



La Gazette

Winter 2015



de l'Alliance Française de la Côte Centrale
Welcome to the gazette!

Alliance Française
de la Côte Centrale

Our President, Ary Kleiberg has returned from AF Canberra with an update-read on page 2

Please consider printing a couple of copies of this newsletter for friends and colleagues or forward this attachment to any interested (or would be) Francophones.

Celebrate Bastille Day at our AFCC rendezvous @
Erina Leagues Club @ 10am-Saturday 11th July 2105

- ★ Check Facebook page for Event posting
- ★ Remember to RSVP for catering.....
- ★ Morning tea or brunch/lunch during or after rendezvous at own expense from café –suggest a ham & cheese croissant and call it a Croque Monsieur on the day???
- ★ Poetry, regular conversation and language exercises and practice.

French language classes!!

Consider a French class for improving job prospects, self-improvement or travel preparation. Check the website for a class near you.

afcentralcoast.org.au

I have studied French with both Patricia and Viviane & they are excellent teachers.

The classes are fun and I have considerably improved my language, vocabulary & written

French skills—and more importantly—my

confidence and motivation to enjoy the language'

Leigh Gleeson

Other Bastille Day activities you might enjoy

- ★ Hardy's Bay Club on the evening of Sat 18th July featuring the music of Les and Narelle and a fabulous French meal for \$65 per person. Please contact the club on **4360 1072**.
- ★ The Rocks in Sydney on Tuesday 14th July 2015 from 5pm til late.

Pétanque

It's often wet and cold now being winter, however.....

Pétanque will be played at 9.30am prior to our rendez-vous at Erina Leagues Club. Please risk a raindrop or two and join us. Eventually it will be glorious weather and our game will take off. Be a part of the fun ☀

Memberships are due now so please consider joining or renewing and support our group. Family (couples too) and AFCC student memberships are also available. You can pay in cash at a rendezvous or via the web which is very secure.

Thanks!!

Language Learning Tip

- ★ Count backwards from 100 when on hold or waiting for lights to change or internet to load. The difficult numbers are 70 and above...
- ★ Say numberplates out aloud in French as well as speed limits or kms to the next suburb.
- ★ Write your shopping list in French & add it up in French as you go...

Observations of Paris

Ethereal photos by Bernard Ollis celebrating 30 years of this iconic city
Exhibition from 17th June 2105
NG Art Galley Chippendale

The French Country Market was chilly but absolutely pumping, so we might see some new members soon!
Our next event is Avoca Beach on Saturday 20th June at the 5 Lands Walk—so come and say Bonjour!

Merci beaucoup!
A la prochaine
Until next time ✨

Contributions welcome for Spring edition at lgfirehorse@hotmail.com

Please put gazette in the subject line so I know you are friend not foe.

Cheers, Leigh

A word from Ary Kleiberg-our President:

As we approach mid-year it is a good time to take stock of our experiences for 2015.

The single most important thing AF offers is study of the French language. During my visit to Canberra a couple of weeks ago for a meeting with our Canberra people, it was again emphasized that our classes are the reason of being of the Alliance.

Cultural aspects are important, but are quite secondary to the French language study.

Learn French with Alliance Française Central Coast

It is therefore necessary to promote ourselves as the pre-eminent organization to come to, for anyone wanting to learn French. As the classes also constitute the main source of funding for the club, word of mouth promotion by members would certainly be appreciated.

At a club level we have decided to run a series of newspaper ads over 4 consecutive weeks, prior to the start of the July classes as well as regular shopping centre promotions.

Although each non-capital-city Alliance is now self-supporting, the rules are now such, that without classes you can no longer function under the Alliance Française banner. One would no longer be allowed to use the "Brand name". Quite a number of such Alliances around the world have been "disenfranchised" accordingly and we want to avoid this fate.

For our club it has been a disappointing start to the year, with a very low intake of students – Viviane not having any. As was emphasized in Canberra, these days there is a lot of competition in language study- particularly French. So please consider studying with us and tell your friends as well.

Avoca has been designated the "French Land" during

The 5 Lands Walk 2015

To further enhance our standing on the Central Coast, we aim to be at the various "community events", one such being the 10th Annual "5 Lands Walk" on Saturday June 20 (weather permitting). We will have our stand at Avoca Beach near the Surf Club.

Bastille Day – 14th July 2015

In July we will celebrate at our regular rendez-vous on Saturday the 11th. Normally we ask a contribution to cover the gastronomic delights provided, however this year we are encouraging you to patronise the Club's Bistro or café for brunch or lunch and celebrate at our regular rendezvous venue as part of or after the morning's social language practice.

The cafe can cope with a certain number of food orders first thing, but probably not all of us without prior notice, so please visit the Facebook page and register for the event so that we can let the Club know to expect a few more orders.

à bientôt

Ary