

## MEETING AGENDA

# OCEANIA SWISS CLUB PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE 2024

Saturday, 9 November 2024, Swissôtel Sydney

## “Revitalising tradition, Embracing Change: The Future of Swiss Clubs”

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- 08.00 – 08.30 Registration, morning coffee/tea
- 08.30 – 08.40 **Claude Alain Staub, SAA President**  
– Welcome / confirming Program and Proceedings  
– Introducing Conference Theme:  
“Revitalising tradition, Embracing Change: The Future of Swiss Clubs”
- 08.40 – 08.50 Introduced by Beat Knoblauch, CSA –  
**The Hon Alister Henskens, MP for Wahroonga NSW, Shadow Attorney General and Shadow Special Minister of State**  
– Importance of ethnic social clubs
- 08.50 – 09.10 **MESSAGE FROM CANBERRA**  
**H.E. Nikolas Stürchler, Ambassador of Switzerland to Australia**  
– Introduction / Goals and Focus / Swiss-Australian/Pacific relations  
– Q&A
- 09.10 – 9.25 **MESSAGE FROM WELLINGTON**  
**H.E. Viktor Vavricka, Ambassador of Switzerland to New Zealand**  
– The Swiss community in New Zealand  
– Swiss-New Zealand relations  
– Q&A
- 09.25 – 09.40 **MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY**  
**Elisabeth Bösch Malinen, Consul General of Switzerland, Sydney**  
– Introduction / Consular updates / Services  
–Q&A
- 09.40 – 9.45 **MESSAGE FROM SWITZERLAND**  
**Laurent Perriard, Deputy Director of the Consular Directorate, FDFA**  
– Video Message: Update from the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- 9.45 – 10.00 Morning Coffee / Tea Break

- 10.00 – 10.35 **MESSAGE FROM THE OSA**  
**Video Greeting from Filippo Lombardi, President of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA)**  
**Carmen Trochsler, CSA / Member of the OSA Executive**  
– OSA key issues / CSA Elections 2025  
**Claudia Birrer, Committee member - Youth Parliament of the Swiss Abroad (YPSA)**  
– Introducing YPSA and her role / a young person's perspective  
– Q&A
- 10.35 – 11.10 **MESSAGE FROM THE SAA**  
**SAA President**  
– Review of AGM / introducing new SAA committee for 2025  
**Various Presenters**  
– Present SAA Initiatives / Call for engagement:  
• Club support via Subcommittees  
• Club support via Insurance and Discounts  
• Club und Community support via Website & Calendar / Swiss Review  
• Club und Community support via Social Media / Lifeblood Initiative  
– Discussion, Q&A
- 11.10 – 12.00 **Case studies presented by Club Presidents**  
– What our club looks like TODAY & Questions about the future  
**Open discussion with Club Presidents**  
– Agreeing on central themes and challenges for clubs TODAY
- 12.00 – 13.00 **LUNCH BREAK** / Group Photo to be taken during this time
- 13.00 – 16.00 **Workshop: THE FUTURE OF SWISS CLUBS IN OCEANIA**  
**Groups**  
– Facilitated Workshop  
**Club Presidents**  
– Presentation of Summaries  
– Case studies:  
• Learnings  
• Initiatives to take home  
  
Coffee / Tea Break, 15 min when opportune
- 16.00 – 16.15 **Varia, Open Discussion**
- 16.15 – 16.45 **SAA President**  
– SAA National Trivia  
– Closing Remarks  
– Next Meeting  
– Program Evening / Social Sunday 10/11/24

Following the conclusion of the meeting, participants can relocate to their accommodation to refresh and reconvene at the Swissôtel for dinner, commencing at 7pm