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Music. Emanuel Schmidt at '72 Erskine', Sydney

Swiss-born Jazz guitarist Emanuel Schmidt is newly appointed Jazz Artist in Residence at Sydney's boutique venue '72 Erskine'. He is presenting an exciting series of diverse concerts throughout 2009 and would love to see the Swiss community attend. Be sure to book early as all concerts since 2007 were sold out in advance.

Contact Details:

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Concert Dates:

29/4: Legends of Australian Jazz
 17/6: The Music of Blue Note Records
 22/7: Music from Around the World
 26/8: Originals Trio

Tickets: \$28/\$35

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Contact Kurt Bieri
 Phone (02) 9634 4536



Profile. Swiss Australian Academic Network



The Swiss Australian Academic Network (SAAN), originally conceived as Swiss Academic Network Melbourne (SANM), aims to capitalize on the existing interest of academics from the two countries to foster and expand the bilateral exchange of academics at various stages of their professional careers and based on both countries' outstanding contribution to science and technology and being home to numerous internationally recognized academic institutions of excellence.

On a local level SAAN is keen to foster the network idea among academic of different fields and within different states and to highlight achievements of Swiss in Australia and vice-versa.

SAAN is a grass-root organization which is open to Swiss and Australians who have connections to, or interest in, Switzerland; for this purpose SAAN has representatives in each Australian State who are very keen to support the SAAN vision in their own states with appropriate activities.

One of the major goals of SAAN is to reciprocally raise awareness and profile of the two countries and their relevant academic and non-academic entities among the best and brightest to expand on the exchange of excellence. At the same time, SAAN is keen to also encourage connectivity between academics in Switzerland with like-minded Australians who wish to broaden their professional knowledge. This will ensure that SAAN can act as a network and resource hub for people seeking exchange opportunities within the academic environment between Switzerland and Australia.

In Australia, SAAN enjoys the full support from the Embassy and Consulate General of Switzerland and will continue to build on already existing official memoranda of understanding signed between the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia and the Swiss National Science Foundation as well as those being in place between individual Universities in the two countries. Pending additional sponsorship support (from Industrial, Private or University sectors) and in the fullness of time, SAAN will establish structures for financial support (studentships, fellowships, travel bursaries etc.) that encourages, facilitate and direct such exchanges on all levels.

For further information please visit the website (www.saan.id.au) or contact SAAN at info@saan.id.au.

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SAAN organizes a visit by the Ambassador and Consul General to The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI) in Melbourne. From left to right: Prof. Andreas Strasser, WEHI; Daniel Woker, Ambassador of Switzerland, Canberra; Jurg Casserini, Consul General of Switzerland, Sydney; Prof. Matthias Ernst, SAAN.

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SACCI Events

April 2009

Sun 05 "The Magic Flute", Melbourne
Tue 28 SACCI Executives dinner, Sydney
May 2009
Thu 14 SACCI AGM & dinner, with special guest from Switzerland, Sydney
Thu 21 Drinks with the Swiss Ambassador, Perth

...and more events to follow; please check our website for up-to-date info.

Marcel Svatos

SAAN

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(SAAN profile featured on front page)

Victoria

Victoria Events

April 2009

Thu 02 Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand
Wed 08 Young Swiss Group until 26 Melbourne Comedy Festival
May 2009
Wed 06 Ladies' Luncheon
Thu 07 Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand
Fri 08 Raclette Evening - GrpRomand, Balwyn Community Centre
Sat 09 Unterhaltungsabend Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose
Sat 16 2nd Jass Night, Horticult. Centre, Jolimont Road, Forest Hill
Wed 20 Movie Night "Snow White"
Sat 30 Trivia Night, SAAN

June 2009

Thu 04 Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand
Wed 10 Young Swiss Group
Sat 13 Jass Night (Club)
Sun 14 Pro Down Under (Ticino), Cricket Willow, Hepburn Springs

Wed 17 New Members Evening

Fri 19 Billiard - Bernard Sandoz Trophy

July 2009

Wed 01 Ladies' Luncheon
Thu 02 Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand
Wed 08 Young Swiss Group
Sat 11 Jass Night (Club)
Wed 15 Swiss Movie Night

