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2020 Calendar

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March	Sunday, 8th	SCNSW: Free Swiss BBQ at Bronte Park, 11.00 am - 3 pm
	Friday, 13th	SCCS: Concert and luncheon at Sydney Town Hall, 12.00 pm
	Sat, 21st - Sun, 22nd	Cercle Romand: Gastronomic Weekend Getaway, Southern Highlands
April	Saturday 18th	Cercle Romand: Cinema, Pasta & Pizza, Palace Norton Street, Leichhardt, more info TBA
May	Sunday, 3rd	SNCSW: Buure Zmorge at Louis' Fairway Bistro, 9.30 am - 12.00 pm
	Tuesday, 12th	SCCS: Coach tour, visit Dobell House with luncheon, Wangi Wangi Lake Macquarie, more info TBA
	Sunday 17th	Cercle Romand: Fondue Chinoise at Fagan Park, Galston, 12.00 pm
June	Sunday 7th	SCNSW/SJS: National Jass Tournament Pennant Hills, more info TBA
	Sunday 14th	SCNSW: AGM and Metzgete lunch at Concordia Club, Tempe, 11.00 am - 2.00 pm

We are always looking for members and other Swiss people and businesses in the community to contribute to our Swiss Community News (SCN) magazine and monthly eNewsflashes by writing to us with an interesting or funny anecdote. This can be about your work, family and friends or the community, or you may have a captivating bio/autobiography you would like to share with our members and affiliates.

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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Swiss Jassers also meet every Monday from 6.30 pm at The Royal Leichhardt Hotel.

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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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Please email your contributions to swisscommunitynews@gmail.com with articles of approximately 600 words and images of minimum 300dpi.

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Chalandamarz is Rumantsch meaning "the first day in the month of March" and marks the end of winter. The custom differs from village to village. Boys wear blue peasant blouses with pointed caps or hats adorned with "Rösas" (roses) and a red scarf around their necks, held together by an empty matchbox.

President's Message

Dear members and friends,

After a disastrous start to the summer of 2020 with high temperatures, drought, fatal fires and flash flooding, we welcomed some temporary, but much needed rain in our region. Fortunately, the rain also fell in drought affected areas. Sydney had some close calls with fires, nonetheless luckily most of the fires were under control quickly, however, unfortunately some properties were affected. Eleven million hectares (110,000 km²) of bushland were destroyed by the fires. To put this into perspective, the total area affected by the recent fires is more than 2.5 times larger than Switzerland (41,285 km²). Furthermore, millions of native animals who were unable to seek refuge during the blaze perished. The devastation is difficult to comprehend. The North and South Coast were heavily affected by the fires. The smoke haze that ensued blanketed most of Sydney with an orange-red glow, and we experienced weeks of severely poor air quality – it was like a scene from Mars! The total devastation made big headlines throughout the world, and I personally received several emails from media outlets in Switzerland asking about the conditions.

On a more cheerful note, the SCNSW had a very successful 2019 thanks to all members who supported us during the year. We are proud to announce that all events we organised throughout the year were fully booked and the overall feedback was that participants enjoyed the activities. We have organised our calendar for 2020 with popular events and we look forward to a similar interest this year. Please stay connected by receiving our monthly newsflashes and following us on our social media platforms to stay up to date with all Swiss events in Sydney.

The Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA) Oceania Delegates is in the process of putting forth the concept of a combined, “Umbrella Organisation”, for all Swiss Club and organisations in Oceania. It has been proposed that the unification of the Swiss Clubs and groups in Oceania will ensure a ‘stronger voice’ in parliamentary proceedings in Switzerland. This will bring positive financial, electoral, social security and migratory changes to the Swiss abroad. One point of interest discussed at the recent Swiss Club Presidents of Sydney conference at the Swiss Residence was that the Umbrella Organisation would manage all participating Swiss group’s insurance responsibilities. This could result in a much lower insurance bill for all groups, irrespective of a possible small increase in membership fees, which would assist in creating funds for Umbrella Organisation payments. Please take the time to read the *summary of proceedings at the CSA Meeting in Montreux on 16 August 2019 by our CSA Oceania Delegate to NSW, Beat Knoblauch*, via the [link](#), or in the November 2019 issue of the SCN.

The SCNSW is conducting an [online survey](#) regarding our Swiss Community News (SCN) magazine (see notice on page 10) and we would greatly appreciate your participation. We want to know if you prefer to receive a digital copy of the SCN only instead of a hard copy in the mail. The SCN magazine is a significant financial cost to the SCNSW. The cost of editing, publishing, printing and mailing our high-quality magazine has increased drastically over the past few years. As we are a not-for-profit club, our expenses must remain minimal as to continue functioning for the Swiss community of NSW. However, we wish to continue publishing the magazine, as we believe it is an excellent and important mode of information for our members and wider Swiss community. Therefore, we ask of you a small, but important favour — if you can, please choose to continue receiving our SCN magazine in a digital format, instead of in the mail. Thank you to all who have already taken part in the survey, your time is kindly appreciated.

Last year’s Young Swiss Citizen Celebration (Jungbürgerfeier) at the Swiss Residence, organised by the Swiss Consul General, Mrs Bernadette Hunkeler-Brown, was well attended and organised. 13 young Swiss candidates showed an interest in their Swiss history, culture and community during the evening. This event was a great success at ensuring the young generation remains interested in being part of their Swiss community. The SCNSW has offered these 13 young Swiss a free three-year membership to welcome them into their Swiss Community in NSW. The same celebration will be held again in March 2020, and we all look forward to meeting more young Swiss living in NSW.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2020 will be held at the Concordia Club, Tempe in June, combined with a Metzgete. The AGM gives all members the opportunity to voice their opinions, ask questions, and vote for candidates of the SCNSW Committee. Our popular Fondue Night will also be on again as part of the Swiss National Day celebrations in Sydney. This event will be held at Louis’ Fairway Bistro in Balgowlah Golf Club and there will be representation from the Swiss Consulate in Sydney.

I wish you all a pleasant start to 2020, and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events this year.

