



# Swiss Community Care Society

## Providing assistance and support

to needy Swiss families and individuals



**Facilitating contacts** for lonely and senior members of the Swiss community and those of Swiss-Australian background



**Showing solidarity with all Swiss people,** particularly those in New South Wales



## Our people

Committee members are the driving force providing community support and do not receive any remuneration for their work.

A representative of the Consulate General of Switzerland attends committee meetings.

Other volunteers help to stay in touch with elderly and lonely Swiss people by contacting them on a regular basis and, if necessary, report to the committee on these people's situation and needs.

SCCS has approximately 200 members and several hundred non-members on their contact list. As most of these members are elderly, the committee is trying to attract younger people to secure the society's future.

## Regular Activities

**Outings** Six to seven outings are organised each year, such as cultural excursions, guest speakers, and two special event luncheons. Outings and events are subsidised for members. Swiss people and those of Swiss-Australian background are also encouraged to join in a monthly casual lunch. All SCCS activities are open to members and non-members.

**Birthday cards** Around 350 cards sent throughout the year to Swiss 70 years and older.

**Christmas presents** Almost 200 useful presents hand-delivered or posted to compatriots 80 years and older in metropolitan and regional NSW.



The Swiss Community Care Society Inc. (SCCS) is based in Sydney and mostly serves people throughout NSW.



Outings provide an excellent opportunity for the elderly to socialise, make or renew friendships and prevent loneliness.

[www.swissccs.org.au](http://www.swissccs.org.au)



# Examples of support provided



- Helped an elderly Swiss man living in neglect in a boarding house, with some of his serious problems.
- Assisted concerned family members in Switzerland with matters relating to their lonely elderly relative in Sydney.
- Visited and provided advice to young Swiss people with mental health problems.
- Provided emergency financial help to a Swiss family, struggling to keep their property cleared before the bushfire season.
- Assisted a young Swiss woman with part-payment of an urgent operation, which she could otherwise not afford.
- Found an appropriate home and new life for a special 70-year-old *Tracht* (authentic Swiss regional costume) for bereaved Swiss descendants in Sydney.
- Some of our volunteers are involved in intense cases of need of elderly Swiss, providing home visits and support.



## Finances

The SCCS is dependent upon donations and testamentary bequests in order to function. Any financial support received is very much appreciated. Swiss Community Care Society Incorporated is a registered Australian charity, and donations are tax deductible.

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Donations can be made by:

### Direct bank transfer:

ANZ Bank

Swiss Community Care Society

BSB 012-003, Account 8683627

Swift Code ANZBAU3M

### Cheque:

 Payable to *Swiss Community*

*Care Society* posted to the address below.

## Contact • Membership • Information

We welcome new members of all ages! A Membership Application Form is available on the website. To be put on our contact list or to report a case of hardship of Swiss persons, please advise a SCCS committee member, by phone or email. See the **Contact Us** section of website for more information.

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