

Easter Bunny was here!

SSQ families enjoyed the Easter egg hunt at the Simpson Falls picnic area, Mount Coot-tha. I think everyone was very happy with their find! Thanks Gabriel Dubler for the lovely photos.





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President's Report

Dear members and friends of the Swiss Society of Queensland.

In a couple of weeks, it will officially be Winter which marks the perfect time to pull out your caquelon set and enjoy a delicious fondue. The SSQ cheese fondue event went very well with 100 people attending at the South Brisbane

Sailing Club. A big thanks to everyone who attended and to all those who helped ensure the evening was a huge success.

I would like to wish a warm welcome to our new members Johanne De Beys and Hubert Vander Meulen who have joined us from Paddington and Rebekah Bruhwiller, from South Brisbane. We look forward to getting to know you at one of our events. If you need to contact me, my email is prcoque@gmail.com or phone number is 0407 677 828. It's great to have you with us!

With the recent COVID-19 case in Sydney, it is a gentle reminder that we must still abide by QLD Health directions to ensure everyone is kept safe. We've been very fortunate in Queensland to not have had an outbreak as seen in other parts of the world. I'm very grateful that all of our events can still go ahead as planned and it's great to see the turn out we've had especially with the recent Jass Meisterschaft held last month at St Colomb's Anglican Church Hall. It really goes to show how important our events are to the community and to our own wellbeing. Congratulations to the winners! I'd also like to thank the organisers Ruth Milwright and Rita von Rotz, the kitchen staff Jacqueline Erni and Rita Brandli and the Jass scorer and photographer Gabriel Dubler for a successful event.

Our Easter Bunny event which was held at the Simpson Falls Picnic Area in Mount Coot-tha in March was a success. I know some families were a bit disappointed they couldn't attend due to the COVID-19 outbreak just before Easter, but we've still got lots of other exciting events planned for the rest of the year, such as Raclette night and our annual Swiss National Day..

Coming up next month is the Australian Jass Tournament in Sydney which celebrates its 10th year at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club. With the Jass Tournament held on 13 June, we decided to postpone the Raclette night to Saturday 26 June to ensure more people could attend. We hope to see you there!

Our Annual Swiss National Day will be held on Saturday 31 July at the Samford Showgrounds (see page 11). We will be publishing more information in the coming weeks. We hope you can join us.

I look forward to seeing you all at our raclette night! Stay safe.

Philippe Coquerand



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No special formatting/design needed. All photos to be sent as separate jpgs.

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2	Thursday, 6 May	Sunday, 16 May
3	Thursday, 29 July	Sunday, 8 August
4	Thursday, 21 October	Sunday, 31 October

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Peter Oesch 0466 827 750 treasurer@swissclubqld.org.au

A warm welcome

to our new members

- Rebekah Bruhwiller, South Brisbane
- Johanne De Beys and Hubert Vander Meulen, Paddington
- Anita Hurlimann, Petrie Terrace

Welcome to the Swiss Society of Queensland. We look forward to getting to know you at one of our events. Contact any of the committee members for info about the club (contact details page 24).

WANTED!

New Swiss Community Care Secretary

Help! I really would like to retire from my position as Secretary of the SCCS. I had already received my farewell flowers back in 2019... no replacement was found, so I am still here. If there is a SSQ member willing to take over my position, please contact Franz Braun or myself (contact details page 5).

Thank you Erika Vincent



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

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 by either

- telling us in the CHAT group
- emailing: care@SwissClubQld.org.au
- calling Franz Braun 0421 384 060
- calling Anita Bickel 0457 457 211

Swiss Community Care Society

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

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Dear Members, Friends & Compatriots,

This time last year we were at the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis and hoping for a quick cure and eradication of the virus. What a rollercoaster year it has been. Let's hope the coming months or years will see us going back to a more or less normal life. One of the lessons we all learnt from the crisis is to be adaptable and to go with the flow. We from the SCCS hold our functions whenever and in whatever way we can and are allowed to do. The most important part is to come together and maintain our social contact. So hopefully our Buderim Lunch will be able to go ahead as planned in early June. The set-up will be different, ie no buffet, but the Baerg-Roeseli choir will perform as usual.

