

Alliance française de Ballarat

August 2019 Newsletter

August soirée – Film ‘Avis de Mistral’ (My Summer in Provence)

Something warm and cheerful for mid-winter. This drama/comedy will have you rushing to your travel agent to book next year’s holiday in Provence.

The film tells the story of Léa, Adrian and their little brother, Théo (who is deaf), as they travel to their grandparents’ farm in Provence, after their father leaves home and while their mother is overseas.

The teenagers are not happy because a family dispute involving their mother and her father means they have never met their grumpy grandfather, Paul, who lives for his olive trees. The story reveals not only a clash of generations, but a clash of cultures between the city-bred teens and the country life in the *Midi*.

But the Mistral, which torments this region of the Alpilles, stirs up a turbulence that gradually transforms both generations and brings about healing to both.

What: Film – *Avis de Mistral* (My Summer in Provence).

When: Friday, August 30 at 6.30pm.

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 afdbsvp@gmail.com by Monday, August 26 at the latest; whether you will be attending or not, and to let us know if you will be bringing a sweet or savoury. BYO drinks, *bien sûr*.

July soirée – Bastille Day dinner

This was a terrific evening celebrated upstairs at The Mallow. The venue was excellent with a cosy winter atmosphere. We enjoyed good food, good wine and good company – even our rendition of *La Marseillaise* !

End of Year

Just to note to remind members to keep the date, Friday, November 29, clear for our end-of-year soirée – which promises to be something ‘new’.

Culturethèque

This is a special library where you can access a vast range of French videos, books, magazines and comics, and another way to bring French culture to your home.

It is open to members of Alliance française de Ballarat.

Members who are interested in joining should send an email to afdeballarat@gmail.com expressing their interest.

You will then be enrolled as a member and given a Login ID and password.

Access to the library will be for 12 months.

For those who are interested, please send an email to get started.

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