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L'infolettre des profs de français en Australie Occidentale

Mot de la Présidente

Chers/chères collègues,

I hope you have all had a smooth return to work and are settling into your new routines.

The year 2025 marks the **30th anniversary of our association**—an exciting milestone and a wonderful opportunity to come together, celebrate, and acknowledge those who have played a significant role in shaping TOFA. The TOFA committee is preparing special surprises for all members, and we look forward to welcoming you at the various events we are working hard to organize throughout the year.

As TOFA president, I have the privilege of leading a team of dedicated and passionate educators committed to making a difference in our profession and strengthening the teaching of French in Western Australian schools. This year, we are excited to introduce new initiatives exclusively for our members, including **Paint & Sip French immersion classes** and **roundtable dinner events** on key topics in language education. Keep an eye on future newsletters to find out how to register for these events.

March is an exciting time for Perth's Francophile community, with the much-anticipated **Alliance Française French Film Festival** starting on the 13th. We look forward to seeing many of you at the special Teacher Screening (details below) and extend our gratitude to our colleagues at the AF, particularly Thomas and Frédérique, for their continued support of TOFA.

- Important dates for 2025
- Memberships
- Our AGM
- The Alliance Française French Film Festival 2025
- Newsletter Archives from 1996

NB: This is the final newsletter being sent to all contacts. Future issues will be available exclusively to 2025 members.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year and working together to promote and support the teaching of French in WA.

Amicalement,

Céline Decoux, TOFA WA President.

AGENDA

CALENDRIER 2025

TOFA
WA TEACHERS OF FRENCH ASSOCIATION

<p>JANVIER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 31/01/25 AGM à l'Alliance Française de Perth <p>FÉVRIER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 26/02/25 AF Film Festival Teacher Screening, Cinema Raine Square <p>MARS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 28/03/25 Paint & Sip en Français for TOFA Members <p>AVRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Secondary Teacher Workshop (Date TBC) <p>MAI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Paint & Sip for TOFA Members ◆ Concours Autocollant <p>JUIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ TOFA Meet: Soirée Raclette (Date TBC) 	<p>JUILLET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ AFMLTA Conference Adelaide ◆ FIPF Conference Besançon <p>AOÛT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ WA Language Week ◆ 16/08/25 * 30 ANS DE TOFA!* Conférence et déjeuner <p>SEPTEMBRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Paint & Sip for TOFA Members (Date TBC) <p>OCTOBRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <p>NOVEMBRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆
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30 ANS DE TOFA 1995-2025

The Calendar will be updated in each Newsletter. Dates are subject to change.

Click [HERE](#) to get your 2025 Membership

As a TOFA Member you will:

- receive regular Newsletters with information about the French Teaching community,
- be invited to TOFA Meet events to socialise and build your network.
- enjoy reduced ticket fees to our professional learning and networking events.
- receive a discount code to subscribe to a French Magazine with [Le Forum](#) (the code will be sent out to all members in our next newsletter)
- be eligible to apply for scholarships.
- be able to enter your students in the TOFA sticker competition.
- be able to nominate colleagues for teaching awards (e.g. PTCWA and Marie Louise Laurent Award).
- become a member of the national French teachers association FATFA and have access to all FATFA initiatives (e.g. Tahiti PL in 2025).

Every membership makes a difference. At TOFA, we are proud to have kept the cost as low as possible for many years despite inflation and we are currently, at \$50, the lowest in all of Australia's Teachers of French Associations.

Please note: 2025 memberships will be available for purchase until 31st of March, 2025. After this date, a late fee will apply. This change is being made for two key reasons:

1. It allows us to better plan and allocate the budget for the year ahead. By signing up early, you'll help us ensure that funds are available for events and initiatives throughout 2025.
2. To streamline administration and focus on supporting members, rather than updating member lists throughout the year.

Get your membership now!

ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE 2025

The year began with our Annual General Meeting at the Alliance Française in Perth, providing a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with colleagues. During the official proceedings, we reflected on the past year through the President's report, delivered by Céline. Members in attendance had the chance to review the past year's activities, ask questions, and determine the membership fees

three years as treasurer.

We also bid a heartfelt farewell to Sabine, who has decided to step down from the committee after many years of dedicated service. As the representative of the tertiary sector, Sabine's calm and wise presence at meetings was deeply valued. She played a pivotal role in strengthening TOFA's connections with various organisations and experts from the francophone world. Additionally, we say goodbye to Yann, who is leaving the committee in 2025 following his appointment as Head of Languages. Over the past seven years, Yann has contributed immensely to TOFA in various roles, and we are grateful for his dedication and hard work.