We have been incredibly lucky with our community and have been able to help, support and guide a few in need. Thanks to you all, as always, it has been appreciated by the recipients. At the beginning of the crisis we were able to coordinate the departure of stranded Swiss back to Switzerland followed by getting supply and support to those in need, who were unable to leave the house and shop, etc.

Whilst many of our senior compatriots are not fully computer literate, technology has evolved and there are simple and easy smart phones where one can use What's app or Skype to be in contact with loved ones. There are also apps for signing in when visiting functions or restaurants as most don't accept manual sign in anymore. These apps can be used everywhere. The same will apply for the COVID-19 Pass once you're immunised.

If any of you need help with the app set-up please give us a call and we try to help you or find someone who can help.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Buderim Lunch (COVID-19 willing).

Keep safe and do not forget how lucky we are here in Australia compared with most other parts of the world.

The Swiss Community Care Team



Sunday 6 June 2021

Sunday, 6 June 2021 Date:

Venue: Headland Golf Club,

Golf Links Road, Buderim

Time: 10.30am doors open

11.30am Yodel Choir

12.30pm Hot lunch & dessert

The lunch is free for all financial

members over 65 years.

\$25 for all others.

RSVP: Bookings essential

by 29 May 2021

To Rita von Rotz 0431 707 144 or Anita Bickel 0457 457 211 or email care@swissclubgld.au

Swiss Yodel & Folklore Group

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



PresidentGabriel DublerPh 0435 570 241SecretaryPaul SpirigPh 0413 235 208TreasurerPeter WeidmannPh 07 3397 8359

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.

We have been rehearsing every second Tuesday since the beginning of the year at the Toowong Anglican church. The recent express COVID-19 lockdown gave us a short break, but we are cruising along very well.

We are fine-tuning two new songs and are on a third one. We have just taken out our percussion instruments again to accompany Willy and Peter on the accordions.

The Swiss Senior Citizens Lunch is approaching and we will have a nice program put together for this opportunity in Buderim.

We had one new person joining the choir: Pete Ryland is a talented Australian who has been working for several years in Switzerland. Nostalgia brought him to us which is to our advantage. Welcome Pete, as long as you are in Australia.

We are always looking for new members, there is no prerequisite for reading music or choir experience. Your enthusiasm and friendship is what is most important to us.

Looking forward to performing soon.

...stay healthy and happy.

Gabriel Dubler President



The choir rehearsing at the Toowong Anglican church.

To join the choir please contact Gabriel: 0435 570 241 or yodel@swissclubqld.org.au





Fraser Coast Group

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

Cecile Scherrer Phone 07 4194 0105

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Address 133/99 Doolong Road, Kawungan Qld 4655

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 Swiss members,

Lunches in January, February, March and April were well attended from 14 to 25 people. On 15 April we were just lucky to be without masks in the Hervey Bay Hotel, which was a huge relief and we hope it stays this way.

Next lunches:

- 15 May in the Boat Club
- June to be anounced

Our Easter Bunny event was cancelled as some people were in Brisbane or had visitors from south and we did not want to risk anything. However, members still celebrated at home with lots of baking of yummie Easter goodies!





Swiss National Day, Sunday 1 August celebrating 20 years Fraser Coast Swiss Group 2001-2021 at a private property. Info to follow.

Many members received the COVID-19 vaccination and nobody has been sick so far. How lucky are we to live safely in Queensland.

Cecile Scherrer





At Harmonie Day many cultures celebrated at the neighbourhood center and it was a good opportunity to show the 'Züri Tracht' (Zurich traditional costume). Editor's note: You are looking great Cecile!

