



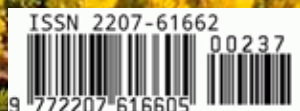
Swiss Community News

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2019 Calendar

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July	Wed, 3rd	SCCS Live Concert in Chatswood with Vietnamese lunch
	Sat, 6th - Sun, 7th	Cercle Romand Christmas in July in Kangaroo Valley NSW
	Sun, 28th	Swiss Yodlers Swiss National Day at Castle Hill Showground
August	Sat, 3rd	SCCS Swiss National Day Luncheon at Concordia Club
September	Sun, 8th	SCNSW Swiss small bore rifle shooting at Manly Vale, from 12 noon
	Thu, 12th	SCCS Annual General Meeting, Balgowlah Golf Club
October	Sun, 6th	SCNSW Coastal walk, from 10 am, location TBA
November	Sun, 3rd	SCNSW Buure Zmorge at Louis' Fairway Bistro Balgowlah Golf Course, 9.30 am - 12 noon
December	Mon, 16th	SCNSW Members Christmas get-together at Royal Hotel Leichhardt, from 6 pm



AGM 2019

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Meet up at Frenchs Forest

with Swiss from the Northern Beaches & surrounding suburbs

every second Friday of the month at The Austrian Club, 20 Grattan Crescent Frenchs Forest, from 7 pm for a meal, a drink, a chat or a Jass – come along. Contact Sigi Achermann on 9451 6018

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President's Message

Dear Swiss Club Members and Friends,

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Easter break with nice weather, good food, and view of the spectacular full moon at night wherever you might have been.

The 9th Australian National Jass Tournament was held for the first time in Darwin, Northern Territory, on the 8-10th June long weekend. The organising team from the Swiss Society of Queensland Inc. (SSQ) had anticipated strong representation from all states and territories to acknowledge their effort and work in hosting this event, particularly as they are doing so, with far less local Swiss support at the 'top end' of Australia compared to the larger, better funded states. My gratitude and thanks goes to the 2019 SSQ organising team for continuing to make this increasingly popular event possible. This year as usual, New South Wales had a strong and keen group of Jassplayers to represent our state and support the Tournament. More information about this year's Tournament can be found on the SSQ's website (<https://www.swissclubqld.org.au/>).

The recent Free Swiss BBQ at Bronte Beach for our members attracted 46 adults and their children, who enjoyed the wonderful weather conditions (good enough for a swim), friendly company to network with, and of course the BBQ food. This low-key but enjoyable event is increasing in popularity each year, and we are thankful for the support of our Swiss community. Indeed, the event is also successful in attracting and connecting young and energetic couples and families who are either here in Sydney on a working holiday, studying or are expatriates of Switzerland. In fact, about half of the event's attendees were not SCNSW members, and so the event made for a good opportunity to showcase what we, as a Swiss club and community, can offer these people throughout the year.

As in previous years, the Wild Mushroom Foraging event beyond the Blue Mountains was completely booked out, with approximately 35 enthusiastic foragers attending. We met at the Victory Theatre Antique Centre & Cafe in Blackheath for breakfast and then journeyed to Hampton State Forest where wild mushrooms grow in abundance. Everyone left with a basket full of wild mushrooms to take home with them. Again, the SCNSW provided a delicious risotto with mushrooms, cooked in the forest for the group

of hungry foragers. The day ended with a small group staying back for nice "Zvieri" at The Gingerbread House Katoomba. Thank you again to everyone who attended the event and for supporting your Swiss Club and community; we hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to next time.

The SCNSW Board of Directors has decided to not call a Swiss National Day celebration event this year, as some volunteers are overseas at that time, which would make organising an event difficult with the few who remain. We apologise for any disappointment if you were looking forward to a fondue night as we have had in previous years. However, there is always next year, and in the meantime you can visit the Cercle Romand Sydney at the Swiss National Day Picnic in Castle Hill Showground for an excellent Raclette. The SCNSW will have a stand as usual at the Swiss National Day Picnic, organised by the Swiss Yodlers of Sydney. Please feel free to visit us on the day for a friendly chat about what your Swiss Club will be offering throughout the year and to take the opportunity to purchase some Swiss goodies.

Unfortunately, the SCNSW has not heard from anyone in the community regarding the need for an archivist for the numerous historical Swiss documents in NSW we have obtained throughout the years. If the preservation of important, historical Swiss documents and artefacts interests you, please do not hesitate to contact any of us for more information—we would be more than happy to hear from you.

I wish you all a joyous Swiss National Day for 2019, and look forward to seeing you at a few of our upcoming events.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Frutiger,
SCNSW President



Past Swiss Club Events

Wild Mushroom Foraging in the Blue Mountains



On Sunday, 7th April, we went on an adventure through the Hampton State Forest for a day of wild mushroom foraging. It was a clear and sunny day, perfect conditions for some outdoor fun. We had an amazing turn out with over 35 keen foragers attending the event! We met at the wonderfully period-kept Victory Theatre Antique Centre & Cafe in Blackheath for breakfast. We then carpooled to Millionth Acre Recreation Area for a quick briefing and rest stop.