August 2009

Sat 01 National Day Celebrations/Dinner
Sun 02 Nat. Day Celebration (Matterhorn)
Thu 06 Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand
Sat 08 Ski Day (date to be confirmed)
Sat 08 3rd Jass Night, Horticult. Centre, Jolimont Road, Forest Hill
Wed 12 Young Swiss Group
(all events held at the Swiss Club except where otherwise stated)

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Dear Readers,

The Swiss Club of Victoria owns a three-story building in the heart of Melbourne offering excellent facilities as a meeting/dining place for both private and corporate functions. Business people and visitors alike can enjoy traditional Swiss food and hospitality in a unique setting.

The club is also a favourite meeting place for Swiss and friends of Switzerland alike. Guests and visitors are always welcome. The club restaurant is open for lunch from Monday to Friday and for dinner from Wednesday to Friday. Roger Moullet, our well known chef and restaurant manager will serve you a treat!

You don't have to be Swiss to become a member of the Swiss Club of Victoria. Membership not only entitles you to benefits such as reduced restaurant prices and access to club facilities and functions but it is a wonderful way of meeting people, networking, and making friends. Members of the committee will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Email us at swissclubvic@swiss.org.au.

The club is run by a committee that meets twice a month. By the time you read these lines, the Annual General Meeting will have taken place which will change the make-up of the committee. I will step down as president having done the job for the last two years. It is a planned rotation to allow other members to have a crack at it, too. It was a great experience to be able to serve the club and its members and I thank everyone for their friendship and support.

Going forward April through to August will see plenty of action at the club with the Melbourne Comedy Festival taking place from 29th March to 29th April 2009. For more information please visit the website www.comedyfestival.com.au. Some of the events include the Ladies Luncheon in May and July, the very popular Unterhaltungsabend organised by the Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose, Jass and movie nights, a billiard competition, and in August our traditional lantern procession for families with young children and the Swiss National Day dinner.

In addition every first Thursday of the month, Kapelle Gruezi Mitenand featuring the fabulous John Wanner invites you to an entertaining evening. It is a perfect opportunity to experience Swiss Folklore. Bring your friends along and do not forget to book!

For updated information on Swiss Club happenings please visit our website swiss.org.au/swissclubvic.

The Swiss Club of Victoria looks forward to welcoming you at the club or at one of the many fantastic events.

Your President, *Rolf Huber*

Ladies Luncheon

The Swiss Club of Victoria
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Bookings essential with the Swiss Club.

Silvia Hochuli

The Swiss Companion Singers

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Herbert Schwaerzler (03) 9561 7811

Meet at the Club every 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month for practice.

Young Swiss Group

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We meet once per month. Anyone is welcome to come along. For up-to-date information about our next meeting, please check our website.

Swiss Yodel Choir Matterhorn

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The traditional family picnic to celebrate the Swiss National Day will again be at the Gembrook Sports Ground. Entry is free and traditional food and drinks will be available from midday. The celebrations will culminate with the lighting of the traditional bonfire later in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget to mark the evening of 17 October in your calendar - our big 40th Anniversary celebration. Further details will follow. The choir is practicing every Wednesday evening at Marco's place and you would be very welcome to join us at one of these enjoyable evening sessions!

Erwin Weinmann

Swiss Folk Dance Group Alpenrose

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2009 is an important year. It will be 60 years since the Dance Group was formed. We have started practicing at the Club on Tuesday nights. We would like to keep the Swiss tradition in folk dancing alive. But we do need more members to succeed.

The group will travel to Brisbane over Easter. We have received an invitation to participate at the National Folks-tanzfest, organised by the Bruecke, National Council of German-speaking Clubs and Organisations in Australia and New Zealand and the Alpenrosen Dance group German Club in Brisbane.

Please mark the Unterhaltungsabend, Sat 9 May in your diary:
- Three course dinner
- Music: Kapelle Gruezi mitenand
- Tombola with lots of prizes
- Cost: \$ 35 p.p. (ookings must be made with the Swiss Club)

It is always a fun night. Please come and join in the fun and support the group at the same time. We look forward to see you at the "Jass nights" and the Unterhaltungsabend.