Gold Coast Group

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

Bruno Vogt Ph 0407 593 826 Email: bruno2017ex@gmail.com Hansruedi and Merla Schwegler Ph 07 5529 4763 / 0408 717 796

Swiss National Day Picnic Sunday, 1 August 2021

Join us to celebrate the Swiss National Day.

"Bratwurst" and "Cervelats" with bread will be available for sale.

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

Watch out for the Swiss flags.



Place: Gold Coast Regional Botanic

gardens, 230 Ashmore road,

Benowa.

Time: 11am onwards

Info: Bruno 0407 593 826

Ruedi 0408 717 796

Note: COVID-19 Safe plan applies. We will notify you if the event is cancelled.

Bushwalking Group

www.swissclubqld.org.au/active-groups/bushwalking-group-2

Peter Zuend - Email: bushwalker@swissclubgld.org.au

The Bush walk group organises day walks in non-urban areas, within two hours drive of Brisbane, four to five times per year. If you want to come along, please register by email now and when we organise a walk we will send you an email with details two weeks in advance.







West Canungra Creek circuit walk on 18 April. Photos taken by Jurg Keller.



10th Australian Jass Tournament Pennant Hills Bowling Club - Sydney

Sunday, 13 June 2021

Dear Jasser.

The Annual Australian Jass Tournament will be held in Sydney during the June Long Weekend. It is the 10th Anniversary edition of this traditional Swiss Card Tournament.

Detailed planning is underway and the AJT-2021 registration form and the rules and format have been posted on the Swiss Club of NSW website:

https://www.swissclubnsw.com and on the Australian National Jass Tournament facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/jasstournament

Venue: Pennant Hills Bowling Club https://phbc.com.au/

> 52 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills NSW 2120 and is within easy walking distance of Pennant Hills Train Station and Bus Stop. There is also parking available at the club or the surrounding streets.

Times: We will start registering players from 9am under the Patio outside. At 9.30am we will have the welcome speech and share the operational details, so once the doors open at 10am, we can start playing straightaway. Due to current COVID-19 requirements, access to the Club Function Room will be from 10am only. We plan to have

lunch at around 1pm and dinner at 7pm. A more detailed timetable will be available on the day.

Accommodation: The Ibis Thornleigh is nearby https://www.accorhotels. com/ab/hotel-3238-ibis-svdnevthornleigh/index.shtml and access can be by Bus Route 600 Trip planner | transportnsw.info

> Apart from the usual attraction to see in and around Sydney, you can find interesting information at the Sydney, Australia | Official Sydney Tourism Website.

Registration: we appreciate early registration by 16 May 2021.

Tournament Organisers:

Daniel Frutiger dan.mar04@bigpond.com

Bruno Frischknecht

Alois Simath

Beat (Bepo) Popp

Lorenz Sonderegger

Lorenz.Sonderegger@shimadzu.com.au

We look forward to welcoming you to Sydney

AJT-2021 Organising Committee In conjunction with the Swiss Club of NSW.

Raclette Evening

Saturday, 26 June 2021

Pre-paid bookings only. The number of guests is limited, please book early!



'Raclette isch guet und git e gueti Luune'



It's soon that time of the year again when all good Swiss succumb to their inherent addiction to cheese.

Dozen's of "Öfelis" will be hooked up to the power system, after which colossal quantities of cheese will be melted in a gesture of devotion.

It tastes pretty good with potatoes, pickles and fruit too!

Date: Saturday, 26 June 2021

Time: Doors open 5.15pm for pre-drinks

and to take in the beautiful view. Raclette will be served from 6pm

onwards.

Venue: Southside Sailing Club,

68 Hill End Terrace, West End

Cost: Members \$30, Non-members \$38, Member families \$70 (includes 2 adults and 2 children under 12), Non-member families \$90 (includes 2 adults and 2 children under 12), additional children over the age of 3 pay \$1 per year of age. Price includes raclette, coffee and dessert. Drinks can be bought at the bar.