Your President,

Daniel Frutiger



Past Swiss Club Events

Buure Zmorge at Louis' Fairway Bistro



On Sunday, 3rd November we organised our beloved Buure Zmorge (Swiss Farmers' Breakfast) event. Once again, we had a great turn out with over 130 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 German Butchery Deli & Café (German Butchery Wholesale), homemade quiche and birchermuesli, along with natural yoghurt with berries, hard-boiled curry eggs, a fruit platter, farmed 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, cure meats, birchermuesli and bread to take home with them and enjoy for weeks to come.

Special thanks goes to the SCNSW directors and their families who also volunteered on the day and to Louis Baumann from 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!

Lastly, we would like to thank everyone who attended, we hope you enjoyed the food and atmosphere and look forward to seeing you again!



Club Members Christmas Party

On Monday, 16 December, we organised the last Swiss Club outing for 2019—an Usplampete with our members and friends at The Royal Leichhardt. The evening began with a meet and greet over an aperitif at the top level of the Royal. The Swiss Club offered fresh peanuts and festive cake for pre-dinner snacks. After dinner everyone received a Christmas säckli filled with chocolate and biscuits as a parting gift from the Swiss Club. Some members stayed back and played a few games of Jass.

We would like to thank the Royal for hosting us for the evening and all our members and friends for your support throughout 2019! We look forward to seeing you again in 2020.



Past Swiss Club Events

Children's Samichlaus

Schöni Wiehnachte! On Sunday, 8 December 2019, Samichlaus and Schmutzli made a cheerful visit to 45 Swiss children and their families at Robson Park in Haberfield. Robson Park provided a secluded, little spot for our event, situated under large canopying trees and facing The Bay Run along Parramatta River. The children had the whole playground to themselves while parents set up a picnic and mingled. We had perfect, sunny weather with a cool breeze on the day.

The SCNSW provided a Swiss BBQ with wienerli, bratwurst, cervalat and fleischkäse with salad and bread. Every child also received a juice popper with lunch.

While the children waited for Samichlaus, they were entertained with an arts and craft table. The children decorated gingerbread men with sprinkles, chocolate and icing. Some also created a Samichlaus face using felt, paddle pop sticks and other materials.

Samichlaus and Schmutzli made a spectacular entrance on a dirt motorbike and made their way through the eagerly awaiting crowd to sit at by the outdoor Christmas tree. Schmutzli was carrying his broom made of creepy branches and a large sack with bells full of presents. Samichlaus read a personal message to the children from his Golden Book and presented them with a Chlaus-säckli full of chocolates, biscuits, an apple, a mandarin and many Swiss goodies.



We would like to thank our sponsors and those who kindly made donations for the säckli: Lindt & Sprungli Australia for donating Lindor Chocolate Balls, and Dalya Australia for donating the Christmas biscuits.

We would also like to thank all the families who attended the event. We hope you and your children had a wonderful and memorable experience meeting Samichlaus and Schmutzli, and enjoy their Chlaus-säckli.

We also sincerely thank Pierre Pesenti again for volunteering to be a joyful Samichlaus on the day. Lastly, we would like to thank the SCNSW committee members who helped leading up to the event and on the day—your time and effort makes events like these not only possible but also successful.



Visit our website, Facebook and Instagram for more photos. You can also view video clips of past events on our YouTube channel.

Upcoming Swiss Club Events

Free Swiss BBQ at Bronte Park

Join us again for a casual BBQ in Bronte Park near the public BBQ area for some fun in the sun and surf. This event has been a great opportunity for Swiss families and singles living in Sydney to network. BYO beverages, but the SCNSW will organise a sausage sizzle, mixed salad and bread free of charge (for members only).

The best spot for a free park is in the back streets near the Waverley Cemetery. You can then walk down to the beach and walk north along the cliff-walk to the beach, or walk to the hilltop Bronte Shops and find your way down the laneways to the beach (5-8 mins): just look for the SCNSW flag that will be up. Do not forget to bring your swimmers and sunscreen if you decide to go for a swim!

When: Sunday, 8 March 2020 11.00 am to 3.00 pm

Where: Bronte Park, NSW 2024

Cost: Free for members, \$15.00/person for non-members to cover food costs.

RSVP: Bookings are essential. Please contact Daniel Frutiger by email dan.mar04@bigpond.com or call him on 0403 502 048 before Thursday, 5 March 2020.



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, roschinken, double-smoked ham, aufschnitt, bresaola, quiche Lorraine, birchermuesli, yoghurt, fruit platter, honey, jam, and a variety of breads.

When: Sunday, 3 May 2020, 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:

Account Name: Swiss Club NSW

Account BSB: 112-879

Account Number: 06158 7992

RSVP: Bookings are essential; limited numbers available, please book early. Please contact Daniel Frutiger on 0403 502 048 or email dan.mar04@bigpond.com by 1 May 2020 to confirm your attendance and payment option.



AJT 2020 – Sydney

10th Australian Jass Tournament Pennant Hills Bowling Club – Sydney Sunday, 7 June 2020

The Annual Australian Jass Tournament will be held in Sydney during the June Long Weekend. It is the 10th Anniversary of this traditional Swiss Card Tournament held each year in a different location around Australia.

Detailed planning is underway and the AJT-2020 Registration form and the Rules & Format information will also be posted on the [Australian National Jass Tournament Facebook page](#) as well as the [homepage of the Swiss Club of NSW website](#).

Venue Info: [Pennant Hills Bowling Club](#). The Club is located at 52 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills 2120 and is within easy walking distance of Pennant Hills Train Station.

Accommodation: [The Ibis Thornleigh](#) is nearby with easy access by train.

Apart from the usual attraction to see in and around Sydney, Vivid, the annual festival of light, live music and new ideas is on during May/June. See the [Vivid Sydney website](#) for more information.

Tournament Organisers: Daniel Frutiger dan.mar04@bigpond.com, Bruno Frischknecht, Alois Simath, Beat (Bepo) Popp & Lorenz Sonderegger Lorenz.Sonderegger@shimadzu.com.au in conjunction with the Swiss Club of NSW.