Trachtengruppe Schwyzergruess / Australian Swiss Cultural Soc.

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Swiss Playgroup

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Gruezi mitenand!

We look forward to a busy and fun time of the year with the legendary Fondue night in May and the Swiss National Day on the original day; the 1st August 2009. Make sure you book your table and bring your friends and family for a memorable Swiss experience.

South Australia Events

May 2009

Sat 16 Fondue Night, Austrian Club

August 2009

Sat 01 Swiss National Day Celebration

Fondue: Join us for a fun night of cheese, wine and entertainment. For further details please check our website, contact Sarah Muller for a newsletter on (08) 8365 0894 or call Maya.

National Day: Foxfield Recreation Hall Maryvale Road in Athelstone. BBQ from 6 pm onwards with real Swiss "Bratwurst, Cervelats and Buerli" (Swiss style sausages and crusty bread) for sale. BYO drinks and salads. Program: Bonfire, singing, lantern parade, raffle and 'Gemuetlichkeit'

Regular Events:

"**Hockete**", stands for a casual get-together - everybody is welcome to join us on the first Friday of the month at the Austrian Association at 11 - 17 Torrens Road, Ovingham from 6.30 pm onwards. Come along for a delicious meal and the chance to brush up on your 'Schwyzerdütsch'.

"**Schwyz Frauechraenzli**", meets every first Monday of the month. We are group of 50+ aged ladies, who enjoy a good time out; be it a visit to the movies, lunch in a park or an excursion. You are welcome to join us. For further details please call Rosmarie Copeland on (08) 8336 5932.

Swiss Radio 5EBI Adelaide

Listen to the Swiss Corner every Saturday between 6-7 pm on 103.1FM. Phone-ins are welcome on (08) 8211 7066.

Keep in touch and I look forward to meeting you at the next Swiss Club function.

Maya Schnider

Western Australia

Swiss Club of Western Australia

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Sali mitenand; Gerry Dauth, has left us to continue his journey. He died peacefully at home on Monday morning, 16th February 2009, after a courageous two year fight with mesothelioma. Gerry has been part of the Swiss Club since day one. He was always there, when something needed to be done. His "Schwyzer Örgeli" and Alphorn tunes were always a great delight. Gerry was the presenter of the Swiss Radio as well as the magazine editor for many, many years. Gerry will be greatly missed.

Saturday 23 May is booked at the Rheine Donau Club for our "Metzgeta". Our special Guest at this year's Metzgeta (Slaughter Feast) will be the Swiss Ambassador, Mr. Daniel Woker and his wife Mrs. Myriam Woker. Come and give them a big Swiss Club of WA welcome. "Take Three" and the Swiss Joddellers will be doing their best to make this an unforgettable event. To top it up: Entry to this event will be free for all Swiss Club Members and Swiss Nationals. Please check our magazine or website for details of how to book your "Schlacht Platte" or one of the other eight delicious meals.

The Neerlandia Club will be the place to be on 27 June 09. Just follow your nose and you will find where our traditional Raclette Night is held. Please find all details in our web page. We won't be having wine bottling this year due to lack of interest.

Peter Gabathuler

WA Events

May 2009

Sat 23 Metzgete, Rhein Donau Club

June 2009

Sat 27 Raclette Night, Neerlandia Club

August 2009

Sat 01 Swiss National Day Ball

Sat 08 Bonfire at Rolling Greens

Come along and join the fun! You will find all the information about the activities of our club, even on how to become a member, on our web page.

Regular Events / Groups:

Swiss Radio 6EBA Perth, Swiss Radio Perth broadcasts on 6EBA FM on 95.3 MHz, or through the internet on <http://www.6eba.com.au/> between 7pm and 8pm every Tuesday night. The programme is in French every fourth Tuesday of the month and the other programmes are in Swiss German. Contact the presenter at the studio on (08) 9227 5953, during the program, or James Kunz on 0414 421132.

