



# La Gazette

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## RENDEZVOUS DATES 2016

December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and final Xmas party for the year. The luncheon will be at Cheeky Charlie's at 12.30pm after the meeting.

## EVENTS

Our club held a very enjoyable luncheon at Cheeky Charlie's café in Erina on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Further details inside...

## DVDS

Contact Marie Burtenshaw for the list of French movies.

## NEW CLASSES

For French classes please check [www.afcentralcoast.org.au/classes](http://www.afcentralcoast.org.au/classes)

## FRENCH VIA THE MEDIA

SBS TV 8.40 am daily

[www.tv5monde.com](http://www.tv5monde.com)

[www.yahooofrance.com.au](http://www.yahooofrance.com.au)

[www.frenchaccent.com](http://www.frenchaccent.com)

**Important message!**

Please inform Ary when attending the 'meet-ups' on the the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month

## Message from the President

As we approach summer and the end of the year it is common to look back and see if we, as an organization, have progressed this year. One way to gauge this is by membership numbers, particularly those of the students. Retaining the members we have is better than finding new ones, which is to say that – like any voluntary organization – this is an unending quest. To that end we are spending close to \$1,000 again with advertising in the Central Coast Express in January.

This year we participated again in the French Markets in Springfield. The recent one started in torrential rain and continued in stifling heat. Having spent about \$250 dollars on a decent waterproof marquee and a couple of side screens, these certainly proved their worth this time, although numbers were down on the market earlier in the year. As before, Vice President Nathalie Adams was the valiant warrior who manned the fort all day. Bravo!

Our website is gradually being upgraded; we have a local picture coming up as our new banner-head, to replace the rather uninspiring generic “crashing wave in the sunset” banner-head we have had till now.

Our first attempt at showing a movie from the Institut Français was not a great success, due in part to the lack of curtains capable of shutting out the outside light in the afternoon in the Fitzpatrick room at the Club. Still, it was only a first attempt – not realizing the unsuitability of the venue during daylight hours. The next one we propose to show on January 14 in the Green Point Community Centre, where the room, at half the cost, is far more suitable; it can be darkened adequately and there is a kitchenette in the room. I will bring my own projector and screen, which is quite adequate for the purpose, and saves a few more dollars as well.

Our Club elections are coming up at the first Rendezvous in February (the 11<sup>th</sup>); all positions will be vacant at that time, and as always we are inviting people to throw their hat in the ring for a position on the Committee. None of us have “araldite on the pants” as so eloquently expressed by a former Prime Minister, so don't be shy!

Merry Christmas and a great 2017!

**Ary Kleiberg**



This is our group at Cheeky Charlie's for our early Melbourne Cup lunch held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. There were some wonderful outfits and hats, in particular David Cruickshank's Moroccan Fez which really contributed to the multicultural atmosphere of the day. Members are from all around the globe including Denmark, Monaco, Holland, India, the UK, Germany and of course Australia. We were all impressed by the courtesy and efficient service provided by the staff of the restaurant. The dishes are reasonably priced and there was enough variety to please all of us.

## JOËLLE BEAUTY THERAPY

Joëlle was born and raised in Paris, France. She has held French and Australian citizenship since 1985. Her career started in Paris in 1982 when she completed her Esthéticienne (Beauty Therapy) course including cosmetics and body care.

During 1983, Joëlle also completed her diploma in Esthétiques (Beauty Therapy), acne and couperose skin care at the International "Institut d'Esthétique" at Saarbrücken, Germany. For the next 6 years, Joëlle worked in conjunction with medical professionals in Paris for specialized treatments with post-operation patients who had problems such as



acne, cellulite and lymphatic drainage.

Joëlle owned and operated 4 salons and spas in various locations around Paris over this period. These areas included St Germain, Champs Elysées and Montmartre.

## CULTURETHEQUE

Our first movie was shown at a small theatre room at the Erina Leagues Club. The room was good, but the movie called "Au Gallop" was not to everyone's taste. There were many very dark scenes and so visually very difficult to follow. To some people the "humeur noire" was also not appealing.

However, members were able to order a glass of wine and sit down to watch a film in the French language. We hope to see a lighter, more exciting or more amusing film which appeals to the majority of the members. As they say, **Tout le monde as son gout !**

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

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[Nos combats](#)  
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[Moyens d'agir](#)

On the central coast, Amnesty can be contacted through the website

[amnesty.centralcoast@gmail.com](mailto:amnesty.centralcoast@gmail.com) or via the **Facebook page**. If people would like to contact the Australia wide office, the details are [www.amnesty.org.au](http://www.amnesty.org.au).

This global dislocation and traumatisation of people around the world makes me think of **Shakespeare's** wonderful words through Portia in **The Merchant of Venice**.

#### Portia:

The quality of **mercy** is not strain'd  
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath: it is twice bless'd  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes  
T'is mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes  
The throned monarch better than his crown  
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,  
The attribute to awe and majesty,

Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;  
But **mercy** is above this sceptred sway  
It is enthroned in the heart of kings...

### FRENCH IDIOMS

#### Bien mener sa barque

« to steer one's boat well »,  
« to do alright for yourself »

Personne ne s'attendait à ce qu'elle réussisse, mais elle a **bien mené sa barque** et occupe maintenant un poste prestigieux.

Like our Alliance Française, we have moved from one success to the next. Culturetheque has been launched, the Gazette and the website are looking professional and new classes will start in 2017.

#### Tenir la barre

Si on doit **prendre ou tenir la barre** on devient responsable de la conduite des affaires comme on le fait en prenant la barre d'un bateau.

However, we may not be able to trust our politicians with the way they may be handling the ship (Australia) through the stormy waters ahead.

There are certainly grave doubts about the way Mr Trump is proposing to handle the affairs of the USA !

#### Faire un tabac

"To be a big hit"  
"To be a roaring success"

Le film, qui a **fait un tabac** en France avec plus de cinq millions d'entrées, vient d'être nommé aux Oscars

So, let us hope that the next film to be shown in Erina will be a real hit!