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Members' Corner

**Welcome to our
new members**

Mendes Harrison

Theresia Pluess

Martin Ringenbach

Lucy Winarko

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



**One of our members is celebrating his
80th birthday!**

**Congratulations to Mr Felix Bertschi
from Dee Why!**

**We wish you a wonderful day
and the very best for the coming year.**

Swiss Community Care Society (SCCS)

I hope you have started 2020 on a positive note and I wish you good health and much joy and happiness for the whole year.

Whether you are a member of our society or not, and whether you consider yourself older or younger, you are cordially invited to join our events of 2020. Most of the dates have been set; therefore you may note them in your diary now. They are as follows:

Friday, March 13th	Concert at Sydney Town Hall, followed by lunch
Tuesday, May 12th	Coach Tour to the Central Coast with visit and tour of the Dobell House (Artist William Dobell)
Saturday, July 25th	Swiss National Day Luncheon at Concordia Club, Tempe
Friday, October 9th	High Tea at NSW Parliament House, including the film "Tracing a Fatal Journey" (about Swiss explorer Xavier Mertz and the Antarctic expedition 1911-13)
Thursday, November 19th	Volunteers Night
Saturday, November 28th	Christmas Luncheon at Concordia Club, Tempe
3rd Friday of every month	Casual Lunch at Concordia Club, Tempe

The people who are on our mailing list will receive an invitation and application form by mail or email a few weeks before each event.

We are continuing with our "Casual Lunch" in Tempe on the 3rd Friday of the month. It has been very successful with sometimes up to 20 people turning up (see advertisement below).

I look forward to meeting many fellow Swiss at any of these occasions.

To find out more about us, please check www.swissccs.org.au or call me on 0432 031 085.

Regula Scheidegger
President SCCS



High tea at Parliament House



Casual Lunch

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

Discrimination towards the Swiss Living Abroad

Response to an article by Paul Widmer 'More rights for foreigners in Switzerland, less rights for Swiss living abroad'

Over the last few months, discussions about the rights of Swiss living abroad have increased. There have been voices in Switzerland saying that Swiss citizens living abroad had too many, while foreigners living in Switzerland had not enough rights.

In October 2019, an article by Paul Widmer was published in the Sunday edition of the Neue Zürcher Zeitung, with the title 'More rights for foreigners in Switzerland, less rights for Swiss living abroad'. Mr Widmer is a former diplomat with postings at the UN in New York, Rome, Washington DC and Jordan. This article was published in German by Swissinfo in November 2019 and can be viewed here: https://www.swissinfo.ch/ger/politik/standpunkt_mehr-rechte-fuer-auslaender-in-der-schweiz--weniger-fuer-schweizer-im-ausland/45308006.

The reaction of Mr Franz Muheim, board member of the Organisation of Swiss Abroad (OSA) was also published in Swissinfo with the title 'This would be discrimination towards the Swiss Abroad' and can be viewed here: <https://www.swissinfo.ch/ger/-das-waere-eine-diskriminierung-von-schweizerinnen-und-schweizern-/45321490>.

The non-government Organisation of the Swiss Abroad is the centre of expertise on all matters concerning Swiss citizens living abroad.

In November 2019, Swissinfo also published a shortened version of an email sent by Beat Knoblauch, Australian delegate to the Council of Swiss Abroad Oceania (CSA). The CSA is elected by the Swiss communities abroad and acts as a representative of the Swiss diaspora. His email was a reaction and in response to both Mr Widmer's and Mr Muheim's letters.

Mr Widmer's article made Beat Knoblauch feel 'ashamed', as per his correspondence with Swissinfo. In his opinion, the value added by the workload, behaviour and expertise of the Swiss expatriates is mostly underestimated or unknown, despite all the successes provided for Switzerland by the Swiss Abroad in general. Beat Knoblauch writes "The right to vote in Switzerland for Swiss living abroad is not only a reward for their efforts and assistance, but an incentive, a commitment and a better link to their native country".

In 2018, he had submitted a proposal to the Organisation of Swiss Abroad to undertake an independent study about the value added by the Swiss Abroad. 'Swiss ex-pats have Swiss bank accounts, portfolios, insurances, real estate in Switzerland, they pay for education, holidays in Switzerland and are directly involved in the promotion and sale of Swiss products and services abroad. They are the carriers of a definite culture. The professional ethics shown by Swiss abroad are exemplary and difficult to measure, but abroad, they contribute so much to the good reputation of Switzerland'.

Beat Knoblauch argues that Paul Widmer's call to take away the Swiss Abroad's rights to vote and elect in Switzerland and instead give that right to the foreigners living in Switzerland is an affront for all Swiss Abroad. Mr. Widmer calls that a rebalancing act, which Knoblauch says is not on, as he compares apples with pears. In his reply, the delegate to the Council of Swiss Abroad does not want to touch on the legitimate rights of foreigners living in Switzerland, as, he says, "there is nothing to balance out".

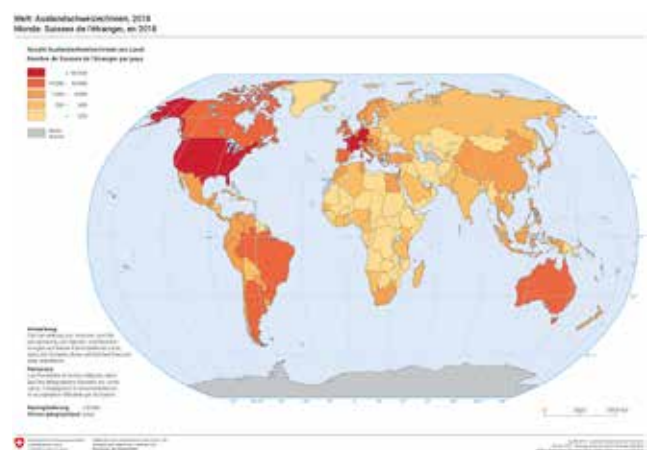
According to Beat Knoblauch, the definitions of emigration and of the Swiss Abroad are in need of being reviewed. 'Today, most emigrants stay abroad for an undefined period of time and keep all their options open. They often return to Switzerland after a short stay abroad, or they change domicile and jobs according to their circumstances'.

