



SCNSW Committee 2026

## 100 YEARS SWISS CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES 1926 - 2026



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# 2026 Calendar

Email us your calendar entries to [swisscommunitynews@gmail.com](mailto:swisscommunitynews@gmail.com) if you'd like to be included in the next edition.

<b>March</b>	Thursday 20	SCCS Combined AGM and Volunteer Night in Gladesville
	Sunday 22	SCNSW Target shooting at Manly Vale, time tbc in the Newsflash
	Sunday 29	SCNSW Mushroom foraging Hampton State Forest; meet at 9.45 am at the Million Acre Reserve
	Sunday 29	Cercle Romand Cinema Pasta Pizza, Palace Cinema Norton Street, details tba
<b>May</b>	Sunday 3	SCNSW Buure Zmorge at the Art Gallery in Mosman, 9.15 am
	Sunday 17	Cercle Romand Raclette at the Park, Fagan Park Galson, from midday, details tba
	Sunday 31	SCNSW AGM, Concordia Club 10 am for a 10.30 start
<b>June</b>	Sunday 28	Cercle Romand, Promenade & Pub, details tba

Dates correct at time of printing. Please check with your club for any updates.

**The Swiss Club Committee meetings are now held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Royal Hotel Leichhardt at 6.15 pm.**



## Meet up at Frenchs Forest

with Swiss from the Northern Beaches & surrounding suburbs

We meet every second Saturday of each month at The Austrian Club, 20 Grattan Crescent Frenchs Forest, from 12.30 pm for a meal, a drink, a chat or a Jass – come along. Contact Ruth Achermann on 9451 6018

The Jassers meet every Monday night at The Pymble Hotel, 1134 Pacific Highway, Pymble 2073 from 6.30 pm

The Swiss Club of NSW is an active and supportive club and we offer our members access to information regarding all Swiss interest groups in NSW. It is important to maintain ties with other Swiss groups in order to provide an interesting and enriched cultural experience for our members and wider Swiss community.

**Next deadline for issue #258 is 3rd June 2026 for the July 2026 issue.**

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# President's Message

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Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you all enjoyed a pleasant festive season. As we begin a new year, I look forward with optimism to another successful and engaging period for the Swiss Club of NSW.

The year commenced with a truly memorable milestone—our 100-Year Anniversary celebration, held on Thursday, 5 February at NSW Parliament House. Approximately 150 enthusiastic guests attended this historic event, welcomed by the magnificent sound of alphorns upon arrival and later entertained by Philippe Wittwer with his accordion performance, both of which added a distinctly Swiss atmosphere to the occasion.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Heinz Erni and his daughter Nicole for their exceptional graphic design and decorative styling, which ensured the venue looked superb. Swiss balloons, handmade tablecloths, historical posters, and archival displays created a nostalgic and celebratory atmosphere, allowing long-standing members to reflect on shared memories and reconnect.

Special thanks also go to Elisabeth Roth for generously providing historical photographs displayed on easels throughout the venue, and to Martin and Maria Frutiger for producing a PowerPoint presentation featuring over 500 photographs showcasing many years of Club activities. Martin also designed our commemorative centenary T-shirts, expertly coordinated for production by Membership Secretary Nicola Enz-Quealy.

While the specially commissioned Caran d'Ache centenary pens were unfortunately delayed, we will ensure all pre-orders are fulfilled as soon as they arrive. If you missed out on purchasing a commemorative T-shirt or centenary pen, you can order them through one of our Committee Members—please reach out!

We were honoured to welcome distinguished guests, including Her Excellency Elisabeth Boesch-Malinen, Swiss Consul-General; Mr Mark Hodges MP; and The Honourable Greg Piper, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly. Their presence and speeches added significance to this historic occasion. Mrs Boesch-Malinen's speech was both heartfelt and patriotic, and Mr Piper followed with a candid speech outlining the strong bilateral relationship between Switzerland and Australia.

My gratitude also extends to Andre Braun for his professional photography and videography, and to Alois Kretz for transporting the historic silk Helvetia flag from the Swiss Consulate in Sydney.

Finally, thank you to all members, volunteers, and friends who contributed their time and support.

Your loyalty sustains the Club's mission of preserving Swiss culture and community in NSW.

Your President,

Daniel Frutiger



# Past Swiss Club Events

## Children's Samichlaus at Robson Park

On Sunday, 7 December 2025, Samichlaus and Schmutzli made a cheerful visit to 20 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. The children had the whole playground to themselves while their parents set up a picnic and mingled.

Samichlaus and Schmutzli made a cheerful entrance on their motorbike, ringing Christmas bells. Schmutzli was carrying his broom, made of creepy branches, and a large sack filled with bells and presents. Samichlaus read messages from his Golden-Buch to the children, and with the help of Schmutzli, presented each child with a *Chlaussäckli*. Inside the *Säckli* were lots of Swiss Christmas goodies.



We would like to especially thank Ruth Will, who again expertly handcrafted all the *Chlaussäckli* for every child to take home. Lastly, we wish to thank Pierre Pesenti again for volunteering to be a joyful Samichlaus on the day.

Thank you to everyone who attended and for supporting your Swiss community. We hope you had a wonderful day, and all the children enjoyed their gifts.



# Past Swiss Club Events

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## Members Usplampete at The Royal Leichhardt



On Monday, 15 December 2025, approximately 35 members of the Swiss Club of NSW gathered at The Royal Leichhardt for an Usplampete, a final get-together to celebrate the end of the year.

The Swiss Club gifted all attendees a Christmas *säckli* filled with Christmas biscuits and chocolates. This gift to our members was a token of appreciation for their continued support of the Club and the Swiss community over the past year.

After a few welcome drinks, we all sat together for dinner and enjoyed good conversations. Many of the attendees stayed on after dinner to play a few games of Jass, closing the night.