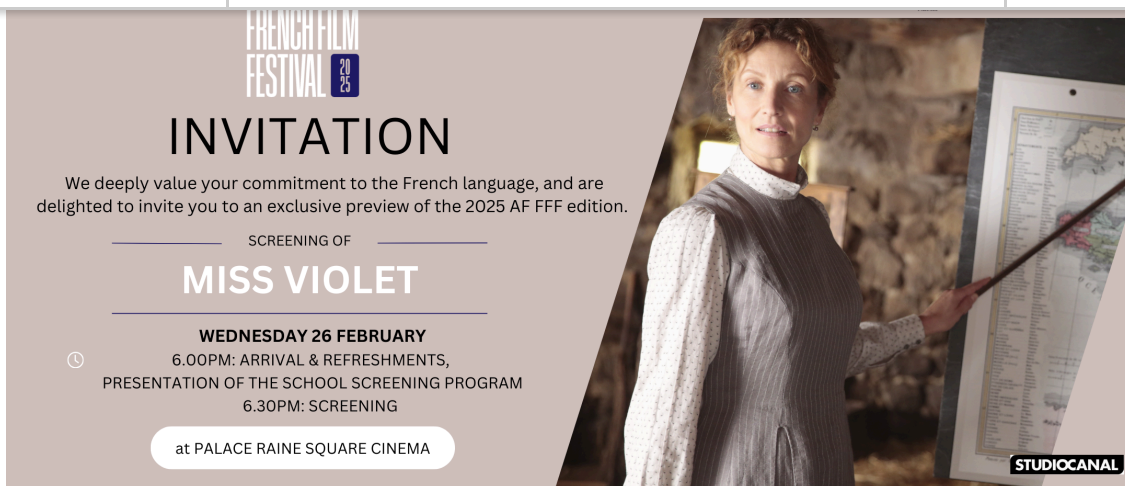
At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Rahima Yennar and Arielle Fernandes to the committee. Both are well-known figures in Perth's French community, and we are thrilled to have them on board. Thank you, Rahima and Arielle, for joining us—we look forward to working together!



The 2025 committee is made of Veronika Popp (SIDE), Raquel Norris (St Hilda's ASG), Emilie Perrot (Christchurch GS), Céline Decoux (St Hilda's ASG), Rahima Yennar (Alliance Française), Simona Carniello (Scotch College), and Arielle Fernandes (Alliance Française).

LE FESTIVAL DE FILMS FRANÇAIS

The 36th Edition of the Alliance Française French Film Festival is kicking off on the 13th of March 2025. 42 incredible movies will be available to watch from the 13th of March to the 16th of April. Programs and tickets are now available in cinemas and [online](#).



FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL 2025

INVITATION

We deeply value your commitment to the French language, and are delighted to invite you to an exclusive preview of the 2025 AF FFF edition.

SCREENING OF

MISS VIOLET

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

6.00PM: ARRIVAL & REFRESHMENTS,
PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOOL SCREENING PROGRAM
6.30PM: SCREENING

at PALACE RAINE SQUARE CINEMA

STUDIOCANAL

TEACHER SCREENING ON 26 FEBRUARY

Join us for a special teacher screening in avant-première!

Be among the privileged to preview the films selected for the school screenings, the favourites of Thomas Feldstein, General Manager of Alliance Française de Perth, and all the special events prepared by the AF de Perth' team throughout the 5 weeks of the Festival.

Get an exclusive sneak preview of **Miss Violet!**

RSVP OBLIGATOIRE:

https://www.afperth.com.au/community/event-rsvp/?event_id=686

SCHOOL SCREENINGS

This year, School Screenings will commence on the 13th March, until the 16th April. Educational booklets will be available for these films to help you conduct activities with your class before or after the screenings.

To further enrich this experience, the Alliance Française teachers have crafted **teaching kits** for selected films, providing an invaluable resource for classroom discussions.

If you wish to make a booking or need assistance regarding the school screenings, don't hesitate to get in touch with Frédérique at education@afperth.com.au

<https://www.afperth.com.au/cultural-events/af-fff2025/afff-25-school-screenings/>



LES ARCHIVES DE TOFA

In each 2025 newsletter, we will share highlights from the TOFA archives. These archives reflect the collegiality and motivation of the 1990s while also showcasing how much our profession has evolved. The images below are from the 1996 newsletter.

