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### Upcoming Club Events

Date (2018)	Event
Sunday, April 29th	<b>Bushwalk</b>
Sunday, May 6th	<b>Family Picnic Day</b>
Thursday, May 17th	<b>Film Night</b>
Friday, June 22nd	<b>Fondue Night</b>
<b>Saturday, July 28th</b>	<b>National Day Celebrations</b>
Sunday, date tba, August	<b>Eisstock Fun Tournament</b>
Monday, date tba, September	<b>Go Karting</b>
Sunday, October 21st	<b>Jass Tournament</b>
Sunday, date tba, December	<b>Santa Picnic</b>

**Don't forget to renew your membership for 2018!**

If you have a red dot on your envelope or received an attached membership form this means we haven't received your renewal yet. Please renew asap to avoid missing out!

## Your Swiss Club Committee

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## Swiss Radio CMS FM 91.1



[www.cmsradio.org.au](http://www.cmsradio.org.au)

Do you want to keep up with news from Switzerland, hear a bit of Swiss German, or just groove along to some good music? Then tune in to Gaby, Mirjam and Werner on **Mondays 6pm-8pm on 91.1FM**.

Call in during the program on 6287 4347 if you have anything to add to the day's discussions or just to say hello. Gaby and Werner are always looking for people to interview or to talk about their life experiences, if you are interested please contact them at home on 6291 4160. Other german-speaking programs on CMS: *Treffpunkt Tuesdays 8pm-10pm*.

## President's Message

Dear members and friends

Traditionally for the long weekend, Club members and friends spent the weekend at the coast. North Durras is such a relaxing and beautiful place. I think this year we had a record with 32 people enjoying the coast and especially the Raclette under the stars.



As the leaves take on the most beautiful colours and give Canberra this warm autumn feeling, preparations have started for the Fondue night. But before this winter event happens, you can take part in several other events: the annual bush walk, a family picnic and another film night. Gaby Hoffmann has prepared an interesting, pleasant walk for 29<sup>th</sup> April. As we now have many members with young children, Mirjam Herzog has organised a family picnic. Adults and children will have a chance to meet and socialise in a relaxed atmosphere. On the 17<sup>th</sup> May, friends of music will have the pleasure to indulge in music from Paganini. In the movie "Der Teufelsgeiger" (The devil's violinist) Peter Garret plays Paganini. A very special thank you to Evelyn Meier from the QUT (Queensland University of Technology) for allowing the Club the use of the QUT venue, Deakin!

Gloria and Peter Wiget have sold their Restaurant "The Ridge". For many years Club members indulged in Peter's delicious food and Gloria's welcoming manner throughout the year and at the AGM. Their hospitality and fantastic food will stay in our memories. We wish Peter and Gloria a happy and well deserved retirement up north!

For information about future events why not visit our Swiss Club website at [www.swiss.org.au/home.php?ID=4](http://www.swiss.org.au/home.php?ID=4). Thanks to Heinz Büttikofer, your regular updates are always appreciated!

After many years in Canberra and being Swiss Club members, Maria and Mark Reed with their daughters Clarissa and Isabelle are moving to Sydney. Maria wrote:

"We would like to thank the members of the Canberra Swiss Club for the warm welcome and support you have given us over the many years. We will miss Canberra and all the lovely people we had the fortune to meet and get to know".

Maria was in the committee for many years and the family was always happy to give a helping hand. We wish the Reed family all the best. Sydney is not that far, hopefully we will meet again soon.

Congratulations to Paul Gamp who has been a member of the Swiss Club for a number of years. In March 2018 he received the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. Paul and his wife Gertrud have worked tirelessly for the German speaking community. Their dedication has been recognised with Paul receiving this special Order. Thank you to both and congratulations!

A problem for many Swiss citizen abroad arose when banks closed their accounts or imposed very high fees. The Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) has been fighting for many years to find a solution. The issue is coming a bit closer to a result. On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 the motion from Philippo Lombardi (CVP) to guarantee banking access to Swiss citizens living abroad was rejected. However, the Parliament's refusal to guarantee banking access to Swiss expatriates has now placed the onus on banks to solve the longstanding problem. There is also another motion outstanding regarding credit cards and accounts for Swiss citizen abroad. With Postfinance. OSA is working tirelessly on behalf of the Swiss citizens abroad and much has been achieved.

Enjoy the upcoming events - your president

Gaby Hasler

## Family Picnic

**Where:** Kambah Adventure Playground (Kambah District Park)

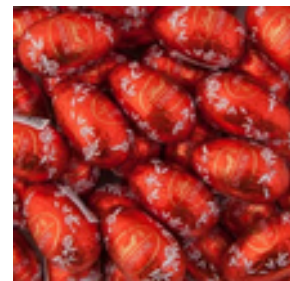
**When:** Sunday 6th May 11am - 2pm (or as long as the chocolate high lasts :-)

**Cost:** FREE!!

Join us for a BYO picnic lunch, socialising, games AND a Lindor Chocolate Hunt around 1pm.

Access from Springbett St; there is a good amount of parking. We hope to secure the covered table, but in any case will put up the Swiss Flag, so you will find us. There are bbqs, but this is a very popular park, so expect to share.

RSVP by Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May to [secretary.canbswissclub@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.canbswissclub@gmail.com) so we get the right amount of chocolate. Looking forward to seeing you then!