Hampton State Forest was a short trip from the Recreation Area, where we were treated to an abundance of wild mushrooms in the picturesque surroundings. The slightly wet and cooler weather leading up to the day had made for perfect mushroom conditions. We foraged two types of edible mushrooms: Saffron Milk Caps and Slippery Jacks. There were many mushrooms to pick from and everyone was able to bring a considerable bounty home.

risotto cooked by our President Daniel Frutiger and Club Secretary Alois Simath. Special thanks goes to Beat Popp for bringing a cheese and meat platter for all to share!



After lunch, Daniel organised a Q&A and discussed how you should store and cook the mushrooms we foraged. We then headed back to Katoomba for a well-deserved “Zvieri” (afternoon tea) at the unique Gingerbread House Katoomba, where we enjoyed ice-cream, coffee and tea in the afternoon sunshine.

We would like to thank everyone who braved the long trip to the mountains and who helped prepare lunch. We're pleased everyone went home with plenty of mushrooms. We hope you enjoyed the event and look forward to next time! We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the Board of Directors who were involved in organising and running this event. Lastly, a special thanks also goes to Monika Gisler for contributing to the photo album with some great pictures!



After an hour or two of foraging, we gathered together at the foot of the State Forest where we prepared lunch. We had fantastic volunteers who helped prepare the mushrooms for the delicious

Past Swiss Club Events

Buure Zmorge at Louis' Fairway Bistro, Balgowlah Golf Club

On Sunday, 5th May we organised our beloved Buure Zmorge (Swiss Farmers' Breakfast) event. This was the first time we held the Buure Zmorge at Louis' Fairway Bistro in Balgowlah Golf Club. The bistro was a perfect spot for the event, as it offered a large, open space with modern décor overlooking the green fairways of the golf course on the (mostly) sunny Sunday morning.

Once again, we had a great turnout with over 110 guests eager to get stuck into the buffet! We offered tea and coffee, a selection of Swiss cheeses from F. Mayer Imports, fleischkäse, bresaola, double-smoked ham and chicken chipolatas from the German Butchery Deli & Café (German Butchery Wholesale), homemade quiche and birchermuesli, along with natural yoghurt with berries, hard-boiled curry eggs, a fruit platter, organic honey from Bruno Frischknecht's Farm and jam; and, who could forget the wide selection of delicious, crusty Swiss bread from Organic Bread Bar!



After the buffet, our guests had the opportunity to purchase some cheeses, cured meats, birchermuesli and bread to take home with them and enjoy for the weeks to come.

Special thanks go to the SCNSW directors and their families who volunteered on the day and to Louis Baumann of Louis' Fairway Bistro for hosting the event and giving us access to his kitchen, which was a big help! We would also like to thank the guests who helped clear tables after the event - we always appreciate the help!

Thank you all who attended, we hope you enjoyed the food and atmosphere and look forward to seeing you again in November for the next Buure Zmorge at Louis'.



Free Swiss BBQ at Bronte Park

On Sunday, 3 March 2019, we organised a free Swiss BBQ at Bronte Park. We had another great turnout with around 47 adults and 10 children, and we couldn't have asked for better beach weather - hot and sunny!

We offered BBQ bratwurst, cervelat and fleischkäse with bread rolls, condiments and a fresh, crunchy salad. This year, we organised two large portable gazebos so that our BBQ-goers could grab some shade.

Thank you to everyone who came along: we hope you had some great conversations and enjoyed a fantastic day! We hope to see you again next time.

For more photos and video clips of our past events, please visit our Facebook and Instagram pages, and our YouTube channel.



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Upcoming Swiss Club Events

Schweizer Schützenfest (Swiss Shooting Festival)

The Swiss Small Bore Rifle Club (SSBRC) and the SCNSW are proud to host the second Schweizer Schützenfest (Swiss Shooting Festival) in Manly Vale, Sydney. Join us for a unique and traditional Swiss experience, which proved to be very popular last year. The festival will feature target shooting practice and games such as Seilziehen (tug-of-war) and Sack Gumpen (potato sack race), Schwiizer Brätli (Swiss BBQ) and hot chocolate.

Note: Participants who would like to experience the shooting must download (here), complete and bring along the NSW Police Force - Firearms Registry Declaration Form, a photo ID, and be over the age of 12 years (minors must be accompanied by a guardian).

You are encouraged to build teams of 3 (families or otherwise) to compete for the Dusty Cowbell Trophy.

When: Sunday, 8 September 2019, from 12 noon

Where: Swiss Small Bore Rifle Club, Campbell Parade, Manly Vale NSW 2093

Cost: Members \$45, non-member \$55.00, includes supply of SSBRC rifle, target, 1:1 coaching, 25 rounds of ammunition, range officer and catering. Food only (no shooting) is \$20.00/person for SCNSW members, and \$25.00/person for non-members.

Payment: Either cash on the day (correct amount is appreciated) or direct deposit to:

Account Name: Swiss Club NSW

Account BSB: 112-879

Account Number: 06158 7992

RSVP: Bookings are essential. Please contact Daniel on 0403 502 048 or email dan.mar04@bigpond.com.
*Only a limited number of shooters is permitted, so please book early.



