

Alliance française de Ballarat

October 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. And for our students of French, you are honorary members of the Alliance for this year only – so do take the chance of attending a soirée – and in particular our Christmas dinner.

October soirée – ‘A French Experience’

This month’s soirée has something for everyone – especially if you have ever hankered after living in France – or even, dare we say, running a business there.

‘Alliance française de Ballarat’ member, Nigel Peckham, has done both – and successfully – so it will be a delight to hear his talk, ‘The pleasures and difficulties of establishing and running a business and living in France’, a country that has been a significant influence in his life.

We are sure you will glean some interesting tips if you are dreaming of doing something similar.

When: Friday, October 26, 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 valeriemcroberts0@gmail.com by Monday, October 22, or text **0491 070 120** to let us know what you are bringing, so we can organise a balanced meal! BYO wine, *bien sûr* !

Note: To help with catering, please RSVP by October 22 by texting 0491 070 120 or email to afdeballarat@gmail.com .

September meeting: French Film

A warming evening with soup, baguettes and a film – The Life Coach – to enjoy, not to mention Dinah's chocolate cake and Margaret's madeleines!

Thank you to Margaret and Dinah for the food – and Margaret for selecting such an appropriate and amusing film.

Our Christmas celebration

*We hope you have all marked **Saturday, December 8, 2018** firmly in your diaries, as this promises to be the best-ever way to end the year.*

This superbly designed French Christmas dinner will be held at The Pavillion, Ballarat Grammar, within a relaxed piano-bar atmosphere.

It will also be Alliance française de Ballarat's way of acknowledging the centenary of the first Christmas following the end of World War One, a war that inextricably linked our two nations.

The Christmas celebrations in 1918 – both in France and Australia – were not only reflective, as families remembered those who were no longer with them, but carried a feeling of hope for the future as people were finally able to embrace the Christmas message of 'Peace on Earth' at the end of four long years of war.

We will shortly send an invitation to all our members to book your seats for this event, with all bookings to be finalised by November 24.

The event is open to members and non-members alike (with a special price for members).

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.

Social Media

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