Strictly no BYO.

RSVP: By Friday, 18 June 2021 Nicole Berner 0410 185 227

nicole.berner@yahoo.com.au

Payment is required by 18 June 2021.

Pre paid bookings only, with 2 options:

EFT: Direct bank payment: Westpac,

BSB: 034 002, Account:708 120, Swiss Society of Queensland Inc. with your

name and description

Cheques payable to: Swiss Society of Queensland Inc., PO Box 3240, Newstead QLD 4006, with your name on the back.

Groups of 3 and more, including children, will receive allocated seating.

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

Please let us know if you can bring a raclette oven when you book.

We look forward to seeing at the Raclette Evening event.



1 August **Swiss National Day**

Saturday, 31 July 2021

COVID-19 safe plan applies. We will notify you if the event is 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 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

Welcome by SSQ President 1pm

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 prices

4.10pm Children's Disco

5pm Dinner, soup by Baerg-Roeseli

5.30pm Lampion procession followed by

bonfire and evening activities



And we played at the 'Jass Meisterschaft' Brisbane 2021

I would like to thank everyone for coming and participating in a fun and enjoyable day at the 'Jassmeisterschaft' in Brisbane. 44 players was a great turnout.

I was No 1 and last, good combination. Congratulations to Lorenz Sonderegger, NSW for winning the Jass Champion 2021 in first place, second place was Hans Keller, VIC and third place went to Martin Hörnlimann, QLD, Great to see representatives of each state place in the top three.

I would like to thank the SSQ club for donating the first prize. Big thank you to all who donated prizes too: Anita Bickel, the Gallopers Club in Ascot, Peter Scheffknecht (Zopfmaker, phone 0423838355, Goldcoast, makes a lot of cakes and biscuits!), Hans and Doris Keller, Bruno Vogt (who created the beautiful clocks)



and Rita von Rotz, who was also kind enough to organise the prize table, which was overflowing.

Thank you to Andy and Nick for the fantastic potato salad and desserts. Monika for the beautiful handmade cards and Jakob for the cake. Thanks to Rita Brandli and Jacquline Erni for all the hard work in the kitchen.

Looking forward to seeing most of you in Sydney on the 13 June for the Jass Tournament.

Ruth Milwright





Congratulations to Lorenz Sonderegger (Rang 1 Jass Champion 2021), Hans Keller (Rang 2) and Martin Hoernlimann (Rang 3). Walter Bucher and Lorenz Sonderegger both had the highest round of the day with 889 points each.



















Wow, looks like you all had fun! Thanks Gabriel Dubler (and Ruth Milwright) for these beautiful photos.

Brisbane Jass Meisterschaft 2021

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17	Martin Hörnlimann	3	6766	-75	-339	7	23	13	7	1	2	3	1	3	3
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12	Roger Moullet	6	6678	-54	-427	19	13	15	19	10	6	6	7	5	6
18	Bruno Frischknecht	7	6673	-5	-432	27	37	42	30	29	27	23	11	11	7
32	Walter Bucher	8	6608	-65	-497	39	17	11	4	12	3	2	4	12	8
25	Florido Bizzozero	9	6528	-80	-577	5	4	5	5	6	13	8	18	15	9
30	Marianne Bucher	10	6519	-9	-586	15	12	8	9	18	11	7	5	10	10
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3	Matthias Bickel	20	6297	-9	-808	43	36	25	38	35	39	39	33	26	20
9	Sonja Wyss	21	6287	-10	-818	13	21	24	15	21	16	18	16	14	21
19	Paul Leuenberger	22	6270	-17	-835	29	24	32	33	25	21	15	26	20	22
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33	Willie Montadon	32	6048	-19	-1053	41	28	43	42	39	29	32	37	31	32
41	Peter Zuend	33	6043	-5	-1062	7	8	21	31	24	23	29	24	35	33
26	Tim Nick	34	6039	-4	-1066	15	3	4	24	30	34	34	36	39	34
39	Ruedi Hug	35	6036	-3	-1069	33	40	27	16	16	22	21	29	33	35
2	Jakob Berner	36	6027	-9	-1078	37	22	23	22	32	36	33	40	36	36
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31	Urs Berger	42	5811	-34	-1294	31	42	36	41	43	43	40	42	40	42
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RANKS and SCORES