For Beat, there is only one kind of Swiss: those living in Switzerland and also those living in another country. However, once departed from Switzerland, the Swiss Abroad generally are considered as 'nobody'. He suggests that a new status be found for the departing Swiss, whereby they retain a quasi-resident address and status in Switzerland, but relinquish taxation and military ties, therefore eliminating banking difficulties and retaining their voting rights. Once electronic voting is again in force, it does not matter from where you exercise your rights. It would also annihilate most differences between the Swiss in Switzerland and those living abroad.

Paul Widmer suggests to abolish dual citizenship. Beat Knoblauch thinks this is nonsense and totally unfeasible in today's modern and mobile society. Take as an example a mixed marriage (of nationalities) and their children being born in other third countries, having different nationalities at birth (e.g. in the US, babies born in the US are entitled to US citizenship, whereas in Switzerland, newborns get the citizenship of the parent or become Swiss if at least one of the married parents is Swiss).

A valid passport gives the holder certain rights, even if the holder of various passports has the right to vote/elect in various other countries', according to Knoblauch. "Today it is politically correct to insist to have rights, but it is so easy to forget the attached duties of a newly acquired citizenship".

Beat Knoblauch - beatek@ozemail.com.



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Dear members, we ask that you please complete our short survey (<2 mins) to inform us whether you would prefer to receive our Swiss Community News magazine in digital format only.

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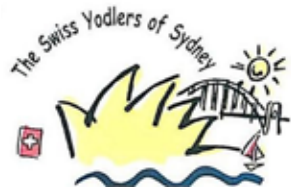
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At the Annual General Meeting, our President reflected on the past and future activities and challenges (in particular for our Choir Master, who just doesn't give up easily

... it's not in his DNA!?). Much credit and thanks go to the untiring leadership of Alois Kretz and Sepp Engesser and to the many others who assist in the Club's multiple tasks.

At the end of last year, we entertained at the Seniors' Christmas Luncheon at The Concordia Club, Tempe, always a very pleasant and friendly gathering. A Swiss Travel Group (organised by Wirz Sarnen) received a warm welcome by the Yodlers at the beautiful residence of Alois and Bronwen, who - thankfully - always refuse our offer to clear the dishes ("fine china and glassware") at the end of the evening... (we can only guess why?!). Some of our members were able to recently attend the very enjoyable Swiss Club "Buurezmorge" and the Christmas get together at The Royal Hotel Leichhardt.

Our trip to the "Matterhorn Yodel Choir's 50 years Celebrations" in mid November was a very exciting event. Our friends from Melbourne were very hospitable and caring hosts. We returned with songs in our hearts from the three days of a relaxing time and friendship spent together. Singing in a massed choir (Gesamtchor) as we have done in the past (e.g. in Canberra with over 350 singers from German language choirs from around Australia, or at our own 50th anniversary Club celebrations in 2018 and last year in Melbourne, brings old and new friends together with much joy and cheer retained in our memory.

We now have resumed our singing practice in preparation for our confirmed participation (incl. parade!) at the Eidg. Jodelfest in Basel 2020 (June 25 - 28). It is not too late to accept new members who wish to join us for this wonderful journey and experience! Other overseas choirs have also confirmed their attendance (e.g. Jodelclub Heimattreu Calgary). Please do not hesitate to contact our President Alois Kretz, tel. (02) 9419 7277 to discuss our possible assistance with travel arrangements, or if you wish to come with us to Basel as a "friend of The Swiss Yodlers of Sydney".

We will return from Switzerland just in time for the Seniors' mid-year function (end of July) in Tempe.



The Yodlers in Melbourne

Please join us at our traditional 1st August Swiss Community Family Picnic at Castle Hill Showground on August. 2, 2020.

Our next harbour cruise is scheduled for end of February 2021!.

Finally, our big thank you to all our friends, sponsors, volunteer helpers, visitors, incl. our own members (and their spouses/ partners/ young family members), for their friendship and support for our club.

Armin Oswald



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Swiss Social Security System for Swiss in Australia

Since 2017, tax residents in Australia who receive a Swiss AHV contribution can, subject to application, claim a personal tax deduction on their income in Australia. This implies that the taxpayer had made personal contributions to the Swiss AHV while resident in Switzerland or on a voluntary basis while living outside of Switzerland.

The reason for the deduction is that all personal AHV payments into the scheme are/were not tax-deductible in Australia, resulting in some 'double taxation' on receipt of the AHV Pension.

How to go about it ?

1. The individual taxpayer must submit the form '*Request for total amount of contributions paid into the Swiss social security system*', to the Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva duly completed, signed and dated. The required form can be found at <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/australia/en/home/dienstleistungen/sozialversicherung/ahv-iv/contribution-statement-swiss-social-security-system-ahv-avs-.html> or downloaded [here](#). The address in Geneva is Swiss Compensation Office, POBox 3100, CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland.
2. The Compensation Office will check the application against its records and send a confirmation letter (by mail) back to the address provided by the applicant mentioning the amount of all personal (not employer-paid) contributions that had been made.
3. The original of this letter from Geneva is to be sent, together with a completed, signed and dated form provided by the Australian Tax Office, to the ATO. This form can be found at <https://www.ato.gov.au/Forms/Determination-of-deductible-amount-for-UPP-of-a-foreign-pension-or-annuity> or downloaded [here](#). Make sure to keep a copy for your files. Some persons may need the input from their accountant to fill in the form, e.g. as to question 14, answer is 'monthly', as to question 15, answer is 'no', and as to question 16, answer is 'no'.
4. The ATO will, upon a satisfactory application, rule on the annual tax deduction for the taxpayer.

Beat Knoblauch - Sydney - 22/1/2020
Delegate to the Council of the Swiss Abroad



Witnesses Wanted

Did you ever go on a holiday to the Swiss Abroad Home?

Between 1956 and 1979 a holiday camp was run in northern Switzerland for the Swiss Abroad. Did you ever spend a holiday in Dürrenäsch?