## Fondue Night 22nd June



**RSVP:** via our new link <https://goo.gl/forms/0sSvhOje7N4ZKI8H3>  
physical booking forms will only be provided on request.

**When:** Friday 22nd June, 7 - 11pm (**rsvp no later than 13<sup>th</sup> June**)

**Where:** Majura Hall, Northside Community Centre Head Office,  
2 Rosevear Place, Dickson

**Cost:** \$30.00 for members \$40.00 for non-members, Children under 12 years old are free, as long as at least one parent/guardian is a member

**Please bring:** your caquelon, burner and any spares you might have, forks, wine glasses and drinks. Donations of prizes for our tombola are greatly appreciated. Proceeds go towards the club so that we can continue to offer great events for our members and their guests at reasonable prices, so please participate. Please label your caquelon and burners with your full name to ensure it is returned to you at the end of the night.

Note that members and all guests must be listed with their full names and all payments need to be made in advance and received no later than Wednesday 13th June. No payments will be accepted on the night. Bookings are only accepted from current financial members. If you have received a membership form link or a red spot on your physical newsletter envelope you are not a current financial member, so please pay your membership to get the membership discount for fondue!

## Bushwalk at Orroral Valley

**Date:** Sunday 29th April

**Meeting time:** 9:30 am for 10:00 departure

**Meeting point:** Namadgi Visitor Centre

**What to bring:** Solid walking shoes, protective clothing, sunscreen, water, a light snack for the walk and sandwiches for lunch.

From the visitor centre, we drive together to the parking lot of the former Orroral tracking station. The walk is 7km return up the hill to the former geodetic tracking station and massive granite boulders. On the way home, Lanyon homestead is an interesting stop for coffee for those who need a coffee and cake as a treat.

For further information or if you need a lift, call Gaby Hoffmann on 6257 3885.

## Canberra Swiss Choir

<http://www.swiss.org.au/page.php?ID=686>

If you like to sing, why not join the Canberra Swiss Club's "Crèmeschnitte-Chörli". The choir mostly sings Swiss songs and currently has between



15 and 20 active singers. There are no auditions and we'll make you feel very welcome. We always have fun, and usually we have a drink or a bite to eat after our rehearsals.

We are guided by our enthusiastic conductor Geoff Roberts and accompanied by our pianist Sarah Selvaratnam and guitarist David Hall. Several times a year we perform at functions.

**When:** SECOND and LAST Tuesday of every month, 6pm-7.30pm

**Where:** Hall of the HARMONIE GERMAN CLUB, Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah

**Cost:** \$5 a session

**Contact:** Regula at [r.neilson@netspeed.com.au](mailto:r.neilson@netspeed.com.au) or ph. 6161 4740; or just come to a rehearsal and check us out!

## Member News

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### Thank you

Gloria and Peter Wiget have now sold their restaurant “The Ridge” and decided to retire. For many years the Swiss Club held the Annual General Meeting at their place. Peter and Gloria were always wonderful hosts and the food was extraordinary delicious. The Swiss Club would like to thank you for all your contributions and your friendship and wishes you a well deserved, relaxing and fulfilling retirement.

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### Goodbye

The Reed family is moving to Sydney. For many years Maria was a member of the committee and Clarissa helped serve at a number of the fondue nights. The whole family have always lent a helping hand.



The Swiss Club would like to thank Maria, Mark, Clarissa & Isabel and wish them a good start in Sydney.

### Congratulations

In march Paul Gamp received the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for his contributions and efforts in relation to the German language. Paul and his wife Gertrud have volunteered for many years and worked tirelessly for the good cause. Recently both have retired from “Das Zentrum”. A big thank you to both and congratulations for the well deserved recognition!



# Message from the Swiss Yodlers of Sydney:

Dear friends and compatriots of Switzerland

50 years ago a few "Heiweh Schweizer" were sitting together in Sydney and debated, at the Stammtisch at the the "Swiss Tavern" in York Street to formalise the already singing friends to the Swiss Yodlers of Sydney. So our Birthday is the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1968! The foundation was laid by Saemi Reusser, Edwin Furrer, Uli Gubler and Urban Gmuer. And Saemi Reusser was also the first President. Since then a lot of water flew down the Parramatta River. Singing, Cammeradery, and Fun have been the strong pillars of the Swiss Yodlers in Sydney. Legendary trips within OZ and Overseas to the Eidg. Jodlerfest in Switzerland with an active participation and sometimes outstanding rankings have a long tradition. But also our annual picnic or the Swiss National Day Celebration with today over 1,000 attendees makes the Swiss Yodlers one of the most important Social Swiss Clubs in NSW and OZ.

Please reserve the date, we will have a great venue, the Saint Ignatius College, Riverview, Tambourine Bay Road, Lane Cove, 2066, NSW will be an excellent venue for our 50 Years Celebration. Many Local Australian Swiss Yodler Clubs have already confirmed their attendance.

Limited affordable accommodation is available.

Be part of it and it will be fun.

At the same time and location there will be the Oceania Presidenten conference of all Swiss Clubs. Please see a separate notice in this edition of the Swiss Review.

For inquires or more information please visit our website <http://swissyodlersofsydney.org> or contact us via email on [swissyodlerssydney@gmail.com](mailto:swissyodlerssydney@gmail.com)

Martin Scarpino, Organisation Committee

**28/29/30 September 2018**



**50 Years Swiss Yodlers**

**1968 to 2018**