

Alliance française de Ballarat

March 2019 Newsletter

March 24 – Concours de Pétanque

This is our annual competition and is for anyone who . . .

- Has longed to join in those games of pétanque held in village squares across France;
- Wants to learn how to play or who plays, but is frustrated that we don't have a dedicated outlet in Ballarat;
- Who would just love to be part of a fun day out (with a little bit of competition!)

Our members, Rick and Kathryn Steele, have generously agreed to open their pétanque facilities to us for a day's picnic and play.

When: Sunday, March 24.

Where: 406 Haines Street, Nerrina.

Time: Arrive at 10.30am for a prompt start of play at 11am.

Bring: A picnic lunch and something to drink during the day; a fold-up chair, a hat and sunscreen; a set of boules, if you have one. We have extra boules to share if not.

RSVP: Very important! We need to know numbers to be able to organise teams and *pistes*. Please text us at 0491 070 120 or contact *Alliance française de Ballarat* by email: afdeballarat@gmail.com ASAP – at the latest by Monday, March 18.

March soirée – Les recettes française

This evening we will focus as much as possible on French food.

We are hoping that members have a recipe – savoury or sweet – from a French cookbook that they are willing to make and bring along.

The idea is that those willing cooks will be able to enlighten us on their recipe – maybe explain the recipe ingredients in French? – maybe describe the cooking process? – the region your dish comes from? – or tell us if there is anything special about the dish – is it made for a particular event? – is it made from ingredients that are only found at a certain time of year?

Please come prepared to talk about your dish and we will choose one person (or more) from each table to step up and tell us about what they have brought.

And in case you miss out on explaining your delicacy, why not bring a small description of it to place beside the dish when it is served?

When: Friday, March 29, 2019 at 6.30pm.

Where: Ballarat Anglers Clubrooms, corner of Lake Wendouree Parade and Devon Street.

What: Bring your favourite French recipe – and a note explaining it. BYO drinks, *bien sûr*.

RSVP

An RSVP is essential, whether or not you are coming, so we can set up the right number of tables for the *soirée*. Those who are coming need to let us know whether you are bringing a savoury or sweet, so we can plan a balanced meal. Please text *Alliance française de Ballarat* on 0491 070 120 or email afdeballarat@gmail.com before midday Monday, March 25.

February – ‘Un apéritif dînatoire’ – meet and greet

Although small in numbers, the evening eased us back into the 2019 program with Kylie and Dinah speaking of their very recent visits to France. Despite the lack of heating facilities in the kitchen, we enjoyed nibbles that were comprehensive enough to make a dinner.

April AGM

Application forms for those willing to step up to the committee were circulated at our February meeting and we hope all will be returned this month.

Thanks you to those who have expressed interest – and nominated – and a reminder that nominations will remain open until our March 25.

Membership

With our new financial year coming up, any current member who would like to renew their membership now, can do so by checking the membership section at www.afballarat.com.au for further information.

Please note that our membership fees have increased slightly for 2019-20. They are \$45 family (two adults and two children); \$30 single; and \$15 concession (students and pensioners).

Also, those who have enrolled in our French courses for 2019 receive automatic membership for this calendar year only. We would love to see you at our regular *soirées* where you can to practise the French you are learning in class – and hear it spoken.

Social Media

Don't forget to check out; like; comment and / or share our Facebook page which you can find at www.facebook.com/afdeballarat