Buure Zmorge at Louis' Fairway Bistro, Balgowlah Golf Club



Enjoy a delicious and authentic Buure Zmorge (Swiss Farmers Breakfast) at Louis' Fairway Bistro in Balgowlah Golf Club. There will be a selection of traditional Swiss cheeses, rohschinken, double-smoked ham, aufschnitt, bresaola, quiche Lorraine, birchermuesli, yoghurt, fruit platter, honey, jam, and a variety of breads.

When: Sunday, 3 November 2019, 9:30 am to 12:00 noon.

Where: Louis' Fairway Bistro, 506 Sydney Rd, Balgowlah NSW 2093.

Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$30, children 4-12 years \$12. Either cash on the day (correct amount is appreciated) or direct deposit to:

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Members' Corner

Welcome to our new members

Dennis Kunz

Tanya Ganz and Damien Magill

Monika and Werner Schweizer

Cate Riley

Michelle Seaton Witte

We look forward to seeing you
at many Swiss Club events.



**Four members are celebrating
their 80th birthday.
Congratulations to:**

Beat Knoblauch

George Marbot

Kathi Devon

Ruth Bieri

Montreux on Lake Geneva - the place to be this Swiss summer

Montreux will again not only host the annual Montreux Jazz Festival this year, but also the 97th Congress of the Swiss Abroad.

The Montreux Jazz Festival is held annually in late June to early July on the Lake Geneva shoreline. It is the world's second largest annual jazz festival after Canada's Montreal International Jazz Festival.



The Festival was founded in 1967 by Claude Nobs, Géo Voumard and René Langel with considerable help from Ahmet and Nesuhi Ertegün of Atlantic Records. The festival was first held at Montreux Casino. It lasted for three days and featured almost exclusively jazz artists.

In December 1971, the Montreux Casino burned down during Frank Zappa's performance. The festival was then held in other auditoriums in Montreux, until it could return to the rebuilt new Casino in 1975. The festival continued to grow, and has since spread out to several different venues in Montreux and lasts for 12 days.

Over the years, more than 1,300 musicians, many of which are world famous, have performed at the Festival which attracts more than 200,000 music fans each year.

The Montreux Jazz Festival: 28 June - 13 July 2019

The 97th Congress of the Swiss Abroad

Once a year in August, the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) organises a congress for Swiss citizen living all around the world. The event has become a popular opportunity to meet and network for all those, who are interested in the international mobility of the "Fifth Switzerland". The varying themes are picked to match the interests and expectations of this audience.

Every year a different region of Switzerland hosts the congress. During the event up to 400 participants meet compatriots from around the world, listen to exciting speeches, inform themselves about the current news in Switzerland, talk about their own experiences and get to know interesting personalities from Swiss economy and politics.

Thanks to a varied social program including sightseeing and excursions across the host region, the participation in this event promises a unique experience.

During the Congress, all speeches and sessions are held in German or French.

Save the date: 16–18 August 2019 and join us at the next Congress of the Swiss Abroad in Montreux!



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Swiss Entrepreneurs

The **Swiss Entrepreneurs Lunch** takes place every first Wednesday in March, June, September and December.

The purpose of this monthly event is for you to meet fellow Swiss business professionals - to exchange contacts, share experiences and speak some 'Schwyzerdütsch', français or italiano.

Please bring some business cards with you and you will have the chance to introduce your company.

It is a great opportunity to discuss business ideas by promoting your business and sharing your thoughts with other Swiss entrepreneurs living in Australia in a relaxed atmosphere.

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Do you need a home loan, a finance service or a website. Maybe you have back pain or need an insurance. Do not look further than to our website. We cover all and more. Swiss people support Swiss business. <https://www.swissentrepreneurs.org/>



Entrepreneurs Lunch March 2019



Swiss Community Care Society (SCCS)



High Tea at Parliament House. Beat Birchmeier, our talented coordinator, organized another most interesting event which took place on Friday, 8th of March. About fifty participants met at lunch time in front of the NSW Parliament House in Macquarie Street. Many of us had never been inside this building although the public is allowed to enter it on most days of the year between 9am and 5pm. There are indeed many things to admire once you have gone through the security check. The quite dark old part facing the street is as magnificent as the bright new section at the back with a very impressive contemporary fountain in the middle and a gallery of very beautiful modern artworks.

At midday we were asked to enter the Jubilee Room, a historic and very ornate place. Originally the library, it was rebuilt in 1905 in Edwardian style and now contains floor to ceiling bookshelves full of parliamentary tomes, intricate woven carpets and a stained-glass ceiling. Here we were served High Tea in very elegant fashion. A glass of sparkling wine was followed by delicious treats, savoury and sweet. No need to say that this High Tea was our lunch.



After the wonderful meal, Dr. Bettina Boss gave a talk about the photos displayed around the room, some of which are again reproduced in this magazine. This collection of eleven pictures taken at the beginning of the 20th century is most relevant to the Swiss community. The subjects in these photos are Swiss which can be seen from their attributes, club names, costumes etc. However, the

question remains: Who exactly are these people? Will it eventually be possible to find out their identity or at least the identity of some of them? At this stage we are just lucky that Elisabeth Roth acquired and therefore preserved this treasure for us Swiss in NSW. We showed our gratitude to her with flowers.



