

Oceania Swiss Club Presidents Conference Brisbane, 13-15 Nov 2026

“The Swiss Abroad in a changing world”



Update – Book now!

Dear Swiss Clubs Presidents, Conference Participants and Friends

Further to the information mailed to you in April, we are pleased to advise that bookings are now open for the biennial Oceania Swiss Club President's Conference taking place in Brisbane on **13/14/15 of November 2026**.

We have created a booking website to make it easy to book your attendance at the conference as well as the social program for you and your partner:

<https://presidentconference2026nov.floktu.com/>

Please book early to assist us with planning and catering purposes. **Closing date for bookings is 31 October.**

Please note that the following agenda is still subject to change. For the 3-day program, please refer to the information mailed to you in April or see the SAA website: www.swissallianceaustralia.org/2026conference

Preliminary Agenda

08.30 – 09.00 **Registration, morning coffee/tea**

09.00 – 09.10 **Welcome**

Jess Gysin-Webster, SAA President

09.10 – 09.20 **Aim and Vision of the Conference**

CSA Delegates

09.20 – 09.40 **MESSAGE FROM THE HOST STATE QUEENSLAND**

Hon Fiona Simpson MP

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism, Queensland Parliament

09.40 – 10.00 **Henry Tardent (1853–1929) – a Swiss immigrant who helped shape Queensland and modern Australia**

Professor Cameron Richards

10.00 – 10.20 **Morning Coffee / Tea Break**

Group Photo to be taken during this time

10.20 – 10.40 **MESSAGE FROM SWITZERLAND**

Update from the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Marianne Jenni, Director-General of the FDFA's Consular Directorate

– Q&A

- 10.40 – 11.00 **MESSAGE FROM THE OSA**
Hot topics concerning the Swiss Abroad
Filippo Lombardi, President of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA)
– Q&A
- 11.00 – 11.20 **THE ABB STORY**
Message from our main sponsor
- 11.20 – 12.20 **PANEL DISCUSSION**
In Conversation: The Swiss Abroad in a changing world
H.E. Nikolas Stürchler, Ambassador of Switzerland to Australia
H.E. Viktor Vavricka, Ambassador of Switzerland to New Zealand
Elisabeth Bösch Malinen, Consul General of Switzerland, Sydney
Moderated by Carmen Trochsler, CSA Adelaide
– Q&A
- 12.20 – 13.20 **Lunch Break** / Screen Swiss Tourism Film
- 13.20 – 14.20 **WORKSHOP: USING AI IN CLUB-LAND**
Workshop focusing on how to use AI to support the Clubs
Philippe Coquerand, Swiss Club of Queensland
Jess Gysin-Webster, SAA President
- 14.20 – 15.30 **SHOW & TELL**
from the Clubs across Oceania
Anne Resplendino, Le Cercle Romand, NSW
Esther Gilbert, Swiss Community Otago & Southland, NZ
Sonja Gasser, Canberra Swiss Club, ACT
- 15.30 – 15.50 **Afternoon Coffee / Tea Break**
- 15.50 – 16.45 **SAA STORY – QUESTION TIME**
Various Presenters
– Discussion, Q&A
- 16.45 – 17.00 **VARIA, CLOSING REMARKS**
Jess Gysin-Webster, SAA President

Kind regards,

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