LE STAGE À LA PLAGE

The sunny weekend of May 10 and 11 saw 66 enthusiasts attend *Le Stage à la plage* held at the Geographe Bayview Resort in Busselton. 52 were teachers of French, one from as far away as Wickham! Two children and several partners were there and they were able to enjoy the many facilities available at the resort. Daniel de Rudder (French Embassy, Canberra), Gérard Saby (Alliance Française) and Thierry Saillant, three quality presenters, delighted the participants with their useful and highly motivating sessions. The generous support of the French government meant TOFA members were heavily subsidised (approximately \$50 per member). The total cost of the event was close to \$9 000, an event we would otherwise not have afforded without the support of the French Embassy, Canberra.

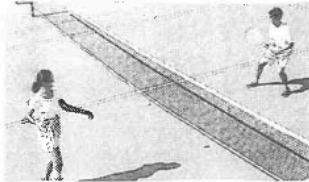
The evaluations indicated that a wonderful time was had by all and overwhelming interest exists for more of the same next year. Several messages, letters and cards of thanks and congratulations have also been received. Some comments:

Superb organisation.

I was tired but was soon revived and filled with practical ideas provided by enthusiastic presenters.

I love both my sac surprise and its contents.

Sadly though we said *au revoir* to Thierry Saillant who has since returned to France.



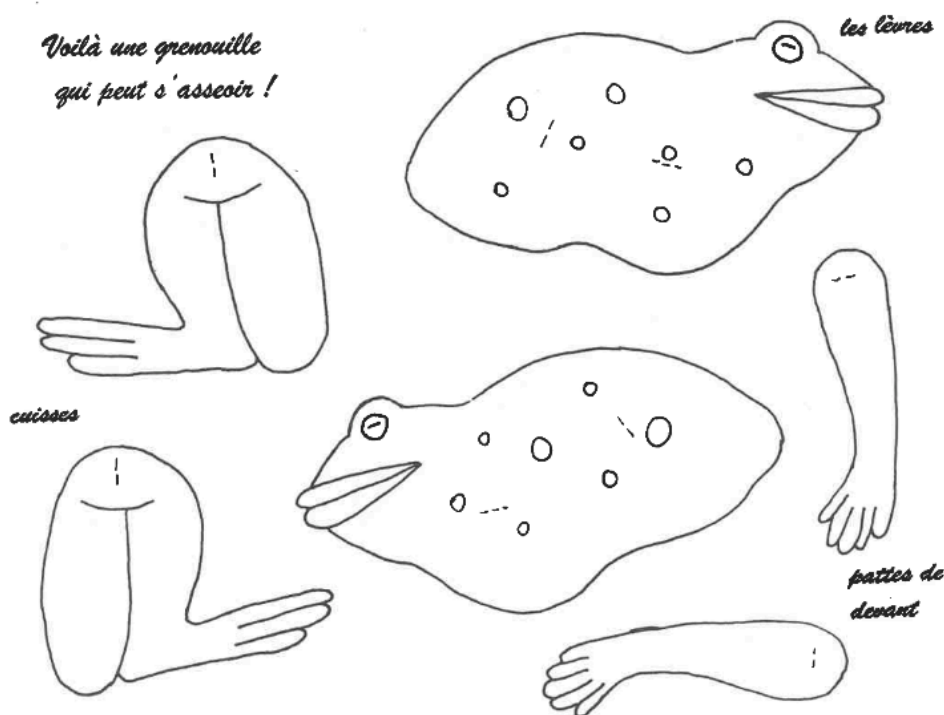
What we could have been doing if we hadn't worked so hard!!!!!! (Editor)

On fait une grenouille. . .

Il te faut :
des crayons en couleurs
une paire de ciseaux
4 attaches métalliques

- Instructions :
1. colorie * le corps en vert
 * les jambes en vert
 * les lèvres en rouge
 2. découpe toutes les pièces
 3. attache les jambes avec les attaches métalliques
 4. colle les deux corps au dessus et complime-les

Voilà une grenouille
 qui peut s'asseoir !



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BRIC À BRAC

EMPLOYMENT

Pearsall PS (up near Wanneroo) is looking for a French teacher. It's a fixed-term appointment for 12 months at this stage. If you are interested, please contact the Principal Gary Payne 9405 4578.

at the Windsor Cinema last week.