The concert at the Opera House on April 5th, organised by Ursula Mooser, was an equally pleasant outing. We enjoyed one hour of the extremely varied and beautiful organ music, performed at the grand organ in the Concert Hall by David Drury. Then we went downstairs to have lunch at the “Portside” restaurant. The two-course meal, wine and coffee were delicious, the venue was perfect, the view out to the harbour and the bridge amazing as always, and the company, well, what do you expect when about 50 Swiss are out and about enjoying themselves! *RS*

The Hawkesbury Valley Heritage Tour on the 8th of May was a delightful outing, a sunny day enhancing the drive. Meeting at Central station, cluttered with building works, was a little challenge for some;; the driver, however, was patiently waiting for us all.



We picked up some guests at Strathfield station, before driving west, the driver adding local information while Swiss music played in the bus. In Windsor we welcomed our knowledgeable guide Carol Roberts on board, commenting on some historic houses as we passed. In Ebenezer at Australia’s oldest church, established in 1809, which was the first non-conformist then Presbyterian Church in Australia, Morning tea of homemade scones, homemade jam and cream was served by local volunteers. Time allowed us to visit the church on the peaceful flowing

Hawkesbury river, while listening to the call of Bellbirds, and we visited the cute school where ladies were selling jams, honey etc. Meandering on through horse and wine country, enjoying the view Arthur Streeton painted many years ago, we arrived at Tizzana Winery. While enjoying a tasty lunch accompanied by locally produced wine, Peter Auld gave a talk on its history.



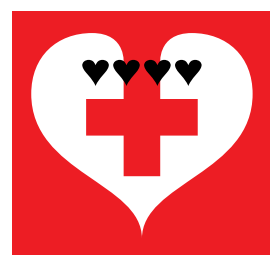
Tizzana was founded by Dr Thomas Fiaschi, a remarkable Italian polymath who arrived in the district in the 1870s. Not only was he an outstanding surgeon but he also showed an interest in viticulture. He planted vineyards on the Hawkesbury as early as 1882.



After finishing lunch with a complimentary glass of Old Liqueur Sweet White and having made some purchases, we proceeded to visit the historic St Matthew’s Anglican church in Windsor. Here the group bid goodbye to our guide Carol before taking a photo of some of our 26 participants. We returned to Sydney around 5pm reflecting on a pleasant day out.

Thank you to Beat Birchmeier for organising the outing as well as to our guide Carol Roberts for the informative talk and our competent driver. *EB*

Be sure to check the calendar on page 2 for all upcoming SCCS and other events.



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Vale Brother Hugo (Eugen) Andrey SVD (1939 - 2018)

Hugo Andrey was born on April 6, 1939, the 11th child of Franz and Christine Andrey-Nussbaumer in Selgiswil near Heitenried, FR. He and his thirteen siblings experienced a happy childhood on their farm in Balliswil near Düringen. In 1954 he went to the Gymnasium Marienburg in Thal. As he preferred working with the brothers on the farm of the Gymnasium than studying, he decided to become a brother.

In 1958, he entered the novitiate of the Steyl missionaries in St. Gabriel, Maria Enzersdorf in Austria, where he took his first vows on September 8, 1960. He then returned to Marienburg and graduated his training as a farmer in Kusterhof, Rheineck in 1961/62.

In 1963, he received the missionary determination for Australia. The ship sailed from Genoa via Sri Lanka to Sydney, Australia. First he worked in Marburg and later in Kellyville near Sydney on a dairy farm. In 1966, he joined the religious community there with the eternal vows. From 1967 until 1981 he ran this farm with about 700 cows and then moved to Singleton. His anecdotes and stories from this period show his great love for the cows and his activities on this large farm. No work was too labourious or too much for him. The 1st of August celebrations of the Swiss community of Sydney were held on the farm with a bonfire, yodeling and the alphorn, which he liked to play himself.

On April 6, 1984, he moved to Papua New Guinea, where in the same year he experienced the visit of Pope John Paul II in Mt. Hagen. In Kondiuh he managed the school farm of the De La Salle community. He took over the direction of the school's wind music group – he himself having had played the trumpet in Marienburg – and performed with them on various occasions.

In 1987 he was appointed head of the postulants (Order candidates). After his preparation in the Philippines, he



moved with them to Karap. He and his postulants committed themselves to the people of the area, and also held word worship and Bible classes. In the six years he was in charge, eight young men decided to become Steyl missionaries and today work in different countries of the world.

From 1994 to 2011 he worked at the Divine Word University in Madang, only interrupted by the time as Rector in Sydney from 1999-2002, where he had to operate both his hips. Initially he was responsible for the logistics of 500 students which then increased to around 1,400. At any time, day or night, he would pick up students or professors from the airport, or drive the sick to the hospital. He played the alphorn with great enthusiasm, be it at greetings or

at funerals and also organised talks in prison.