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25 April 2021 by Gabriel Dubler

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565	604	655	645	709	629	650	643	831	801
650	680	607	612	717	751	652	611	719	679
593	550	579	715	653	623	685	824	640	811
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677	703	627	550	754	629	532	824	726	445
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606	576	601	570	610	698	700	593	674	718
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And we played at the 'Jass Meisterschaft' Brisbane 2021 (cont.)

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who made this day such a success! From setting up, cooking, tallying the scores and organising prizes, etc, without you, this much loved Jass day of the year would not happen for our SSQ members. Well done!













Our Jass volunteers made sure that everything was organised for the day.

Jass Group

www.swissclubqld.org.au/jass-group

The social Jass Group meets every 2nd Wednesday evening, from 6pm at the Gallopers Sports Club, Cnr Lancaster and Nudgee Rds, Ascot, Brisbane 4007

For more information please contact: Ruth Milwright - 0414 705 255 Rita von Rotz - 0431 707 144

Jass Dates 2021

Everyone is welcome. If you want to learn, we

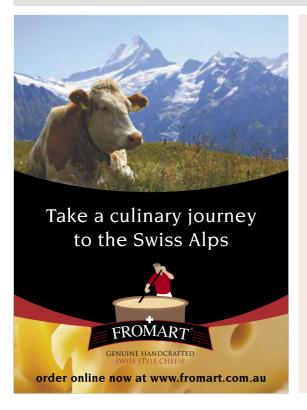


Please note:

Events will only be held if COVID-19 regulations allow it.

Please check with the organisers if unsure.

January	February	March	April	May	June
13, 27	10, 24	10, 24	7, 21	5, 19	2, 16, 30
July	August	September	Octobe	Novemb	December
14, 28	11, 25	8, 22	6, 20	3, 17	1, 15



Resources for germanspeaking kids abroad

Germanwithkids.com ist die erste globale Informations- und Resourcen Webseite für Familien mit deutschsprachigen Kindern im Ausland und hat sich seit dem Start 2016 sehr erfreulich ausgebreitet. Viele im Ausland lebenden Familien möchten gerne die deutsche Sprache weitergeben und fördern, haben aber oft Schwierigkeiten im Dschungel des Internets hilfreiche Hinweise zu finden.

Die Webseite bietet gut recherchierte Informationen.

www.Germanwithkids.com

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Council of the Swiss Abroad

NEWS



www.csa-oceania.org/

March Session CSA

Our March session of the Council of the Swiss Abroad was planned to be held in Brunnen for the 30th anniversary of the Area for the Swiss Abroad. For the 700th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation a meadow most beautifully situated across the Rütli was acquired. The view into the Urner Alps, the Rigi and towards Lucerne is wonderful and Lake Lucerne makes the picture perfect, an attraction for guests from all over the world. However, due to COVID-19 the meeting had to be cancelled. I hope I can one day travel again and see this beautiful spot.

The online event was cut in half to make proceedings easier. Two nights, once in February and once in March were spent in zoom meetinas.

photo: The beautiful area in Brunnen © Auslandschweizerplatz.ch

Please see the link for the summary of the Report on the Council of the Swiss Abroad Meeting – Feb/March 2021 https://www. csa-oceania.org/2021/03/15/report-onthe-council-of-the-swiss-abroad-meetingfeb-march-2021/

Trial: Diplomatic courier for voting material

The most interesting announcement was from Laurent Perriard (Deputy Director General, Consular Affairs, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs) to use diplomatic mail to get the voting papers to Australia faster.

