



ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE DARWIN NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2011

Bonjour!

Bastille Day 2012

BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Next year we will introduce a slight change to our social calendar, especially since the 14th of July falls on a Saturday.

We will celebrate Bastille Day in a more traditional way – as an afternoon outdoor event.

But do not fret!!!! We are still having a ball, but with a different slant:

Instead of a *Bastille Day Ball* in July, we will have an *Alliance Française Ball* on **September 1st, 2012**.

New Home for the Alliance Française

Since July 2011, we are no longer homeless!!!!

The **Alliance Française de Darwin** now has a physical location in Malak.

We are on a co-sharing agreement at the Serbian Community Hall, on the corner of Dashwood Cres. and Malak Cres.

We are in the process of establishing our office and our library on these premises. Our library/book-exchange will include French books and magazines, available to all members. Semester 2 of our 2011 French classes has marked a special milestone for the *Alliance Française de Darwin*, with classes being held on our these new premises, instead of at the Charles Darwin University.

Consular Affairs – URGENT MESSAGE

For the upcoming legislative elections, the French Consular Agency in Darwin (Zoe or Marie-Benedicte) would be grateful if you could provide them with your **full name and surname, email, phone number, and consular card number**. This will be the first time that voting can be done online. Please contact:

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Hours of Business:
Monday: 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

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Movie Night

Due to circumstances outside our control, there is no film in the month of September.

Our next movie night for 2011 is on **6th of October** and we are delighted to welcome you to Wine & Cheese at 6.30pm at the *Museum Theatrette, Bullocky Point, Conacher St., Fannie Bay*. The movie will start at 7.00 pm.



Next sessions :

- **6 October 2011**
- **3 November 2011**
- **1 December 2011**

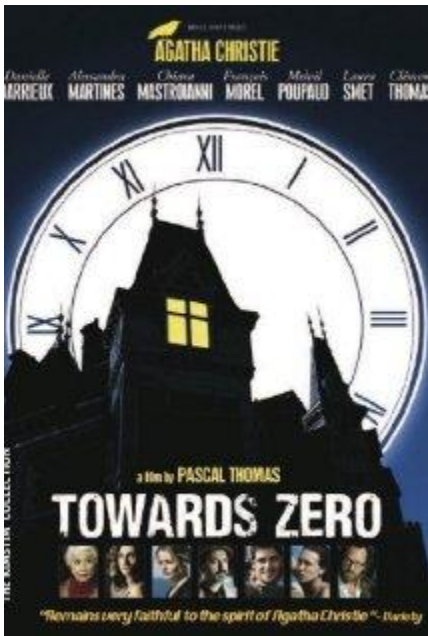
*\$15 for non members

*\$12 for members

*10 for full time students, pensioners and committee members

* The entry fee covers wine, cheese, venue hire and other expenses.

L'Heure zéro (Towards Zero) is a French comedy/mystery film, directed by [Pascal Thomas](#), based on an Agatha Christie novel.



L'heure zéro ([2007](#))

[Comedy](#) | [Mystery](#)

When Guillaume has the bizarre idea of inviting his ex-wife Aude to a family reunion at the luxurious coastal estate of his wealthy Aunt Camilla, his tempestuous new wife Caroline becomes filled with rage. Guillaume hopes that they'll become friends but the two women despise one another. But things turn ugly when Camilla is found dead in her bedroom - and only the trusty Inspector Bataille can put together the pieces. But as the Inspector untangles her mysterious death, he also begins to unearth dark family secrets, brewing jealousies, and perhaps even a murderer in their midst.

Director:

[Pascal Thomas](#)

Writers:

[Agatha Christie](#) (novel), François Caviglioli

Stars:

[François Morel](#), [Danielle Darrieux](#) and [Melvil Poupaud](#)

Travelling Concert - Tournicottin

Darwin was privileged to welcome a travelling French family that is spending 6 months abroad, providing free classical concerts in Australia and Africa in exchange for free board and lodging.

Tournicottin literally means “the touring Cottin family”. The young family of 5 consists of the father, who promotes the musicians, the mother on vocals and piano, the daughter on the violin, the middle son on the clarinet, and the youngest son who is yet to perform.

Tournicottin was our inauguration event at our new premises: the Serbian Community Hall in Malak.

Tournicottin’s expertise and their instruments and voice were astonishing and everyone who heard them was overwhelmed.



New Calendonian Band : « Diffusion »

Diffusion is a young band from New Calendonia that has been performing in Darwin in early-September.

They perform a fusion of exotic West Indies music, reggae, and hip hop.

In Darwin, *Diffusion* performed at Mindil Beach Markets, the Railway Club, the Portuguese-Timorese Club, and the Beachfront Hotel, Nightcliff.

Sunday Conversation

Rain or shine, the **Cool Spot** is the place to meet on a **Sunday** between **10am and 12pm**. Look out for the table with the French flag and come and practice your French in a very informal and friendly manner.

Memberships

Memberships become due on 1 January each year. We have retained our membership fees to the very low \$20 for singles and \$30 for a family. This entitles you to a reduced fee for the wine and cheese prior to the movie, to reduced prices for Ball tickets, and ensures you get your Newsletter every month. Fees may be paid by cheque, by direct deposit into our bank account or in cash to our Treasurer or other committee member. Please note that students have their membership fee included as part of their class fees. Please contact president@afdawin.org for further information.



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