# From the Desk of Anne Held

## LONG LIVE THE SWISS CLUB OF NSW!

In 1926, George V was King of the United Kingdom, and Stanley Bruce Prime Minister of Australia. Puccini's 'Turandot' celebrated its première, and the Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova toured Australia for the first time. London saw the first public demonstration of television. In Switzerland, the Swiss telephone network was automated, one of the first in the world without operators. Furka-Oberalp Railway connecting the cantons of the Grisons, Uri and Valais via the Furka Pass and the Oberalp Pass opened. Lufthansa airline was founded in Germany.

.... and what had existed as a benevolent society started by a few Swiss migrants in Sydney in 1898 to assist other newly arrived compatriots became the Swiss Club of New South Wales, with still the same objectives of support, but from then on also offering more social activities and keeping Helvetic culture alive. Exactly to the day, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 100 years later, around 150 Club members, life members, honorary members, new members and non-members gathered at the historic Parliament House of NSW in Macquarie Street, Sydney.

What a celebration! Parliament House had not seen so many Swiss flags and balloons in their Strangers' Function Rooms since September 2000, when the official reception for the highly successful Swiss teams (in Sydney for the 2000 Olympic/Paralympic Games) was held in those same premises with the gorgeous view towards the Domain.

Let's have a look: That a professional had been at work with the decorations and displays was obvious. Thank you, Heinz Erni and daughter Nicole! At the entrance, after passing through security, and a Swiss Army knife having to be deposited there (Note: No no, it was not Yours Truly!), beautiful red/white flower arrangements, name badges and Swiss Community News copies lined up perfectly greeted the guests.

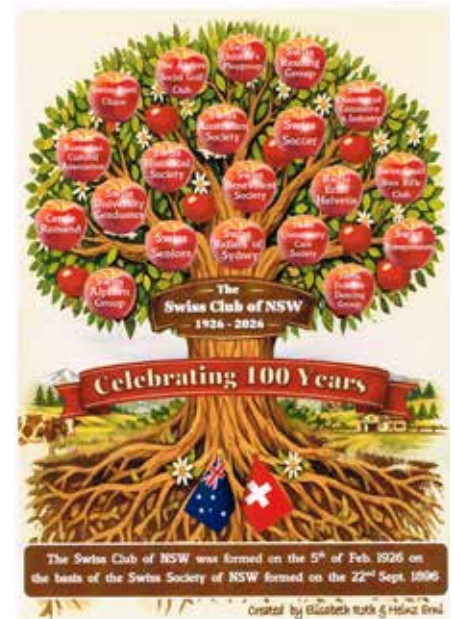


In the main room, free-standing round tables covered in vibrant red over white, shiny balloon bouquets, impeccably folded napkins, bowls filled with Lindor double chocolate balls, along the walls displays of black and white historic photos and in the back, a table with valuable original

archive documents like Rules and Regulations from 1952, Annual Reports, invitations to Swiss National Day Gala Balls, Minutes of Committee meetings, Members Registers weighing about 2kg, just to name a few. Of special interest were the posters of a huge tree growing from underground roots decorated with the Swiss and the Australian flags, blossoming into a wide canopy covered with red apples, each one showing the name of the various local Swiss community groups. William Tell would have been very proud.

The inspiration of this tree, symbolising the growth and collaboration of the original now-defunct Swiss Society into the current vibrant Swiss Club and all the other local Swiss special interest groups had come to Elisabeth

Roth, wife of the late Armin Roth (doyen of the Swiss community, Club President from 1977 to 1985 and again from 1987 to 1993), when she found some of his notes and reflections. Heinz Erni then created the unique poster, which will look terrific in the Club's future archives.



The Hon. Greg Piper MP, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, and Mark Hodges MP, Member for Castle Hill, representing an official State presence, joined and addressed the gathering, warmly welcoming all visitors to the Parliament House, which still incorporates the façade of the original Rum Hospital built in 1816.



Mark Hodges MP, Member for Castle Hill, Consul General Elizabeth Boesch-Malinen, The Hon. Greg Piper MP, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, President SCNSW Daniel Frutiger

He was everywhere – Swiss Club President Daniel Frutiger, calm and fully in charge, coordinating speakers and caterers, making sure everything went smoothly, a friendly word or smile for everybody, and always assisted by his lovely wife Maria. After having joined the Club as a member, he became part of the committee in 2004 and was elected President in 2010.



President SCNSW Daniel Frutiger

Daniel and his dedicated team have been keeping the Club very much alive, fun and exciting, with quite a steady membership over all the years, and without forgetting many good old Swiss traditions, like legendary Farmer’s Breakfasts, going mushroom foraging, playing jass, cooking fondue or barley soup or risotto, and much more. During his speech, he made it clear that the Swiss Club was looking forward to sustaining Swiss culture and traditions for generations to come. This 100th birthday celebration of the Club’s rich history was certainly an absolute and well-deserved highlight for him during the 16 years of his presidency.

Dressed in a pale blue pant suit, and looking very happy indeed was the oldest Club member actually attending the celebration, Rosemary Lambert, 96 years young in June 2026. She was born in 1930 in Zurich and immigrated to Australia with her husband Paul from the canton of Fribourg in 1957. By the way, the late Paul Lambert was one of the founding members of the Cercle Romand. With a glass of red wine in hand and effortlessly switching from English to French and Swiss-German, and back, she proudly talked about her regular jass sessions every three weeks with three other girlfriends in the retirement village, about also having learnt to play mahjong, about her stamp collection and how she gets a pretty good AHV (Swiss pension) now, due to the current exchange rate. The second oldest Club member in attendance was Gloria Bradley, 92 years young, born in Basel and moved to Sydney in the 60s. With her language skills, she was a volunteer guide at Taronga Zoo for nearly 50 years and retired only in 2023.



Rosemary Lambert, oldest club member attending the anniversary with Anne Held

After all the meet and greet, handshakes, air and real kisses, the mingling and the hugs when finding old friends not seen for quite a few years, and having a welcome drink (or two), it was time for the speeches, all held from the lectern on the stage in front of a rather unusual group of four: King Charles III with Queen Camilla in official photos on the back wall, framing the NSW State Coat of Arms, and a proud Helvetia in the middle, appearing on the original flag of the Swiss Society of NSW.



