

# *Alliance française de Ballarat*

## June 2019 Newsletter

### July soirée – La Fête Nationale

This year *Alliance française de Ballarat* will mark *La fête nationale* (or *le quatorze juillet*) with a dinner at The Mallow 'Upstairs Room' restaurant in Skipton Street, Ballarat.

This dinner is not specifically catered. You will be able to choose and pay for your food from the menu. The meals include fish, chicken, pork, lamb, steak, vegetarian, vegan and gluten free – most dishes within the \$20-\$25 bracket. There will be a choice of two desserts offered: sticky date pudding or white chocolate pannacotta – both at \$14 each.

To be certain you receive the dish you want, The Mallow has asked us to indicate in advance which meals are required, so you can be sure of receiving your selection. We have already emailed a menu to members, but if you require another copy, please contact us on [afdeballarat@gmail.com](mailto:afdeballarat@gmail.com) and we will send you another.

Please select your mains dish – and dessert if you wish – when you RSVP.

The restaurant requires the pre-orders to be in by July 6.

*Alliance française de Ballarat* will provide platters of nibbles on arrival and guests will be able to buy their own drinks at the bar.

Please note: There are stairs only to the first floor.

**What:** Celebratory dinner to mark France's National Day (aka Bastille Day).

**Where:** The Mallow, Skipton Street, Ballarat (near the intersection with Doveton Street).

**When:** Saturday, July 13 at 6.30pm.

#### **RSVP**

All you have to do is RSVP to [afdb RSVP@gmail.com](mailto:afdb RSVP@gmail.com) by **Friday, July 5** to let us know that you are coming – and include your mains and dessert choices so we can pre-order them for you. Remember that you need to RSVP even if you will not be attending.

And don't forget to brush up on your rendition of *La Marseillaise*!

## **June soirée – Fête de la Musique**

This proved a really successful evening, with members travelling by bus to Ararat for the production of '*Les Misérables*' presented by the Ararat Musical Comedy Society.

The annual *Fête de la Musique* is held in cities, towns and villages across France on June 21 (Midsummer's Day in the Northern Hemisphere), and we were lucky to be able to co-ordinate our celebration with that date.

*Les Misérables* musical is based on the 1862 novel by Victor Hugo, considered to be one of the greatest novels of the 19th century. From 1815 to the 1832 June Rebellion in Paris, it follows the lives of several characters, led by the ex-convict, Jean Valjean.

We enjoyed a meal together in Ararat before the show and appreciated the quality performance of the actors and the musicians, not to mention those behind-scenes workers who are vital for any theatrical production.

Many thanks also to Kylie who volunteered to chauffeur the group to and from Ararat.

## **Membership**

Those who have enrolled in our French courses for 2019 receive automatic membership for the 2019 calendar year. This entitles you to receive our newsletter and come to our *soirées* and other activities throughout this year. We would love to see you at our regular *soirées* where you will have a chance to practise the French you are learning in class – and hear it spoken.

And finally, people interested in joining *Alliance française de Ballarat* are welcome to 'try' with one free evening offered. For any future *soirées* or events, they will be required to become paid-up members.

## **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)