

# *Alliance française de Ballarat*

## **June 2018 Newsletter**

**May meeting:** Our meal and Trivia Night at our new venue, the Ballarat Anglers Clubrooms, was a great success, with everyone learning lots of surprising facts about France. Thank you to Kylie and Jan for organising and presenting the trivia segment.

The six contestants at the 'Blanc' table won the coveted first prize of a ticket each to Ballarat Art Gallery's exhibition 'Into Light'. They are welcome to use those tickets if they would like to join the guided tour (see below).

Our new venue has great facilities and is warm and welcoming, so do make sure you come along and enjoy trying out your French language in a friendly atmosphere.

### **June soirée – La fête de la musique**

***Midsummer in France and every village town and city comes alive with music to celebrate the annual Fête de la Musique. Our June soirée will give you a taste of this musical event and its history – and even test your knowledge of French music – from classical to popular, chansons, gypsy jazz, rap and everything in between. Who knows? You may even end up singing!***

***When:*** Friday, June 29, 2018 at 6.30pm for 7pm.

***Where:*** Ballarat Anglers' Memorial Lodge, corner Wendouree Parade and Devon Street.

***What:*** We ask that everyone bring a savoury or a sweet to share. Please RSVP to Val McRoberts on [valeriemcroberts@gmail.com](mailto:valeriemcroberts@gmail.com) by Monday, May 21, or text on **0491 070 120** to let us know what you are bringing, so we can organise a balanced meal! BYO wine, *bien sûr* !

***Note:*** Please let us know if you will be an apology by texting 0491 070 120 or email to [afdeballarat@gmail.com](mailto:afdeballarat@gmail.com) .

### **Major events in July**

***July is a marvellous month for Francophiles in Ballarat with a special guided tour of French paintings at the Ballarat Art Gallery with a French-speaking guide and the Bastille Day Ball organised jointly by the Art Gallery Committee and Alliance Française de Ballarat.***

## **1. Private guided tour in French, for *Alliance Française de Ballarat* members, of the 'Into Light' exhibition at Ballarat Art Gallery**

M. Bernard Catrice will guide members through the exhibition of paintings from *Le Musée de la Chartreuse, Douai*, on Tuesday, July 3 at 12 noon. The tour will take around 45 minutes.

Those wishing to take part must purchase a ticket in advance. Tickets cost \$10 and need to be paid for in cash to either the treasurer, Margaret Gardner, or secretary, Dinah Toohey, at the June soirée – at the latest. Please note: Payment must be cash only and NOT deposited in the AFB account. If you will not be at the soirée, please deliver the money to Dinah at Owen Williams (next to Myers in Sturt Street), in an envelope clearly marked with 'Gallery Tour', your name and the number of tickets required BEFORE June 29. The gallery requires confirmation and payment in advance.

This exhibition of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century paintings is the gallery's major winter blockbuster and runs from June 23 through to September 9. It features treasures from the *Musée de la Chartreuse*, the regional gallery for Douai in northern France and includes 60 works alongside key paintings by Australian artists working in France at the time.

## **2. Bastille Day Ball / *Le bal du quatorze juillet***

This will be a 'stand out' evening at the Ballarat Mining Exchange when we celebrate '*Le quatorze juillet*' in style with the mesmerising gypsy jazz band, '*La mauvaise réputation*' and a French DJ.

Tables to seat four or eight will be set up throughout the exchange and you will receive a complimentary glass of wine on arrival.

Platters of finger food will be available for purchase and there will be a bar.

You'll have plenty of opportunity to keep warm on the dance floor.

The theme for dress is 'a touch of *Bleu Blanc Rouge*' – and that may be interpreted any way you like!

Tickets at \$50 each are available for purchase from the Ballarat Art Gallery or online at [www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au](http://www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au)

A number of tables will be set aside for *Alliance Française de Ballarat*, so when you buy your ticket, please let us know by text 0491 070 120 or email [afdeballarat@gmail.com](mailto:afdeballarat@gmail.com) so we can allocate you to an *Alliance* table. You are, of course, welcome to organise your own table if you wish.

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