

Alliance française de Ballarat

August 2018 Newsletter

Invitation

To all our wonderful *Alliance française de Ballarat* members – especially if you have paid your subscription but not yet joined us for one of our events or soirées – do make the time to come and meet fellow members and practise your French, whatever your capability. We have a great program for both our soirées and our mid-month events.

August soirée – French Games Night

It's time to brush up on your (French) numbers, learn about French personalities – in sport, films, music, books, history and politics – and be prepared for 'quoi qu'il arrive' – whatever happens, as none of us know yet what the games will entail. We may be trying out something new, something French or something adapted to make it sound French!
And be reassured that you won't need to physically take part, the games are knowledge-based only.
So put on your thinking caps – our games masters are planning a light-hearted and fun evening so everyone can join in.

When: Friday, August 31, 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 *Alliance française* on afdeballarat@gmail.com by Monday, August 27, or text 0491 070 120 to let us know whether you are bringing a savoury or sweet. BYO wine, *bien sûr* !

Important: If you elect to bring a plate of nibbles, you must arrive before 6.30pm.

Also: To help with catering, all members are asked to please let us know if you will be an apology by texting 0491 070 120 or email to afdeballarat@gmail.com .

Mid-August coffee morning

Any members who would like to catch-up between soirées, can enjoy a coffee – and perhaps a *pâtisserie* – with us at *Le Petit Pâtissier* (Alain's) in Sturt Street, Ballarat on Saturday, August 11, arriving between 10.30am and 11am.

July meeting:

What a dream journey we all had listening to members' experiences in France! We learnt about the tiny Midi village of *Fenouillet-du-Razès* – and saw photos of it and the surrounding countryside; we journeyed through the history of the mysterious *Carrières sous Paris* experiencing these catacombs and their rather gruesome treasures; then we relaxed with the beauty of the Mediterranean city of Nice on the sunlit *Côte d'Azur*; not to mention hearing of the funny and bizarre *faux pas* we all make when trying to speak French in France, and finally, how to lose – and then retrieve – a backpack (containing all your identification and money), accidentally left on a train heading hundreds of kilometres from where you are stranded.

Thank you to all our speakers – Andrew and Kylie Weightman, Les Stewart, Peter Holly and Howard Gibbon for your insights.

Our Christmas Dinner

It's never too early to jot a 'must do' date into your diary.

This one is our brand new French Christmas dinner which is being planned as we write.

The date to inscribe is Saturday, December 8, 2018.

Alliance française de Ballarat has engaged one of Victoria's leading caterers to plan a special French Christmas dinner that will be held at The Pavilion, Ballarat Grammar.

The meal will be open to members and non-members alike, with a special price for members. We will have more information for you in future newsletters, but for now, we are reminding you to set aside that date for a 'formidable' way to round off our year. Merci.

Advance notice

Membership

We are delighted to let everyone know that our membership is growing. Please note that people are welcome to 'try' first with one free evening with us. For any future *soirées* or events, they are required to be paid-up members.

Social Media

Check out, like, comment and share our Facebook page which you can find at www.facebook.com/afdeballarat