Original Swiss Society flag

Consul General of Switzerland Elisabeth Boesch-Malinen had delayed her departure to Canberra for a meeting at the Embassy of Switzerland to congratulate the Swiss Club of NSW in the name of Switzerland on this memorable anniversary. Beat Knoblauch, one of the four Australian delegates to the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad, read out a message sent by Swissallianceaustralia SAA, the umbrella organisation of the various Swiss clubs, associations and community groups of any size in Australia or nations in Oceania.



Beat Knoblauch, SAA

The formal part of the celebrations over, it was past lunch time, and trays after trays of freshly prepared delicious finger food were passed continuously around the room. From start to finish of the festivities, Geneva-born photographer and architect André Braun, with at least two cameras hanging around his neck, sneaked tirelessly around, taking photos and videos of the happy crowd at this mile stone event. Of course, you had to have a souvenir of this historic occasion. Much in demand were the specially designed 100th Anniversary T-shirts in black, white or red, with a fetching motif of the Sydney Harbour Bridge reaching from the Opera House across the water to the Matterhorn, under the Australian and Swiss flags, plus an Edelweiss mountain flower and a cute little cow. Another collector's item offered for sale was an elegant ballpoint pen from the Swiss brand Caran d'Ache, only produced in a very limited edition.



Swiss Club webmaster, the dedicated Martin Frutiger with his wizard's digital skills, had compiled a huge selection of photos of activities, personalities and groups over the years, all showing non-stop on a huge screen and often causing shrieks of laughter, mock-shocked expressions on some faces or bringing back lovely memories of many unforgettable moments experienced with the Swiss Club over the years.

As closing time came closer, swinging from left to right and arm in arm with each other, a happy group spontaneously started singing some popular Swiss-German songs, swept along by Phillip Widmer in his blue Senne Chutteli. With his extensive repertoire of folk songs in the various Swiss languages, he had been entertaining members and guests not only at this particular event, but also at many other Club gatherings. Another greeting from the home country had been received at the beginning of the party - two alphorns played by Roland Walzer and Hans Moser, wearing their finest traditional outfits.



Roland Walzer and Hans Moser

By 16.12hrs, the red and white balloons had been collected and some could be seen floating down Macquarie Street, flags and displays were rolled up, organisers' bags packed and the last T-shirts and pens boxed. The Lindor chocolates had long ago disappeared. The Swiss Army knife was collected at Security on the way out.

Did you know? Thanks to the in-depth research by Dr Bettina Boss (see *The Swiss in New South Wales - A History*, published in 2012), we found out that after two unsuccessful attempts to accept ladies as members, women were only allowed to join as Club members in 1921, at full equal fee as the men. Maybe at some future anniversary, we will see a Madam President on the lectern, instead of a Mister President ...if not mistaken, the Swiss Club of NSW has had only one female president so far (Noemi Guyer 2008 to 2010).

While having observed the mixed crowd during the afternoon, the colourful summer dresses, the elegant suits, the ties with Aboriginal design, the must-have white sneakers, the ladies in sexy red, a retired proud Swiss Army officer in his antique Swiss military uniform with the gold embroideries, the Swiss-Australian pins, the red, black, blue *Sennechutteli*, the *Mütze*, the striped shirts, the kids in T-shirts printed with cows, the former volunteer Club presidents and Committee members, and members of other community organisations shown as apples on the tree, as well as other interested guests, it became quite overwhelming to imagine the details and background of all those individual stories and destinies.

Everybody united on this 5th February 2026 was here to celebrate our connection with our adopted home country of Australia and to wish OUR Swiss Club of NSW a very happy 100th birthday – Long Live the Swiss Club of NSW! - heldanne@yahoo.com



Photographer Andre Braun

*Anne Held was the first General Manager of the Swiss Australian Chamber of Commerce and joined the Swiss Club more than 30 years ago.*

*All photos by Andre Braun*



Hans Erni with daughter Nicole



Commemorate the Swiss Club's centenary event at Parliament House with a **limited-edition Caran d'Ache ballpoint pen**, created especially for this milestone. Only 100 beautifully and expertly crafted pens have been produced.

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Keep the celebrations going and purchase a **T-shirt** designed by Martin Frutiger. The T-shirts can be purchased by contacting Daniel Frutiger, and they can be picked up at either Daniel's house or at the Buure Zmorge or National day at Castle Hill. All sizes are \$ 30.00.



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# 100 Years Swiss Club of NSW



Photos by Andre Braun

# 100 Years Swiss Club of NSW



# The Swiss Society of NSW

## a firm base for the Swiss Club of NSW

The subject of our last contribution (SCNews 256, November 2025, p15-17) was a bundle of precious historical photographs entitled 'Swiss Society of New South Wales'; it also featured an outline of how they had fortuitously come to hand. The Swiss Society existed in the years of the late 19th and early 20th centuries and was the forerunner of the Swiss Club of NSW.

**A LARGELY attended preliminary meeting of Swiss residents of Sydney was held at Uhde's Grand Hotel, Wynyard-square, on Saturday night, with the twofold object of forming a national club upon the ordinary lines, and of affording assistance to deserving compatriots newly arriving in the colony. About 40 gentlemen were present, and amongst them were Messrs. Stahelin (Consul for Switzerland), Sebarer, Roth, Vonwiller, Kolb, and Modini. These gentlemen were elected a provisional committee to draw up the lines upon which the club should proceed. The necessity for the creation of such a club was unanimously recognized, and the meeting was enthusiastic and hearty.**

Sydney Morning Herald 6 June 1887

One of the photographs, depicting eleven men in a celebratory vein under a unique banner, seems to be predominant. It has been published several times in recent Swiss Club News and also features on the Swiss Club's invitation to the centenary celebration on 5th February this year at Parliament House in Sydney.



So far we have been attempting to find out the names of the eleven men in this photograph and to determine its approximate time frame. In this present contribution, gleaming from the scarce resources available, we are aiming to put a bit of 'flesh and bone' onto the men depicted, and share with the readership just what a fabulous group they were, what they stood for and achieved. By the same token we get to know these men in the context of the development of the growing Swiss community of the time, its need of

mutual support and communication, of meeting and celebrating together, forming a Society as an institution for reference to needy Swiss migrants and its aim to reach the status of a Club 'upon the ordinary lines', i.e. along prevailing social norms of the time.

