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Senior Citizens Lunch

Sunday May 22, 2022

Headland Golf Course, Golf Links Road, BUDERIM

- 10:30 Doors open
- 11:30 Yodel Choir Entertainment
- 12:30 Hot Lunch Buffet, Dessert & Coffee

QLD government Covid restrictions apply - by then they should all be scrapped - but please check. The lunch is free for all financial members over 65 years, \$ 30 for all other adults, children are \$ 15.

Guests are very welcome

Drinks are available from the bar – strictly no BYO (including raffle prices).

As always there will be a Tombola.

Bookings are essential – RSVP by May 12, 2022

To Rita von Rotz: 0431 707 144 or Anita Bickel: 0457 457 211

or email: care@swissclubqld.org.au



If anyone would like a lift, please contact one of our committee members; we will try to arrange carpooling.

From the presidents desk

Dear Members / Supporters / Compatriots and Golden Oldies of the Swiss Community Care Society Queensland.

Who would have thought that after Covid we would be confronted by a Flood and War in Ukraine?

Whilst the generations above us have seen war / hardship, we are the lucky generation having had years and years of relative calm, could always get a job, and had the freedom to travel, and to do what we wanted. Future generations might not be so lucky.

The Swiss community and the various Swiss groups here in Queensland (Swiss Club, Swiss Community Care Society, Swiss Yodel, Swiss Jass,,and CSA Oceania all worked together in the crisis and it's just wonderful to be part of such a great / giving group of people / community.

Covid

Our first response was to assist visitors back to Switzerland but was quickly followed by the needs of our own community as isolation & lockdowns became a reality and also helping bring back our compatriots who were stranded overseas.

Some of our compatriots and their families did get Covid, luckily all of them recovered well.

The Covid Crisis is not over yet but at least we are all well informed what precautions we need to take and how to handle the ever-changing circumstances we are in.

Flood

Life has always some challenges for all of us and like in 2011 many got surprised by the speed it devastated even areas never flooded before.

An action group of the various Swiss Groups in Queensland immediately sprang into action, and we have been able to help not only our compatriots but many others in need.

There was enormous help from the Swiss Community (help in clean ups / donations in kind / housing people who lost their homes / donated furniture / donated money / counselling / visits etc, we are all humbled by the generosity you have all showed.

Most of the clean up has been done, the rebuilding will take month or even years, keep in mind not only did people lose their home but many also lost their business / income and future.

The war in Ukraine has taken over the News and Covid / Flood has taken a back seat, remember there are many still needing help and assistance and also don't forget to support small businesses as they have been hit hard, and the recovery is a long road ahead.

Whilst we would have liked to have given out more financial assistance to many affected by the flood, we have limited resources and have strict guidelines we need to follow (as below)

"The Swiss Community Care Society Queensland (SCCSQ) is a registered Charity that operates under the umbrella of the Swiss Community Care Society Sydney.

At times the SCCSQ offers financial assistance for genuine emergencies or natural disasters.

However, because the SCCSQ only has limited funds and does not receive any government assistance neither from Switzerland nor Australia. SCCSQ relies on membership fees, fund raising and donations for its funding.

The receiver of any financial assistance given for emergencies must deem them to be an interest free loan. Therefore, the receiver of such emergency assistance should endeavour to repay the SCCSQ if, and as soon as possible, in any case following the receipt of other funds such as government assistance, insurance payout, or financial windfalls, etc. Using a loan scheme is the only possible way the SCCSQ can continue to offer emergency funds when required in the future.

Financial assistance is offered for events such as urgent medical procedures, funerals, urgent food supplies, unexpected disasters etc. only to individuals (no businesses, investments or other entities) that would genuinely be greatly affected by the event and would otherwise find it hard to cope.

In extreme circumstances the SCCSQ may be able to waive the repayment of such loans."

I am looking forward seeing you all at our Buderim Lunch (Covid willing), thank you all and the wonderful Committee for all your dedication helping others in need

Keep safe and do not forget how lucky we are here in Australia compared with most other parts of the world.

Franz and Your Swiss Community Care Team

List of upcoming Swiss Functions:

- April 24 QLD Jass Meisterschaft in Brisbane
May 7 Fondue Evening at the South Brisbane Sailing Club
June 12 11th Australian National Jass Tournament – Canberra
June 18 Raclette Evening at the South Brisbane Sailing Club
July 30 National Day Celebrations, Samford Show Grounds
Jul 31 National Day Celebrations, Gold Coast
National Day Celebrations, Fraser Coast
Sep 14 Movie Night
Oct 1,2,3 Camping weekend
Nov 13 Swiss Club Brunch location to be advised
Nov 26 Swiss Community Care Society – AGM and Christmas lunch

Bi-weekly Jass at Gallopers Club, Ascot

contact Rita von Rotz 0431 707 144 or Ruth Milwright 0414 705 255

For complete information and registration details, check the Swiss Club website

<https://www.swissclubqld.org.au/events/>

If you would like a lift to one of the functions please contact one of our committee members, and we will try to find a match.

Automated Data exchange replaces submission of Life Certificate for Old Age Pension

As of 2022, a new life verification process will come into effect thanks to the implementation of automated exchanges with various partner administrations of the Central Compensation Office. The insured persons concerned by these exchanges will no longer receive the « Life status » form to be certified.

The change will be staggered throughout 2022 and each beneficiary will be informed when they no longer need to submit the certificate life certificate.

Please make sure your registration with the Swiss consulate is up to date. The information will then be transmitted directly from the Register of the Swiss Abroad to the Central Compensation office.



Memberships are due 1 July 2022

It is once again time to renew your membership. Fees are still the same as last year.

The membership and payment details are on the enclosed form.

You have the possibility to pay cash at Buderim or direct debit into our bank account.

Donations over \$ 5 are tax deductible.

We are glad to have such a generous member-base. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Member summary

Life	46
Single	28
Family	27
Total-Membership	101

The Committee

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Have you given a thought to joining our committee?

Thank you Gabriel to provide all the amazing photos.

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“What’s the best thing about living in Switzerland?”

“Well, the flag is a big plus”

An English boy, a French girl and a Swiss girl were discussing where babies come from:

“It’s the stork”, said the English boy, “he brings them in a sling”.

“Babies in France are found among the cabbages”, said the French girl. “How is it in Switzerland?”

“It depends on the canton”, the Swiss girl replied.