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Upcoming Club Events

Date (2019)	Event
Friday, June 28th	Fondue Night
Saturday, August 3rd	National Day Celebration
Sunday, August 11th	Eisstock Fun Tournament
Thursday, September 26th	Go Karting
Sunday, October 20th	Jass Tournament
Friday, November 22nd	AGM
Sunday, December 8th	Samichlaus Picnic

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2019

at <https://goo.gl/forms/kZGMLmFM4oavYZI52>

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New Website and Facebook

Please note that Heinz Büttikofer has designed a new website for the Swiss Club, you can check it out under the following link: <http://swissclubact.com/>



We would also like to congratulate Mr Vijay Koul, the winner who was drawn at the wine bottling event. Among others he guessed the place of the photo on the website correctly. The photo shows “Schwarzsee” in canton Fribourg. The \$50.00 prize will be handed to him in due course.

Find us on Facebook. Yes, the Canberra Swiss Club Facebook page is live.

<https://www.facebook.com/Canberra-Swiss-Club-395218967724172>

In just a month we have had over 100 visitors to some of our event posts, 22 page likes and 15 club members join our members only group.

So Facebook users please jump on the web, like the page and request to join the closed group. This is an easy way to keep in touch and share related stories, events and photos with our fellow Swiss club members.

Some of our Facebook page features include:

- Information and reminders on upcoming events.
- Access to join a closed group for club members only. This provides club members an easy way to reach out and communicate with each other away from the public eye. The closed group also contains information that is not on the public page, things like event booking form links and shared photos from members attending recent events.
- A signup link through to the amazing new webpage that Heinz Büttikofer has recently launched. This quick link to the webpage will help new, lapsed or potential members find information on membership and everything you need to know about the club.

Participating in new endeavours or events is an invaluable support to the committee. So a big thank you to those that have already liked, visited the page or joined the group. This shows us that all of the hard work our committee and its many volunteers put in each year is appreciated.

President's Message

Dear members and friends

How much did we laugh and giggle during the first film this year? It was certainly a lot of fun. And so was the coast weekend. Again we had a big group of raclette and easy life lovers. It becomes more and more popular. Peter Zimmermann reintroduced wine bottling in April. In a lush setting on his farm wine and "Äplermagrone" amongst friends was a perfect autumn experience. Heiniger Joinery generously donated and Chris cooked the Swiss dish "Äplermagrone". Gaby Hoffmann organized a very interesting walk on Glenburn Heritage Trail for those who like walking. Old homesteads, shearing sheds and some of the oldest gravestones reminded of the early settlers. Thank you to all organizing and helping!

The Swiss choir was very active during the first months of the year with a concert on 24th February at the Southern Cross Ozanami retirement village and another concert on the 5th of May at Mirinjani retirement village. The concerts are highlights not only for the retirees but as much for the singers. The choir brings so much joy to the elderly reflected by the glow in their eyes.

It is now easy to follow the activities of the Canberra Swiss Club. Just go to swissclubact.com Heinz Büttikofer has created an easy to follow informative website. Thank you! We can also announce the winner of the photo competition: congratulations to Vijai Koul. The Club is keeping up with social media. Sam Sainsbury-Käser has added the Canberra Swiss Club to facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Canberra-Swiss-Club-395218967724172>

You already find information about our upcoming events. The next one is the popular Fondue night, Friday 28th of June.

If you have any ideas or suggestions you are welcome to share them. You are also welcome to contribute to the newsletter. But most of all we look forward to see you at our events!

Your president

Gaby Hasler

Swiss Radio CMS FM 91.1



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, Mirjam and Werner are always looking for people to interview or to talk about their life experiences. If you are interested or if you can provide a contribution, please contact Gaby on 0451 840 440. The radio team is also looking for people who are prepared to present at the Swiss Program. It could be a short one off presentation, regular short or long presentations or a permanent presenter. You are welcome to sit in and have a look during a program.

Coast Weekend Durras North

We had a great weekend down the coast with beautiful weather, family and great friends. Plenty of Swiss club member and their friends turned up for the annually Raclette evening on Saturday night. There was plenty of food and drinks to chose from. After the lovely dinner, dessert was served with numerous cakes, biscuits and the occasional "Kaffee Schnapps". Singing was a must. There were a lot of the "Cremeschnitte Choerli" members singing their lungs out accompanied by two acoustic guitars. Maybe the Schnapps helped too.