On 2 September 1898 in Pfahler's Hotel Sydney, seven Swiss men formed a 'benefit society' for the Swiss residents of NSW. The main objectives of the Society were 'to give advice and information to those of Swiss nationality newly arrived in the colony' and to assist 'any Swiss in NSW in want of help and worthy to receive assistance'. Further meetings were held in the Trocadero Café in the city, managed by John Meier, a long-serving committee member, and later in various city buildings.

History of the Swiss Club of NSW ([swissclubnsw.com/history](http://swissclubnsw.com/history))

In the present contribution, we will again highlight each person of this photograph, in the same sequence as last, i.e. starting with the men sitting in the lower row, from right to left, continuing with the men standing, left to right, in the upper row.

First: Johann Ulrich (John) VONWILLER, (sitting, outer right) who was born in 1846 in St. Gallen, arrived in Sydney at age 23, and is one of the earliest Swiss migrants to Australia who is amply documented. He was a respected business man and a tower of strength and compassion to early compatriots in NSW. He is also the only person who received Life Membership of the Swiss Club of NSW when it was inaugurated in 1926.

On the occasion of his 80th birthday, the 30th November 1926, the Swiss Club of NSW awarded him with a Shield as a Testimony or 'ADDRESS' which gives an incisive indication of his selfless dedication to the community.



80th birthday certificate presented by the Swiss Society 30 November 1926

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"Johann Ulrich (John) Vonwiller, Esq.

Dear Compatriot

*It is with the utmost pleasure that we hand you this ADDRESS as a testimonial of our esteem and at the same time to wish you many happy returns on your 80TH BIRTHDAY.*

*It is not given to everyone to look back, as you do, to a life without a blemish and to have the satisfaction that you have done a great deal of good. It is only natural that on a day like this our thoughts should turn back to days gone by. It is a long time since you left your own country but notwithstanding the many years you have spent in this state we look upon you as one of our dearest and best countrymen and we all know only too well how very much you still are attached to Switzerland.*

*Until a few years ago you have always taken a most active part in the welfare of the Swiss Colony and your absence from our meetings is very much missed.*

*We realize that you owe also a great deal to this State, which has made it possible for you to have had a successful business career, where you have brought up your children who are all a great credit to you.*

*Signed on behalf of the Swiss Colony: W.J. Schwob, President, J.W. Staerke, Vice President, Fred Wirth, Secretary, Eugen Bloch, Consul, A. Jacques, Charles Brunner, Eug. Gerber. 30th Nov 1926"*

Johann Evangelist (John) MEIER (sitting next to Vonwiller) was born in 1858 in Schneisingen, Aargau. He had migrated to Australia at the age of 30 and opened the Restaurant TROCADERO in Castlereagh Street in the City, where, according to the annual report 1918 of the Swiss Society, he was "a most welcoming and generous host where the Swiss had their meetings and celebrations, functions and banquets". (see also reference to John Meier in last SCNews, No.256, p15,16)

Next to J.E. Meier we see Charles BRUNNER, born in 1861. Statistics tell us that he was a staunch supporter of the Swiss Society, and as the jobs in the committee were rotated, Brunner held the office of president and vice-president several times. He was the owner of a factory in Redfern producing wooden chests with a workforce of 34. One of the newspapers of the time reports that one night his premises went up in flames, and by the time the fire brigade arrived, the buildings had burnt to the ground. No exact date of the misfortune is available, but looking at the photograph we can spot a friendly and comforting hand on Charles Brunner's shoulder, most probably from Max Kohler standing directly under the Cross of the Banner behind him. According to the book by Susanne Wegmann "The Swiss in Australia", Charles Brunner, due to short supply of raw materials for his manufacture, became innovative and pioneered the plantation of Pinus

Radiata trees, a fast growing softwood, as at the time all that was available was slow growing hardwood, not suitable for his enterprise.

Next to Charles Brunner we have Eugen BLOCH; it is the man with a bundle of paper on his lap. Born 1881 in Oberendingen, Aargau, he migrated to Sydney in 1907. One of the younger set, humble and diligent, he involved himself actively in the Swiss Society of New South Wales. He worked in various German wool companies until 1913 when he, together with an acquaintance, formed the company Bloch & Gerber Limited. Eugen Bloch covered the offices of secretary and vice-president of the Swiss Society of NSW at various times and became its president in 1918. He was Honorary Consul from 1920 until 1931, then was awarded the status of Consul General of Switzerland, the first such appointed in Sydney and a post he held until 1933.

On the outer left, next to Eugen Bloch, we meet Alfred WUNDERLICH, youngest brother of Ernest and Otto. Alfred arrived in Sydney in 1887, two years after Ernest had arrived, to help him in the business which imported building materials for ceilings and doors. They established a factory in 1892; Wunderlich Patent & Roofing Co. Ltd was incorporated in 1904. They became a flourishing manufacturing business that strongly influenced the building industry, and were generous pioneers in fair remuneration and trade education of the workforce, which cemented loyalty. 'WUNDERLICH' tiles are still covering our roofs today. The brothers involved themselves early with their Swiss compatriots; they were a welcome boost to the Swiss Society who had experienced low participation in the early nineteen hundreds, after it had taken official form in 1898. Alfred was acting Consul of Switzerland in 1910 while Consul Marc Rutty was absent overseas. Once the Swiss Club of NSW was established, Alfred Wunderlich remained a member, one of the longest ever, until his ripe old age of 101.

Turning to the top row, standing, first from left, we meet J.J. (Johann Jakob) ROTH, born in 1858 and hailing from Kesswil, Thurgau. Self-effacingly he stands, with his hat in hands on his back, like a shepherd watching over his sheep. We can trace him to 1887 as committee member of the early Swiss Society. Like Vonwiller, Meier, Brunner and A. Wunderlich, he faithfully attended most of its meetings. He had his own business in the city: J.J. Roth & Co. So far we do not know what kind of business it was, but have a record that it existed for over thirty years. In 1890 J.J. Roth was elected Honorary Consul of Switzerland for a year.

