



A message from the President

Dear Members

We hope your appreciation and knowledge of the French language and culture has flourished this year.

Our association is very fortunate to have the ongoing support of Miranda Diggers where we hold our committee meetings and Cineclub evenings each month.

Our committee has been busy ensuring we have lots of opportunities to get together and celebrate all things French!

We are continuing to support the French programmes at Taren Point Public School with donations this year of \$1,000 for new signage and a \$2,000 contribution to the new French Language Centre. We have also applied for funding from the French government which, if successful, will go to the new Language Centre.

We are in discussion with the Sutherland Shire Council to install a pétanque piste in the Shire which would be a great addition to our regular activities.

We have strengthened our ties with other French organisations in Sydney, in particular with FANS and the Alliance



Française, and are involved in some exciting projects for 2024 with the Consul Général de France in Sydney, in relation to the Paris Olympic Games.

We are happy to have expanded the number of committee members this year to 16 and I take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and enthusiasm. Thanks also to our members for their contribution to and participation in our events throughout the year.

Along with the committee, I wish everyone a most enjoyable festive season!

Olivier Clément
President



January

GALETTE DES ROIS

Always a popular start to the year, this annual event, which celebrates the arrival of the Three Wise Men in Bethlehem, was well attended. We thank Como Hotel for their support in hosting our event.



February

COOKING & LUNCH WITH CHEF CHRISTOPHE

A fabulous day learning to cook in Thirroul with Christophe from Le Très Bon restaurant, followed by a gourmet lunch.

Bon appétit!



March

FRANCOPHONE DAY

Our Committee attended the Francophone celebration at Taren Point Public School which is always well supported by the Consul Général de France, the Mayor of the Sutherland Shire, and local French High School teachers.



May

LA BELLE VIE FRENCH MARKET

Whilst the weather didn't shine all day, once again the market delivered a fun, French vibe. Visitors to the market enjoyed 70+ stalls of French goodness.





July

BASTILLE DAY

Our Bastille Day dinner was held at Bitton Oatley this year. It is always pleasing to have a great turn out on this special day. We also had the privilege of participating in a Bastille Day ceremony at La Perouse, hosted by Randwick Council. A spectacular setting for an important event.



July - August

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

The star event of the year for us! The cup gave us a fantastic opportunity to come together with the Francophone Association of Northern Sydney (FANS) and the Alliance Française, drumming up support for the French women's team at their Sydney and Brisbane games.





September

REUNION DES ASSOCIATIONS

Consul Général de France in Sydney, Martin Juillard, invited FASS to attend a meeting of representatives from French-based Associations/Groups/Schools in Sydney to introduce the services they provide to the Francophone community. The purpose of this meeting was to create a calendar of events and a list of contact details of the participants. It was a great networking opportunity for everyone involved.



October

TRIVIA NIGHT

The newly finished O'Reilly's Bar at Miranda Diggers was the perfect venue for our Trivia Night. Sohayla did an awesome job of testing our general knowledge. The night was a huge success and well attended by members.



November

SOIREE BEAUJOLAIS

Beaujolais Nouveau is an important date on the French wine calendar and one we look forward to each year. This year it was held in the church at TPPS, which will transform into the French Language Centre in 2024.

We thoroughly enjoyed the tasting as Brigid from the French Wine School enlightened us with her knowledge of Beaujolais varieties.



Our popular monthly movie nights are now run by Mike and held in O'Reilly's Bar at Miranda Diggers.

We have the space to ourselves, and this allows us a more comfortable screening experience which everyone enjoys.

We continue to see a wide variety of French films; old and new, happy and sad, light and deep and always with a fantastic and informative pre-show presentation by Mike.

Let's give them something to talk about...

Conversation Groups

@ ST PHILS, CARINGBAH

Conversation groups are the main attraction for a lot of our members who meet every Thursday afternoon (in the school term) to practice their French.

With three levels to choose from, there is something for everyone. We thank our members who head up each group and ensure the conversation flows.



Causeries

@ KINGSWAY, GYMEA

If nerves get in the way of your perfect French, a glass of wine... or 2, at Friday night Causeries (3rd Friday of the month) is the relaxing remedy on offer. It is always a convivial evening shared by enthusiastic participants of all levels.



Papotages

@ CRONULLA RSL

Marie is our wonderful anchor for this popular monthly conversation opportunity held on Saturday mornings (2nd Saturday of the month) The venue offers a relaxed setting to chat in the language of Molière.



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