

Alliance française de Ballarat

September 2018 Newsletter

Invitation

To all *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.

September soirée – ‘La soupe et le cinéma’

This month’s soirée is something a little different.

We have a great French film to show and we’re making it a ‘Soup soirée’. Our film, ‘The Life Coach’, is a suspense-filled drama-comedy, starring Richard Berry as life coach, Maxmilien Chêne, at his wits end under pressure from mounting gambling debts – and his consequent marriage break-up. He needs to earn money – a lot, and quickly – so he can get his life back together again.

Cue a corporate client who offers him the perfect – but near-impossible – job, to help his boss’ nephew Patrick (Jean-Paul Rouve) close a major business deal. The catch? The nephew must not know he is being coached. If Max can pull it off, he’ll be able to repay his debts and maybe get back with his wife.

But when Patrick turns out to be almost impossible to coach, Max realises he must use all the tricks of his trade – and a few new ones – to turn things around.

When: Friday, September 28, 2018 at 6.30pm for 7pm.

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

What: We will be providing a variety of soups and baguettes this evening with nibbles at intermission, so ask that members contribute \$5 each towards costs. Bring a cushion if you like for your chair and don’t forget BYO apéro, wine or another drink you prefer.

Mid-August coffee morning

What a great way to catch-up with members at *Le Petit Pâtissier* (Alain's) in Sturt Street, on August 11. We enjoyed coffee with delicious *pâtisseries* and lively conversation.

August meeting: French Games

This was a fun evening with lots of games to learn and relish.

Gwendoline ran the warm-up with '*Jacques a dit*', then Kylie took over with a variety of games, including '*Rochechambeau*', '*Tout le monde s'assoit*', French '*Bingo à Météo*' and '*Qu'est-ce que c'est?*'

What a great way to learn more about the French and more French expressions as well. Many thanks to organiser Margaret and our games hosts, Gwendoline and Kylie, for your contribution to a memorable soirée.

September outing

The Melbourne French Theatre's production of '*C'est encore mieux l'après-midi*' (Love is Better in the Afternoon) should have attracted more of our members. It was rated as one of the best they've staged. While the production is in French, sub-titles are projected above the stage to enable those who don't speak French so fluently to follow.

. . . and we never did find out if it was!

Our Christmas Dinner

A very special end-of-year date for your diary - our brand new French Christmas dinner.

*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 at The Pavilion, Ballarat Grammar.

The meal will be open to members and non-members alike, with a special price for members. There will be more information 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.

Membership

We are delighted 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. See www.afballarat.com.au for further information.

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