Standing next to J.J. Roth we encounter Hans Carl SCHIESS. He seems to be the youngest of the eleven men and proudly and strongly holds up the Swiss Society of NSW banner. I first heard of Hans Schiess some 50 years ago, when I met an elderly Mrs Gallmann at her home in Botany. She was so pleased to encounter a Swiss compatriot and told me excitedly that she and her husband had married in 1920 in St.Gallen and that after the wedding they travelled straight to England and on board of a ship bound for Sydney. Upon their arrival Hans Schiess picked them up from the wharf, provided accommodation for them and took them to his factory where ladies' garments were produced. There, her husband was employed to take care of the textile machines. Upon my asking she explained that Hans Schiess had arrived in about 1909 and that they had been working together in the famous textile industry of north-eastern Switzerland where they had been trained in producing lace and embroidery. Hans Schiess too became a staunch supporter of the Swiss Society and, according to annual reports, acted as secretary for some years.

Standing next to Hans Schiess we see, smiling confidently, Ernest WUNDERLICH, eldest of his brothers Otto and Alfred, a very engaging and positive influence to the team, always encouraging, a visionary focused on the future, a driving force that builds up and supports what he finds worth fostering. In his book 'All my Yesterdays: a mosaic and manufacturing' (Angus & Robertson, 1945) we learn of his business career and his great enthusiasm for architecture, music, the arts and other human endeavour. He tells that after their middle brother, Dr. Otto Wunderlich, had joined them in 1900 and took charge of the administration, Ernest "virtually left the business to his brothers and devoted his time to cultural interests and travelling". Within the Swiss Society he had formed a choir that performed at functions, and it is mentioned in a newspaper of the time that "the choir of trained voices enlivened Swiss meetings with songs of the homeland".

Next to Ernest Wunderlich we see Jules Max KOHLER who arrived in Sydney in 1910 at the age of 24. Max had worked in the steel industry in Switzerland and brought his skills along, starting the company of Kohler Engineering in 1919 at Auburn, Sydney. He too decided early to support the Swiss Society and its aims and took on the roles of vice president and later also president. His wife was from the Suisse Romande, and they had three children, Geoff, Mollie and Norman, born between 1914 and 1919. Geoff became director of the company until 1982. Norman's oldest son was the Rev. John Kohler, an enthusiast of all things Swiss

and who, some decades ago, hosted a touring yodelling group from Switzerland who sang an unforgettable 'Yodlermesse' at the Anglican church of St. Paul in Burwood, where he officiated as Rector.

Standing next to Max Kohler we come to Alfred (Sid) FUSEDALE, a quiet and reliable member of the Swiss Society of NSW. In one of its documents we find that Sid was 'appointed Chancellor of the Swiss Consulate in Sydney from 1914 to 1917'. In the Sydney Morning Herald of Tuesday, 4th August 1914, reporting on the National Day picnic of the Swiss community at Cabarita, we read: "During the afternoon a sports program was carried out under the direction of the Consul, Mr. S. Fusedale (secretary) and Mr. A. Crausaz". He is also mentioned in other reports as having successfully conducted the sports games at popular Swiss National Day picnics.

The last person, standing in the top row on the outer right and holding firmly onto the noble Banner with his right hand, is presently considered to be Olav Eduard PAUSS. We do not know much about him, except that he was delegated on 23rd April 1918 by the Swiss Government to act as Administrator ad interim, until the elected Eugen Bloch was accredited as Consul in April 1920. Considering the honoured tradition of a Consular representative presiding over Swiss National Day celebrations, it is virtually unthinkable that there was no consular representation at the fete of 1918 which, according to the annual report of the Swiss Society of NSW, was 'very successful'. Surely, the photograph is documenting a very special occasion.

### Swiss Society.

A BANQUET in connection with the Swiss Society of New South Wales was held on the 22nd in the Post Office Hotel, Paddington. The object of the gathering was to celebrate the inauguration of the banner of the society. Many members attended, and their number was increased by several guests. After the banquet, which comprised the season's delicacies, and was thoroughly enjoyed, the evening was spent convivially and socially. Mr. Furrer presided, and seated at the head of the table near him were Mr. Justice Windeyer and Mr. Creed, M.L.C. Mr. Machell delivered an inaugural address, in which he referred to the arrival of the Swiss flag as an event in the history of the society, and an event which would keep alive their patriotism. The chairman spoke to a like effect. Among the toasts honoured were those of "Our Guests," proposed by Mr. Machell and responded to by Mr. Justice Windeyer; "New South Wales," proposed by Mr. Roth, and responded to by Mr. Creed; and "Absent Friends," proposed by Mr. J. Lentenegger. The proceedings were enlivened by instrumental and vocal selections.

NSW Advertiser, p 476. 31 August 1889

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And last, but not least, we come to the beautiful and extraordinary BANNER of the Swiss Society of New South Wales, as described in my former contribution (SCNews 256, p15) under which our eleven men congregated, visibly proud and ceremonious, emanating an aura of companionship, competence and common purpose. There is a reference to the inauguration of this Banner in The NSW ADVERTISER, p476 of Saturday, 31 August 1889.

Coming back to J.U.Vonwiller, who, together with his comrades on the photograph, was instrumental in bringing our Swiss Club of NSW into being: From one of the minutes of their meetings we are told that after WWI and the influenza epidemic of 1919, some of the committee members, and especially its president, were disheartened and wanted to resign and 'close shop' due to low participation. It was John Vonwiller who encouraged them to persevere and carry on. Having experienced similar crises in 1903, 1907 and beyond, he knew the value of an institution of reference for compatriots in need, not only economically but also as a community.

This year 2026 we are celebrating the centenary of our Swiss Club; I am looking at it symbolically as an ever growing TREE, steeped in deep and healthy roots of its past. Let us acknowledge the love and efforts of those who planted and nourished this TREE to be healthy and fruitful! Over a century and beyond it has borne wonderful fruit in the form of great and purposeful groups that sprang up, or came and went, in answer to individual needs and aims of its members and the Swiss community as a whole (see back cover). Let us also heed the impressive example of our present custodians wholeheartedly and encourage, assist and actively support them by accepting and sharing responsibility in committees, groups and as members, to ensure that the 'Tree' of OUR SWISS CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES be always well watered, nourished, and tended, for it to continue and bear good fruit.

