



*Put on your best beret and come celebrate French National Day!*

*14 and 15 July 2018, Meat Market, North Melbourne*

The Bastille Day French Festival is back! Over the weekend of the 14th and 15th of July, 2018, North Melbourne's historic Meat Market will be transformed into a little slice of France, decked out in the French tricolour blue, white and red for the weekend!

In 2017, the Festival was awarded the prestigious City of Melbourne Award for Contribution to Multiculturalism, and the 2018 edition promises to be full of new surprises...

Come and experience the best of *la vie à la Française* with an authentic program to titillate all your senses. Savour *vin chaud* with raclette; admire street art created by French artists; debate French history and culture; try their hands at the art of fencing; discover new music bands; taste that very French delicacy *l'escargot*; experience dining *Dans Le Noir*; learn about French fashion through the ages with the NGV unveiling the secrets behind their collection; shop for delicious goodies and handcrafted goods in *Le Marché*; view classic French movies; learn how to speak the most beautiful language in the world - the possibilities for discovery are endless...

**For the first time this year, there will be dancing on Saturday night at *Le Bal* with incredible bands and DJs flown in especially from France.**

Other highlights for 2018 are four satellite events in the week leading up to the Festival:

- A free conference on the French Revolution in the context of global history by prominent French and Australian historians Pierre Serna and Peter McPhee. **Tuesday 10th July, 6:15pm to 7:30pm**, at the Old Arts Theatre D, University of Melbourne.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Act Dress Rehearsal of *William Tell* opera with Champagne and macarons. **Wednesday 11 July - 5:30pm** at The Palais Theatre, St Kilda, with a pre-performance talk by Conductor and Victorian Opera Artistic Director Richard Mills
- Cooking Class: *Cuisine de Canard à la Française* **Monday 9th July 6pm - 9.30pm**, Luv-a-Duck Cooking School, Port Melbourne
- French Week at the restaurant *Dans le Noir* in the Como building, Sth Yarra **from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July**;

For full details and bookings, visit: [www.bastilledaymelbourne.com](http://www.bastilledaymelbourne.com) *A bientôt!*