The Guggeburras, They are different, they are fun and they are the only Guggemusig in Australia. Twenty enthusiastic, fun loving Guggers of all ages and talents, dressed in colourful costumes and with unique face-paintings, play the traditional Guggemusig - Sounds artfully out-of-tune - at special events and at Carnival time. They get together every Tuesday evening to practice new songs for the coming Fasnacht Season. Any carnival-inspired person is welcome to join this fun group, especially brass players and drummers. Contact Jennifer Leutenegger on (08) 9277 7826 or send an e-mail to guggeburras@swiss.org.au for more information.

Play Group meets every first Friday of the month. Mums, check 'em out, they are great fun. For more information or how to join: Ring Alexandra Schaub on 08 94032241.

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Dear members and friends,

On the last weekend of summer, a few members ventured to Sydney where they joined the Yodellers on their annual harbour cruise. It was on a warm summer night with pleasant company, where we experienced from our moving vantage point, the city slowly turning into a sea of lights and reflections. The boat took us into many of the harbour's inlets before passing Darling harbour, then the harbour bridge and the majestic Opera House. It was an experience we will remember for a long time and is well

worth it for anyone to consider in the future. Thank you to the Sydney Yodellers for letting us join your event.

Canberra Events

29/4: Jass Tournament - Round I

02/5: Orienteering / BBQ

24/5: Bushwalk

12/6: Fondue Night

12/7: Wood Collection

25/7: Ten Pin Bowling

29/7: Jass Tournament - Round II

02/8: National Day

For more details on events or confirmation of outstanding dates, please refer to the newsletter, visit the web site or simply get in touch with one of the committee members.

The Jass evenings (not shown here) are held every second Wednesday. Please check the newsletter or web site for dates.

If you are a non-member and would like to join the activities, please write to us or give us a call. We are always pleased to see new faces and welcome anybody who would like to participate.

Canberra Ethnic Radio FM91.1

broadcasts a Swiss program every Monday night from 5-7pm. Gaby and Werner present an informative and entertaining program with local content and news from Switzerland. So tune in your radios on Monday nights.

Heinz Büttikofer

Swiss Australian Cultural Association Inc. (SACA)

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Opera in the Domain was enjoyed by SACA members and friends as part of the festival of Sydney. A BYO everything event, on a balmy evening in the heart of the city! Wonderful!

An informative talk will be given on 24 March 2009 by committee member Dr. Bettina Boss on the subject of Swiss Settlers in NSW during 1898-1925. titled

"Invisible Immigrants". Drawing on research for a book to be published by the Swiss Historical Society, Bettina will throw some light on the lives of our former compatriots.

The SACA Annual General Meeting will be held on 18 June 2009. Mr. Nicholas Perren, architect, amateur pilot and photographer will give a presentation which will explore his creative side - photography. This will be a great opportunity for would be photographers and photographic artists to glean expert knowledge.

Other cultural events are on the horizon, with dates not as yet confirmed. Notification will be sent out to the various Swiss organizations and we extend an open invitation to the Swiss community to join SACA members on these occasions..

Bronwen Kretz

Swiss Entrepreneurs

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The Swiss Club meets every first Monday of the month for an evening of socialising and meeting fellow Swiss - we would be very pleased if members and friends of the Swiss Club would come and join us for a drink, meal or just a chat.

The Jassers get together at the Eiger Restaurant in Petersham every Monday night.

Every second Friday of the month the Swiss meet in Frenchs Forest at the Austrian Club for a drink, meal, chat or a Jass.

If you feel like a bit of friendly Swiss company, a nice glass of wine or beer and some delicious food, come and join us for an evening of fun and socialising either on the first Monday of the month or at the get together in Frenchs Forest.

Please note that there will be some changes to the way the Swiss Club looks and feels. We will have a new venue as of our May meeting. We will be at the Swissotel in Sydney.

We are also looking at revamping the Swiss community news and are on the

New South Wales

NSW Events

April 2009

Thu 02 Soirée pub, BelÉpoque (Cercle R.)

