash in Buderim the income was considerably lower.
- Last year's donations included the sale of some of our Sapphires – we still have many available!
- Committee – Cost for a committee member to participate in a national meeting of presidents of Swiss Clubs and organisations in Australia.

As we will hopefully get back to some normality our books should reflect that in the future.

I am happy to answer all your questions at the meeting or before that if you prefer.

Anita Bickel, treasurer