*Elisabeth Roth, January 2026*

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## A Small Swiss World: Lifelong Links Across Generations



At the centenary celebration of the Swiss Club of New South Wales, I had the pleasure of meeting a delightful woman named Margaret. When I mentioned my wife was also named Margaret, it sparked an immediate connection. She then glanced at my name tag and remarked that her husband was named

Dennis, just like me—a coincidence that quickly opened the door to a warm conversation about our Swiss heritage.

As we spoke, Margaret mentioned that my surname seemed familiar and thought her parents may have known mine. She recalled visiting Fritz Huber, the renowned Swiss Olympic gymnast, at his home in Mount Wilson. This stirred fond memories for me, as my parents often took us there when I was young.

Our conversation then turned to the history of the Swiss Club. I shared that my mother had migrated to

Australia from Switzerland at seventeen and served as the club's secretary before returning to Switzerland in 1933. Remarkably, Margaret had a photograph of the committee from that era in her handbag. As we looked at it together, I was able to point out my mother.

When Margaret asked what had brought my mother to Australia, I explained that she had come to join her much older sister, my Aunt Lotty, and Uncle George Alder, who owned a poultry farm in Quakers Hill.

At that moment, 'the penny dropped' – Margaret revealed that her parents had also owned a poultry farm on Lalor Road in Quakers Hill. Margaret's father arrived from Switzerland with his father in 1922. When Uncle George eventually sold his farm, he moved to a house on Lalor Road, just down the street from Margaret's parents. I vividly remember visiting them as a child; we would always stop Margaret's parents nearby farm to buy fresh eggs and chicken.

It became clear that Margaret and I had likely crossed paths as children without ever realizing it. We even shared memories of attending the Swiss Children's Christmas parties at the old clubhouse in Stanmore.

That chance meeting served as a beautiful reminder of how small and interconnected our world truly is.

*Dennis Furini*

# From the Cercle Romand

Dear Members and Friends,

Our 2026 event calendar will begin with the 'Brunch and Pétanque tournament' that will be held on Sunday 22 March 2026 at 11am.

15 th February. More information about this event will be published in the next edition.

As part of the Sydney French Film Festival, the Cercle Romand will be selecting a French speaking movie to view followed by a meal at a local restaurant. The event will be on Sunday 29 March 2026.

Our 'Raclette at the Park' event is scheduled on 17th May and will be held at Fagan Park, Galston.

The committee is ready to welcome you soon and thank you in advance for supporting the Cercle Romand of Sydney.

The event calendar for 2026 is available for viewing on our website: [www.cercleromand.com.au](http://www.cercleromand.com.au).

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## Vale Peter Meury - 1935 - 2026



It is with sadness that we learn of the passing of Peter Meury. He was a most influential personality within the Swiss Community in Australia.

Peter arrived in Melbourne in late 1960, delegated from Basel for a position with the Swiss Ciba Company. Almost immediately he got

involved with the Swiss Club of Victoria, eventually taking on the presidency of the club. The club house on Flinders Lane is one of Peter's enduring legacies, as he was instrumental in the negotiations that led to the acquisition of the property.

In 1978 Peter relocated to Sydney where he again got involved in the life of the Swiss community – as President of the Swiss Club of NSW and later with the Swiss Benevolent Society (later called Swiss Community Care Society) which he led for 19 years. In his capacity as executor of the will of a Swiss benefactor, he organised and managed the subdivision of their estate. The house and substantial cash were a bequest to the Society made on condition that these assets were used for the benefit of needy Swiss.

In 1985 several Swiss businessmen took the initiative to establish the Swiss Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI now SwissCham). Peter was elected Founding President. After seven years at the helm of SACCI, he handed over to a successor but stayed on the Board for a few more years.

Peter was a delegate to the Council of the Swiss Abroad for 25 years, from 1984 to 2009. In 1988 there was the question of Switzerland's representation at WORLD EXPO in Brisbane. The Swiss Government decided not to participate, but it was thanks to Peter's lobbying activity right up to Federal Council that the decision was reversed.

Asked in an interview in 2009 what his main motivation is to do so much work for the Swiss community, he said: "There are a number of reasons. First and foremost, it is an interest in all matters Swiss. I am proud of being part of our Swiss-Australian multicultural heritage, and in this context make Switzerland better known in Australia. My other motivation is involvement in all matters concerning the community. I consider myself a link in all issues Swiss and Australian which I consider of importance."

Peter passed away on 10th February 2026 at the age of 90 years, after a long battle with illness. We express our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

*Roland Isler, Swissallianceaustralia SAA, Melbourne*



Peter awarded Life Time Award by SwissCham Australia February 2023 at Swiss Business Awards in Sydney.

# The Swiss Yodlers of Sydney

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Grüezi Mitenand!

I hope everyone in the Swiss community has had a good start to 2026. The Swiss Yodlers of Sydney have returned to their weekly practices on February 9th, after two months break in December and January. As you may be aware, we intend to go to the Eidgenössisches Jodlerfest in Basel in June.

To let you know more about our members, we'll be sharing some fun facts over the coming articles.

One of our newest and youngest members is our conductor Josephine Brereton, who grew up in Sydney, and joined us in March 2024.

Her name doesn't sound very Swiss, but her Swiss connection traces back to Ticino, the Italian part of Switzerland, where she had a great-grandmother!

At her current age of 25, she has achieved a lot already. She currently teaches singing at Abbotsleigh High School, Wahroonga, NSW, where she's worked now for seven years. She studied at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music at the University of Sydney.

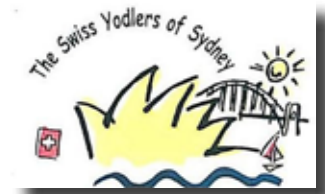
She fell in love with yodelling from a very young age, and 12 years ago taught herself to yodel using Youtube videos! She's been passionate ever since, and discovered our group through an acquaintance. Along with conducting, she sings soprano along with Heike Joder and Ilona Schweizer.