Mon 06 Club Meeting (Aust. Schnitzelhaus)

Fri 10 Get-together, Austrian Club,
Frenchs Forest

Sat 18 Film Night (new&improved venue)

May 2009

Mon 04 Socialising in the City, Swissotel

Thu 07 Soirée pub, The Ranch (Cercle R.)

Fri 08 Get - together, Austrian Club

Sun 17 Raclette (Cercle Romand)

Sat 23 Combined Function (all clubs)

June 2009

Mon 01 Socialising in the City, Swissotel
(new members evening)

Thu 04 Soirée pub, Clovelly Hotel (Cerc.R.)

Fri 12 Get-together, Austrian Club

Thu 18 AGM (SACA)

Sat 20 Bowling Comp (SC / Cercle Rom.)

Mon 29 Fondue Evening

July 2009

Mon 06 Socialising in the City, Swissotel

Fri 10 Get-together, Austrian Club

Mon 13 AGM (Swiss Club)

Sat 25 Seniors Luncheon(Swiss Seniors)

August 2009

Sat 01 National Day (SC / Consulate)

Sun 02 Picnic at Plumpton (SC / Yodellers)

Mon 03 Socialising in the City, Swissotel

Thu 06 Soiree Pub(Cercle Romand)

Fri 14 Get-together, Austrian Club

Sun 23 AGM/ Fondue Vigneronne (Cercle R.)

(all events organized by the Swiss Club except where otherwise stated)

look out for a new logo / cover design for our Swiss Community News publication. We are holding a competition with a grand prize of \$150 for the person who designs the best logo / cover for us. For more details please see the Swiss community news/website.

On another note, we are currently looking for new committee members to join the board of the Swiss Club, if you are interested in joining the committee in the capacity of Secretary or Treasurer, we would love to hear from you.

We have lots of exciting things coming up between now and August. Some of the events include a New members evening, a night of dinner and dancing, our annual Fondue evening, our annual Bowling competition, a Movie night at a brand new location and many other things to come. Please see the Swiss Community News and our website for updated details of events and functions.

I look forward to welcoming you to many of our events and get-togethers between now and August, and am very much looking forward to welcoming you to our new venue - Swissotel Sydney. For more details of the changes to the club and upcoming events / competitions / and other bits and pieces - Please check our website or contact the club directly.

Noemi Guyer

Swiss Playgroup Sydney

Sandra Ursenbacher (02) 9975 6987
Isabelle Ferguson (02) 9904 8021

Every last Friday of the month from 10:15am-noon. Please call us to confirm the date before your first visit. See you there at Frenches Forest!

Isabelle & Sandra

Schwyzerdütsch For Kids

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Every first Sunday of the month. If you are interested in our diverse activities, please call or email Anna or Bea.

Swiss Yodelers and Alphorn Group of Sydney

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Recently, a wonderful evening was had on Sydney's magical harbour for the yodellers annual harbour cruise. It was the month of the cruise liner and we were fortunate enough to see two of them. The weather was perfect, decorations and ambience could not have been better. We welcomed the Consul General and Vice Consul, together with their families on board, the president of the Swiss Club in Canberra, "de Schwoergrlis", Chrigu and Urs who came from Melbourne to entertain us and Sigi who played his accordion on board for the last time. There were also over 100 other special people on board.

In May, we will be joining the Swiss Club and Dance Group Alpengruess for a dinner dance at the Austrian Club and we look forward to singing for the seniors at one of their lunches in the future.

A new look Swiss National Day Celebration for 2009 is in the planning stages, combining other Swiss groups and compatriots. The event will be held at the Capuchin Franziscan Seminary in Plumpton on Sunday, 2 August 2006. Make a note in your diaries now.

If you are interested in harmonising and singing and being a part of an active group, you are invited to join our practice evenings on Monday nights. For further information please contact Alois.

Alois Kretz

Cercle Romand Du N.S.W.

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Le cercle romand regroupe toute personne intéressée par la pratique et le maintien du français.

Le cercle est basé à Sydney; il a pour but de créer des contacts entre nos membres par le biais de sorties et réunions régulières.