Swimming was a bit of an issue this year as the river inlet was blocked by the sand bank from the beach. Because of that, there was no river running backwards and forwards with the tight. This means, there were a lot of jelly fish in the river inlet and blue bottles jelly fish out in the ocean. So we had to spend the time with playing cards, hit a golf ball around the country club, go bushwalking or just stay at the cabin and have a chat and a drink with your neighbours.

The coast weekend is always a great event in the calendar, and I can't wait until next year.

Make sure you book your cabin for next year early as they get busy over the Canberra long weekend (<https://www.joalah.com.au/>).



Wine bottling - Family Picnic

A big thank you to Marcel Jud for donating the grapes to make Suser and helping with the Chalet, Chris Heiniger for the physical effort in the reconstruction of the Chalet and most of the cooking of the Alpemacaroni and of course Ellie and Peter for all the bits and pieces and the use of their farm.



Glenburn Heritage Trail



12 intrepid bushwalkers met on Sunday 14. April in the Spotlight carpark in Queanbeyan for the annual swiss club bushwalk. We carpoled from there towards Bungendore. The Glenburn heritage walk starts shortly after Burbong bridge. It is a 10km track on good dirt roads past farmhouses from the 19th century, with lots of explanatory signs. After 5km the choice was to either return the same way or take a longer track to walk a loop. Everybody was happy to continue on the longer track. We made it back to Queanbeyan in time for

a well deserved coffee.



Swiss team table at EU Trivia night

Super fundraising for Pegasus Riding for Disabled event with EU in Australia Trivia Night at Croatia Deakin Soccer Club.





The glasses are empty, the food is gone and the questions answered, team 'William Tell' at the recent EU Trivia night with their winnings, ...the wooden spoon.

Fondue Night Friday, 28 June



RSVP: via our new link <https://goo.gl/forms/y5eWtBP8vWiTGSsN2>

physical booking forms will only be provided on request.

When: Friday, 28 June, 6.30pm for 7pm - 10pm

(rsvp no later than 19th 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.

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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 Thursday, 13 June. No payments will be accepted on the night. Bookings are only accepted from current financial members. Please pay your membership to get the membership discount for fondue!

If you have received a membership form link or a red spot on your physical newsletter envelope please double check if you are a current financial member.

National Day Celebration

When: Saturday, 3 August, gates are open 4-5pm (please don't arrive late as we will close the gates)

Where: Murrumbateman, follow the little Swiss flags to Margot Lustenberger's farm.

What to bring: Your favourite dessert for the dessert table, warm clothes including a coat, shoes you don't mind getting a bit muddy, a beanie and gloves (it gets very cold, so rug up!), mugs/cups.

Cost: Free for all Swiss club members.

Please remember to take care of your own safety and the safety of others. There will be open fires and hot food and no one wants to see anyone get hurt. But please be aware that the club does not accept any responsibility for any damage, injury, or loss sustained in relation to this event. So it doesn't come to that please take care of yourselves and supervise your children at all times as they are fully your responsibility.



A call for helpers

The Swiss Club is seeking helpers for the Fondue night and the National Day Celebration. If you have time to help on one of these events please contact the secretary per email or call her.

Furthermore, if you have a van, truck or trailer available on the Fondue night or/and the National Day Celebration, we are keen to hear from you as we need someone who can pick up the material and drop it off again.

Canberra Swiss Choir



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 Dave Hall. Several times a year we perform at functions and in aged care homes (most recently on Sunday 5 May 2019 at Mirinjani Nursing Home, where our concert was extremely well received).

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

Where: Keller of the HARMONIE GERMAN CLUB, Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah

Cost: \$5 per rehearsal

Info: www.swissclubact.com - Choir News

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

Photos coast weekend



Members corner

Thank you René for the photo with the best wishes for the Canberra Swiss Club members! René was president of the Canberra Swiss Club from 1985 - 1988. He lives now in Tasmania. All the best to you René from Canberra!



“The annual Swiss Business Award Celebration”