During his time in Madang he wrote about the history of Madang but also about Nicholai Maclay, the first white researcher in Papua New Guinea. For all his services in Papua New Guinea, he received the "Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu", the highest award given by the government.

In early 2012, he returned to Switzerland to spend his old age in Maria Hilf, Steinhausen. But "retiring" was out of the question. He made himself useful wherever he could, in the garden, in the kitchen, packing, etc. Contact with his siblings and relatives and the regular visits of our confreres in the nursing home in Menzingen were important to him.

After a short illness, brother Hugo Andrey SVD died on 26. September 2018 in the nursing home Franziskus in Menzingen.

The farewell service for Brother Hugo Andrey was celebrated on Saturday 6th October in the Don Bosco Church in Steinhausen and the funeral took place in the cemetery Erli.

P. Matthias Helms SVD, Präses



Swiss Community Care Society

Why wait for the next big luncheon until you see your Swiss friends again?

Come to the Concordia Club in Tempe for the

"CASUAL FRIDAY LUNCH"

We meet around 12.30 pm every third Friday of the month and enjoy a tasty meal in the company of some compatriots. No need to book, just turn up at the table with the little Swiss flags.

You order and pay individually for your food and drinks.

(You may want to use your Opal card! The Club is across the road from Tempe Railway Station!)

Regula Scheidegger, President SCCS

For enquiries call 9743 5323 or 0432 031 085

News from the Cercle Romand

Dear Friends and Members,

Our first event for 2019 was our traditional Brunch and Pétanque tournament. What a gorgeous day spent at the new venue, Ballast Point Park, Birchgrove.



Pétanque

This park is perfect for playing pétanque with clay and gravel surface and offers great views of the Harbour Bridge and the city.

The 'Paul Lambert Trophée' was presented to the winners Serge and André. In second place were Maria and Reto and third place Martine and Daniel. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who participated in this event.



Pétanque winners



Kangaroo River

We will return to Kangaroo Valley on the weekend of the 6th to 7th July for a 'Xmas in July' evening meal. This is the first time the club is organising this event and the committee hopes it will be a unique and enjoyable experience for the participants.

In May we enjoyed a raclette meal at Bobbin Head. Once again the blue sky complemented a fantastic day by the water and the Swiss raclette cheese was delicious. For dessert, we shared a birthday cake with our member Claude who turned 90 a few weeks earlier. Many congratulations to Claude and thank you for spending this special day with us.

Again this year, the Cercle Romand will be present with its 'Raclette Stall' at the Swiss National Day Celebration on 28th July, Castle Hill showground.



Anne and Claude

Details of all events, location and booking can be found on the club web site:
Daniel Sottaz – Club Secretary



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Facebook : Cercle Romand Sydney

The Swiss Yodlers of Sydney

The **annual Harbour Cruise** recently took place for the third year. The weather was perfect and we were able to accommodate all guests downstairs which meant there was plenty of room upstairs to mingle and view the wonderful sights of Sydney harbour.

The “Zvieri” was excellent as usual and Philippe provided uplifting music with his “Handörgeli”. We had time to perform our songs and were grateful for a donation by one of our patrons enticing us to sing an encore. At \$70 for a four-hour cruise with food and entertainment, our harbour cruise is surely great value for money.



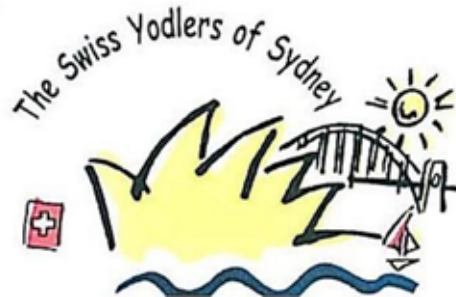
This year, the Yodlers Swiss National Day celebration will take place on **Sunday, 28th July**. This is the only date available to us. It will be held at the same place as last year in the Castle Hill showgrounds. Please note that the site is adjacent to the new Metro station, so it is easily accessible by public transport.

The **Senior's luncheon** will therefore be held later, namely on the **3rd August**. The atmosphere at the German Club is jovial and relaxed, and it is a pleasure to have the “Tanzgruppe”, “Alphörner” and violin with piano and singing in addition to our performance.



I would like to pass on the thanks of The Isabelle Heim Trust for the support received from the yodlers over the years, by performing at one of their functions and making regular donations at the Crazy Whist Fundraisers.

An award was presented to Mr. Tom Lawson of Greenwich, at a ceremony held recently in Lane Cove, in recognition of the outstanding work done by the trust and its members over many years.
Alois Kretz



Archivist required

The various Swiss Clubs and Societies in NSW are all getting older. Many of their members are in the senior age group. Some associations have been around for many decades and therefore their history is becoming longer.

At the meeting of the Presidents of Swiss Clubs in September 2018, it was emphasised by one of our representatives of OSA (Organisation of the Swiss Abroad) how important our history and therefore its archiving is. The new way to archive documents is, like many other things in today's world, electronically. Eventually we will not store our documents in boxes in people's garages but simply in the “cloud”. At this stage however, many of us have some boxes somewhere and their contents should be looked through and sorted. Not every paper is of importance.