She also performs regularly with several reputable Australian vocal ensembles and choirs, including singing soprano at St James Church in Sydney.

She has been making our Yodlers sound great, and has been a wonderful asset to our choir. Vielen Dank Josephine!

Mit vielen Grüßen,

Daniel Hofmann  
President  
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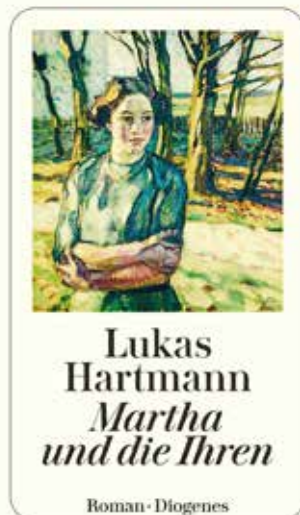
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## The Swiss Readers

### What the Swiss Readers are reading in 2026

This year, we will return to one of our favourite authors, Lukas Hartmann, and read his most recent novel, *Martha und die Ihren* (Martha and her kin), published in 2024.

Lukas Hartmann, born 1944 in Berne, was a primary and secondary school teacher before taking up studies in German literature and psychology. He worked variously as a youth counsellor, a radio journalist and media adviser and travelled widely. Nowadays, he is a freelance author of books for children and adults and lives in Spiegel near Berne with his wife, Federal Councillor (2010-2022) Simonetta Sommaruga.



The plot of "Martha und die Ihren" is based on Hartmann's own family history. Martha, the author's grandmother, grows up as a "Verdingkind", an indentured child labourer, in the Bernese mountains. The novel describes her life and that of her children and grandchildren in a way we can all relate to.

Why not join our group and enjoy reading and discussing this fascinating book? You do not need to have a copy, as we have spares to pass around.

Our group meets at 10 am on the third Friday of each month, at the Concordia German Club, Mackay Park, Tempe. We generally read for a couple of hours, with a break for morning tea, before having lunch in the restaurant, where we join members of the Swiss Community Care Society having their monthly casual lunch.

Due to renovations at the Concordia Club, our first meeting this year will be on **Friday 17th April, starting at 10 am.**

For more information please contact Elisabeth Roth on 9669 1749 or Bettina Boss on 0466 979 460.

# Member Spotlight: Andre Braun – Finding Harmony in Art and Architecture



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## From Geneva to the Australian Coast

Like many in the Australian-Swiss community, this journey began for me in Switzerland. Growing up in Geneva provided a foundation, but professional chapters in Zurich, Hong Kong, and Berlin eventually led to a move to Australia in 1995.

Even after three decades of calling this beautiful coastline home, a deep connection remains to those Swiss roots, especially the values of craftsmanship and precision.



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## A Life of Design

Much of my professional life has been spent immersed in the world of architecture. The last 30 years have offered the privilege of working on rewarding large-scale projects both in Australia and overseas.

Architecture, however, was always about more than just buildings; it was about understanding the choreography of space and the way people interact with their surroundings.

Eventually, this curiosity led to more personal forms of expression through photography, sculpture, and painting. Recent years have

brought the opportunity to share work at the SWELL SCULPTURE FESTIVAL and SCULPTURE BY THE SEA.



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It is always a humbling experience when a piece manages to spark a spontaneous conversation or a quiet moment of reflection with a stranger.

### Connecting Through the Lens

Art, at its core, is about dialogue and community. There is something truly special about capturing the spirit of a community that shares a common heritage, especially one as enduring as ours.

The underlying creative philosophy is simple: stay persistent and remain true to a unique vision. Great inspiration comes from the timeless, minimalist aesthetic of Le Corbusier.



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As a fellow Swiss who believed in combining different art forms to improve the world, his work serves as a constant reminder that simplicity is often the highest form of sophistication.

### A Local Perspective and Looking Ahead

Despite a deep appreciation for Swiss tradition and pristine landscapes, the Australian way of life has definitely left its mark. When asked if pineapple belongs on pizza, the verdict after 30 years here is clear: peace has finally been made with it!

The path ahead involves preparing for even more ambitious projects that explore the fascinating intersection of art, artificial intelligence, and our environment.

Sharing this evolving creative journey with the Swiss community abroad remains a true highlight, and there is much more to come.



Sculpture by the Sea 2023



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# Swiss Club Members Corner

## Welcome to our new members

Rosmarie Lambert  
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Andre Stangler

Thank you for signing up with  
the Swiss Club of NSW.  
We look forward to seeing you at  
our Swiss Club events.

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## Congratulations to Maria Lang

who is celebrating her 90th birthday  
and to

**Hans Lohri**  
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# Swiss Entrepreneurs & SwissCham

On Thursday, 5 February, members of the Swiss Entrepreneurs and Swiss Chamber of Commerce community gathered for another memorable **Swiss Mix** event, a casual networking get-together that brought together Swiss entrepreneurs, partners, and friends in Sydney. The evening unfolded at the iconic **Opera House Bar**, where attendees enjoyed the stunning backdrop of the illuminated Harbour Bridge sparkling across the water.



Guests mingled freely, exchanging ideas and stories in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. Many arrived early to soak in the breathtaking views and kick off conversations before the main crowd settled in. Laughter and lively discussions filled the air as professionals from various industries connected over shared Swiss-Australian ties.

The event highlighted the strong sense of community among participants, fostering new friendships and potential collaborations.



With the iconic sails of the Sydney Opera House as a dramatic setting, the night felt truly special and inspiring. Drinks flowed alongside great company, making it an ideal way to unwind and build networks.

Overall, the night's Swiss Mix proved once again why these gatherings are a highlight for the Swiss circle in Sydney.





## JASSEN / GAMES IN TEMPE

A group of Swiss people meet at lunch time on every first Friday of the month at the Concordia Club in Tempe to play cards or other interesting games.