Included in this trial are around 1600 Swiss abroad living in Australia, Thailand or Brazil and are registered to vote in the cantons Aargau, Ticino and Geneva. Half of the group will get the voting material for June 13 as per usual by mail, the other half by diplomatic courier. Data will be collected when the



members of the group get the papers and the cantons will count when they arrive back in Switzerland.

Thanks to everyone who provided feedback about the late arrival of voting papers in Australia. Pilot projects like these are the result of Swiss Abroad providing feedback, CSA delegates and media raising awareness and understanding and support by Members of Parliament

Lugano Conference for the Swiss Abroad cancelled

For the second time the conference in Lugano had to be postponed. Hopefully August 2022 will be third time lucky. Our parliament sessions will be held online again.

Katja Wallimann Gates Delegate Australia CSA (contact details see page 24)

Soon it's time to vote!

You will soon receive an email from the Swiss Consulate in Sydney about how to vote for your Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA) delegates.

The Swiss Society of Queensland is encouraging its members to vote as these delegates play an important role in representing Swiss people living abroad.

Australia is entitled to four council seats. The current delegates, Carmen Trochsler (Adelaide, SA). Katia Wallimann Gates (Brisbane. QLD), Roland Isler (Melbourne, VIC) and Beat Knoblauch (Sydney, NSW) are all standing for re-election.

Proof of Life for Swiss old age pension

From 1 May 2021 the AHV/Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva requires again the certificate of life form to be officially confirmed by a local authority (ie Consulate General of Switzerland in Sydney, Embassy of Switzerland in Canberra, Honorary Consul, Centrelink, Public Notary, Justice of Peace).

Should you have difficulties in visiting the local authorities due to COVID-19 issues. the AHV/Swiss Compensation Office is still accepting the certificate of life signed by the pensioner without any official stamp. You must attach with the certificate a copy of your valid passport or Australian driver's license and a witness statement. All documents can be emailed in PDF format to sedmaster@zas. admin.ch or sent by postal mail to:

Schweizerische Ausgleichskasse SAK Avenue Edmond-Vaucher 18 Postfach 3100 1211 Genève 2

The witness statement can be worded as follows:

(name, first name of witness) confirm, that Mr/Ms(name, first name of beneficiary) is alive.
Address of witness:
Signature of witness:

Should you need an extension because the deadline to submit the certificate of life is about to expire, please inform the AHV/Swiss Compensation office immediately otherwise your pension is automatically stopped.

Any enquiries are to be sent to: **sedmaster@** zas.admin.ch. In urgent cases, you can reach the AHV per telephone on: +41 58 461 91 11.

Photo cover page

One of the most famous questhouse/ restaurants in Switzerland is the 'Berggasthaus Aescher', a 170-yearold guesthouse built into the cliff and situated in the Alpstein massif in the Appenzell Innerrhoden canton of Switzerland, north-east of Mount Säntis.

Nearby is the 'Wildkirchli' (English: Wild Chapel), which consists of three interlinked caves. The caves are located at a height of 1,477-1,500 m. They are notable for the traces of Paleolithic Neanderthal habitation. dating to c. 40,000 BP, and cave bear bones dating to 90,000-40,000 BP. There are three caves, the Altarhöhle (altar cave), the Untere Höhle (lower cave), and the Obere Höhle (upper cave). located on the Ebenalp, which is the northernmost summit of the Appenzell Alps. They are reached by cable car from Wasserauen to the top of Edenalp, followed by a 15-minute hike down the mountain.

Definitively a bucket-list destination for any visitor to Switzerland!

https://aescher.ch/en/





'Die Schweizerstunde' (The Swiss hour)

German language program on Radio 4EB 98.1FM

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You can listen to our radio programs via the internet on www.4eb.org.au

All our previous programs are kept in archive: You can browse and re-listen.

