

# *Alliance française de Ballarat*

## April 2020 Newsletter

This newsletter is written with a heavy heart as I announce that all activities of *Alliance française de Ballarat* will be postponed until further notice. This includes our regular soirées, our French language programs and special activities that we all look forward to each year.

The first of these is our *Concours de Pétanque*, which was scheduled for this Sunday, March 29. This has been put on hold until further notice. Our member, Rick Steele, hopes he may be able to host it in November, all being well, but this will obviously depend on how the situation pans out across this year.

Our April AGM will also not take place as an event, though our committee is working through our obligations towards setting a committee and office-bearers for 2020 as well as presenting our various annual reports. We will keep members informed on this.

Sadly our inaugural French Film Festival, due to take place at Ballarat's Regent Cinema from April 17-19, has been cancelled. The decision was taken by *Alliance française de Melbourne* and since then the cinema itself has closed its doors.

In the meantime, do try to do some home practice of French; there are many places online where you can access assistance. SBS on Demand has a number of French films to watch and we will continue our Facebook presence as we can.

So for now, stay home, wash /sanitise hands, use a face mask if you need to go out, and try to stay as healthy as you can.

*Bon courage à tous !*

## French Movie – March 12

This was our last outing before closures and it was an outstanding event as members joined Ballarat Film Society members to watch **Who you think I am? (*Celle que vous croyez*)** starring Juliette Binoche. We enjoyed wine and nibbles beforehand and it was voted an evening we must repeat with them when another French film is shown.