Once upon a time the small Aargau village of Dürrenäsch was known all over the world. At least among the Swiss Abroad. That was where they spent their holidays when they returned to Switzerland between 1956 and 1979. They came from France, Germany or Italy – but also from Peru, Colombia or Singapore. But why Dürrenäsch of all places? Herbert Bertschy-Ringier was responsible for founding the so-called Swiss Abroad Home in his hometown. Bertschy-Ringier had travelled widely in his life and repeatedly bumped into fellow countrymen on these trips. The one thing they all had in common: they were homesick.

Back then, Switzerland was much further away. Letters took days or weeks to arrive and returning to Switzerland was more expensive and more difficult than today.

In Aargau, the Swiss Abroad found refuge among their compatriots and enjoyed their holiday in their old homeland.

Did you, your family or acquaintances also spend a holiday in the Swiss Abroad Home? SWI swissinfo.ch is looking for people who were there at the time and who can talk about what it was like.

By Melanie.eichenberger@swissinfo.ch

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Countless Swiss expats, such as this family in 1958, spent their holidays in Dürrenäsch (Keystone / Jules Vogt)



Chilling out in 1957 (Keystone / Alphons Biland)

Andre Braun - Photographer, Architect, Designer - shows us an **unseen Sydney**



Born in Switzerland, Andre Braun's passion is the integration of architecture, graphic art, 3D visualisations and multimedia work. After studying Architecture and Interior Design in Geneva, he worked in Hong Kong, Berlin and Zurich before moving to Australia in 1995, where he worked for several local and international architectural firms.

In 2010 he started his exploration into the "art" world. In 2012, he held his first solo exhibition at the Bondi Pavilion at the world-famous Bondi Beach in Sydney, and in 2013 he participated in an exhibition at Moreton, North of Brisbane. This was followed by another solo exhibition at the Waverley Library in 2014, and in 2015 he was invited to participate at the Swiss-Oz art expo at the Bondi Pavilion. In 2016 and 2017 he was selected to create a series of wall paintings at the Bondi Beach sea wall, in which the Bondi seagull became a focus point on the beach promenade. He later went on to win a competition organised by the Woollahra Council & Residents of Paddington and produced a further mural in the heart of Paddington.

Andre's current photographic exhibition **unseen sydney** highlights the ever-changing nature of iconic Sydney Harbour. Always with a camera at hand, he has been exploring Sydney Harbour for the past two years, travelling daily on the ferry from Watsons Bay via Rose Bay to Circular Quay. Here he constantly discovers unique landscapes and an ever-changing environment, fluctuating with high winds and a forever changing weather pattern. A discovery of Sydney from the water's edge like never seen before.

The exhibition, in association with the head on photo festival, runs from 27 April to 11 May 2020 at the Aro Gallery, 51 William Street, Darlinghurst. For more information go to www.unseensydney.com or email Andre on andrebraun@unseensydney.com.





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Beyond Alcohol for Diners



The selection of alcohol-free beverages on the market has increased in recent years. This may be, in part, due to an increase in awareness of the effects of excessive alcohol consumption, increase in laws and severity of penalties for alcohol-fuelled violence and driving under the influence, or changes in social norms. Either way, the effect of excessive alcohol consumption is documented well in the scientific literature.

The Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries and Risk Factors Study 2016, a meta-analysis of nearly 600 studies published in *The Lancet* last year, reported alcohol consumption as the seventh leading cause of death and disability worldwide. It concluded that “the level of alcohol consumption that minimized harm across health outcomes was zero standard drinks per week.” For moderate drinkers, the biggest health hazard appears to be an increased risk of many types of cancer, with studies showing a linear relationship between the two, meaning the more you drink, the higher your risk.

Nonetheless, alcohol consumption is a culturally accepted social activity in various societies around the world. It provides a sense of occasion, celebration and brings people together—not to mention a good glass of red or a cold beer can taste delicious! Perhaps the real trouble, though, is our inability to moderately consume a substance that impairs our mental, physical and emotional faculties. Also, since mixed drinks may contain several different high-proof spirits in one glass, it is often difficult to know whether we are staying within those moderate-drinking guidelines. Of course, that is if we even care to pay that much attention at all.

So, are alcohol-free beverages a good alternative? Is it possible to still enjoy the taste of alcohol-free beverages and maintain a sense of celebration while also ensuring minimal risk to health and alcohol-fuelled mischief? There are several benefits to drinking alcohol-free: it tastes good, it helps cut down alcohol consumption, it is healthy and contains less calories, it (sometimes) costs less, it helps you fit in with alcohol drinkers, it allows you to support local breweries/pubs, and of course, it will not get you drunk.

Nowadays, the variety of alcohol-free beverages is almost on par with that of soft drinks. Establishments have worked hard to introduce exotic and tasty flavour

combinations in the alcohol-free beverages they offer. Simple eateries to award-winning restaurants and trendy pop-ups are now on the bandwagon. A recent Survey from ‘DrinkWise’, an independent, not-for-profit organisation that focuses to help bring about a healthier and safer drinking culture in Australia, indicates that young adults have taken the alcohol-free trend. It is hard to believe, though, when you see young adults who obviously abuse the consumption of alcohol. However, it seems that this is the minority. As is often the case with attitudes and beliefs, significant social and cultural shifts do not arise without a considerable degree of influence from individual peers and community- and societal-level engagement. With that in mind, there is little doubt that well-intended movements like ‘Dry July’ and organisations like ‘DrinkWise’ have made it more socially acceptable to forgo an alcoholic drink in the name of better health and wellbeing.

The non-alcoholic beer market alone has experienced an over 50% growth in the past 5 years. Large and well-known companies, like Heineken, Erdinger, Coopers and Carlton Draught, have quickly and successfully integrated low- or zero-alcohol varieties of beer. It is very much part of the “drink better, drink less, drink craft” approach. But the choices do not stop there, from imaginative tea and juice pairing to alcohol-free versions of traditional tipples like Gin and Cider, the alternatives are incredible and almost endless. New flavour combinations including desert lime and apple cider, pineapple sage and salted melon to blood orange and curry leaf tonic, apple sorbet with mint and wasabi soda, just to mention a few, but the list goes on and on.

