

BASTILLE DAY

FRENCH FESTIVAL
MELBOURNE



Three months to go!

16 & 17 July 2021

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Mark your diaries because the countdown to the Bastille Day French Festival has begun.

We will keep you updated as exciting news about the program is announced!

Relive the action of 2019

Want a taste of this fabulous Festival? Relive our 2019 highlights as we gear up for this year's event.



The 2019 Bastille Day French Festival encompassed a wide variety of stalls and activities to suit the tastes of all Frenchies and French-lovers in Melbourne. From stocking up on goodies in our fabulous Winter Market, to *Les Lumières* Talks for those seeking some intellectual stimulation, to lively and energetic dance performances, and masterclasses to learn something new and interesting, the 2019 Bastille Day Festival was full of *joie de vivre*.



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Join in the action this year

Want to be involved in Melbourne's Bastille Day French Festival?
Exhibit with us at Federation Square this July! Applications for Bastille Day stalls
close in ONE WEEK on April 23. Don't hesitate.

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Behind the scenes

Meet our Project Co-ordinator: Marisia Lukaszewski

“Bonjour, I’m Marisia, the Bastille Day French Festival Project Co-ordinator. I have had a very creative career cutting my teeth on St Kilda Festival and St Kilda Film Festival, worked as an Art Curator and Gallery Manager, delivered a few exhibitions to Italy and Asia, worked for Melbourne Fringe Festival and the State Of Design Festivals and now, I am thrilled to be able to have joined the team at the Bastille Day French Festival; it is so wonderful to be part of the vibrant French community of Melbourne.”



What are you looking forward to at this year’s Festival?

“One of the many marvellous things the festival has to offer is the extensive selection of French and Franco-Australian foodstuffs. Crêpes, wine, cheese, pâté, pastries; every kind of Gallic delectable that you could wish for! In times where our travel options are limited, the Bastille Day French Festival is the closest we can come to sipping a Bordeaux on the left bank while dining on an oozing brie. I’m planning some associated events that I hope will whet the appetite, make you dance and stay to enjoy the cultural history and ideas of France.”



Meet our Festival Intern:

Simon Wright

"Salut, Je m'appelle Simon. I am one of the interns at Honorary French Consulate of Melbourne but have also spent a lot of time helping to organise the Bastille Day French Festival. I have always loved France and French culture; I studied French literature at university. It has been a real pleasure helping to bring this festival to life and discovering how diverse and expansive the French community is here in Victoria."

What are you looking forward to at this year's Festival?

"I have followed the Melbourne Bastille Day French Festival since it started in 2015 and each year it has gone from strength to strength! I am most looking forward to the Lumières talks. In the past, this lecture series has covered a range of topics from Revolutionary history, to French law, Parisian botanicals, and haute couture. There is something to pique everyone's interest. This year's line-up promises to be just as exciting!"

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