

# *Alliance française de Ballarat*

## May 2019 Newsletter

### May soirée – Trivia quiz à la française

***Time to brush up on all those little details about France that you may have half-forgotten as we launch our Trivia Quiz for 2019 hosted by Kylie and Kristiana.***

Kylie and Kristiana have been working out a 'fun-but-testing' quiz for us to exercise our knowledge of France – from times past to present – across all aspects of French life, love and language. So engage your brains, brush up on your facts and figures and join us for a fun *soirée* in May.

***When : Friday, May 31, at 6.30pm for 7pm.***

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

***What : Please bring a savoury or sweet dish to share. It is essential that you RSVP to Dinah on 0427 285 542 by Monday, May 27 at the latest; whether you will be attending or not, and to let her know whether you will bring a sweet or savoury. BYO drinks, bien sûr.***

### April AGM

What a terrific turn-out for our Annual General Meeting. Our meeting area was filled and the catered meal was enjoyed by all.

Reports on the past 12 months were presented by president, Jan Leishman, treasurer, Margaret Gardner, and French teacher, Alastair Hurst.

With nine nominations for nine positions, we were able to fill our committee requirements without an election.

The new committee for the next 12 months is: president, Jan Leishman; vice-president, Richard McRoberts; minutes secretary, Dinah Toohey; membership

secretary, Anne Fell; treasurer, Margaret Gardner; committee members, Kylie Weightman, Nigel Peckham, Pat Hope and Kristiana Withers.

We welcome our three new committee members, Nigel, Pat and Kristiana.

We also farewelled long-serving committee members, Val McRoberts and Gwendoline Blake.

### **Life Membership**

Our first Life Membership of *Alliance française de Ballarat* was presented to Gwendoline Blake by Richard McRoberts in recognition of her contribution to the Alliance over the past 30 years. Gwendoline has served as president, educator and representative of the Alliance and we thank her for her long service and dedication to the organisation and its aims.

### **Guest Speaker**

Mr Steve Goodwin, a wine maker and wine judge for more than 30 years, spoke on the wine industry in general and the way we recognise, label and describe wines. A chemist and microbiologist, Steve has won awards for his wines. He regularly visits France to view and purchase wines and currently teaches a Wine Appreciation course through Ballarat U3A. His talk was much appreciated and was followed by a lively question time.

### **RSVPs**

**Please remember: An RSVP is essential, whether or not you are coming, so we can set up the right number of tables for the *soirée*.**

### **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](http://www.facebook.com/afdeballarat)