One brand that is thriving with its adaptations of traditional spirits is ‘Seedlip’. The Company’s focus on producing alcohol-free drinks is complemented by a choice to forgo sweeteners or other artificial flavour additives, opting instead fresh ingredients and botanicals. It is a much-hyped combination that clearly meets the needs of the new generation of drinkers.

So, where does this leave us, the older generation who has enjoyed traditional alcoholic beverages for decades? Well, it is the same with many other things in life—enjoy what you know and like but keep it acceptable and disciplined. It is fine to offer a welcome drink that is flavourful and refreshing and alcohol-free. Let us hope, we as a community, find the happy middle ground, and have everything we like and are used to, but within moderation.

Enjoy happy, safe and responsible drinking during the hot summer months.

Your Food Guru, Daniel Frutiger

Alcohol-free Passionfruit Martini

Serve up this fizzy and fruity mocktail at a party, for all the fun but none of the alcohol.

Serves: 2 people | Difficulty: Easy | Preparation time: 5 minutes

Ingredients

- 3 passion fruits, halved
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1 egg white
- 100ml coconut water
- 2 tsp sugar syrup
- Handful of ice
- Sparkling pineapple juice, to serve



Method

1. Scoop the flesh from four of the passionfruit halves into a cocktail shaker. Add the lemon juice, egg white, and coconut water and shake vigorously until frothy.
2. Add the ice, then shake again until the outside of the shaker feels cold. Double strain into martini glasses.
3. Top up the martinis with the sparkling pineapple juice (or if you cannot find this, substitute with half tonic and pineapple juice) and garnish with the remaining passion fruit halves.



Swiss Community Care gives emergency bushfire aid to a Swiss farming family

During the recent bushfire season, I realised that a Swiss family with many connections to the Swiss community was directly in line of fast approaching fires. The family has lived on the land for many years and they are very successful at raising cattle. They have a herd of about 50 animals. I was fearing the worst, dreading to watch the news and trying to contact them during the next few days without much success. In the end I received an email, telling us about their horrible ordeal. Their brave fight against the fire was successful: the house was safe and the animals were alive. However, to keep going they immediately

needed a load of hay, which was very expensive. Luckily the Swiss Community Care was able to help, contributing a substantial amount of money towards the feed, which arrived just in time for the animals not to starve and giving the family the opportunity to continue being farmers. The road ahead for them is still very challenging, but thanks to our speedy help there is a future on the farm for them. We are happy and pleased to have helped at least one family in a significant way. Here is a letter we received from the family and which we would like to share with you.

Ursula Mooser



Dear SCCS Committee,

Today three weeks ago the world around us changed for ever. Our normally lush green valley, surrounded by old forests, turned into an inferno of fire which left very little of its former beauty.

The days that followed are etched in our memories as a nightmare which still haunts us at night and we were the lucky ones!

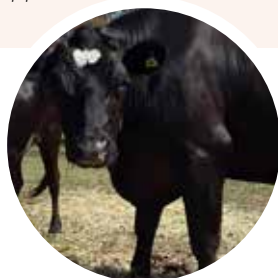
After months of preparation, our decision to stay and fight as a family saved our house and all the animals, but not the big hayshed with all the hay to get us through the drought.

The government supplied relief hay but unfortunately it was only enough for the first 2 weeks. Thanks to the generosity and quick response of the Swiss Community Care we have been able to source enough good quality hay to replace the hay that was lost during the fire and secured the welfare of our animals.

Unfortunately, it will take time for the area to recover as most of the infrastructure was lost in the fire. We have been without power and phone connection since the fire came through the area. Thankfully we have had a few showers of rain over the last week which have lifted our spirits.

To all those in the Swiss CommunityCare our sincerest thanks for the thoughts and support that you have shown us during this crisis.

Name withheld



Vale Annelies (Annie) Crone-Arbenz

12 February 1924 to 5 October 2019

Annie Crone-Arbenz was born in Murg, Lake Walensee on the 12th of February 1924. The depression of that era drove her parents – Rudolf Arbenz and Gritli Arbenz-Bluntschli – to return to Switzerland from Singapore in 1923. They were accompanied by their two older daughters, Rosemary (b.1920) and Heidi (b.1922).

Rudolf Arbenz had originally migrated to Singapore in 1910, to work at his uncle's successful business, first on Sumatra and later in Singapore. There he met a Swiss girl, Gritli Bluntschli, and they were married in early 1920.

The family returned to Singapore at the end of 1924, when Annie was only nine months old. In time, the three girls were sent to a boarding school in Teufen, Kanton Appenzell, Annie joining her sisters there when she was just seven years old. The girls returned to Singapore after the outbreak of World War II in early 1940, re-uniting the family for the first time in many years.

Days before the British surrender of Singapore in 1942, Annie and her sisters fled the bombing as the Japanese Imperial forces advanced on Singapore. They escaped on the *Selandia*, a steamer bound for Batavia (Jakarta). Their heart-broken parents had to remain. Their mother, a volunteer nurse, was killed in a car accident that year. Their grandfather, H.C. Bluntschli, a botanist and a pioneer on Sumatra for many years, and who also owned Sapar Karoe Coal Mines, near Petai-Tapoei died in November that year.

Annie's father, was the honorary Swiss Consul in Singapore for 14 years. He was by profession an architect and civil engineer. Indeed, he designed the Swiss Club in Singapore, and served as that club's president for six terms. A diabetic, he died of complications in August 1944, the required medicines being unavailable during the enemy occupation. Annie and her sisters never heard from their parents or grandfather again after their departure from Singapore, and only learnt of their deaths after the war ended.

The Japanese bombing in Batavia was relentless, so after two weeks, they boarded a ship bound for Melbourne with the help of the local Swiss Consul. Each of the girls carried their worldly possessions: a mattress, food for three days, and a small suitcase. Horrifying news of the fall of Singapore arrived as they waited anxiously to sail from Tjilatjab, in Java, where an armada of ships crammed with refugees had gathered. Ships could only clear the harbour at high tide, despite the Japanese bombing being concentrated at that time.

