



## ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE DARWIN NEWSLETTER - JUNE

Bonjour!

### French Movie Night and Wine & Cheese

Once a month, on a Thursday night, we are pleased to welcome you to our French Movie Night and Wine & Cheese at the *Museum Theatrette, Bullocky Point, Conacher St., Fannie Bay*



Next sessions :

- June, 24<sup>th</sup> 2010
- August, 26<sup>th</sup> 2010
- October, 28<sup>th</sup> 2010

\$12 for members  
\$15 for non  
members

The next one is on **24 June 2010**

We will be happy to welcome you from **6.30 pm** for the Wine & Cheese before the start of the movie at **7pm**.

### *Mes amis, mes amours*

Director **Lorraine Levy**

With **Virginie Ledoyen / Vincent Lindon / Pascal Elbé**

99 mins / 2008



Based on Mark Levy's bestselling novel (*and here directed by his sister, Lorraine – The First Time I Was 20*) *My Friends, My Loves* is an engaging romantic comedy about two French ex-pats living in the same London house.

When divorced bookseller Mathias (*Vincent Lindon*) moves to London to be closer to his daughter, his ex-wife takes it as an opportunity to move back to France! He decides to move in with his old friend, and fellow divorcee, Antoine (*Pascal Elbé*) and they set up a shared apartment in an ex-pat French enclave in South Kensington (*affectionately referred to as 'Frog Alley'*) so they can share child-minding duties. But while establishing house rules is easy, handling relationships with the opposite sex is another matter. When Mathias falls for the charms of a sexy French journalist Audrey (*Virginie Ledoyen*), the smart arrangement between the dads begins to fall apart...

*My Friends, My Loves* is a bubbly spin on the 'odd-couple' comedy (*Mathias and Antoine are chalk and fromage in every way you could imagine*), featuring amiable performances from the talented cast and more than a nod to the romantic comedies of Richard Curtis.

## **BASTILLE BALL – 17 July**

It is nearly upon us!! The committee is now putting the final touches on what promises to be bigger and better than last year. Tickets are now on sale. We have been able, thanks to the sponsorships of both the NT Government and Advance Civil Engineering to bring a wonderful International Surprise Show for the Ball this year. To assist with transport, as the carpark at Pee-Wee's is quite small, and it is difficult to get a taxi from there late in the evening, we have put on a free shuttle bus from the Casino car park to Pee-Wee's with a stop at the Lake Alexander carpark. It will be a sit down dinner with alternate menus. Following the welcome drink and canapés from 6.30 pm, one bottle of white wine and one bottle of red wine will be placed on each table for 8 people.

Tickets are \$150 for non-members and \$130 for members and are available from committee members. Alternatively you can call Lea on 0411652342 to pick up your tickets.

## **ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY**

I received the following email which I said I would circulate to Alliance members.

Let me be introduced to you. My name is Françoise Fabre. I am French and I am writing you because I am the mother of a 13 years old girl who is studying English in the European section in the French class of 4th in the Lycée Saint Michel in Annecy in Haute-Savoie in France.

My daughter has got very good marks this year and is very good at school. In 2003 when she was 7 years old, she went to Kiwi schools in Auckland and Christchurch, places where my husband and I spent one sabbatical year to take the turn of the world. So when we left New Zealand, Virginia was speaking fluently in English but presently we think with my husband that she is still too young to go and stay to Australia or New Zealand or USA this summer. Last year she could update her knowledge thanks to the French Alliance because we found a young American student girl, the girl of an American doctor, who was interested in spending some weeks in France to improve her French and to visit our country from the 15th of July to the 15th of August but this young lady has now found a job and is not free.

We would be very happy to welcome a new Australian girl this year between the 5 of July and the 15 of August. We can offer to visit our area and Geneva and the area of Chamonix from where my husband is native and is the descendant of the first woman to get to the top of the Mont Blanc, her name was Marie Paradis. We could also spend some days on the French Riviera because we have there a house close to Lavandou, a small town at 20 miles from Saint Tropez at the beginning of August for around 10 to 15 days.

We plan to stay in the area of Annecy until the 31th of July and to go to the French Riviera from the 1st of August to the around the 15 of August. This Australian girl could come and visit us sooner or later if she wants, but in this case it will be to schedule.

To my opinion, I think it is a good opportunity to discover the French culture and to live in a French family.

To get in touch with us, you can email us and I will send you all the information and credentials concerning us.

Looking forward to reading you.

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## **CONVERSATION**

Don't forget our conversation mornings on Sundays from 10 am. Come and join Colette and Alan, David and the others and practice your French with native speakers. You can't miss our table: it is the noisy one with the Eiffel tower on it.

## **PRIX LA PEROUSE**

We have been so lucky with our two stagiaires: Eleonore and Lysielle. We have sadly said goodbye to Lysielle who has gone back to sit for her exams in France. We will miss her.

Sadly our Newsletters will never be the same.

Still she has left a lasting legacy. We are still trying to get the Prix La Perouse under way.

Unfortunately an insufficient number of students enrolled to participate and we are negotiating with Canberra so they will allow us to still get the trip to New Caledonia for our winner. We are also trying to find sponsors to ensure that we are not out of pocket for this worthwhile project.

If you are able to help, we would be most grateful. We are seeking sponsorships for 3x\$150 vouchers as well as a Darwin-Sydney return airfare.



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