

## President's Report

### Acknowledgement of Country

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Ngunnawal people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

### Welcome

As the President of Alliance Française de Canberra, Board member of the Alliance Française French Film Festival, Regional Representative Asia/Oceania of the Alliance Française to the Board of the Fondation in Paris, and on behalf of our Director, Mrs Nabila Aliane, our committee members, staff, and teachers, I would like to welcome you to tonight's AGM.

### Highlights of the Year

The last 12 months were rich in cultural and linguistic activities led by our dynamic new Director and her team. Many events and projects were completed and are detailed in the Director's report.

Events are a key part of our mission as a cultural and linguistic organisation. They not only raise vital funds, but also increase awareness of the Alliance Française de Canberra, a not-for-profit organisation. In 2024–2025, we organised around 20 cultural events. The flagship event was the Alliance Française French Film Festival, which, despite a challenging economic environment, achieved a 3% revenue increase compared to 2024.

### Key Projects Undertaken in 2024–2025

| Projects  | Status   | Amount Invested |
|---|--|-----------------|
| Main Hall Bathroom renovation                           | In process   | \$45,000        |
| New computers operating system                          | Completed, in process of verification of proper implementation | \$36,000        |
| Purchase and installation of three new Air conditioners | Completed  | \$5,667         |
| Purchase of new coffee machine                          | Completed  | \$1,780         |

### Leadership and Staff

In 2024, we welcomed our new Director, Mrs Nabila Aliane, a familiar face to many former students. Nabila brings with her a long and distinguished career in teaching and significant experience in managing a language school.

Our current team is composed of permanent staff, casual employees, and volunteers posted by embassies.

**The executive team includes:**

- Director: Mrs Nabila Aliane
- Administration, reception and finance: Mr Yorick Betford and Mr Yoann Camberfort
- Culture and Communication: Ms. Maureen Simon-Dou
- Education: Ms. Graziella Vergain

Further details are available in the Director's report.

**Board of AFDC**

Below is the list of Committee and financial members active as of 30 April 2025:

| Role                | Name                     |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Honorary President  | H.E. Pierre-Andre Imbert |
| President and Chair | Mr Hugh Chevrant-Breton  |
| Vice President      | Mr Gordon Bull           |
| Vice President      | Ms Judith Wooley         |
| Secretary           | Mr Arthur Camilleri      |
| Treasurer           | Ms Mariam Hafiz          |
| Member              | Ms Rim Kadi              |
| Member              | Ms Leslie Barnes         |

**Main Projects for 2025–2026**

Looking ahead, we plan to continue improving our facilities through further refurbishment of the building and garden/pétanque area. We are also considering covering the courtyard to enhance potential revenue from the café.

We will work on consolidating our financial position by expanding our language teaching activities (both on and off-site), increasing the number of cultural events, and optimising the use of our property.

We are finalising our transition to a CLG (Company Limited by Guarantee)—a project delayed in 2024 due to unforeseen circumstances.

Our new three-year strategic plan is now complete, and a detailed action plan is underway.

It has been a pleasure to work alongside this dedicated committee and the entire Alliance Française team over the past year. The collaboration and commitment of everyone involved has made a remarkable impact.

I would also like to acknowledge the strong and ongoing support of the French Embassy in Canberra, particularly H.E. Mr Pierre-André Imbert and his cultural team.