As the daughters of the Swiss consul in Singapore, the girls had enjoyed a privileged, protected childhood, indulged with parties, influential friends, domestic servants, a beautiful home, and caring parents. When the sisters arrived in Melbourne in March, 1942, they each had only a hundred Singapore dollars (20 Australian pounds).

Annie often talked about the beautiful sunny evening when their ship steamed into Port Philip Bay. She was 18 years old then, Heidi was 20, and Rosemary 21. They had heard much about the land from Australian troops engaged in the battle for Singapore, and she felt it was like entering the 'Garden of Eden' as they approached Melbourne. Unable to dock, they spent

another night on board, and sadness crept over the sisters as they wondered about their parents and what the future might bring. They wished bitterly that their parents could have shared the moment with them rather than the grim fate of Singapore.

A Swiss consulate delegate collected them but accommodation was scarce, the city being swamped with American servicemen and they could not afford expensive hotels. With a £20 loan from the consul, hostel accommodation was eventually found in St Kilda. Luckily, Annie found secretarial work within a week.

Her sound knowledge of English served her well with a salary of 25 shillings a week, which covered her weekly board of 10 shillings, and enabled her to repay the consul loan within weeks. Their finances were meagre, to say the least. They would buy a loaf of bread, butter when available, and honey to provide their nourishment for the day. Their landlady wanted them to take meals in her dining room, but a shilling a meal was more than they could afford. Since they had arrived with only a few flimsy summer dresses, one of their most pressing tasks was to knit warmer clothing for themselves to cater for the cooler Melbourne climate.

When the war ended, Heidi married Johnny Johnson, a former Colonel with the British forces in Singapore, who had been held in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in Manchuria and Rosemary returned to Singapore to work as a children's nurse. where she married Jack Clarke, an American airman, and eventually moved to the USA.

Annie met and married Donald Crone in January 1947, an Australian army sergeant, on his return from New Guinea. They moved to Sydney and had a son and a daughter in 1950 and 1952 respectively. Donald became an architect, and amongst the many buildings he designed was Sydney Tower (Centrepont), in the heart of Sydney, one of his proudest achievements.

When Annie visited her sister in Boston in 1983, they unearthed a diary while clearing the attic. Their father had written the journal during the Japanese occupation of Singapore. Though Rosemary had been given the diary in Singapore soon after the war, she had unaccountably forgotten its existence. Recovering that moving, historical narrative inspired Annie to combine her own life story with a translation of the diary. Thus, after three years of tireless efforts, the 300-page *Singapore Saga* was published by Thomas Rowland Publishers in 1985. The book was highly acclaimed, and Annie's work was acknowledged in various newspapers at that time and copies are held in Switzerland and Singapore.

After her beloved Donald passed away in 1994, Annie moved to her beautiful apartment overlooking the Eastern suburbs and the harbour. Visits by family and friends brought her many hours of joy. After a fall in August 2016, she was admitted to residential care at Regis Rose Bay, and she passed away there peacefully on October 5, 2019.

Margrit Bachmann (abbreviated and adjusted from an article originally published in the Swiss Community News in 2008)

January 2020



News from the Cercle Romand

Dear Friends and Members,

We wish all our friends and members a happy and prosperous 2020.



The Little Snails Restaurant

The end of year celebration evening was held at 'The Little Snails restaurant' in Pyrmont for the second year. The food and service were excellent and it contributed to make the evening enjoyable in good company amongst friends.

The committee has planned some nice events for 2020 and as usual, the details for each event are published on the club website: www.cercleromand.com.au where location, time and booking information can be found.

Our first event for 2020, the traditional 'Pétanque & Brunch at the park' was held on Sunday 2nd February at Ballast Point Park, Birchgrove. The forecast was for a hot day and it certainly was. But that did not deter more than 32 players competing for the 'Paul Lambert' Trophy. We thank the many members of the Swiss Club that participated in this gathering. Your participation was truly appreciated and provided an opportunity to meet new Swiss citizens. The day started with the Brunch made up of delicious food and champagne, followed by the competition, once the draw was established and a brief refresher on the rules of the game was given. All games were held in good spirit and everyone seemed to enjoy the day beside the heat and most importantly the rain held until the end of the day.

We hope to see you again next year.



Delicious brunch



1st Place: Anne & Andre



2nd Place: Erika & Marcel



3rd Place: Martine & Daniel

For the first time, a 'gastronomique dinner' event is organised on 21st March in the Southern Highland. We will be dining at the 'Eschalot Restaurant' in Berrima where a 5 course tasting menu will be served.

To complement the day, we are planning a visit of a winery and a garden in Moss Vale. All details regarding booking information is available on our website.



Photo: www.eschalot.com.au

Next event will be a 'CINEMA, PASTA & PIZZA' night in Leichhardt on Saturday 18th April. Details will be available in March and published on the club website.

Our May event this year is 'FONDUE CHINOISE', on Sunday 17th May at Fagans Park, Galston. We will officially present the 'Paul Lambert' pétanque trophy with the engraving of the winners 2020. Details will be available in March and published on the club website.

On 5th July, a walk in the city will be organised. The itinerary will be chosen to discover some interesting parts of Sydney. Details will be available in June and published on the club website.

We publish a monthly newsletter with our up-coming events and if you wish to receive it, please send us an email request on our club email: cercleromand@gmail.com. Visit our website to discover all events for this whole year.

The committee thanks all its members for supporting these events and look forward to see you in the coming months.

Daniel Sottaz – secretary
Cercle Romand Sydney



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From the Desk of Anne Held

TSDC – NO LONGER A SECRET



They are 25 young men in black uniform with white socks and wide black hats with bushy white feathers. They never smile during a performance. They demonstrate Swiss precision at its best. They don't allow ladies in their marching band. Their drumsticks explode in fireworks. They are amateurs in their twenties, and totally dedicated to the art of playing drums and throwing flags.