The Swiss organisations in Sydney are looking for a person who is able to see what should be kept and what can be discarded. If we are left with just the important things it might be possible to digitise those at a later stage.

If you are familiar with archiving work we would be very happy to hear from you.

The number to call is 02 9743 5323 or 0432 031 085.

Memories of Gabrielle Gardner



Mum grew up as the middle daughter of three sisters. Her sister Daisy being the eldest and Claire was the youngest. Daisy and Mum were very close, but kids will be kids, it was always two against one. This seemed to have a great influence on her life, hence the legend of the three aboriginal sisters in the service booklet.

They grew up in a town called Will in Switzerland, and when Opa Braun received a placement in the bank, the

family moved to the lakeside town of Rorschach. This was just before the breakout of World War Two. The family managed to catch the very last running train from Will to Rorschach to their new home above the bank, as Opa Braun was called up into the Swiss army to defend the border. Mum often talked about watching the bombing of Germany, on the other side of the lake, through their front window.

Teenage years were not easy at this time of restriction but Mum managed to enjoy a prolific exchange with penfriends throughout Europe. Her penfriends came from all over Europe, from Holland, Egypt, France, Sweden, Finland and Germany as well as within Switzerland.

Mum studied at business collage to achieve her secretarial skills giving her the freedom to earn her own money. She was extremely proud of her shorthand skills in three languages.

Her career started to take off when she joined Alcan, Aluminium Werke Rorschach, a worldwide company. It was here she found great friends and through contacts made her way to the Head office of Alcan in Bambury, England. It was here that she perfected her English language skills.

Well, it didn't take long for her be noticed by a young metallurgist called Bill. Mum being as she was, was at first wary of this handsome young man. Get him to cook you a meal, meet his mother and watch how he treats her, all before you commit yourself, was her advice. She finally realised he was a good sort and Mum and Dad married in 1956, in Switzerland. They lived in a flat, in Sulgrave near Bambury, England, where Nicholas was born.

Dad saw an opening for a job with Alcan Australia so the young family prepared to migrate, lock stock and barrel. During that time Richard was on the way so it was decided that Mum was to go back to her parents to await the birth while Dad went on ahead to Australia. Mum loved to tell the story when Richard was born; her Dad accompanied her to the hospital and the nursing staff mistook Opa Braun as the father of her new born, 'no he's my Dad' she said.

In Sydney the young family was reunited, living first in Clareville on Pittwater and then moving to Melbourne where I and Paul followed in quick succession.

After Dad acquired a position in Granville Plant of Alcan in Sydney, we moved to a newly built house in Carlingford. Our childhood was full of happy memories of boat and sailing trips, camping trips up and down the coast as well as the privilege of a good solid education, with Mum being the solid rock in the background, teaching us life skills as well instilling in us Christian values. Mum was a great cook, always looking to improve; her famous pork and cabbage cream dish was a great family favourite.

As we were growing up, Mum worked as a school secretary, firstly at our primary school and then at Rydalmere East public school. The head mistress was impressed when Mum could pull out files that she needed within minutes. Here she was in her element and made some lifelong friends.

Mum had many international friends living in Australia and shared many interests together such as going to the opera, a love of international food and their shared love of travelling. Having studied French at school, it became a desire to improve her skills which she did by engaging a retired French teacher who later became one of her dear friends. Whenever we played scrabble with her, she would often have the French word before the English word, after using this as a means to solidify her French language vocabulary.

Her ongoing passion was the garden; Dad's job was the vegetables, her's was the flower garden. You could find her there early mornings pottering about. Interior design was another interest that she pursued, making cushions and things for the house, making it a lovely home to grow up in. Another passion was watercolour painting. Through various teachers she picked up her skills painting in the Lane Cove National Park and even on a trip to France and Nepal.

As we kids made our own way, Mum and Dad took to the road, travelling extensively throughout Australia, up and down the east coast and following where ever the trail took them and throughout the world. Visits to family in England and to my family in Switzerland and even to celebrating her 80. birthday in St. Gallen, Switzerland with her lifelong friends and family.

When Dad died, she moved up to Golden Ponds, where she spent the last 11 years of her life. Her interests lay in the activities outside the village. The weekly hairdressing visit was a must and a wander down Wharf Street with its boutiques and fruit shop. The breakwater was a favourite and a sit on the bench to watch the dolphins feeding was an interesting pastime. After she had to give up her licence, the village bus was her only means of transport but once registered with the Aged Care Assist at the Mid Coast council she received help from volunteers to get out and about, going on assisted lunch and day trips here and around. My hat goes off to these lovely people, giving Mum back, her much-loved independence and good company.

Mum was known as a strong, creative, elegant and intelligent lady, who knew just what she wanted and let you know it. Her never ending interest in everything, her strong mind set, her readiness to pass on her skills to us and to her grandchildren will always be part of our memory of Mum.