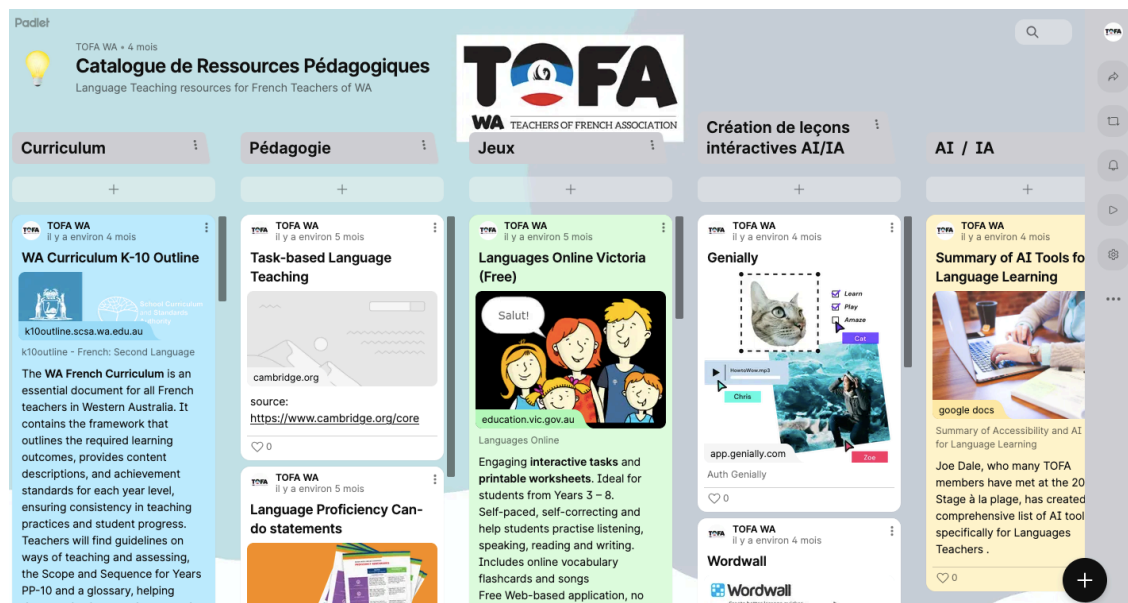
The movie tells the remarkable journey of Barbe-Nicole Clicquot, who revolutionised the champagne industry in the early 1800s after being widowed at 27. Beautiful cinematography, weaving Napoleon-era historical context into an inspiring tale of female entrepreneurship.

While the English language and actors slightly diminish the French authenticity, the film proves perfect for unwinding after a busy school day or for catching up with friends.

Widow Clicquot is screening now at Luna Palace, Luna on SX and Windsor. [Click here](#) to view the trailer and book tickets.

TEACHING RESOURCES PADLET

On our website, you will find a link to our Teaching resources Padlet, on the [Resources page](#). The Password will be shared with all members in the next Newsletter. If you have some resources that you'd like to share with your colleagues, feel free to add them directly to the Padlet by clicking on the + icon or email them at tofawa.au@gmail.com.



FATFA BURSARIES

FATFA, in conjunction with the French Embassy, is delighted to offer pedagogical bursaries (\$500 each) to support Australian French teachers and their students in 2025. The funds can be used to finance: student events, promotion of French in your school, professional development or resource creation.

To be eligible, you must be a current TOFA Member. Send a 300 word

spent by the end of 2025.

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- resource creation



FREE RESOURCE

Feel free to use the save and use the below resource in your classrooms.

70 FRENCH EXPRESSIONS YOU MAY ALREADY USE!



ARTS & CULTURE

avant-garde	faux pas
ballet	genre
cabaret	hommage
cliché	mise en scène
début	nuance
époque	oeuvre
panache	repertoire
pièce de	crème de la crème
résistance	unisson



FASHION & BEAUTY

à la mode	ensemble
beauté	luxe
boutique	mannequin
brunette	prêt-à-porter
chic	silhouette
haute-couture	soigné
élégance	très chic



POLITICS & SOCIETY

coup d'état	parvenu
élite	raison d'être
ennui	rendez-vous
façade	déjà vu



FOOD & DRINK

apéritif	fondue
à la carte	hors d'œuvre
baguette	mousse
bistro	pâté
bon appétit	soufflé
confit	sommelier
croissant	vinaigrette
entrée	chef



PEOPLE & RELATIONSHIPS

attaché	doyen / doyenne
au pair	fiancé / fiancée
débutante	protégé
RSVP	connaisseur/connaisseuse



BUSINESS & WORK

carte blanche	exposé
résumé	finesse
dossier	personnel
entrepreneur	



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