They landed in Sydney on a Sunday evening in October 2019, after a long flight from Switzerland. Then next morning at 08.00hrs, they were ready for the rehearsals of their famous routine at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. No, they did not have to go back all the way to Scotland! Scotland had actually come to Olympic Park in Homebush for a wonderful spectacle, inside ANZ Stadium made up to look like the famous Edinburgh Castle and Esplanade.

Meet TSDC, the Top Secret Drum Corps from Basel, here in Australia for the fourth time already. The group was founded by 7 talented drummers who have been participating at the well-known Basel Fasnacht (Carnival). They were ready for more than the carnival drum marches, and they were ready for other drum types, more visual effects and movement. It is said that the place where the group was founded in 1991 and the band name chosen, was a (in)famous dark bar in the old town of Basel. Still, the plan worked. National and then soon international success followed quickly. In 2003, TSDC was invited to participate at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, as one of the first non-military, non-British Commonwealth act. Since then, they have been a main attraction in Edinburgh five more times, and they will be there again, always a highlight for the passionate band.

Under the leadership of Erik Julliard, TSDC has now 25 members, who usually stay with the band for 3 to 6 years and come from various backgrounds, from students to bankers to civil servants, factory workers and others. To be in the TSDC, you must dedicate all your free time and your holidays to the drum group and the demanding practice practice practice every week or more often. TSDC designs their own uniforms and creates their own choreography. So far, they have performed 1'285 shows in over 20 countries and have used 12'184 hickory wood white lacquer sticks of 416mm length. Income comes from sponsorships and performances. The Swiss drummers use 2 different types of instruments: the snare drum is a percussion instrument invented in the 13th century. It produces a sharp staccato sound when struck with a drumstick and the lower skin is held under tension by stiff wires. The bass drum is a larger cylindrical drum that produces a note of low definite or indefinite pitch when struck at both ends of the cylinder. Its origins are Turkish.

In Sydney this year, there is not much time for sightseeing for our friends. Early one morning, there is an invitation from Channel 9 to be in the Today Show. Studio space does not allow the marching, but the camera shows the incredible hand and finger coordination and flexibility, sometimes so fast your eyes can hardly follow the movements. Sticks are thrown up, caught again, twirled, sometimes hitting the drum of the colleague on the right. The heads turn in unison to the right, or to the left, feathers sway. The corps feels as one entity on exactly the same wavelength.

On 17th October, the first of the 4 events at ANZ Stadium takes place. Everybody is excited in the dressing room, nervous rhythms tapped on the table, last checks of the instruments. The young men have swapped their sneakers and jeans for their immaculate uniforms, their black shoes are shining, and the hats sit at just the right angle. To the delight of the fans who had arrived early, TSDC first gives a warm-up session outside the stadium, a perfect photo opportunity.





Then it's show time. The big stadium, the scene of many unforgettable events during the Sydney 2000 Olympics, is nearly full. It's all pomp, ceremony and tradition, performed by impressive military drill bands from various countries, decorated with medals and sashes. The Australian Defence Force is well represented. There are also pipers, fiddlers, energetic performers from Africa and Asia, lovely smiling hula or cancan dancing girls, theatre and dramatic songs. The 2019 Sydney spectacular with appr. 1'500 performers is the largest Tattoo ever.

And finally, our boys appear. The snare line with 12 members, the bass line with 5 (exceptionally for this Sydney show, they were from the US, as not all compatriots were available). Behind them, the non-musical section of 9 colour guards with Swiss flags.

Suddenly, you can hear a needle drop. This is something different and very exciting: high precision, each step, each flowing formation, each hit of the drums, each twirl of the flags, a fascinating routine. There is even a sexy little hip wiggling, there is a bit of fun (but no smile..), and at the end of the 7-minute number, wow!, fireworks explode out of the drumsticks and the bass drums.

The audience applauds wildly, and then TSDC disappears through the gates of the full-size fake Edinburgh Castle.

You can enjoy an ABC video of the Basler drummers on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1SiQ1lStVg>

In case you wonder about the origin of the term 'tattoo' in relation to 'military tattoo', it goes back to a 17th century Dutch phrase 'tap toe' (turn off the tap of the beer keg), a signal for inn keepers near military garrisons to stop serving beer, so the soldiers would return to the barracks.

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Application Form - Swiss Club of NSW



Swiss Club of NSW Limited
PO Box 3292
Bangor NSW 2234 ABN 73 000 650 037

APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP 1/4/2020 – 31/3/2021

Main Applicant

Partner

I / We (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

(Please use block letters)

Surname:

Given Names:

Address:

(full residential address with postcode)

Phone private:

Mobile:

Email:

Phone business:

Date of birth:

Occupation: (please list both for partner m/ship)

Are you a Swiss citizen?

YES / NO

Is your partner a Swiss citizen?

YES / NO

Are your parents Swiss citizens?

YES / NO

Are your partner's parents Swiss citizens?

YES / NO

Do you have children, if yes, how many and what age?

Additional information re Swiss heritage / interests (Yodlers, Cercle du Romand etc.)

I/we hereby apply for membership of the Swiss Club of New South Wales Limited, and if admitted, request you to enter my name on the Register of Members. I/we agree to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club and the By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations in force.

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M Ordinary member

\$46.00 (including enrolment)

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P Partner / couple membership

\$66.00 (including enrolment)

Cost:

Enrolment fee: \$11.00

Annual Subscription Single: \$35.00

Annual Subscription Couple: \$55.00

Payment to:

Account Name: Swiss Club of NSW

BSB: 112-879; Account No: 061-587-992

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I/We are happy to receive the Swiss Community News magazine in digital format (please tick if applicable)

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I/we **do not** give permission for my/our child to be part of group photos or video footage taken of their participation at club activities by the committee for use in newsletters, on the website or social media (please tick if applicable)

Date: _____

Signature of Applicants: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY (The committee complete this section)

I propose the above applicant for membership of the Swiss Club

Signature of Proposer: _____

I second the above application for membership of the Club

Signature of Seconder: _____

Please send the completed form with your payment to the address mentioned above.

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27 April - 11 May 2020

Aro Gallery
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at the Aro Gallery - Wednesday 6 May 2020 - 6-8pm



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