Her legacy lives on in us, her kids, and in her beloved grandchildren. - Edited original text by Catherine Gilliland

Vale for Linette Mary Maurer-Frischknecht

(17.03.1953–08.03.2019)



Linette Mary Maurer-Frischknecht was born in Lima Peru, South America on the 17 March 1953. Her father had two degrees, one in Engineering and another in Architecture, which made the whole family travel through different towns in Peru before migrating to Australia in 1970. When Linette married Bruno Frischknecht in 1982, they moved to Switzerland for the next 3 years before returning to Sydney where her siblings and family awaited her return after having missed Linette terribly.

Linette loved to dance and admired South American music and had a fun attitude to life. She was always there for others, ready to lend a helping hand. She would always put others first, never hesitating to go out of her way, her heart was huge.

As a family they travelled extensively through the outback, and saw the world: New Zealand, Asia, Europe, and of course South America.

Linette's first signs of thyroid cancer developed over 25 years ago, and she had to have a lump removed from her neck. She had been on this journey for a long, long time, and her unrelenting spirit gave her family and friends beautiful memories, important lessons and overall an absolutely wonderful person. Right up to the end she never let it get on top of her.

Her adult children, only 3.5 years apart, Oliver, Patrick with his wife Alice, and Matthew together with husband Bruno were very grateful to have spent the past Christmas as a whole family, not knowing it would be their last Christmas as a family.

Linette was a strict mother to the boys teaching them good manners, respect and personal values which they will pass on. She was very caring, humble and loving right up until the end. She always told her family to find the silver lining, to stay positive, and if they were to draw anything "good" from all of this, it's this: she's brought them closer as a family, closer than they ever believed possible. Life is too short for pettiness and holding grudges.

Linette will be terribly missed by her family and the Swiss community. Our deepest and heartfelt condolences go to her family and friends in this difficult time.

Edited extract from Linette's brother Lardi and sister Leslie, and Oliver and Patrick Frischknecht's speeches given at Linette's funeral on 15.03.2019 at Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium.



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Historical Photos of the Swiss Society of NSW



Swiss Society of NSW; image 1

In this second series of historic photos purchased by Elisabeth Roth, we can see how the Swiss residents of New South Wales celebrated the 1st August, our national day, in the late 19th or early 20th century. The first photo shows a mixed group of people, including many families, in front of a building which probably served as a “Festhütte”, a party venue.

The next photo shows a group of men holding a more relaxed celebration held in some bushland setting, some of them holding musical instruments, suggesting that a musical performance has taken place at some stage.

The third photo features a group of men next to a building, which could be the private home of one of them. The man in the centre of the group seems to be the same as in two of photos published in the last issue, but we are no closer to identifying him.

So, as you can see, these photos not only shine a new light on the history of our Swiss community, but they also raise more questions and require further research. We will publish more photos in the next issue, hoping to encourage some of you to help with the task of solving some of the puzzles these images present. If you have old photos or other records of historic Swiss community activities, or you know people with Swiss ancestors, or you just enjoy the detective work involved in finding out more, please contact me by phone (0466979460) or email (b.boss@unsw.edu.au).

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Swiss Society of NSW; image 2



Swiss Society of NSW; image 3

From the Desk of Anne Held

GREAT PASSION AT SWISS BUSINESS AWARDS CEREMONY



Charles Kovess and Swiss Ambassador Pedro Zwahlen

On a hot summer night in February, more than 130 members of the Swiss Australian business community gathered in the transparent pavilion anchored right next to the replica of James Cook's famous HM Bark 'Endeavour' at Sydney's Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour. The anticipation could be felt, who are the winners of the Swiss Business Award this year?

The award ceremony has become a firm part of the events program of SwissCham Australia. Each year, a committee formed by the Swiss Ambassador, the Consul General of Switzerland, the President of SwissCham, a representative of the main sponsor (Glencore from the very start of the event) and the president of SAAN, the Swiss Australian Academic Network, decide on the winners in 3 different categories. Focus areas for all categories include innovation, technology, design, quality, reliability, sustainability, originality, contribution to society and social responsibility, corporate or otherwise, and a Swiss connection.

Just like last year, a well-prepared MC, Charles Kovess in his distinctive red jacket, took the audience through the evening function and introduced each speaker, the whole procedure highlighted by 2 large screens for the interesting and informative Power Point presentations.

After an introductory address by Swiss Ambassador Pedro Zwahlen, and a video presentation by the main sponsor Glencore, the winner in the category 'Science/Technology/Education' stepped up on the dais: Professor Robin B. Gasser. B vet med (University of Berne 1984), Dr med vet (Zurich 1989), PhD and DVSC (Melbourne), Dip EVPC (European Veterinary Parasitology College, 2004), Dr med vet hc (Bern 2013), Veterinary First Lieutenant, Swiss Federal Military Department Berne; these titles, and there are many more, indicate the most impressive background of Professor Gasser. Born in Camperdown, Victoria, but with a place of origin (Buergerort, as it is the tradition in Switzerland) of Ruederswil, canton of Berne, the dual citizen is a renowned researcher and teacher at the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences of the University of Melbourne. He and his team have been investigating socio-economically important parasites affecting humans and animals and how to develop intervention methods and effective drugs. Some of the pictures shown on the screens about the harm caused by parasites were just heartbreaking.