Nos activités sont réparties tout au long de l'année: soirées pub le premier jeudi de chaque mois, tournoi de pétanque, bowling, beach volleyball, randonnée, week-end camping et les toujours très appréciées journées fondue et raclette.

Comme d'habitude, nos membres seront informés par courrier/email séparé. Pour tout les détails sur notre programme d'activités, veuillez consulter notre site internet ou par tél. 9874 9096 Anne Resplendino, Présidente.

Au plaisir de vous rencontrer,

Pour le comité, Christian Dubois, secrét.

SBS "Swiss Radio"

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The New Year has started well. An Opera House Concert/Harbour Cruise is planned for early June. Watch out for the invite or contact Ursula Mooser who is always willing to listen and who would like to hear from you also, if you become aware of compatriots that may require some assistance and/or simply want a friendly chat in Schwyzerdütsch. We shall be present at the Seniors Luncheon on May 23rd at The Eiger and July 2th at the Concordia Club.

Armin Roth

Swiss Seniors of Sydney Area

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Queensland

Queensland Events

April 2009

Sun 05 Easter Bunny, Coochimuddlo

Sun 19 Bushwalk

Sun 26 20th Jass Championship, Danish Cl.

May 2009

02-04 Camping Weekend, Lake Leslie

Sun 03 Sunday at the Beach, Hervey Bay

(Fraser Coast Group)

Sun 17 Bushwalk

Sat 23 Fondue, Danish Club

Sun 31 Buderim Lunch (SCCS & SSQ)

June 2009

Sun 14 Bushwalk

Sat 27 Raclette, Danish Club

July 2009

Sat 11 Metzgete (Gold Coast)

Sun 19 Bushwalk

25-26 Childers Multicultural Festival

(Fraser Coast Group)

August 2009

Sun 02 Swiss National Day, Petrie

01-02 National Day, Big Fig Trees (Fraser C.)

Sun 16 Bushwalk

(all events organized by the Swiss Club of Qld except where otherwise stated)

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Gruetz, bonjour, buongiorno, g'day to all Swiss in South East Queensland.

We had a great start into 2009 with our inaugural Fasnacht celebration / Maskenball at the Swiss Club. For a first-time event we had a great turn-up and everybody made the effort to be dressed up in a fancy costume and contributed to a real fun night. Surely this event will stay on our calendar and we are looking forward to a few more "Schnitzelbanks" next year.

We now also have a very active Swiss German Playgroup in Brisbane and we meet every 2 weeks at different playgrounds and in these hot summer months we usually meet where there is a swimming pool to cool down. We are also planning to start more formal German class for our littlies and if you are interested please get in touch with me.

Don't forget that Raclette and Fondue Nights are always big hits, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Jass, every second Thursday. Contact Hans Heer on 07 3844 6529

Tennis, every Wednesday night from 7:30 pm in Fairfield. Call Marc on 07 3899 8996.

Please check our website to find more information about our bushwalks or any other ad-hoc activities. As usual we invite anybody with a Swiss connection to come along to any of the events. There is always a real mix of nice people you can meet and mingle with.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the committee members.

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We would also love to hear from anybody who would like to join the Choir. We meet every second Thursday for practice with Mark, our music teacher, who guides us through new songs.

Jakob Berger

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Have you considered becoming a member and receive our Newsletter three times a year, giving you details about our functions and other information regarding the Society?

We have two yearly functions and organise visits when something is amiss or when we know a person would like a visit. Anyone interested, please give us a call. Kind regards.

Lorly Wihler

Fraser Coast Group

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We have very informal Get Togethers. Check the website or call for details...

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We kicked off our club year with a picnic under the shelters at Maroochy Bushland Gardens. It was great to catch up with everyone after the holidays despite the damp weather!

Join us and enjoy the company of your fellow Sunshine Coast Swiss families for our upcoming events: bushwalking in April, a fondue night when it gets cooler and a 1st August celebration in the country.

We now have our own website under www.swiss.org.au/scsc with contact details, reports of our past functions and an online joining form. Please ring our club president to discuss any questions you may have or contact us via email. We look forward to hearing from many more.