The German language program: Monday 21h - 22h Friday 9h - 10h Saturday 11h - 12h

'Schweizerstunde' 1st/5th Saturday/month 11h - 12h

The French language program, l'heure francophone: every Saturday 17h - 18h.

Our broadcasting times depend on membership. Please become a member to keep this program alive. Email us (see below).

Please email us your favourite Swiss songs and topics, which could be of interest to our Swiss. community in Brisbane.

Email 4ebgerman@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/4EBGerman



@4ebgerman





Dear Swiss friends.

Travel the World - Fly with 4EB

As we cannot travel outside of Australia right now, we want to highlight everything that the world has to offer and who better to do that than Radio 4EB?

For the launch-week of Radiothon, 19 to 25 April, the theme of discussion aims to be focused around travel. Explore topics such as the highlights and hidden treasures of your country, places you want to visit, and of course share your travel stories. 4EB is a station full of travellers, there will be no shortage of travel discussion!

We have a travel survey at 4eb.org.au/flywith4eb, where you can submit stories and travel photos. These photos and stories will be used in social media content.

Please, get involved with the conversation and submit responses, we want to generate a big station wide discussion around travel starting in April and continuing into the succeeding months.

With flights grounded, let 4EB bring the world to you! This year we want to soar to even greater heights in bringing you music and news in your language. To facilitate this increase in altitude, we are asking you to give generously so we can fly the airwaves together further than ever before. Thank You!

Maria Steiner. Thomas Mühe and the German language program team

My Story... or "get to know your SSQ members"



Jakob Berner

I was born in Zurich on 3 September 1942 and attended primary school at 'Allenmoos' and High School at 'Milchbuck'.

I completed my apprenticeship as a chef in the old town of Zurich. From a voung age I wanted to see the world and travel the globe.

I worked two Summer seasons at Noordwyk On the Sea in Holland, and one Winter in Stockholm where it got down to -30 degrees. I also worked 1.5 years in the United Kingdom, on Guernsey, in London and in Keswick in the Lake District.

In 1969 I went to New Zealand and worked for the Tourist Hotel Corporation. It was very strange being in the Southern Hemisphere where Christmas happened in Summer and I could ski in July. I enjoyed my three vears in New Zealand. I worked at The Chateau near Taupo in the centre of the North Island, Waitomo (famous for its glow worm caves) and at Waitangi in the Bay of Islands.

I met many people of different nationalities, including Florence, who later became my wife. We were married in Otorhanga while working at the Waitomo Hotel.

We now live in Elimbah on 34 of an acre and are enjoying our retirement.





Top left: Jakob and Florence travelling the world. Top right: Jakob the Chef. Bottom: Jakob and Florence in NZ.





Jakob Berner has provided catering for the club for many years and we are very grateful to have had such a great chef. Thanks Jakob for your support and dedication to the club, it's been and continues to be very much appreciated!

What's your story? Please send us a short text, approx 500 words max (word files or email, no pdfs) and a photo so we can publish it in the Swiss News. editor@swissclubqld.org.au



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Organisation of the Swiss Abroad

The Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) has created a new webpage www.SwissCommunity.org. The website has been live for a few weeks.

The aim is to have a one-stop-shop page for all Swiss living abroad.

We provide advice on legal questions, social security insurance, educational matters and much more. This new website is combining and replacing three older ones from OSA.

SwissCommunity.org

...and we said "Cheeeese" at our fondue event









Thank you to our amazing volunteers and the SSQ committee for yet another successful fondue evening!

























What a cruisy day it was - our SSQ Boat trip

On Sunday 21 February SSQ members explored the crystal blue water and white sands of Moreton, Straddie and Peel Island aboard the stylish "Lady Brisbane." What a fun day!





















Thank you Gabriel Dubler for the warm, colourful fondue pics and the cool and refreshing cruiseship pics!