South Pole Australia Pty Ltd, the Australian subsidiary of Zurich head-quartered South Pole Group, was announced as winner in the category 'Newcomer/Rising Star'. The company is based in Sydney and Melbourne. Their expertise are climate, carbon and energy solutions, and the company offers consulting and marketing, sales and portfolio. Clients are helped with assessing their climate risks and opportunities, measuring and reducing their environmental impact, sourcing renewable energy and carbon offsets and supporting sustainability projects not only in Australia, but around the world. The passion about climate change, the importance of protecting our environment and finding useful solutions was very evident in the lively presentation.

In the next category, Established Business/Overall Winner 2018, the winner was Laros Technologies Pty Ltd in Fyshwick ACT. The elegant Swiss CEO of Laros, Dr Andreas Luzzi, introduced his high-performance building technology and the concept of 'Passive House'. As explained on the company's website '...The term 'Passive House' (originally derived from the German word Passivhaus) relates to a building's reaction to its external environment. Passive House is a collection of design principles used to create buildings which are thermally stable, highly energy-efficient and comfortable for the occupants, regardless of varying weather conditions, or solar aspects'. Laros Technologies represents various European and international manufacturers and offers consulting services in collaboration with homeowners, architects, engineers and builders.

A very special Life Time Award was presented to Norbert Schweizer OAM, accredited business law specialist and public notary. Norbert has been on the Board of SwissCham since the Swiss Australian Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1985 and his devoted and loyal involvement as Honorary Secretary and Director has been exceptional. After 34 years of outstanding service to SwissCham, Norbert has just resigned from the Board, but will remain as member of the organisation.



Three Swiss ladies in black

Across Cockle Bay, the lights of the Sydney CBD glittered, seagulls fluttered around and the sounds of the 'Endeavour' grinding against the pontoon could be heard. The round tables had been beautifully decorated by Ruth Wust, an active member of the Swiss Yodlers of NSW, flowers, flags and glass bottles filled with LED lights, all in the Swiss colours of red and white. After the dinner, it was time for the second half of the event, Kahoot!

Kahoot is an online game and lots of fun, besides testing the audience's knowledge about Switzerland and about the

generous sponsor Swiss International Airlines. Individual's answers are typed into a mobile phone, you get points for correct answers and the person with the maximum number of points is the Kahoot winner. This year's Kahoot and main event prize were 2 tickets to Switzerland on Swiss International Airlines, offered by Swiss GM Anil Rodricks. Other fabulous prizes during the evening had been made possible thanks to sponsors Mondaïne, Victorinox, DKSH and Bei Amici Restaurant.

Nominations for the Swiss Business Award 2019 close on 30th September 2019 and the ceremony will be held as usual early in the next year. Go ahead, nominate a company, an individual or yourself by clicking on this link <https://www.cognitoforms.com/Swisscham/SwissBusinessAward2019>

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Martin Scarpino and Peter Pluess

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Swiss Business Award Nomination 2019 is open

The Swiss Awards is an annual program which aims to recognise excellence of Swiss businesses, organisations and individuals in Australia. The Awards acknowledge the important and distinguished contributions to the image of Switzerland in Australia and to the growth of Swiss-Australian relations.

Be recognised for your achievements and join the likes of Andres Strasser (Scientist), Hilti Australia (company), Medela Australia, Mageba Australia, Pilatus Aircraft, or Prof. Robin Gasser, just to name a few in the past few years.

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SwissAward in Australia

swiss+oz art expo IS BACK in 2019!



As most art lovers no doubt are aware, the Swiss Australian Cultural Association (SACA) ceased to exist in 2017. Along with it, the swiss+oz art expo, an event which was regularly organised by SACA with Ursula Schaeppi at the helm.

The last instalment of the swiss+oz art expo took place in November 2015 at Bondi Pavilion.

As a Swiss having lived in Australia for more than 25 years, I have always loved visiting swiss+oz art expo and I am very excited to be able to present the next instalment of swiss+oz art expo 2019 at White Rhino Artspace. As one of the Directors of White Rhino Artspace, a gallery in St Leonards' TWT Creative Precinct, I am happy to be able to offer members of the Swiss Australian artistic community the opportunity to continue the tradition of a regular exhibition.

After meeting with SACA's former president Ursula Schaeppi, I am pleased to be able to confirm that swiss+oz art expo 2019 is taking place once again, starting on 31st July 2019, showcasing a selection of artist members of the Swiss Australian community.

The exhibition will be held at White Rhino Artspace, St Leonards, from Wednesday 31st July to Saturday 17th August. Gallery opening hours are Wed-Fri 10-4pm, Sat 10-2pm.

An exhibition opening event is planned for 1st August 2019. Let's celebrate Swiss National Day in style!

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We are also always open to comments and ideas that you may have to better our Swiss community here in NSW.

Please keep contributions within 600 words or less. You can also include a max of two images (300dpi min & artwork supplied with crop marks & 3mm of internal and external bleed). All contributions can be sent to our Editor by email at swisscommunitynews@gmail.com.

Thank you kindly for your contributions.

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