

Alliance française de Ballarat

October 2019 Newsletter

October soirée – ‘In the Footsteps of Atget’ an Artist’s Talk by Julie Mahnken

A practising artist, Julie will give a talk on her art work and explorations in Paris in 2018.

Her project draws on the tradition of the artist's travel journal and was undertaken to discover sites captured by the photographer Eugene Atget in the early 1900s.

Atget's evocative Black and White images record a Paris that was disappearing in his time.

Many sites exist now only as images, yet some have endured in physical reality.

Through sketches and photographs made around the city, Julie's work retraces some of those remaining sites as well as other hidden places, exploring the nature of time through the mediums of charcoal and ink.

What: Artist’s Talk ‘In the Footsteps of Atget’ by Julie Mahnken.

When: Friday, October 25 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, October 21 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*.

September soirée – Games Night

Although small – with many members still away for winter - this was an enjoyable evening of games and socialising. Something to be repeated !

Something 'new' for our End of Year celebration

Mark the date: Saturday, November 30, in your diary as this promises to be something you won't want to miss.

This year we will be celebrating the arrival of the 2019 Beaujolais Nouveau! Beaujolais Nouveau is traditionally released in France on November 21 and enjoyed to mark the end of the year's harvest.

Enjoy a relaxed social evening with lots of fun, food and French music. Sample a glass or two of Beaujolais Nouveau with delicious platters of French *charcuterie, fromage, tartes vegetariennes, salades, baguettes et desserts*. Numbers are limited, so you will need to book soon through the Trybooking link at www.afballarat.com.au

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. Come and 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