If interested please get in touch with Felix at [jasstempe@gmail.com](mailto:jasstempe@gmail.com)

## Advertising Rates 2026

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# Swiss Community Care Society

The new location we had chosen for our Christmas Luncheon resulted in many very positive comments. The event at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel was so festive that we have already decided to repeat it this year. But that's far away!

I hope you have started well into 2026 and that many of you are now ready for new events of SCCS. The first one is a lunch outing on 5th March. We are going to the "Little Snail", a French restaurant near Darling Harbour. As always, if you are on our list, you will receive the invitation on time. If not, and you would like to join us, give me a call on 0432 031 085, and I will make sure that your name and details will be added. It is well worth being a member of SCCS, as we support all our events financially. Technically, you more than get back the membership fee with the first event you take part in.

For our informal get-togethers I remind you of the Casual Lunch at Concordia Club in Tempe. You just turn up around noon on the third Friday of the month.

The number of attendees varies, but whether we are a group of fifteen or twenty-five, we always have fun, which helps to keep us young! – I came across a book about ageing very recently. One of the many sayings in it, which particularly caught my attention, was: "The art of living is to die young, but as late as possible." (anon.)  
R. Scheidegger, President



## Rural Coordinators

Our rural coordinators have agreed to be contact persons for Swiss people living in the country who may need assistance. Currently we have the following coordinators:

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## 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 from noon 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 in front of William Tel  
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Serving on the Board is both rewarding and meaningful. It offers the opportunity to help preserve Swiss traditions, support community engagement, and shape the Club's future direction. Whether you bring organisational, financial, event management, or administrative skills — or simply a passion for our community — your contribution will be highly valued.

The Committee meets once per month, usually on the first Wednesday, at the Royal Hotel in Leichhardt from approximately 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm, followed by an informal dinner where members continue discussions in a relaxed and friendly setting.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, learning more about these roles, or making a positive difference within the Swiss Club of NSW, we warmly encourage you to speak with any of our current Directors. We would be delighted to discuss how you can become part of the team.

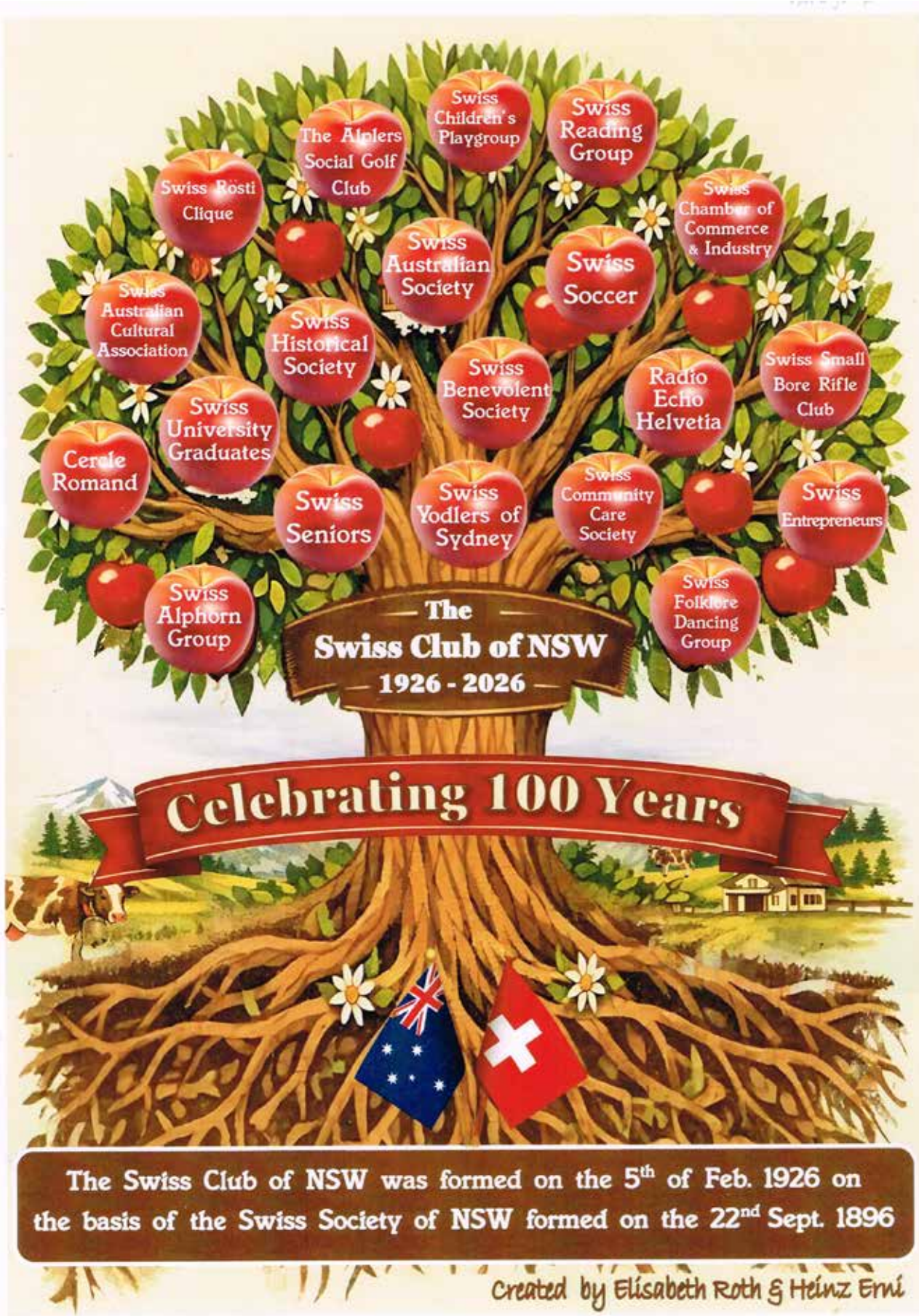
We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming new energy, ideas, and commitment to our Board.



Memberships 2026/2027 are now due for renewal.

If you are not a member yet and would like to join the Swiss Club of NSW, please contact our President Daniel Frutiger by email: [dan.mar04@bigpond.com](mailto:dan.mar04@bigpond.com).





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