



Newsletter # 63, October 2022

CHRISTMAS LUNCH
SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2022

Anglican Church Hall

56 Race Course Rd, Hamilton
parking is available on church grounds
doors open at 10.30 am

11 am SCCS AGM

Agenda

1. President's Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM 2021
3. Presidents Report
4. Treasurers Report
5. Nominations & Election of new Committee
6. General Business

Should you like to appoint a proxy please fill out the form on the third page

12 am Christmas lunch

Menu

Aufschnitt Platte, Kaese, Eier
Salads
Desserts
Tea & Coffee

Soft Drinks, Bier & Wine are available to buy but you are welcome to bring you own

Free for financial members, visitors pay \$ 15

Please RSVP by 20 November

email (preferred) to care@swissclubqld.org.au
or call Rita von Rotz 0431 707 144 or Anita Bickel 0457 457 21

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter

It comes a bit late but I hope you have reserved the date for our AGM and Christmas-Lunch.

There was quite an exodus to Switzerland this year. No wonder, it has been almost 3 years that most of us have been able to see family.

Matthias and I have just return from 4 months at "home". What a start to retirement!

We had glorious weather for most of the time, a "Jahrhundert-Sommer". We have travelled by train with a SBB General Pass and have visited many places and people.

The highlight was spending time with our grandchildren and meeting our newest grandson, Otto, shortly before returning to Australia.

I hope you have had a good winter and survived the cold reasonably well.

Regular life has us back and I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our next function.

Anita Bickel

Presidents Report 2022

Dear Members / Supporters / Compatriots and Golden Oldies of the Swiss Community Care Society Queensland

News just coming in of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II whilst putting a few lines together for my report to you all.

As many of you are aware of, Pauline and I are busy packing / getting ready for our sea change and move to Thailand.

It's not easy after so many years parting from our friends / house etc; but we have to adjust to the circumstances and move on.

The last 3 years have changed the lives of many in unimaginable ways and has shown us, that we all have to be prepared for the future whatever it will bring.

Hopefully the Swiss Community Care Society has been able to step in and ease some of the challenges many in our community have had to face. From my perspective I feel very honoured to have been able to help people in our community.

Many thanks go to the wonderful / helpful Swiss Community Care Society Committee / Helpers and all members. It's been great to play a little part not only in a very dedicated / helpful Team but also caring about our compatriots; some of whom are doing it tough and need our help / assistance.

Resigning from Swiss Care does not come easy as we made so many friends and you all have become an extended family to all of us, however Swiss Community Care Society QLD is in good hands, no doubt we will all meet up again

Stay safe / healthy / we wish you all a merry x mas and hopefully a better 2023

Franz / Pauline / Vanessa and Samantha



All the Best Franz and Family in you new endeavours.

It is with sadness that we farewell Franz and his family. He has been very dedicated, selfless and helpful in all situations.

As he mentioned in his recent emails he has already found projects, in his new homeland of Thailand, to dedicate his time and energy to.

As he has already left the country I would suggest, instead of flowers or a bottle of wine, sending a donation to one of the charities he supports in his new homeland.

Profit and Loss Account				
		2021/2022		2020/2021
Income		\$		\$
Membership Fees		2,760.00		2,815.00
Donations		5,306.10		2,130.00
Interest		0.00		161.42
TOTAL INCOME		8,066.10		5,106.42
Expenditure				
Postage/Office/Stationary		247.24		561.60
Committee		0.00		0.00
Floral tributes		0.00		4.85
Senior Citizen Functions		1,887.00		1,903.80
Wellfare Assistance		2,034.95		0
TOTAL EXPENSES		4,169.19		2,470.25
Net Operating Surplus		3,896.91		2,626.17
Accum.Funds year begin		19,941.40		17,315.23
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		23,838.31		19,941.40
Balance Sheet				
Current Assets				
Cash in Hand		358.35		376.75
Cheque Account		23,479.96		19,564.65
Term Deposit CBA		0.00		
Total Assets		23,838.31		19,941.40
Treasurer :				
Anita Bickel				
31 August 2022				

Financial Report 2022

In preparation for our AGM, please find some notes and our Profit and Loss statement. I only comment on numbers that differ from previous year.

- Donations where collected through the Swiss Club for flood victims.

- Assistance was payed to flood victims.

- We now have a total of 98 memberships
49 life - 24 single - 25 family -

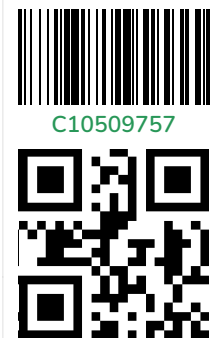
If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at the AGM or before.

Anita Bickel, treasurer

Our details with Containers for Change

We have collected about 150.00 \$ from Containers for Change. It is easy - when returning your containers use the bar-code or scheme ID on the right side. Money will be payed directly into our account.

We are grateful for your support!



With our current president Franz Braun moving overseas we are looking for a new person to fill this role.

Maybe you want to try out the committee before committing. Anything is possible.

We mainly keep contact to members of the Swiss Community, visit people at home or in hospital and organise two functions a year mainly for seniors but open to everybody.

If you would like more information - please contact one of our committee members.

The Committee

President	to be elected		
Secretary	Luana Storni	0413 865 712	
Vice President	Marianne Bucher	0429 983 883	
Treasurer	Anita Bickel	0457 457 211	
Members	Florido Bizzozero	07 3425 3785	0411 224 184
	Rita von Rotz	0431 707 144	
	Suzanne Dolle	0408 191 537	
	Hedi Bates	0438 071 042	

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Have you thought about your future?

Our volunteers in the Swiss Community Care Society sometimes experience how difficult it can become for elderly people who are not prepared for change. We all know that we get older from the moment we are born and that the day of our final “departure” will eventually come. To go as quickly as possible is the wish of most of us, but too often the decline is gradual and not easily recognised. Therefore, it pays to prepare while still in good physical and especially mental shape. The following questions and recommendations will help you to be as organised as possible.

1. Have you made a **Will**? When did you last update it? Those you leave behind will be so grateful if you made clear arrangements about your wishes regarding the disposal of your property and/or estate.
2. Do you have an **Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA)**? This is a healthy, preferably younger person who can deal with your financial matters, should you become unable to do so yourself.
3. Have you appointed an **Enduring Guardian (EG)**, who can decide about your lifestyle and medical treatment, should your condition prevent you from doing so yourself?

You can choose to appoint one or two/more EPAs and EGs, and you may decide for this to be the same person(s) for both, or different people.

4. Because of point 3 it is a big advantage if you have an **Advanced Care Plan**. In this document you outline your wishes for treatment and lifestyle, so that your guardian(s) can act in your very interest should it become necessary.

The internet has plenty of information available regarding these matters, including the relevant forms. Unfortunately, it takes a bit of time and energy to have all these documents done. You do need a solicitor for items 1, 2 and 3, and your doctor to sign item 4, but once you have these papers in place you will have far less to worry about in the future, and your descendants will thank you for it.

These points have been listed by our sister organisation in Sydney.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

PROXY FORM for SCCS QLD AGM – Saturday 26th November 2022

.....of.....

Being a financial member of the above named Association hereby appoint:

Mr/

Mrs.....of.....

As my proxy to vote on my behalf at the AGM of the SCCS QLD Chapter Inc. on November 26th 2022

At the Anglican Church Hall, 66 Race Course Street, Hamilton

Signed this..... Day of.....2022

Signature.....