



## *Alliance Française de Darwin Inc.*

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### **NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2009**

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- Alliance Française (2 x French Movie Passes, at Museum Theatre)
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**Thank You to our 2009 Bastille Ball Sponsors/Prize-donors,  
who contributed with the following auction items:**

- Vivienne Blandy & Richard Griffiths (complete picnic set, worth \$325)
- North West Constructions (handmade timber coffee table for auction, worth \$800)
- Parap Fine Foods (basket of gourmet French foods)

### **BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

On **Saturday, July 11**, the Bastille Ball at *Crustaceans on the Wharf* was as enjoyable as ever, during our best weather in Darwin. The French Can-Can, the Moulin Rouge, and the overall setting, invoked an imagery of France.

A special *merci* to all of you who came, and who donated/sponsored prizes, making this special evening an absolute success!

We are pleased to announce that a **DVD Video Show** of the night has been produced and is now available. Please contact Maria (0488 560 586) or Olga (0418 896 514) if you would like a copy.

On **Tuesday, July 14**, to celebrate Bastille Day, everyone came together at *Lake Alexander* for a BBQ, with a delicious plate to share.

Next year, the **Ball** will take place on **Saturday, July 17**, and the **BBQ** at *Lake Alexander* on **Wednesday, July 14**, from 4pm, for those who wish to play pétanque. **SAVE THE DATE and stay tuned for more details!!!!**

### **FILM NIGHT**

The next film night for the Alliance Française will be **Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** at the *Museum Theatrette*. The movie to be shown is **OSS 117**, a spoof movie based on James Bond.

As usual, the cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Wine and cheese will be served from 6:30pm, and the screening will begin at 7:00pm.

### **FREE FRENCH FILM**

With thanks to the NT Government grant, we are now planning the first *Free French Film in the Park*. This will be at the **Jingili Water Gardens** on **Friday, September 25**, from 6pm.

**Please come forward with any catering sponsors/ideas.**

***N.B. Because of this special “Free French Film”  
night,  
we are cancelling  
the monthly “Film Night at the Museum Theatrette”  
for the month of September  
(originally scheduled for **Thursday, September 24**).***

## **BEER CAN REGATTA**

The Beer Can Regatta on **Sunday, July 19** seems to have inspired some of us to participate in **next year's** regatta with a French theme (e.g. tri-colour, frog, Gaulois). This could be a fun project for those keen on keeping the spirit of the Beer Can Regatta alive, and merging the French and local cultures together.

***Please give us your feedback!***

## **INTERN**

**Eleonore du Rosel**, French student working on her thesis in France, was in Darwin as an intern from April to July, 2009. Her help and support with the *Alliance Française de Darwin* will not be forgotten! While she will be very missed, we wish her all the best as she concludes her studies in France and continues her quest to explore French culture outside of France.

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