

Alliance française de Ballarat

February 2020 Newsletter

Get-together with Drinks and Nibbles

Bonne année et nouvelle décennie ! Of course the start of a new decade is open to interpretation as to where it actually begins, but we'll celebrate anyway !

Let's ease our way into the New Year with a casual meet-up and celebrate with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine, some *amuse-bûche* and good conversation
(*en français, bien sûr !*)

Qu'est-ce que vous avez fait pendant les vacances ?

Comment vous avez célébré le nouvel an / Noël / la fête nationale de l'Australie ?

Les incendies – quelle horreur ! Discutez !

As people will be bringing nibbles only and not a full meal, please note that this meeting will start at 6.30pm and finish at 8pm.

What : Get-together with Drinks and Nibbles.

When : Friday, February 28, 2020, 6.30pm – 8pm.

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

Bring: A plate of nibbles and anything you would prefer to drink. A complimentary glass of sparkling wine will be served on arrival.

RSVP: Very important! Please contact *Alliance française de Ballarat* on:
afdeballarat@gmail.com by Monday, February 24.

November end-of-year soirée – Beaujolais Nouveau Party

We finished 2019 in style with a Beaujolais Nouveau Party. During the evening we learnt the history of the traditional celebration at the end of the Beaujolais Nouveau *vendage*, enjoyed French music and a quiz.

The wine, sourced from France (via Melbourne) proved a great success with delicious platters of charcuterie and cheeses, followed by dessert.

Many thanks to Nigel for the wine, Dinah and Pat for the food.

French Movie on March 12

Thursday, March 12, will see us partnering with the Ballarat Film Society to watch the French movie, **Who do you think I am? (*Celle que vous croyez*)** starring Juliette Binoche.

The film will be shown at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute, Sturt St, with wine and cheese provided by *Alliance française de Ballarat* beforehand. The cost to *Alliance* members will be \$10. The evening begins at 6.45pm for drink and nibbles; the film starts promptly at 7.30pm.

Part romantic drama and part thriller, 'Who do you think I am? (*Celle que vous croyez*)' tells the story of a woman who becomes trapped in her own web of deceit. A 50-year-old divorced teacher is unceremoniously dumped by her younger lover, and as a result, hatches a plan of retribution to get even with him. She creates a fake persona of a 24-year-old on the internet, but instead of luring her target, her ex-lover's friend becomes interested and she finds herself caught in her own dishonesty when she falls for him, despite him being half her age. Film critic, David Stratton, gave it four stars and described it as 'a dark satire on how social media can be manipulated'.

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 2020 receive automatic membership for the 2020 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 additional *soirées* or events, they will be required to become paid-up members.